



CUTTINGS

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE BOWEN ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

SUMMER 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:

Sat/Sun, July 16 & 17, 2016 PPP
(see Poster for details on page 6)

August 7th : Summer Garden Party - at the home of Betsy Hodgins—on page 1

August, 2016 Open Garden Tour - Date, place and time to be announced.

Monday, Sept 19, 2016 General Meeting & Guest Speaker— 1pm at the BIAC Gallery, Artisan Square . Speaker - TBD

October, 2016 Semi Annual visit to Linnaea Nursery

Monday, Oct 17, 2016 General Meeting & Guest Speaker— 1pm at the BIAC Gallery, Artisan Square . Speaker - TBD

Monday, Nov 21, 2016 General Meeting & Guest Speaker— 1pm at the BIAC Gallery, Artisan Square . Speaker - TBD

December, 2016 Annual Christmas Party

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

Sunday, Aug 7th, 2016 (1-3pm)



**You and your Guests are invited
to our annual summer garden party!**

at
Betsy & Brian Hodgins Home
228 David Road

Please see page 5 for details about what to bring.

Have a Great Summer Everyone...enjoy your Gardens!



PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS

This will be the last issue of *Cuttings* until September, so I'm trying to collect my wits to think about the Garden Club's summer activities. Sadly, a vicious flu attack kept me from Mary Pottier's Open Garden this month, but I hear it was a great success. I think the flu turned my brain to mush.

Among our favourite summer highlights is the **Garden Party**. Betsy and Brian Hodgins will be our hosts this year and I'm sure we're all keeping our fingers crossed that the weather will cooperate. Details are elsewhere in this issue. As well, many of our members will be helping with the PPP tours in July.

We all look forward to the **Fall Bulb Sale**. Sheila Webster has been spear-heading that since its inception. Everyone on Bowen appreciates the effort she has put into this project—without Sheila, Bowen would not be covered in daffodils each spring. This year Sheila has agreed to submit the bulk order which had to be in by the end of June to assure a good selection and bargain prices. BUT, that will be her final contribution to that project. I have agreed to take over coordinating the 2016 project. I am counting on a small number of our members to volunteer for a “daffodils project committee.” I really don't have time, much less the energy, to do it all myself, as Sheila has been doing all these years. Therefore, if I can get a small committee to share the responsibilities, all will be well. None of us will be greatly taxed. If not, this will be the last year the Garden Club will sell daffodils.

So this is a call for volunteers for a new Daffodils Project Committee. I will be meeting with Sheila to get the full “job description” soon and if you can help, please send me an e-mail message: smhaggerty@shaw.ca. I will get back to you so we can determine how you might participate.

Have a good summer, and let's hope for more rain than we had last summer (except on Garden Party day!).

Happy gardening.

Sharon, BIGC President

EDITORS NOTE

The Bowen Island Garden Club is facing some challenging times. We have over 325 members but only 20 –30 members volunteering to complete the bulk of the work involved in operating the club. How do we find a balance that allows the club to stay strong and still offer the members lots of garden related functions? We do ask members to step up and run certain positions. Shelia talks about some of them in her article on page 3... where she asks each of you to consider volunteering for some of the board member positions. Sharon also broaches this when asking for volunteers for the Daffodil Project Committee.... OR we can start cancelling some of our programs.

At our past Executive meeting I brought up the topic of cancelling some of our programs ... do we stop having guest speakers, no longer have ENewletters, cancel the Open Gardens.... OR perhaps pare back each of these areas? For example instead of 9 issues of *Cuttings*, have 4, instead of 9 guest speakers—have 5...and so on. If this makes each volunteer position a little lighter, and then perhaps we will have more Bowenites step up for positions.

I will list some of the functions, below that we offer and I encourage you to send me a note letting me know what you enjoy about the club... and should we decide to cancel some of our offerings we will have a better idea of what is important to you... the membership.

Cuttings Newsletter (9 issues)

Summer Garden Party

Christmas Party

5-6 Open (on Island) Garden Tours

May Plant Sale

Fall Daffodil Sale

4-5 Off Island Tours

9 Guest Speakers

2 Visits to Linnaea Nurseries

Please email marie@marieneys.com about what is important to you.... We would love to know.

