



*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, Feb 20, 2017 General Meeting & Guest Speaker—** 1pm at the BIAC Gallery, Artisan Square . Join us for Christine Allen, who will give us a presentation on the 150 year evolution of gardens in Vancouver as a small colonial outpost to the metropolis of today. See page 2 for details.

**Monday, March 20, 2017—** 1pm at the BIAC Gallery, Artisan Square . Join us for Lorna Herchenson and Edith Scherk who will give us a presentation on Fuchsias and Begonias. See Page 2.

**Sunday, April, 2017—** Open Garden at the home of Anna Marie & Murray Atherton. Exact date & time to be announced.

**Saturday, April 22, 2017** Semi Annual visit to Linnaea Nursery.... Save the date. Article on page 4.

**May, 2017 Annual Plant Sale and Raffle Fundraiser.** Date to be announced

**Tuesday, June 6, 2017—**Hosting the Gibson's & Sechelt Garden Clubs. See page 5 for article.

## A Big Thank You

On January 16, 2017 the garden club conducted an interactive activity to assist members to get to know each other and determine members' interests regarding speakers, topics and activities for the year 2017. Thirty one people participated and generated many wonderful ideas /suggestions for the coming year.

Thank you everyone for your enthusiasm, ideas and for giving me added direction for our monthly meetings. It was great fun seeing each group dive into the task at hand and engage in lively discussion. Thank you to Becky Dawson my trusted assistant for helping me every step of the way.

Please refer to page 2 for the upcoming Speakers joining us for February & March!

Linda Barratt

Speaker Coordinator



## Winter Guest Speaker Series & General Meetings:



### **“Growing a City” with Christine Allen**

**Monday, Feb 20,  
2017 (1pm)**

On February 20, 2017 the Bowen Island Garden Club welcomes Christine Allen, who will give us a presenta-

tion on the 150 year evolution of gardens in Vancouver as a small colonial outpost to the metropolis of today. “Growing a city” charts the city’s progress to the present day examining fashions in landscaping, planting of orchards and vegetable gardens and trends such as English cottage and Asian designs.

Christine, an avid gardener herself, is a Life Member of the Master Gardeners Association of B.C., and a volunteer and past educator at VanDusen Botanical Garden. She is also a notable author of garden books and was a regular contributor to the former Garden Wise magazine. Her most recent book *A Year at Killara Farm*, is a memoir of her former garden in Langley B.C. where she developed a collection of 170 antique roses among many other plants.

Please join us at The Gallery at Artisan Square on February 20, 2017 at 1 PM. Everyone is welcome. Members no charge, guests only \$ 3.00.



### **Growing Fuchsias and Begonias with Lorna Herchenson & Edith Scherk**

**Monday, March 20, 2017 1pm**

On March 20, 2017 the Bowen Island Garden Club will welcome Lorna Herchenson and Edith Scherk who will give us a presentation on Fuchsias and Begonias. Both women are long time members of the BC Fuchsias and Begonia Society of BC and have been growing them for over 30 years. Edith specializes in growing fuchsia trees.

More details about this presentation will be sent out to you closer to the presentation date in March. Stay tuned for the garden club’s first presentation on this topic from these two fuchsias enthusiasts.



**Begonia—Picotee**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Thank you for the opportunity to act as your President. It is a nice repeat prospect for me. My previous time in this position was 2009 and 2010.

It is nice to see some new faces on the Executive and also see the continuity provided by several longstanding board members. I deeply miss my interactions with Sharon Haggerty who gave so much to the Garden Club, first in her role as the Cuttings Editor and more recently as our Club President. I know one of her final major activities was handling the distribution of the daffodils purchased by Club members. I was not available on the formal allocation day but she cheerfully stashed mine, and those of a neighbour, in her shed for my pick-up on a later date. She was such a thoughtful and helpful person. I am pleased there will be a bench by the library for her remembrance.

