



CUTTINGS

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE BOWEN ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

March 2015

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

Monday, March 16, 1pm: General Meeting at The Gallery @ Artisan Square. All Welcome. **Guest Speaker :** Charlie Sale of Bucket Hill Gardens in Deep Cove will be speaking about shade gardens. Bucket Hill Gardens is located on steep slopes, a gardening challenge that is well-known to many of our members.

Tuesday, April 14, 2015: Open Garden Tour Charlie Sale will open his Bucket Hill Garden in Deep Cove. Details on page 3.

Monday, April 20, 1pm: General Meeting at The Gallery @ Artisan Square. All Welcome. **Guest Speaker:** details to follow.

April 25, 2015 Semi-annual Visit to Linnaea Nurseries. Details on page 4

<http://www.linnaeanurseries.com>

Tuesday, May 5, 2015: Off Island Open Garden Tour -Free Spirit Nursery tour. More details to follow in the next issue of **Cuttings**
<http://www.freespiritnursery.ca>

Saturday, May 9, 2015 Annual Plant Sale. Sheila Webster has offered to coordinate. Details will be supplied in the April issue of **Cuttings** .

June, 2015 Susan Koelink in Kitsilano will show us her garden in early June and a second garden will be announced for the same date.

June, 2015 The Gibsons Garden Club will host us in the latter part of June.

GENERAL MEETING

SPEAKER SERIES—CHARLIE SALE

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015 - 1PM

Managing Shade

On **March 16, 2015** the Bowen Island Garden Club welcomes Charlie Sale who will give a presentation titled “Managing Shade”. Charlie who describes himself as a “serious gardener” of 50 years will tell us how he and his wife have transformed over two acres of steep mountain terrain near Deep Cove into a magnificent woodland garden while still preserving the integrity and character of the surroundings.

Charlie is more than a serious gardener, he has been an active member of gardening circles in both Ontario and British Columbia.. He has served as president of the Toronto chapter of the Rhododendron Society, the board of the American Rhododendron Society and president of the Rhododendron Society of Canada. He was also a board member of the Royal Botanical Gardens Hamilton, Ontario. Currently, Charlie is an active member (and past executive member) of The Friends of the Garden at the University of British Columbia and served on the advisory committee of the Darts Hill Garden Conservancy Society of Surrey, BC and as vice president of the North American Rock Garden Society. He is also on the board of the Rhododendron Species Foundation in Federal Way, Washington, US.

Please join us at The Gallery at Artisan Square on March 16, 2015 at 1 PM.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It's time to tear myself away from my genealogy pursuits and write something about gardening on Bowen. I'm sure we are all inspired by the daffodils that are beginning to open across the island. I look out my windows and see flowers in all directions, gleaming in the sunshine. I stall, and go out for a leisurely stroll around the garden, admiring the flowers on the mini daffs, Hellebores, Pink Dawn *Viburnum*, *Pulmonaria*, *Primula*, *Ranunculus*, heather, *Daphne odora* and noting the fading crocuses and snowdrops. Other bulbs and many perennials are sprouting. More procrastinating, how does this year compare to other years? I dig out my old gardening logbook. First I check the spring of 2009—remember that year? The snow came in December and my yard still had snow until the first couple of days of March. The flowers were pretty late that year, but most years they weren't that much different than this year. Maybe it's not so early this year after all?



Helleborus Brushstrokes Strain -
Brushstroke splashes, spots, and true,
rich colours adorn the wide petals

Your Garden Club Board has been busy—no procrastinating there. Recent topics of discussion at executive meetings included: the May 9 Plant Sale (Sheila Webster will coordinate this year and we are all encouraged to gather up lots and lots of plants—soil and pots are still available at 486 Melmore); what a great time everyone had at the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Garden tour (sorry I was unable to take that in); and more about our 2015 Tours and Open Gardens that are being lined up for the next

I hope to see many of you at these activities and at our General Meetings. The Upcoming meeting is Monday, March 16th at 1pm.

I recognize most of your names after a few years of sending out *Cuttings*, but I cannot connect faces to many of the names. Please feel free to come up to me at our meetings and other activities and introduce yourself. And do let me know which of our programs you find most helpful, as well as any suggestions you may have for other programs.

Happy gardening all,
Sharon Haggerty, President

EDITOR'S NOTE

One of the most challenging things about being an editor is to "edit". While working on my second edition of cuttings I find myself involved in the articles and using them as my personal source of study and research.

