

# CUTTINGS

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE BOWEN ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

JANUARY 2016

*The Mission of the Bowen Island Garden Club is to promote the love of gardening, encourage sound horticultural practices through education, & enhance civic beautification.*

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

### **Monday, Jan 18, 2016 Annual General Meeting and election of new BIGC Board Members.**

1pm at the BIAC Gallery, Artisan Square ...please consider joining the board (see Page 3 for Details)

**Monday, Jan 18, 2016 Guest Speaker**—1pm at The BIAC Gallery, Artisan Square, Bowen Island. Featuring Guest Speaker— Laurelle Olford-Down (see Page 1 for Details)

**Feb, 2016—Off Island Tour.** (See Page 3 for details)

## FROM THE BC COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS:

Saturday, March 12 -BC Council of Garden Clubs 2016 Annual General Meeting 9 am to 4 pm Firefighters Banquet & Conference Center 6515 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby  
[bcgardenclubs.com](http://bcgardenclubs.com)

Saturday, April 16 - B.C. Fuchsia & Begonia Society Annual Plant, Bake and Craft Sale 9 am to 3 pm VanDusen Botanical Garden 5251 Oak Street, Vancouver Specialty fuchsias, begonias, pelargoniums, home baking, crafts, vendors, daylilies, and much, much more.  
[bcfuchsiasociety.com](http://bcfuchsiasociety.com)

**NOTE: Your Club's Story** -As a member of the BC Council of Garden Clubs your club is welcome to submit a short article for the March/April 2016 issue of The Bulletin. This will be the last issue of The Bulletin in this format, and we'd like to make it a "Special Edition", filled with stories of member clubs from all over B.C., telling us all some of the history of your club and what makes it special. The deadline for submitting your article & photo (s) is February 15, 2016.  
[newsletter@bcgardenclubs.com](mailto:newsletter@bcgardenclubs.com)

JANUARY 18, 2016

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**& SPEAKER SERIES**  
**Laurelle Olford-Down**  
**Rethinking**  
**West Coast Gardening**

On January 18, 2016 the Bowen Island Garden club welcomes Laurelle Oldford- Down a horticulturist and landscape designer with over 27 years experience with Westcoast gardening. Laurelle's presentation "Rethinking Westcoast Gardening" evolved from a growing awareness that she herself needed to overhaul her own Westcoast garden style to address the notable changes in our weather patterns whether due to climate change or a temporary cycle. Specifically, she will discuss gardening knowledge and skills we need to add to our bag of tricks with a blend of plant expertise, xeriscaping, geography, engineering and a bit of mad scientist. She will bring a number of plants from a nursery as examples that will thrive in both drought conditions in the summer and monsoon conditions in the winter. Some of these plants will be available for purchase.

Please join us at The Gallery at Artisan Square on January 18, 2016 1PM for an inspiring presentation to help us all be more effective gardeners in the New Year. Everyone is welcome. Members no charge, guests only \$3.00.

Linda Barratt, Speakers Director

## PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS

Another year has come and gone and again it flew by in record time. It seems as if it was only yesterday I was watching the first daffodils opening. And speaking of daffodils, I really should have planted those bulbs before now, shouldn't I? Oh dear . . .

Our Annual General Meeting is coming this month. Each January we elect a "new" Executive, although we must confess, each year we see many of the same old faces gathered around the table at our monthly executive meetings. We aim to bring in a few new faces each year, hoping they will bring along new ideas so we don't end up endlessly repeating ourselves. This year some of our long time executive members are moving on to other activities, and we are grateful for their past contributions. Pam Miller has served on a variety of executive positions, most recently (and as long as I've been in the Club) as Membership Director. We will certainly miss her. Others who are leaving and will be greatly missed include long-time executive members, our treasurer Marolyn Anderson and Diana Kaile who has been one of the Open Gardens team. As well, Diana's Open Gardens partner, Betty Morton, and secretary Denise Lockett will not be standing for the 2016 executive. It will be a challenge to find replacements for so many able volunteers.

