



NOV/DEC 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, Nov 21, 2016 General Meeting & Guest Speaker— 1pm at the BIAC Gallery, Artisan Square . Speaker - Eating Closer to Home with Dan Oostenbrink.



Monday, December 12, 2016 Annual Christmas Party details to follow in an upcoming email and on the BIGC website. www.bowenislandgardenclub.ca
see page 4 for invite

Monday, January 16, 2016 - Annual General Meeting
Save the date, and consider volunteering to become a board member!

Monday, February, 2016 General Meeting & Guest Speaker— details to be announced.



Nov 21, 2016 - 1pm

**at The Gallery, Artisan Square, Bowen Island
Eating Closer to Home with Dan Oostenbrink**

GENERAL MEETING & SPEAKER SERIES

Nov 21, 2016 - 1pm

Eating Closer to Home with Dan Oostenbrink

On November 21, 2016 the Bowen Island Garden Club welcomes Dan Oostenbrink, a market gardener at The Local Harvest in Chilliwack, where he gardens with his wife and children. The Local Harvest is a progressive initiative whose mission is “to grow and produce quality food, educate the public on the importance of local food systems and promote the development of agriculture and food production.”

In this presentation you will learn to grow more food on less land without an aching back and successfully feed yourself every day of the year—yes, even during the bleakest winter months. You will gain a better understanding of the basic principles of vegetable gardening that will help you grow organic food in abundance. And with the first seeds going into the ground in February, it's not too early to begin planning your garden. Dan will also talk about his efforts to create food secure communities and how this vision can be realized through education and the combined efforts of home gardeners, larger scale food producers, restaurants, value added enterprises and other stakeholders in the food landscape.

Please join us for this thought provoking presentation at The Gallery at Artisan Square on November 21, 2016 at 1 PM. Everyone is welcome. Members no charge, guests only \$3.00.

Linda Barratt, Speaker Series

PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS

We are saying good-bye to a dear friend. Sharon Haggerty, our president, passed away October 11th from complications following surgery.

Sharon had a long association with Bowen Island with a Haggerty family home on Snug point, overlooking Deep Bay. She was deeply involved in the community through the Snug Cove House Society, The Fibre Arts Guild, the Library, BIRD, and of course the Garden Club. In addition to all these many interests she was a dedicated genealogist making many trips to Ireland in pursuit of Haggerty ancestors going back to the 16th century.

In the world of work she was a dedicated teacher of Science. At Western University in Ontario she was in charge of the postgraduate program in the faculty of Education where she was a tireless advocate of co-operative learning. A quote from a faculty associate at Western gives a glimpse into the esteem in which she was held in her academic life. *"Many years have passed but I still use Sharon's "gold standard" to support our Faculty of Education graduate students as they move through the research process. I always tell people that I have been so lucky "to learn from the best" here at the Faculty of Education. And, Sharon was one of the best."*

She loved her 'laissez-faire' garden where miscellaneous 'volunteers' were tolerated provided they didn't disturb the irises, her pride and joy.

As a Garden Club member she took on Cuttings from Sheila Webster where she remained at her post for five years before reluctantly filling the vacant post of president; it was a place where others feared to go.

Sharon's wry sense of humour, fine intelligence, and shrewd thinking took the executive through a difficult year, culminating with her gutsy decision to take over daffodil sales. We will remember her sitting steadfast at her post through two rainy days at the Little Red Church shepherding 23,000 bulbs to grateful gardeners.

Sharon will be sorely missed by her many Bowen friends. She was a wonderful person and a great contributor to the life of Bowen Island.

From the Board of the
Bowen Island Garden Club



EDITORS NOTE

We will all miss Sharon Haggerty, and many of the members sent notes to us expressing their sympathies, regrets and suggestions as to how we could honour her.

One suggestion came from Pauline ...see her note below:

Hi Marie,

I have a suggestion for how to remember Sharon. It has to do with her irises. She had many beautiful varieties of which she was very proud and very generous in sharing. I have some of her irises in my garden. Why don't we divide some from her garden and plant them in front of the library where she was a devoted volunteer.