Marie Neys, Cuttings Editor

NEWS FROM CLUB MEMBERS

Submitted by Club Member

Sheila Webster:

Plant Sale:

Although a couple of months in the past and a report already done - I would like to comment on the high quality of the plants given to the plant sale this year. Thank you, it makes such a difference to the final sales figure.

I know it is now summer and the plant sale is far from our thoughts, but when you are working in your garden and weed out the self seeded perennials, it is not a big deal to pot them up and keep them in a corner for the next sale. Perhaps it would give a bigger variety of plants.

But thank you for your efforts and supplies in the past.Sheila

Committee:

1980 saw the election of Jacqueline Bakker as the first Garden Club President. We are now 36 years on

The Club has grown from strength to strength with regular speakers, tours, open gardens, parties which generate a great social aspect to our Club. For example, It was in 2005, the 25th Anniversary of the Garden Club that we assembled a booklet called "The Best of Bowen", part of which gave a list of deer resistant plants around the Island.

As we stand at the present the Club has more members than ever before and yet in starting to get together the new Committee we do not have a President, Vice President, Social Director, Editor for Cuttings, Open Gardens, or trainee for Speakers all key rolls to the running of the Club.

Over the summer please give some thought to stepping up, the Commitment is not too arduous and we gain much enjoyment from being involved. If we do not get new blood the Club will continue to be same old, same old with the alternative of collapse. That would be a shame.

If you find yourself moved to take part, please contact me at 0114 and I will be pleased to discuss the role with you. Sheila

I want to give a shout out to those who send me articles! I am receiving many generous notes and thus have created a new section in the Cuttings for announcements. Feel free to send me photos of your flowers in bloom or your veggies that are thriving! I will be happy to include them in Cuttings or on our Facebook page.

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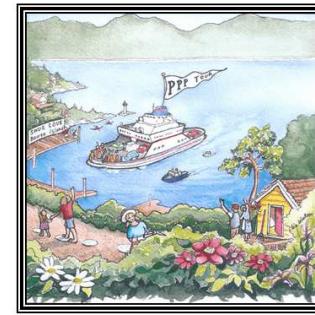
While we don't run general advertising we do encourage stories that help out fellow garden club members . Enjoy this new section!

Marie Neys, Cuttings Editor

A Peek at Island Life

Bowen's People Plants & Places Tour

July 16th & 17th 10:00am – 4:00pm



Tickets on sale now

Tickets can be purchased online

www.bowenislandmuseum.ca

Or call 604 947 2655

Individual \$25. M&A member \$20. Groups (10 or more) \$20.

All purchased tickets to be picked up at the Museum and Archives

MEMBERSHIP

We now have 179 paid family memberships for our wonderful garden club. Thanks to all of you who have decided to renew and those new to the Garden Club. We have a wonderful summer ahead of us. Your "Cuttings" newsletter will continue to give you lots of useful information.

A big welcome to our new members: Brenda Addison-Jones, Karen and Rick Carter, Kirsten and Geoff Degner, Margaret Huntingford, Alix Melchy and Fei Shi, Titania Michniewicz and Rod Marsh, Laura Robertson and Jim Firth, Susan and Sheldon Stoilen. Great to have you join the Bowen Island Garden Club!!

Shelley MacDonald - Membership Director

2016 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

Past President	Sheila Webster	0114
President	Sharon Haggerty	2244
Vice President	Tamsin Miley	0882
Secretary	Lea Allen	9933
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<i>Cuttings</i>	Marie Neys	0684
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Speakers	Linda Barratt	0631
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Publicity	John Lawrence	6953
Tours	Susan Heth	0898
	Virginia Penny	2577
Technical	John Hazell	2441

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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.

ON ISLAND GARDEN TOURS 2016 –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.

We are keeping you up to date

LOOK US UP ONLINE.... ANTIME!

www.bowenislandgardenclub.ca

www.facebook.com/bowenislandgardenclub

Missing back issues of the Cuttings?

We keep them on the website...

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Beverages will be supplied but please bring:

- 1. Bring a Plate of Sweet or Savory to share...*
- 2. Bring a lawn chair.*
- 3. This is a members & guests only event.*

Thanks to
Betsy & Brian Hodgins
for opening their
house to us!