The Club membership has increased with 186 household members at the end of December last year compared 164 in 2010. So the Club is growing and its programs for Bowen Island are valued. The regular meetings are well attended and the Open Gardens are a treat for many.

It has been a drastic winter in my garden. A mature choisya (Mexican or mock orange) in the back garden is split vertically through the major trunk. Was it snow or ice or some combination? The leaves are looking very nice at the moment but serious pruning will be required. And I'm sure my agapanthus which survived so nicely last year may not do so again this year. At the same time hardy bulbs (hyacinth, daffodil) are up and the snowdrops are in bud.



My Edgeworthia Chrysantha is blooming heroically. The flowers are scented. Leaves come later in the season. Apparently the very attractive bark is used in Japan for making paper including bank notes. My shrub is now over 5 feet tall and

grew from a 7 inch starter from Aubin Van Berkel's garden.

I close with these familiar words....

**Scatter, as from an unextinguished  
hearth, ashes and sparks,  
my words among mankind!  
Be through my lips to  
awakened Earth**

**The trumpet of a prophecy! O Wind,  
If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?**

**Percy Bysshe Shelley**

B Lynn McArthur  
President, BIGC



## EDITORS NOTE

**We are keeping you up to date .....**

LOOK US UP .... ONLINE.... ANTIME!

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[www.facebook.com/bowenlandgardenclub](https://www.facebook.com/bowenlandgardenclub)

**Missing back issues of the Cuttings?**

We keep them on the website...

[www.bowenlandgardenclub.ca](http://www.bowenlandgardenclub.ca)

Marie Neys, Cuttings Editor



## NEWS FROM CLUB MEMBERS

### UPCOMING LINNAEA NURSERY TOUR:

Our Spring tour to the Linnaea Nurseries in Langley has been planned for **Saturday, April 22, 2016.**

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. I'm sure Wendy will host us again with hot coffee and her famous muffins. Especially for new members it will be a wonderful experience to see such a beautiful nursery.

I'll bring a sign-up sheet to the next Garden club meeting in February, or you could send me an e-mail with the following information if you like to participate:

**Your name, your e-mail address (which I cannot always retrieve from my computer), your telephone number and if you are willing to give someone a ride.**

**This tour is for Garden Club members only.**

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

Also, great news from the Linnaea Owners John & Wendy Folkerts.... Daughter Shannon had a baby girl. John was happy to know the BIGC members would share in their JOY of being Grandparents!

### ANNUAL PLANT SALE:

May is usually the month for our Annual Plant sale! Keep this in mind. We appreciate all who donate potted plants.

**WE HAPPILY PROVIDE THE POTTING SOIL!**

Potting Soil for the plant sale is now 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 recover the soil when you have taken so that it is not mud for the next takers. Thank you Dale and Lloyd for giving us the space.

### STUDY WEEKEND IN SIDNEY:

Victoria Hardy Plant Group is thrilled to be hosting the Hardy Plant Study Weekend in Sidney, BC next summer, June 23-25, 2017. The theme for the 2017 Hardy Plant Study Weekend is **Flourish: Celebrating People, Plants and Progress.**

The Study Weekends are very popular, most conferences sell out in less than a month after registration began. We are updating our website regularly so check often to find the latest news.

[www.victoriahardyplantstudyweekend2017.org](http://www.victoriahardyplantstudyweekend2017.org)

Registration begins February 1, 2017. Mark your calendar now!

**FYI....Beet Seeds** and some lengths of the landscaping fabric are still available if members want some please contact me. Sheila Webster

Sheila Webster <[sheilawebster@shaw.ca](mailto:sheilawebster@shaw.ca)>

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.

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

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

## ON ISLAND OPEN GARDEN TOURS

Well, another year is upon us and it is time to plan our next Open Garden season. First of all, I would like to thank all the people who hosted Open Gardens in 2016. Your hospitality and hard work were certainly appreciated by those who visited your homes.

The first Open Garden of 2017 will be held at the home of Anna-Marie and Murray Atherton. Although a definite date is yet to be determined, it will be towards the end of April.

