

CUTTINGS

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE BOWEN ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

April 2018

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:

Bradner Flower Show - Self Drive tour. Friday April 13th. Anyone needing a ride or has space in their car for passengers please contact Anna-Marie @ 604 947-0333 or auntieama@shaw.ca . Driving maps also available.

"Up Against the Wall" Monday April 16th, 1 pm at the Library Annex

On April 16, 2018 the Bowen Island Garden club will welcome Su Rickett, who will give a presentation on growing vines and climbers.

Su is a Bowen Island garden designer who will show us how to cover an ugly fence, camouflage a shed and grow plants on a trellis to make it look



inviting. She knows which clematis will grow without becoming a tangled mess and or how to get a climbing rose to shimmy up the wall with elegance. Learn how to decorate arbours, trellises and fences with graceful plants that will add another dimension to your garden. In addition, Su will talk about pruning, supports and everything else that will get your garden off the ground and standing tall.

Please join us at the library annex on April 16, 2018 for this fun and informative presentation. As Su so aptly states "If you are vertically challenged when it comes to growing vines and climbers, this is the talk not to be missed". There will be a limited number of unusual and interesting climbers for sale. Members no charge, guests only \$3.00

"Composting Possibilities for Bowen Island" with Peter Taggart, **May 28, 2018, 7 PM at the Library Annex.** Bowen Island Garden Club will host this *Evening meeting*. More details to follow in next edition of Cuttings.

Linda Barrett, Speaker Coordinator

Open Garden, at the home of **Dirk Gigling and Ines Ortner**, 282 Jason Road. **Sunday April 29th, 1:00 -3:00 P.M**

The first Open Garden of the 2018 season is the beautiful woodland garden of Dirk Gigling and Ines Ortner.

Dirk, a professional landscaper, began creating this garden in 2002. His design incorporated the original cedars and firs which provide the canopy for this lovely shade garden, and also integrated the natural rocky features of the property, allowing for a garden on four levels connected by wood chip paths which lead you from one unique area to another.

A patio built from recycled chimney bricks, high deer-proof fences and a Japanese style pavilion-like wooden entrance gate give the garden a solid structure within which rhododendrons, azalea, an umbrella pine, ornamental cherry, southern magnolia, aucuba and lots of shade loving perennials have been planted. Both a goldfish pond and a koi pond can be found, the latter with a naturalized waterfall that adds a soothing sound to an already tranquil atmosphere.

Many seating placers invite one to sit and relax while enjoying the many beautiful pictures created by light and foliage.

Pam Miller, Open Garden coordinator

Linnaea Nurseries Self Drive Tour Langley, Saturday, April 21, 2018.

Linnaea is a wholesale nursery that specializes mainly in indigenous trees, plants, ferns, shrubs and grasses, but also

carries a great variety of other flora of excellent quality. We always have a fantastic time finding all kinds of very special treasures. I am sure Wendy will host us with hot coffee and her famous muffins. For new members especially, it is a wonderful chance to see such a beautiful nursery.

There is still time to put your name on the list, so please email me. If you have already put your name down, specific details will be emailed in a few weeks to all of you. See you there everybody!!

P.S. This tour is for Garden Club members only. We ask the participants not to phone the nursery with questions, they are wholesalers not a retail nursery and they are very busy at this time of year.

Betty Dhont
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Petals and Butterflies Farm Nursery Self Drive tour. May 23, 2018



We are planning a self-driven visit to Gwen Odermatt's garden in south Langley, on Wednesday, May 23rd.

Gwen gave a tremendous presentation last fall to the BIGC on all the many ways we can propagate plants. She has worked on the Great Plant Picks advisory for a number of years and is very knowledgeable about all things to do with plants and growing them.

We will catch the 9.40 ferry and drive down. I ask you to make your own arrangements for driving—ask a friend to join you—but if you have trouble finding transportation, then let me know and I will try to co-

ordinate a ride for you. You can bring a lunch to eat in the garden. There is no additional charge, except for a donation towards a gift of appreciation for Gwen. She will have plants for sale so you can add to your collection!

If you are interested please email or call me before April 26.

Virginia Penny, vpenny@gmail.com or 604-947-2577

President's Message

Dear BI Garden Club Members:

We are now seeing the daffodils around the Island. They are magnificent in the sunshine and go a long ways to brighten up our rainy days.

Melissa Rahme is doing a splendid job of producing our monthly Cuttings and keeping us up to date with information. This year on the Executive there is no one specifically in charge of organizing tours but there are opportunities which we advertise for "self-driving" destinations which anyone can participate in either individually or through carpooling. It would be helpful to know how this works out for you and whether you have further ideas.

Thank you to the Plant Sale Quartet (Holly Cleator, Pam Miller, Jennifer Lundin Ritchie and Diana Kaile). They are keenly organizing our Plant Sale and Raffle.

In addition, there are roles for everyone to make our main fundraising event successful: ticket sellers, activities on the day of the sale and above all, potting up

plant material for the actual sale. If you wish to volunteer or have questions, don't hesitate to simply send an email to bowenlandgardenclub@gmail.com and you should have a timely response.



The other night I was walking home from the Cove across the Lagoon and on the rocks and up close and personal was a heron. What a privilege it is to live on Bowen Island.

Lynn McArthur, President

Membership

The annual membership fee is \$20 for a family of two residing in the same household. You can renew in person at a monthly general meeting. If you prefer to renew by mail, please complete the membership form available on the club website (www.bowenlandgardenclub.ca, then follow the links) and include it with your cheque payable to the Bowen Island Garden Club (P.O. Box 271, Bowen Island, V0N 1G0).



Members who have not renewed for 2018 by May 1st will not receive club communications after that time.



Welcome new members Anne Blaney, Karin and Chris Hall, and Cilla Kotz!

Holly Cleator, Membership

ANNUAL PLANT SALE AND DRAW

SATURDAY, MAY 5TH

11:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

The date for the Garden Club's annual Plant Sale is fast approaching! It is our only fundraising event of the year.

PLANT DONATIONS



If you haven't already done so, please pot up any plants you have divided or that no longer work in your garden

and bring them to BICS between 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 5th. Soil for this purpose is available at 1050 Harding Road, the home of Dale and Lloyd Harding.

But if you do not have plants to contribute, then maybe you know someone who does. Please put the word out to friends and neighbours. If you have plants but have no way of getting them to the sale, or need help potting up, please contact any one of the four coordinators. We prefer that all plants be labelled but if you are unsure of a name, bring the plant along anyway and experts at the sale can help identify it.

If you or someone you know intends to donate plants, please let one of the four plant sale coordinators know.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE PLANT SALE

Volunteers are needed on the day of the sale to help with set-up (8:30–9:00 AM),



receiving plants (9-10:30 AM), pricing (9-10:30 AM), packing tables (9-10:30 AM), plant ID (930-11:30 AM), tallying purchases (10-noon), cashiering (10:30-noon), and clean-up (at noon). Sign-up sheets will be sent around at the April meeting, or contact Diana or Pam.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE RAFFLE

A raffle is planned again this year as part of the plant sale. Ticket sellers are needed for 2-hour shifts from 10 AM to 4 PM on April 28th (Saturday), April 29th (Sunday) and May 4th (Friday) outside the Ruddy Potato and General Store. Sign-up sheets will be sent around at the April meeting, or contact Holly or Jen. The prize draw will be held May 5th at 12 noon. Let's help thank our prize donors by becoming regular customers.



All club members can help to make this event a success by participating in some small way. Let's work together to make this one of our best sales ever.

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