



CUTTINGS

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE BOWEN ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

MAY 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

Sunday, May 24, 2105 (2 to 4pm)

On Island Open Garden Tour. Patti and Erwen Smith invite us to join them at their home. 1747 Arbutus Point Road (see details on page 4)

Monday, May 25, General Meeting 7pm -in the evening at Collins Hall. Speaker Egan Davis will discuss and show how to divide perennials. (see details on page 1)

Thursday, May 28, 2015 9 am—Off Island Tour - Vancouver Gardens -Susan Koelink and Katherine Nicol will showcase their gardens. There is still space on this tour...see page 3 for details

Wed, June 17, 2015 Off Island Garden Tours: The Gibsons Garden Club will host us. This tour is now full. Wait list only. Participants will be sent further details. Some details also on page 3.

July 11 & 12, 2015 Erikson's Daylily Gardens: Annual Open House (10am to 4pm). We are invited.....see page 5 for invitation.

Sunday, July 19, 2105 Annual Summer Garden Party. Save the date. Details to follow.

Monday, Sept 21, 2015 General Meeting & Guest Speaker. John Folkerts , General Manager, of Linnaea Nurseries Ltd. who will speak about Native plants and what life is like running a large nursery.

**Please note, that in June , July and August , 2015
No Guest Speakers or General meetings
as these months are full of fun events such as
garden tours and our Summer party**

GENERAL MEETING

SPEAKER SERIES—Paddy Wales

Monday, April 20, 2015 - 1PM

Dividing Perennials: How, When and Why?

On May 25, 2015 at 7 PM the Bowen Island Garden Club welcomes Egan Davis who will give us a presentation on "Dividing Perennials: How, when and Why?" Egan currently teaches in the Horticultural Training Program at the UBC Botanical Garden. He will help us to gain knowledge and understanding of the different ways perennials grow and how that affects the way they are divided. His extensive gardening experience has taught him some tricks he will share with us on how to make working with herbaceous perennials easy and rewarding. This hands on demonstration will also focus on ergonomic techniques using tools in such a way that you will not be in pain after a day in the garden.

Please come out and have a fun evening with Egan, an awarding winning gardener, who brings his passion and enthusiasm to both his gardening and teaching. Please note this is the one evening meeting of the year so those of you who can't come during the day, this is a wonderful opportunity to learn from a very popular, knowledgeable speaker and/or check out the Garden Club on Bowen Island. Join us on May 25, 2015 at 7 PM at Collins Hall.

Linda Barratt, Speakers Director



PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS

May is already half gone and our gardens have gone from soggy and wet to parched and dry. Rain would certainly be welcome, wouldn't it?

I always think of May as my favourite month of the year. It's an exciting time in the garden, and a busy time for the Bowen Island Garden Club and all gardeners. The early spring bulbs and other spring flowers have faded. Every week seems to offer new blossoms.

My favourite bearded iris are now in full bloom and buds are appearing on many of the early summer blooming perennials. Unfortunately, the weeds seem to be even more successful than the perennials! But I did manage to pick and eat two delicious little spears of asparagus. Meanwhile, my house and yard are still in chaos due to our ongoing guest house renovations.

The Garden Club has offered many opportunities for us all in the past month. We visited Linnaea Nurseries and stocked up on all sorts of wondrous plants. We've had our first Open Garden, thank you Diana & Michael Kaile and another very successful Plant Sale.

The next Open Garden will be this Sunday, May 24, 2015 (2-4pm) at Patty & Erwen Smith's house. See Page 4 for details, and on Monday evening, May 25th at 7pm our May General meeting, will be held at Collins Hall as the Gallery is not available. This will be our last Meeting until September. I hope to see you there.

And Kelly Smith is doing an amazing job at the Library garden on behalf of our Club. We all owe her a special vote of thanks for her efforts there—what an improvement!

All of these activities are successful because of the time and efforts expended by many of our members, especially those on the executive. Thank you to all of our members who have participated one way or another.

Happy gardening!

Sharon Haggerty, President

EDITOR'S NOTE

One of our goals, as a Garden Club is to provide education to those interested in gardening. This can be done on so many levels, tours, guest speakers, and raising awareness of gardening in general. Raising awareness, can also mean raising awareness gardening and also the Bowen Island Garden Club (BIGC).

I am so proud to be part of this executive as they have embraced raising awareness of the Garden Club, even though this can also mean raising awareness of the individuals, themselves. Many of our executive are truly unsung heroes, who go about the hard work of organizing and running the club, without the general membership being aware of who they are.

When I first asked them about getting their photo taken ...many were unsure...but there we were on a glorious day, at Diana Kaile's house (completing our monthly executive meeting) when suddenly we were out in the yard enjoying her amazing lilac tree.... Not sure who mentioned it would be a great place for a photo... but it happened with smiling faces!

Amazing how gardens bring everyone together!



(John Hazell, Linda Barratt, Susan Heth, Pam Miller, Tamsin Miley, Nadyne Hindle, Sharon Haggerty, Diana Kaile, Virginia Penny, Marie Neys. Missing are Sheila Webster, Denise Lockett, Marolyn Anderson, Betty Morton, & John Lawrence)

Marie Neys, **Cuttings** Editor

OFF ISLAND GARDEN TOURS 2015

VANCOUVER PRIVATE GARDENS TOUR

- 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 28, 2015

We still have a few spots available for this tour. Please contact Virginia Penny (604-947-2577) or email: vpenny@gmail.com

Susan Koelink will be hosting us on a visit to her private garden in Kitsilano. She has selected this date for peak enjoyment. Her amazing garden has been featured in *Canadian Gardening* magazine.

We will also be visiting the garden of Katherine Nicol that afternoon. Both of these gardens regularly host tours to experience their outstanding design and plantings. This year these gardens should be magnificent. Join us for a fun and inspiring day!