I have spoken to a number of people, but still need to get commitments for the rest of the months. If you would like to host one of our Open Gardens, or know of someone who would like to host, please let me know. Many people feel that their gardens are not Open Garden material. Please remember that the original idea of this program was to show others what can be done when faced with Bowen's unique terrain. Works in progress are always welcome.

People love to come, observe, discuss, and go home with new ideas of how they might improve their own gardens. If you are unsure about your garden and would like a second opinion, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,  
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**SHOWCASE YOUR GARDEN THIS SUMMER!**

## OFF ISLAND TOURS

We are currently busy developing a Tour of Bowen Island gardens for the Gibson's and Sechelt Garden Clubs. Our Club has enjoyed visiting their gardens over the last two years and now it is our opportunity to reciprocate.

We will need plenty of help from our Garden Club members. We will be looking for drivers as well as food for the lunch. The date we have tentatively selected is: Tuesday, June 6—please put it on your calendar. It promises to be an entertaining day.

In the next few months, if you are looking for opportunities for garden tours there are several options. Bob Tuckey, the Natural Gardener, has operated tours in the past and plans have some this year. Email him at: [info@thenatural-gardener.com](mailto:info@thenatural-gardener.com)

Another option is to join the Vancouver Hardy Plant Group. Their website is: (<http://www.vancouverhardyplant.org/membership>). For only \$20. you get their newsletter, access to several self-drive garden tours all around Vancouver (last year they toured Bowen), and the opportunity to participate in their Study Days (for an extra fee).

Please visit their website (above), fill in the membership form and mail it in. Note that these garden tours are free for members, so you only have to cover your transportation costs—perhaps a friend can join with you and you both can make a day of it.

We look forward to your help with the Gibson's/ Sechelt Tour on June 6. There will be more specifics as the day approaches. In the meantime save the date!

Susan Heth & Virginia Penny  
Off Island Garden Tours

## MEMBERSHIP

Now that 2017 is here, if you haven't already done so, it is time to renew your Garden Club membership. The yearly membership fee is \$20.00 for a family of two residing in the same household. However, if you pay before the end of February you can take advantage of the Early Bird special of \$15. A membership in the Garden Club remains one of the best deals around. Not only does it include fabulous speakers, great tours, wonderful open gardens, a seasonal newsletter, and annual Christmas and summer parties, but also discounts at many local garden shops. (Always remember to ask if discounts are given to garden club members before purchasing.)

All memberships are due for renewal in January no matter what month you joined or last paid. If you are unable to come to the next meeting to pay in person, please send a cheque, made payable to the Bowen Island Garden Club, at P.O. Box 271, Bowen Island, B.C., V0N 1G0. Also, please fill out the volunteer and information sheet attached to this newsletter and include it with your cheque. If you want your receipt and membership card mailed to you, be sure to include a self addressed and stamped envelope with your renewal.

Holly Cleator,  
Membership Director

### 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.

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### MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES cont'd:

5. OPEN GARDEN TOURS on Bowen.
6. SUMMER & CHRISTMAS parties.
7. DISCOUNTS ON PURCHASES AT 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.



THE BOWEN ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

## MEMBERSHIP FORM AND VOLUTEER INFORMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Name (s) (1 or 2 per household): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

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 is appreciated.

Below are some of the areas requiring volunteer time. Please check off any that you might be able to assist with and return to the Bowen Island Garden Club. The mailing address is P.O. Box 271, Bowen Island, BC V0N 1G0.

### Executive positions:

President \_\_\_\_\_

Vice-president \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_

Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Social \_\_\_\_\_

Tours \_\_\_\_\_

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 chairs \_\_\_\_\_

### Hosting an Open Garden:

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Are there any garden-related topics of particular interest to you?

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# CHRISTMAS 2016

*What a Grand Party it was.....*



Thanks for  
coming out  
and joining the  
festivities!