A number of our regular activities will carry on as past years. In addition to Open Gardens, Tours are one of our major activities. Sue and Virginia designed a survey to provide guidance for planning 2016 Tours. We thank all the members who completed the survey. Many of us enjoy our twice a year trips out to Langley to shop at the Linnaea Nurseries. Betty Dhont serves as the liaison for these trips. Linda looks after finding speakers for our General Meetings. She has done a great job in 2015, and has some interesting speakers lined up for 2016. Linda would like to find someone to work with her this year with a view to taking over the job in the future. And Nadyne, who does such a fine job of planning our social functions and arranging the refreshments at our General Meetings, is also looking for a helper who will take over that position.

And finally, I must mention our Constitution. It was last updated in 2004. In 2015 Tamsin Miley and John Hazell took on the task of reviewing and updating that old 2004 version. This was a big job and we all appreciate their fine work. The final version was approved by the executive in November and has been distributed to all members. If you haven't already looked it over, please do so and let us know if you have any concerns or recommendations. OR, you could even tell us if you think it is a job well done! I hope to see a good turnout at our meeting. In addition to the elections and the Constitution, we have an excellent speaker lined up. She will be looking at gardening in our newish hotter and drier summers



Sharon  
BIGC President

## EDITOR'S NOTE

2016 -A new year with endless possibility! I am not one for the typical New Years Resolutions. I tend to see these as negative, where one sets out to remove things from their life. Eat less sweets, drink less wine.... Instead I reflect on how blessed I am and how I can pay it forward.

Volunteering as the Editor for the BIGC Cuttings Newsletter is an example. Being the editor has helped bring news to all members of the club, but has also enriched my life.... with new friends, increased knowledge of plants, (I even find myself using the proper words for the plants that we are planting in our new garden, chuckle) and an increased awareness of the beauty of Bowen Island.

My role has expanded to assist with editing the BIGC Website and the Facebook page. This has allowed me to expand the club's ability to reach an increased audience...but has also allowed me to grow and strengthen my understanding of new methods of communication and expand my knowledge of technology. I am proud to be part of such a vital group and feel Blessed that I can continue in my role as Editor. Happy New Year Everyone!

MarieNeys,  
**Cuttings** Editor

## OFF ISLAND TOURS 2016

Many thanks to the 74 Garden Club members who so enthusiastically took part in our tour survey. The results provided valuable information concerning the direction you wish us to take during the coming year. We appreciate your suggestions about gardens and nurseries you would like us to visit.

A garden visit that highlights winter-flowering plants is being planned for late February or early March. Look for more details in the next issue of *Cuttings*, or on our Facebook page or website as plans take shape. Additional tours are in the works for the spring. We look forward to another year of fun and fellowship.

Tour Co-ordinators

Susan Heth & Virginia Penny

We are keeping you up to date .....

LOOK US UP .... ONLINE.... ANTIME!

[www.bowenislandgardenclub.ca](http://www.bowenislandgardenclub.ca)

[www.facebook.com/bowenislandgardenclub](https://www.facebook.com/bowenislandgardenclub)

### Jean Cleator is turning 90!

and there is a celebration planned!

Happy Birthday Jean!

For those who know Jean, please feel free to stop in at the Bowen Island Legion  
Sunday, Jan 24, 2016—2-4pm

No Gifts Please!

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

We have our AGM on Monday 18th January, 1PM and at this time we will be electing a new executive for the coming year. Most of the positions have volunteers who are prepared to stand for election, however, if you would like to join the executive your name can still be put forward for any post except Past President!