Pauline Le Bel -Author, *Becoming Intimate with the Earth*



Some of the BIGC Board Members,
not all were available

Soil (Dirt) Home needed for 2017

One of the many things that Sharon Haggerty did for the Garden Club and its members was order dirt (soil) and store it at her home for our potting needs (in support of the Annual May Plant Sale).

We are looking to our members ... can one of you volunteer to store approx. 2 yards of soil on your property so that members can pick up dirt to repot plants that they are donating to next May's plant sale? Ideally, this volunteer's yard would be some what centrally located (on Island) so all could benefit. We would appreciate that the soil be stored in a place that is easily accessible by members so that we do not need to disturb our host.

If you can store our dirt please contact any of the board members or email us:

bicuttings@gmail.com or call

Open Garden 2017

BIGC offers Open Garden Tours during the spring and summer months. If you have a garden that you wish to share this year or for 2017.... please contact Pam Miller. It's never to early for us to start planning!

Gardens are open to the public.

Have Questions about our Events/News

www.bowenislandgardenclub.ca

or

<https://www.facebook.com/bowenislandgardenclub/>

While we don't run general advertising we do encourage stories that help out fellow garden club members. Send them to me at marie@marieneys.com

MEMBERSHIP

Current memberships for the Garden Club will expire at the end of December. The regular 2017 yearly fee for two family members residing in the same household is \$20. However, as in previous years, there will be an Early Bird Special of \$15 if you renew or join before the end of February.

If you are not going to be on Bowen in January or February, you can renew your membership at the November general meeting. If you prefer to renew by mail, please make your cheque payable to the Bowen Island Garden Club and enclose a self addressed stamped envelope. The mailing address is P.O. Box 271, Bowen Island, V0N 1G0. Please let me know if there are any changes in your e-mail address, home address, or phone number.

Thanks to those members who have already renewed for 2017. Your new membership card will be mailed to you soon.

Remember to carry your Garden Club card and present it when purchasing any garden-related materials at lower mainland nurseries. Many of these businesses will give you a 10% discount on regular priced merchandise.

Holly Cleator,
Membership Director

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.

OTHER NEWS:

Just as a reminder....

For 2017 - BIGC will move to a Quarterly Newsletter which will correspond to the Seasons. It will be uploaded to the WEBSITE and we will send out an email notice announcing the creation of the Newsletter and we will provide a link to our website.

www.bowenislandgardenclub.ca

With a simple click on the News Tab you will be lead to a **large black box** that says "Read current and past issues of cuttings" all the great information will be there as well as distributed throughout the website.

We will also keep the Website Current and topical and update the Facebook Page with fun and informative information about gardening along with providing notice of meetings, club events, etc....

Marie Neys, Cuttings Editor
& Communications Officer

Transportation to and from Club events

We are aware that some of our members need transportation getting to and from monthly meetings and open gardens. We would like to identify those members in difficulties and link them up with others who live nearby who can help out with transport. To this end please call John Lawrence at 6953 if you need help. We will then find volunteers to assist you.

2016 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

Past President	Sheila Webster	0114
Acting President	Tamsin Miley	0882
Vice President	Tamsin Miley	0882
Secretary	Lea Allen	9933
Treasurer	David Wrinch	9639
<i>Cuttings</i>	Marie Neys	0684
Membership	Holly Cleator	n/a
Social	Nadyne Hindle	0557
Speakers	Linda Barratt	0631
Open Gardens	Pam Miller	2349
Publicity	John Lawrence	6953
Tours	Susan Heth	0898
	Virginia Penny	2577
Technical	John Hazell	2441

Editor's Email: marie@marieneys.com

Welcome to New Members!

Mary Farris, Courtney Mitchell,
Susan Sheehan and Patty Smith.

Please encourage friends to join us!

