

# CUTTINGS

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE BOWEN ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

March 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:***

**“Tree Love”  
with David  
Tracey**

**March 19, 2018,  
1 pm:** the Bowen  
Island Garden  
Club will

welcome David Tracey who will give a presentation on how our affinity for trees can be explored in the world class urban forest of Vancouver.

David is an environmental designer with a Masters in Landscape Architecture who operates the design and consulting firm EcoUrbanist. He is also the author of 6 books including a # 1 BC Best Seller titled, “Vancouver Tree Book” a living city field guide to inspire people to discover and connect with Vancouver’s urban forest.

Please join us at the Library Annex at 1 PM for an inspirational presentation that will fire up our interest in connecting with the trees of Bowen Island and with the



exceptional trees of Vancouver, an urban forest just a short ferry trip away. Everyone is welcome. Members no charge, guests \$3.00.

Linda Barratt, Speaker Coordinator

## ***Self Drive tours/events:***



**BRADNER  
Daffodil SHOW  
- April 13, 14 &  
15th** – Bradner  
Hall, 5305  
Bradner Road,  
Abbotsford.

Join our Garden Club on a self-drive tour to the Bradner Daffodil Show on Friday April 13th. The Theme is ‘Blast from the Past’ celebrating 90 years for the show.

Opening Ceremony – 2 p.m. with Brian Minter. Show Open Daily – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$2.00. Tea Room available on site. **Anyone needing a ride or has space in their car for passengers – contact Anna-Marie @ 604-947-0333 or**

email to: [auntieama@shaw.ca](mailto:auntieama@shaw.ca). Driving maps are also available.

Anna-Marie plans to be on the 9:40 a.m. ferry and will distribute maps.

**LINNAEA NURSERY TOUR:** Just a heads up about the upcoming tour to the Linnaea Nurseries in Langley on **Saturday, April 21st, 2018.**

Linnaea is a whole sale nursery and as many of you know, 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. Especially for new members it will be a wonderful experience to see such a beautiful nursery. This tour is for our Garden Club members only.

Pam Miller will have a participation sheet available at the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. You can also email Betty Dhont at: [blushrambler@shaw.ca](mailto:blushrambler@shaw.ca)

## ***Past Events***

### **Live Primula Workshop: Braving the Elements**

On February 28, 2018 thirteen hardy garden club members participated in a "Live Primula Wreath" workshop led by Sue Hoffer. The workshop was held outside at the no wall hall at Hood Point. It was a blustery, cold, damp winter day. In spite of the weather each participant created a beautiful wreath or centerpiece.



We left somewhat chilled but very happy with our lovely creations. Thank you to Sue Hoffer for organizing the workshop, shopping for the materials required and guiding us through this creative process. It was truly a fun way to beat the winter blahs!

## ***President's Message***

Hello Gardeners

We are gradually working into a time when we can get out and spend time in our gardens. For a brief while today I did some clean-up and it was a great spring feeling! I admired my edgeworthia with its amazing scent, the snow drops that seem to thrive on a snowfall, the daffodils with buds and the hyacinths, and tulips coming forth. What a pleasure to see my hellebores including my 2010 gift of the hellebore in honour of the Olympics when they were staged here.

The executive is very excited that the positions have been filled out with Kendra McEown on the Social team which also includes Ann Ramsay and Dale Harding, Isabel Otter assuming the Secretary role and Melissa Rahme who has already

produced her first Cuttings and is working on her second now. There won't be specific Directors assigned to tours but some self-driving /carpooling opportunities will present themselves.

Some of our Bowen Island gardeners accompanied the Squamish Garden Club to the Seattle Annual Garden Show and had a ball I understand. As well Friday April 13th is a self-drive tour to the Bradner Daffodil Show, and our first Linnaea trip is planned for April 21<sup>st</sup>. See details above.

**BUT** the Club still needs a **Coordinator/Coordinators for the Plant Sale** scheduled to take place on May 5th. Please find it in your heart and your timetable to volunteer for leadership for this important event. (There's an extensive 'how-to' Manual available.) We will be recruiting other volunteers for the various needs. And especially, pot up plants for the sale. There is soil and extra pots at the home of Dale Harding on Harding Road.

Enjoy opportunities for early spring gardening, especially when there is some sunshine to keep you warm.

Lynn McArthur  
President

### Membership



A gentle reminder that it is time to renew your membership for 2018 if you haven't done so already. The annual fee is

\$20 for a family of two residing in the same household. You can renew in person at a monthly general meeting or by mail. To renew by mail, please complete the membership form available on the club website ([www.bowenislandgardenclub.ca](http://www.bowenislandgardenclub.ca), then follow the links) and include it with your cheque payable to the Bowen Island Garden Club. The club mailing address is P.O. Box 271, Bowen Island, V0N 1G0. Thanks to those members who have already renewed for 2018.

Welcome new members  
Nancy and Dean Leonard,  
Janet Ross, Anne  
Seaberly, and Joan and  
Bruce Weston!

Holly Cleator,  
Membership



### In Other News

**Alpine Garden Club of BC 2018 Spring Plant Show and Plant Sale.** Saturday April 7th, 2018 - 12 -4 pm. Floral Hall, VanDusen Gardens, 37th & Oak Street, Vancouver. Free Admission

The Juried Show features exhibits in dozens of categories – many alpine, woodland and other rare species, as well as unique trough presentations and Bonsai.

The Sale includes not only alpines and woodland plants, but many more from our members' gardens and from some small

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BC nurseries – rhodos, trees, ground covers, perennials, and of course a great collection of seeds from our members around the world. (Cash and cheques only please)

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**Lynn Valley Garden Club – Plant Sale**  
**Saturday May 12th** 10 am – 1 pm St. Clements Anglican Church, 3400 Institute Road, North Vancouver

There will be a wide variety of perennials, shrubs, trees, vines, groundcovers and hundreds of veggie plants grown by our members.

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**West Coast Bonsai Society Show & Sale**  
**Saturday June 9 and Sunday June 10th, 2018** 10 am – 4 pm. Harry Jerome Recreation Centre, 123 – 23rd Street, North Vancouver, Free admission.

This is one of the finest collections of Bonsai in the Pacific Northwest cultivated by our Bonsai Artists, many of whom have studied under Bonsai Masters in California and Japan.

There will be hands on demonstrations of training/pruning trees; as well as plants, pots, books and soil for sale.

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