We will be taking the 9:30 a.m. ferry and arranging transport with Peter King for the day. We will return in time for the 4:30 p.m. ferry. The cost of this tour is \$12.00 plus your ferry fare. We are planning a picnic lunch so please pack a sandwich. Drinks will be provided.

GIBSONS GARDEN TOUR – Wed, 8:45 a.m. June 17
This tour is full....wait list only.

The Bowen Island Garden Club will be making its biennial trip to Gibsons on June 17 to visit a number of gardens on the Sunshine Coast. Cormorant Marine is providing our transportation by water taxi. We can accommodate a maximum of 35 persons and will be leaving the dock at exactly 9:15am (SHARP) in the morning. We will return from Gibsons at 4:00 p.m. The cost of this tour will be \$35.00 as we are taking a charter boat.

The registration deadline is June 8. There is no need to bring anything to eat as the Gibsons Garden Club is hosting us for a delicious potluck lunch. We will be sharing our day on the Sunshine Coast with members of the White Rock Garden Club, so you will have a chance to meet visitors from there, as well.

Don't forget to dress for the weather, bring a hat for the sun, and your camera if you like!

To register for a tour or if you have any questions, please contact Susan Heth (sheth@shaw.ca) 604-947-0898 or Virginia Penny (vpenny@gmail.com) 604-947-2577.

Susan Heth & Virginia Penny, Tours Directors



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MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER:

Thank you to all the members who responded to my "reminder" notice re memberships that were in arrears. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please be advised that this will be the last edition of Cuttings that you will receive as I will be asking the editor to remove your name from her list.

On a more pleasant note, many people new to Bowen have taken out memberships in the Garden Club. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you. I know that you will enjoy being a part of this great organization. I would also like to remind you to always ask if the nursery you are at gives discounts to Garden Club members before making your purchase. Many places will give a 10% discount on regular priced merchandise.

Pam Miller, Membership Director

We WELCOME all NEW MEMBERS:

New Members: Rebecca van der Giessen, Christine Smith & German Rodriguez, Lisa Gardner, Jeanette Wrenshall and Debbie McGillivray.

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.

ON ISLAND OPEN GARDEN TOURS

Sunday, May 24, 2015 2-4pm

Patty & Erwen Smith—

1747 Arbutus Point Road

We purchased the property 14 years ago & engaged Russell Hollsworth to design our house. The garden on the water front side was started immediately. Jack Coats helped with the steps, fence & rock work etc. Spring water was discovered so we were encouraged to installed an irrigation system for the south side. I don't like to travel any longer, so this year round residence features many evergreen plants. There are as many as 40 self seeded Arbutus Trees along the drive way.. Generous neighbours have supplied knowledge & many exotic & interesting plants..

Please enjoy yourself,
Patty Smith

NOTE: Once a month, between March to October, members or sometimes non members open up their gardens for two hours on a Sunday for others to enjoy. The Open Gardens is very popular and one of the many reasons to belong to our wonderful garden club!!!!

This is a wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas, be inspired, make new friends, learn something new, share your knowledge and expertise with fellow gardeners. We have an excellent line up of gardens for the year, however, right now we are looking for a garden to be shown in August, so if yours is a summer blooming garden and you would be interested in opening up and sharing your garden and sharing we would be delighted to hear from you! Remember, this is not the PPP, no pressure whatsoever! Weeds are okay, we are not looking for perfect gardens, it is more an occasion for getting together as gardeners & enjoying the fruits of one's labour! Feel free to call Diana at 604-947-0320

Thank You.....Diana Kaile & Betty Morton
Open Gardens Directors

ANNUAL SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

Save the Date—July 19th, 2015

Thanks to new garden club members, Vaune Kobler, David Adams and Barb Adams, who have generously offered to host the garden partydetails to follow!

Nadyne Hindle, Social Director

FACEBOOK PAGE FOR BIGC

BIGC realizes that not all of our members can partake in day time meetings or tours, during the week. We strive to communicate with our members and send out monthly newsletters (Cuttings) Now we are proud to say we have created a Facebook Page. Many Bowenites embrace Facebook, with many of them joining groups such as Bowen Island Events, and Bowen Island Buy, Sell and Trade. With this in mind, we have created our own page. Please feel free to view it in your search browser, even if you do not have a facebook account.

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

We set up the page on May 4th, 2015 and since then we reached 1,121 people with our posts... Below are examples of what our page looks like (on a smart phone)



The image shows a screenshot of a Facebook page for 'Bowen Island Garden Club - BIGC'. The page header features a profile picture of a pink flower and the club's name. Below the header, there are tabs for 'PAGE', 'ACTIVITY', and 'INSIGHTS'. The main content area displays a post from May 12 at 9:50am. The post text reads: 'Thanks to all who purchased raffle tickets and purchased plants at the annual plant sale...the proceeds go towards beautification of Bowen public spaces, such as the library grounds, and education....'. The post has 2 likes, 658 people saw it, and a 'Boost Post' button. Navigation icons for 'Post', 'Photo', 'Promote', and 'More' are visible at the bottom.



Tall Bearded Irises...

Sharon, which of these is your favorite?



We've been invited.....

**Erikson's Daylily
Gardens Annual Open
House Event**

July 11 & 12 (10 am to 4pm)

Come and visit the gardens at peak bloom time, with over 3,000 varieties of daylilies, 500 varieties of hostas and hundreds of other perennials and specimen trees! During the Open House Event, we have a selection of other garden vendors on hand, as well as the Van Dusen Master Gardeners to answer your gardening questions; the Aldergrove Daylily Society with their fun Club tent and fabulous raffle; and Judy Henry, renowned harpist who will play soft music throughout the weekend!

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