



February 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:

Monday, February 19, 2018, 1 pm at the Legion. **“The Grafton Community Garden”** featuring Jessica Mitts (see below for details).

Wednesday, February 28th, 1 pm, **Live Primula Wreath Workshop** (see page 2 for details).

Grafton Community Gardens: On February 19, 2018 at 1 PM the Bowen Island Garden Club welcomes Jessica Mitts who will give us a presentation on “The Grafton Community Garden”.



Jessica is a born and raised Bowen Island woman who owns and operates her own land care business called Land Heart and Sky. With a team of volunteers she is an active participant in the Grafton Community Garden, a rural farm and community garden dedicated to building a healthy community and environment, growing food, sharing skills and educating each other.

Jessica will tell us how this model garden, situated in the middle of the Island on a piece of private land zoned for agriculture, offers both volunteer opportunities for individuals to grow vegetables and learn about growing food.

Please join us at the Legion on February 19, 2018 at 1 PM for an inspirational discussion on how we can become more thoughtful gardeners by learning more about local food systems, caring for the land and how the objectives of the Grafton Community Garden will benefit all of us. Jessica's passion for the land

and its uses will truly be motivating.
Members no charge, guests \$3.00.

Live Primula Wreath Workshop

Date: February 28, 2018

Time: 1 PM



Place: No Wall Hall Hood Point

Cost: \$ 20.00

Registration deadline: February 19, 2018
(i.e. at the garden club meeting or email
Linda Barratt labarratt31@gmail.com)

Limit: 14 to 16 people
More details will be provided once
registered

Linda Barratt, Speaker Coordinator

President's Message

The days are definitely getting longer and this is a relief. My edgeworthia is starting to bloom and bulbs are coming up in their very moist environments. Occasional snow drops are appearing.

We almost have our Executive in place and very much appreciate those who have stepped up including Isabel Otter for Secretary, Melissa Rahme for Communications, and Lyn van Lidth de Jeude for Member at Large. Our Nominating Committee did trojan service for our AGM and their diligence was extremely helpful.

But there is always another need it seems, and yes we can! Please think about helping out with coordinating our Plant Sale in the spring and also helping Sheila Webster with the Bulb Sale in the late summer/fall.

Lynn McArthur, President

2018 Executive Board Members

President:	Lynn McArthur
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Vice President:	Anna-Marie Atherton
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Publicity:	John Lawrence
Open Gardens:	Pam Miller & Anne Marie Atherton
Off Island Tours:	Susan Heth & Virginia Penny
Technical:	John Hazell
Member at Large:	Lyn van Lidth de Jeude
Social:	Pending

Plant Sale

ANNUAL PLANT SALE: May is the month for our Annual Plant sale. As you wander your gardens in the next while, please keep an eye out for any plants that need dividing this spring that you could donate to our plant sale.

Potting soil for the plant sale is available at the home of Dale and Lloyd Harding 1050 Harding road. The soil is down by the road, next to an old black truck and covered with a blue tarp. Please re-cover the soil when you finish so that it is not mud for the next takers. Thank you Dale and Lloyd for giving us the space.

Membership



It is time to renew your membership for 2018 if you haven't done so already. Renewing before the end of February costs only \$15; after that the regular annual fee of \$20 applies.

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, 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.

We would like to welcome the following new members: Alicia Hoppenrath, Colin Kerr, and Peggy and Matt Blackwood.



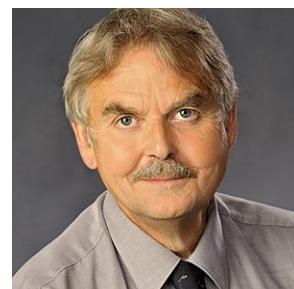
Holly Cleator, Membership

In Other News:

90th Annual Bradner Flower Show

Who would have guessed that when Fenwick Fatkin started this much anticipated annual event as a parlor show in 1928 that they would still be carrying on 90 years later? They are planning a special celebration for the occasion.

Join them April 13, 14 & 15th 2018 from 10 am to 5 pm daily at Bradner Hall & School, 5305 Bradner Rd, Abbotsford. Fun for **ALL AGES**, Admission is still only \$2. Opening Ceremony, Friday @ 1 pm with the Bradner Elementary Hand Bell Choir, followed at 2 pm with special guest BRIAN MINTER, who will be on hand afterward to answer all of your gardening questions. Saturday/Sunday enjoy local wineries & craft beer tastings, special speakers & live music.



There are Loads of interesting displays, crafts, art, homemade goodies & great food in our Tea Room, and, of course, 100's of varieties of daffodils. **All proceeds from cut flowers donated to Abbotsford Regional Hospital.** For more info: [Facebook.com/BradnerHall](https://www.facebook.com/BradnerHall), bradnerhall.ca or bradnerflowershow@gmail.com

UBC Farm Workshops

The Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at the University of British Columbia is excited to announce that registration for the first half of their 2018 workshop series is now open!

The UBC Farm hosts a wide range of workshops covering everything from permaculture and gardening to herbal medicine, weaving, fermenting, foraging, and much more.

This year, they have added several new workshops and brought back many favourites. All of their workshops are beginner friendly and open to everyone, so please share with your networks:

- Learning the Basics of Herbal Medicine on February 21, 2018 6:30 pm
- Make Your Own Basket: Basketry with Invasive Species on February 27, 2018 5:30 pm
- The Art of Herbal Medicine Making on March 3, 2018 10:00 am
- Kombucha-Making Workshop on March 7, 2018 6:00 pm
- Making Leather from Salmon Skins on March 13, 2018 5:30 pm

- Growing Food in Small Spaces: Balconies, Containers, and Small Patios on March 17, 2018 2:00 pm
- Fermentation Fundamentals: Sauerkraut & Pickled Vegetables on March 21, 2018 6:00 pm
- Make Your Own Basket: "Egg" Baskets on March 27, 2018 5:30 pm
- Winter Foraging Workshop on April 14, 2018 2:30 pm
- Cultured and Vegan Cheesemaking Workshop on April 21, 2018 2:30 pm
- Composting with Worms: Vermicomposting 101 on April 26, 2018 6:00 pm
- Bringing Your Soil to Life: Soil Biology and Compost Tea on May 5, 2018 9:30 am
- Composting Demystified: Six Methods of Composting on May 5, 2018 1:30 pm
- Soil Fertility: Nutrients and Soil Testing on May 12, 2018 2:30 pm
- Growing Microgreens for Home Consumption on June 9, 2018 2:30 pm
- Ginger Beer and Wild Fermented Sodas on June 14, 2018 6:00 pm
- Introduction to Safe and Fun Canning on June 23, 2018 2:30 pm
- Medicine Collective Workshop: Salve Harvest on July 10, 2018 12:00 pm

For more details and to register, visit their website: <http://ubcfarm.ubc.ca/>

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