Hmm...Sharon is writing about spring flowers... such as *Daphne Odora*... I find myself asking what does it look like? I search the internet looking for images of the plant. (I must admit I am still a new gardener...and while I search for pretty images, I forget to study the details, such as....does it like full sun?, part shade, how high does it grow?, and so on.) For now I am content with the image.



Then I read Linda's article stating Charlie Sale will be our upcoming speaker...Who is he, can I find him on the internet.... Etc.

All of the Executive, who Volunteer for the Bowen Island Garden Club (BIGC), write excellent articles... I am compelled to "not edit". I see my role as one of support. Deciding where the article fits the pages, adding photos, and supportive links to websites. My goal as editor is to offer *Cuttings* as an inspirational platform to assist you in creating your gardens, and building your connection to Bowen.

Marie Neys, *Cuttings* Editor

OFF ISLAND GARDEN TOURS 2015

We have some exciting offerings planned for this year. One of the benefits of membership in the Bowen Island Garden Club is the opportunity to take part in our tours at a very reasonable cost.

Tour of Bucket Hill Garden -Tuesday, April 14

Margaret Charlton and Charlie Sale have created a beautiful garden high above the North Shore on Indian Arm. Known as Bucket Hill, it is located on a fairly steep slope and is home to hundreds of rhododendrons, species rhodos in particular, along with many other plants. Margaret and Charlie are acknowledged experts on rhododendrons and will share some of what they have found works best in our climate. And, of course, we will be visiting Bucket Hill when many of the rhodos should be in bloom. Mr. Sale is speaking to the Garden Club at our March 16 meeting and this tour will be a wonderful follow-up to his presentation.

We have organized the tour for Tuesday, April 14. We will be going by private vehicle. Registration is limited to 20 people including drivers. The cost per person is \$12 for seniors, and \$15 for adults. This cost covers the ferry and a small remuneration for the use of the drivers' cars. We plan to meet at 9.45 in the ferry line-up. Dress for the weather and bring your own lunch. Refreshments will be provided.

Please register by April 1st.

Please keep the following spring tours in mind:

Free Spirit in Langley will host a tour of their private home garden and nursery on Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Susan Koelink in Kitsilano will show us her garden in early June and a second garden will be announced for the same date.

The Gibsons Garden Club will host us in the latter part of June.

More details about these tours will be available at our monthly meetings and in future editions of ***Cuttings***.

Susan Heth & Virginia Penny, Tours Directors

SPRING BUDS ON BOWEN



The Magnolia Tree, planted in the center of our yard is blooming... and will become the gorgeous flower as shown below. It is a Genie Magnolia. Full Bloom photo was taken last September at Linnaea Nurseries

...Marie Neys

2015 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

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MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER:

Thank you to the 110 members who took advantage of the Early Bird membership special. Your promptness in paying your dues was very much appreciated. Unfortunately the end of February has passed, and those members still in arrears will now have to pay the regular fee of \$20.00. As many of you are away on extended vacations, I will accept renewals until the end of May. After that date, I am required to remove the names of those still in arrears from the master list. If you are not planning to renew, please let me know at p&jmiller@telus.net.

Pam Miller, Membership Director

We WELCOME all NEW MEMBERS:

Nancy and Ken Huntingford, Barbara Osinski, Barb Adams ,& Vaune Kolber

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
Natural Gardener W10, 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.

VISIT TO LINNAEA NURSERY

Our biennial visit to Linnaea Nursery will take place on Saturday April 25, 2015. A great opportunity to add unusual and quality plants, shrubs and trees to your garden. A participants list will be going around at the March 16th Garden Club meeting. The tour is for members only of the Bowen Island Garden Club.

For more information or if you like to put your name on the list, please email me:

Betty Dhont at [blushrambler @shaw.ca](mailto:blushrambler@shaw.ca)

Note: I don't have a landline yet and am limited to my e-mail communications.

Ground to Garden

Is a new initiative from Bowen In Transition that makes coffee grounds available to gardeners for mulch and soil amendment and helps businesses reduce their waste stream.

1. Look for the Ground to Garden sign at your local businesses.
2. Bring your own container large or small and ask the attendant to let you fill it up.
3. Use in your yard for mulch and soil amendment.



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:

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

