



CUTTINGS

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE BOWEN ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

JUNE 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, June 14, 2015 (2 pm—4pm) On Island Garden Tours: at the home of Diane Buchanan 1160 Adams Road.

Wed, June 17, 2015 Off Island Garden Tours: The Gibsons Garden Club will host us. This tour is full. Susan Heth and Virginia Penny will be contacting those going ...directly ...for specifics.

July 11 & 12, 2015 Erikson's Daylily Gardens: We've been invited....Annual Open House (10am to 4pm). See the May Cuttings for details.

Sunday, July 19, 2015 1-3pm Annual Summer Garden Party. At Vaune Kolber, David Adams & Barb Adams Home. 1662 Adams Road

Sunday, August 2nd , 2015 (2-4pm) at the home of Lea Rochon. 977 Village Drive, Cates Hill

Monday, September 21, 2015 (1pm) General Meeting and Guest Speaker—at the Art Gallery in Artisan Square. Guest Speaker - John Folkerts , General Manager, of Linnaea Nurseries Ltd. will speak about native plants and what life is like running a large nursery. Mark your calendar.

ANNUAL SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

July 19th, 2015 (1-3pm)
1662 Adams Road

Thanks to new garden club members, Vaune Kobler, David Adams and Barb Adams, who have generously offered to host the garden partyplease join us.

Please note: this is a members only event.
Nadyne Hindle, Social Director

**Just a reminder :
for 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.**

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PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS

Our General Meetings are taking a summer break, but we have our visit to Gibsons, the Summer Garden Party and some Open Gardens to look forward to. As I write this a bit of misty rain is falling. I don't know about your garden, but mine could use a good two days of very gentle rain that would soak in. Our warm dry May weather meant some flowers came early and didn't last very long.

I was recently told that our Garden Club is now 35 years old. Ten years ago, before my time, there was a grand birthday party to celebrate 25 years. Unfortunately, by the time we learned about this momentous event it was really too short notice to try to organize a birthday party this summer. We decided to aim for a truly sensational 40th birthday in 2020.

Do you always take advantage of the Open Gardens we host during the summer? In May we visited Patti and Erwen Smith's magnificent garden. Not only did we have a chance to see what they have done with a rather steep garden, but several people commented on how pleasant it was to sit and chat with other Garden Club members. New friendships were forged. Many of us initially joined the Garden Club in order to meet like-minded people. It certainly has provided me with a wide circle of friends and acquaintances since I arrived on Bowen seven years ago. More Open Gardens are in the works and I look forward to visiting them. It has been suggested that we inform our members if our Open Gardens and tours will involve challenging walking conditions, and that is a good idea. We will try to implement that.

Don't miss the Summer Garden Party which offers all manner of fun, games and socializing. I especially look forward to Anna-Marie's great contests. The Garden Party is not open to the public as we offer wine in addition to other liquid refreshments.

Have you noticed the great renewal work that Kelly Smith is doing on the garden in front of the library? Those old tired bushes have been removed and replaced with bright new alternatives. Our Garden Club is supporting this project, and we invite all members to give us a few minutes of time when convenient. Perhaps you are waiting for the ferry which isn't due for 15 or 20 minutes? Maybe you could wander over to the library garden and pull a few weeds or dead-head a few needy flowers while you wait? Some of us have agreed to assist with the watering—badly needed this month. As you look around you may see something that needs attention—do pitch in! And don't forget to tell Kelly how gorgeous it looks!

EDITOR'S NOTE

Just a short note to say that I hope you all enjoy Summer! Consider this your June and Summer Issue of *Cuttings* as the next one will be sent to your inbox in September. Kindly keep this one handy for referencing the Summer Party, and the upcoming On Island Garden Tours in June, and August.

Marie Neys, *Cuttings* Editor



Marie's Pick:

My favorite flower at Susan's Yard ... from the Kitsilano Garden Tour on May 28, 2015.

"BLUE LIGHT CLIMATIS"

Susan's Mantra for creation in her garden is "LIGHT & AIR"

Thanks Virginia Penny and Susan Heth for organizing the Tour.

ON ISLAND OPEN GARDEN TOURS

Diane Buchanan– June 14, 2-4pm

1160 Adams Road, Bowen

From Diane Buchanan:

When I think of my garden I think "old Bowen". In 2001 I returned to the island after a 36 year hiatus. William and I moved to the "Buchanan lands", which we subsequently subdivided so each sibling got a lot. My brothers Michael Buchanan and David Riddell along with John Reid were able to create our lots, a community trail, a park and riparian protection. We felt that this is what our parents would have wanted.

My garden has memories, the old vegetable garden was used by my father, my sister Cathy (David), and my brother Michael (Jane). When we arrived William cleared out the alder, salmon berries and burdock that had moved in. About four years ago I added a new section and last Fall I started another fenced area at the other end of my property.



Most of the yard is not fenced, subsequently lots of deer resistant plants. There is a large field and forested areas. I have a deck area where I grow a lot of "edibles", although the deer have made it up there a couple of times.