The present slate is as follows:

Past President -Sheila Webster

President -Sharon Haggerty

Vice President -Tamsin Miley

Secretary -Lea Allen\*\*

Treasurer - Deborah Kirby\*\*

Cuttings - Marie Neys

Membership - Shelley McDonald\*\*

Social - Nadyne Hindle

Speakers - Linda Barrett

Open Gardens -**NO CANDIDATE -PLEASE CONSIDER**  
Tours Susan Heth and Virginia Penny

Publicity John Lawrence

Technical John Hazel

As you can see we do not have anybody (or bodies) to take up the Open Gardens which are so enjoyed by many members and have become an important part of the Club activities. Nearly all other positions have a candidate but that does not mean you cannot put your name forward. Nadyne Hindle (Social), and Linda Barrett (Speakers), are looking to resign at the end of 2016 and feel it necessary to work with the incoming member which means that we are looking for volunteers to help keep the Garden Club the interesting and active club that it is. Being on the Executive is not all hard work - there is fun as well, and it is a great way to get to know folk with a similar interest. We accept male volunteers as well! (Feel free to review the position details on page 5). Please contact Sheila Webster (0114) by Jan 15th if you are interested.

\*\*New Volunteers

Sheila Webster  
Past President

## MEMBERSHIP

I would like to extend a big "Thank You" to all of you who have already renewed your memberships for 2016. I would also like to remind those of you who have yet to renew, that all memberships were due for renewal on January 1<sup>st</sup>. You still have time to take advantage of the Early Bird rate of \$15.00 which will run until the end of February. After this time, the rate will revert back to the regular yearly fee of \$20.00 for two family members residing in the same household. If you wish to mail in your renewal, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your renewal form and make your cheque payable to The Bowen Island Garden Club. Send it to P. O. Box 271, Bowen Island, B.C., V0N 1G0.

As this will be my last notice as Membership Director, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Garden Club Membership for allowing me to hold this position for the past 10 years. It is a position that I have really enjoyed and one that has allowed to meet so many fellow islanders, many of whom have become personal friends.

Happy New Year to you all.

Pam Miller,  
Membership Director  
(2005-2015)



Welcome new members:

Susan & Paul Jance & Sheana and Scott Stevenson  
and Welcome Back:

Jlonka Bally-Brown and Marcel Bally

## 2015 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

Past President	Sheila Webster	0114
President	Sharon Haggerty	2244
Vice President	Tamsin Miley	0882
Secretary	Denise Lockett	2587
Treasurer	Marolyn Anderson	0792
Cuttings	Marie Neys	0684
Membership	Pam Miller	2349
Social	Nadyne Hindle	0557
Speakers	Linda Barratt	0631
Open	Diana Kaile	0320
Gardens	Betty Morton	604.910.0765
Publicity	John Lawrence	6953
Tours	Susan Heth	0898
	Virginia Penny	2577
Workshops	Marolyn Anderson	0792
Technical	John Hazell	2441

Editor's Email: [marie@marieneys.com](mailto:marie@marieneys.com)

## MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

1. Monthly CUTTINGS NEWSLETTERS, delivered to your inbox. Those who do not have email will receive in regular mail.
2. Bi-monthly BC GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTERS, delivered to your inbox.
3. GUEST SPEAKERS.
4. GARDEN TOURS in the lower mainland.
5. OPEN GARDEN TOURS on Bowen.
6. SUMMER & CHRISTMAS parties.

## 7. DISCOUNTS ON PURCHASES AT:

Phoenix on Bowen in Village Square,  
Phoenix Perennials in Richmond,  
The Flower Shop in Artisan Sq.,  
West Van Florist in Ambleside,  
Maple Leaf in Dundarave,  
Maple Leaf in Lynn Valley,  
Mandeville Gardens in Burnaby,  
David Hunter Garden Shops, Vancouver  
GardenWorks in North Vancouver  
-2 trips to Linnea Nurseries in Langley  
NOTE: ASK if discount is given before shopping, you may need to show your membership card and register.



The **Board** consists of the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

In addition, the Past President and several Directors sit on the Board. The Directors are responsible for: Membership, Speakers, Open Gardens, Tours, Publicity, Hospitality (Social), Technical Services and Editing *Cuttings*, our newsletter.