Last summer my niece Quinn Buchanan married Jared Brown in the garden. Quinn lived here with her parents Michael and Jane, and with her sisters, Kurstin and Amanda. That was back in the time of the Island Trust. Michael and Jane put a mobile home here hoping our family subdivision would go through. They finally gave up as it was too small a place for their family. That is how William and I inherited this site.

I have made a lot of changes but retained one of my very favourite things, a mural. When Quinn turned ten Jane spearheaded "painting the house" as a birthday activity. It faded over time but 20 years later Quinn with her cousins Holly and Sasha reunited to touch up the painting. This was part of their 30 year celebration.

Winter starts off with the hellebores, lily of the valley, hyacinths, crocus and tiny iris. The magnolia and camellias bloom, bleeding hearts, marsh marigolds and Solomon seal appear. The rhododendrons come into their own along with alliums. On it goes.....the summer has the perennials in the fenced areas and deck. I have approached the deer resistant area in terms of colour and texture. It is a very small homage to Monet's masterpiece garden and an inspiration to my own painting.

As I laid out the various areas I was inspired by my childhood, and how we travelled around the yard. Lots of places to hide and imagine. Every summer we have the Buchanan treasure hunt for the "great kids". This includes the properties of my brothers Patrick (Donna), Christopher (Wolf) and Jane's wooded spot. As the children get older we may make it up the hill to the homes of Tanya and Chris and Cathy and David.

The garden isn't pristine but it is happy and serene and a ongoing learning curve. I am lucky to have Cathy (the vegetable queen) and my good friends Su Rickett and Vicky Anderson to bounce things off of. Please come, I would love to hear any advice or ideas you might bring with you.



The News on the PLANT SALE and RAFFLE

From John & Katherine Lawrence—Volunteer Co-coordinators for the 2015 May Raffle

The Raffle at this year's Plant Sale featured 27 gift packages, including a record 12 hanging baskets. We were indeed fortunate in the generosity of our 22 donors who made it all possible. Please note who they all were, and make a point of introducing yourselves as members of the Club when next shopping at one of their locations.

Donors to the 2015 B.I. Garden Club Raffle and Plant Sale

Annie Davidson-Bowen Island

Art's Garden Centre - Langley

Atlas Pots - North Vancouver

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Van Noordt Bulbs - Langley

West Coast Gardens – South Surrey

West Vancouver Florists

Your Dollar Store with More – Caulfeild Village

Special thanks should also go to the dedicated teams of volunteer members who stood in the chilly breezeway of the General Store and hyped up our ticket sales. At the end of the day a record total, just shy of \$1900, was recorded!

The success of the raffle depends on the smooth cooperation and coordination of many members: donors must be identified and solicited; the gifts have to be collected from around the lower Mainland; baskets must be gathered, tastefully filled and labeled; and at the end of the day the winners of unclaimed prizes must be called and arrangements made for the pickup of their winnings. It says much for our Club that we can accomplish all this and at the same time put together our Plant Sale which also involves the organization and cooperation of large numbers of our Club community. Congratulations to all of you.

From Sheila Webster—Volunteer Co-ordinator for the 2015 May Plant Sale:

A heartfelt thank you to the supporters of the plant sale and raffle. The quality of the plants was great with lots of veggies -which are always great sellers - along with the mythical "deer proof" plants.

We raised \$1564.05 from the plant sale and \$1866.45 from the raffle.... so well done all. We will be "chasing folks" to pot up in the fall as this gives us better and more established perennials and after Egan Davis' talk (at the last Speakers Series Event) we have no excuse!

Sharon Haggerty very kindly keeps potting soil and containers in her driveway for anybody to collect on an as need basis, but give her a call at 604-947-2244 before you collect.



MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER:

Well, the dirty deed is done, and all those memberships that were in arrears have been deleted from my master list. However, the good news is that they can still be reinstated. So, if you are one of 27 or so people who are no longer on my list, please send your renewal cheque, in the amount of \$20.00 to the Bowen Island Garden Club at P.O. Box 271, Bowen Is., VON 1G0, and I will be happy to put your name back onto the list.

On a happier note, in spite of the loss of these members, there are still 177 separate memberships (many of which are two people) on my list which is a record high for this time of year. We have had 30 new memberships taken out so far this year. Welcome to all the newbies. I know that you will enjoy being members of this club. You get to do and learn all kinds of wonderful things and meet many fellow Bowen Islanders. I hope you have a wonderful summer. See you at the Garden Party in July.

Pam Miller, Membership Director

We WELCOME all NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome back to Karen & Bob Moles, Denise & Peter Rankin, Susan Swift & Brent O'Malley, Madeleine Duff & Jeff Rosenfeld, Bev & Laurence Turner, Doreen & Jim Walker.

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.

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Katherine's Point Grey Garden was sublime! Very calming and nurturing...one could sit for hours and enjoy the yard. Behind the Statue is a modern water feature...mixing modern with classical.

Great Off Island Garden Tours!