**The following is a very brief summary of the major responsibilities of each position:**

**Membership:** soliciting new members and renewing memberships for those returning; reminding us when our membership fees are due; keeping track of members and their contact information and informing the *Cuttings* editor and Technical Services Director of any changes; as well as any other Board member who may need contact information for a member; attend General Meetings and Open Gardens.

**Speakers:** seek out potential speakers for our eight General Meetings; contact them to see if arrangements can be made; present ideas to the Board for feedback; prepare and submit for publication information on the speakers and their topics; assist speakers with arrangements for travel to Bowen; introduce speakers at the General Meetings.

**Open Gardens:** seek out potential Bowen gardens that may be of interest to the members and other Bowen residents; present ideas to the Board for feedback; assist the hosts to prepare for the Open Garden of name tags for members.

**Editor *Cuttings*:** in addition to compiling, editing and distributing monthly issues of *Cuttings*, the Editor maintains the Club Gmail account, [bicuttings@gmail.com](mailto:bicuttings@gmail.com), and is responsible for updating both the Club Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/bowenislbgardenclub>, and the

Club website: [www.bowenislbgardenclub.ca](http://www.bowenislbgardenclub.ca).

**Tours:** seek out gardens and other appropriate locations off Bowen that may be of interest to the members; present ideas to the Board for feedback; make all arrangements for the tour, including travel arrangements, funding, etc.

**Publicity:** be the contact person for advertising various Garden Club activities that may be of interest to residents at large.

**Hospitality (Social):** arrange for refreshments at General Meetings, Open Gardens, the Christmas Party and Summer Garden Party, and where necessary, at other Club functions.

**Technical Services:** this person is a jack of all trades and is responsible for technical assistance for presentations at the General Meetings; for preparation and posting of signs for Club activities, including the Plant Sale and the Open Gardens; preparation .

**Should you wish to submit your name for a position President, Vice –President, Secretary, Treasurer or one of the Directors (as above) please feel free to contact any of the Board. The vote will take place at the 2016 January Annual General Meeting.**



Name/s (1 or 2 per household): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOWEN ISLAND GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM &  
VOLUNTEER INFORMATION QUESTIONNAIRE**

Everyone is welcome to become a member of the Bowen Island Garden Club. However, in order for the Club to exist, volunteers are needed. Many of our members already contribute. We urge all of you to help out, even a small amount of your time would be appreciated.

Below are some areas requiring volunteer time. Please check off any that you might be able to assist with and return to the Bowen Island Garden Club (BIGC). The mailing address is PO Box 271, Bowen Island, V0N 1G0.

**Executive Positions:**

- President \_\_\_\_\_
- Vice-President \_\_\_\_\_
- Secretary \_\_\_\_\_
- Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_
- Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_
- Membership \_\_\_\_\_
- Social \_\_\_\_\_
- Tours \_\_\_\_\_
- Technical \_\_\_\_\_
- Speakers \_\_\_\_\_
- Open Gardens \_\_\_\_\_
- Publicity \_\_\_\_\_

**Plant Sale:**

- Sale Organizer \_\_\_\_\_
- Sale Day Helper \_\_\_\_\_

**Raffle:**

- Prize Co-ordinator \_\_\_\_\_
- Ticket Seller \_\_\_\_\_
- Pick up Prizes \_\_\_\_\_

**Visits by Other Garden Clubs:**

- Visit Co-ordinator \_\_\_\_\_
- Baking for Visit \_\_\_\_\_
- Driving for Visit \_\_\_\_\_
- Offering Garden \_\_\_\_\_

**Beautification Projects:**

- Planting Daffodils \_\_\_\_\_
- Other Projects \_\_\_\_\_

**General Meetings:**

- Baking \_\_\_\_\_
- Set Up/Take down  
of Chairs \_\_\_\_\_

**Hosting an Open Garden:**

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**Is there any garden-related topic that is of particular interest to you?**

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