



APRIL 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

Monday, April 20, 1pm: General Meeting at **The Gallery @ Artisan Square**. All Welcome. Guest Speaker: Paddy Wales from the Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden see page 1 for details.

Saturday, April 25, 2105 Visit to Linnaea Nurseries. Details on page 5

<http://www.linnaeanurseries.com>

Sunday, April 26, 2105 On Island Open Garden Tour. 2-4pm Judith McBride—1233 Miller Road Details on Page 4.

Tuesday, May 5, 2015: Off Island Open Garden Tour -Free Spirit Nursery tour. Details on Page 3
<http://www.freespiritnursery.ca>

Saturday, May 9, 2015 Annual Plant Sale. Sheila Webster has offered to coordinate. Details on page 4.

Sunday, May 24, 2105 On Island Open Garden Tour. Save the date. Garden location TBA.

Monday, May 25, General Meeting in the evening at Collins Hall. Time & Speaker to be announced.

Thursday, May 28, 2015 Off Island Garden Tour: **Susan Koelink** in Kitsilano will show us her garden in early June along with a second garden ...see page 3 for details

Wed, June 17, 2015 Off Island Garden Tours: **The Gibsons Garden Club** will host usdetails on page 3

Sunday, July 19, 2105 Annual Summer Garden Party. Save the date. Details to follow.

GENERAL MEETING

SPEAKER SERIES—Paddy Wales

Monday, April 20, 2015 - 1PM

A Jewel on the Sunshine Coast

On April 20, 2015 the Bowen Island Garden Club welcomes Paddy Wales who will give us a presentation on the newly created Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden. Paddy, one of the founding members and past president and vice president of the botanical garden, will talk about the challenges and successes in creating a botanical garden in the Pacific Northwest. She will highlight her discussion with amazing garden photography for which she is well known. Paddy is a widely published garden photographer, author, lecturer and teacher. She is the author of "Journeys through the Garden: Inspiration for Gardeners in BC and the Pacific Northwest" a book that features coastal gardens of Washington, Oregon and BC.

The creation of the Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden is truly a story of vision, passion and commitment. It is a community project worth hearing about. Please join us at The Gallery at Artisan Square on April 20, 2015 at 1PM. Everyone is welcome.

Linda Barratt, Speakers Director

ANNUAL SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

Save the Date—July 19th, 2015

Thanks to new garden club members, Vaune Kobler, David Adams and Barb Adams, who have generously offered to host the garden partydetails to follow!

Nadyne Hindle, Social Director

PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS

What songs go through your mind as you putter in your garden? As I write this a couple of oldies come to my mind: "Spring is busting out all over" and "Oh, what a beautiful morning." We are really blessed, living in such a beautiful spot.

As you probably know, an important part of the Garden Club's mission is Bowen Beautification. Our daffodils and mailbox barrels are part of our on-going beautification efforts, thanks to the efforts and devotion of Past-President Sheila Webster.

A more recent part of that project is our taking on responsibility for the Library garden. Kelley Smith is coordinating that work. Kelley has recommended removing a few plants that have outlived their beauty and she will be putting in some new plants. One of the executive requests was to include native plants as much as possible. The Library garden is one of the few island gardens that gets full sun (none of that in my yard!), and it also has full exposure to deer. Thus the garden needs to have plants that do well in full sun, are reasonably drought tolerant over the summer, and are deer resistant. That poses some serious limitations on what will thrive in that spot. An additional factor we must consider, given the location, is to avoid any plants that might be toxic. Children play in the Library garden!

We have had other requests for support and assistance for a variety of gardens located across the island, and the executive decided it was time to adopt a set of guidelines to assist us in evaluating such requests. After a few months of drafting, discussing, and re-drafting, we think we have a plan! See the final product in this issue of Cuttings on page 6

Another recent initiative is a brochure that outlines our activities and programs and will be distributed in a variety of places on the island. Copies will be available at the upcoming General Meeting. Thanks to executive members Linda, Susan, Virginia and John Hazell, and to Anna-Marie for their contributions to this beautiful brochure.

Happy gardening!

Sharon Haggerty, President

EDITOR'S NOTE

As a new member of the Bowen Island Garden Club -BIGC, and a new Bowenite, I often find myself a bit mystified by the familiarity of those who have lived on Bowen for a long time. Phone numbers where we only use the last 4 digits (mine is 0684) versus the full version 604-947-0684, first names as everyone knows Jane, Susan or Milley...right? It took me a long time to figure out "going to Town" meant Vancouver, going to the Snug meant the coffee shop, and going to the Cove meant going to Snug Cove.

It is a steep learning curve... one that I am happy to embrace, as that means I am slowly integrating and becoming part of the community. But I am also aware, that even the ability to use last four digits for a phone number, or peoples first names only, is changing... Wasn't it a politician or songwriter who said... "The times they are a changin'!"

Just yesterday, my Mother In Law, Chris (**MIL** for those who are learning the new language of cell phones and internet) said "how do I phone this number, as she was peering into the 2015 edition of the Bowen Phone Book. It starts with 778.... As Bowen grows, there will be those who could have a 778 or a 604 ...so how does one now know what area code if when we only use the last 4 digits?

I am using the above examples as a Segway into broaching the subject of how does the Bowen Island Garden Club (BIGC) adjust as the times are changing...

These are some exciting times for usas we consider how we communicate with each other, long time residents and newbies alike. One of the most recent areas of exploration by the BIGC Executive has been to discuss having a website for the club, as well as, interacting on social media, facebook, and such.

For now I will leave you all to ponder how beneficial all forms of communication can be in reaching members and potential new members, young and old alike. I have a date with my MIL to go to the garden shop...

Marie Neys, *Cuttings* Editor



OFF ISLAND GARDEN TOURS 2015

FREE SPIRIT NURSERY – 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 5

Please join us on Tuesday, May 5 for a tour of Free Spirit Nursery's private gardens in Langley. These gardens are not open to the public and can only be viewed by special arrangement. Co-owner Lambert Vrijmoed will be our guide for this hour long event.

The Vrijmoeds say that "At the nursery we show and share dynamic planting schemes in which not only color and flowering time play a role but more so the character, texture and flower shapes in order to create a garden that continuously changes under the influence of light, wind, precipitation and time, demanding different levels of appreciation from the viewer."

After viewing the private gardens, we will enjoy a picnic lunch on the grounds and will be free to wander the nursery and public gardens. For more information on this unique venue, please see www.freespiritnursery.ca. **Note that only cash and cheques are accepted at Free Spirit.**

The cost for this tour is \$12.00 plus your ferry fare. Please remember to bring your Experience Card. We will meet Peter's bus at the Horseshoe Bay Ferry terminal after disembarking from the 9:30 a.m. ferry. We will leave Free Spirit in time for Peter to make his first afternoon run from Vancouver and we will be dropped off in time for the 4:30 p.m. ferry. If you plan to purchase plants, please be aware that you will have to carry them on the ferry and make your way to your vehicle on Bowen.

Please bring your lunch; refreshments will be provided. The registration deadline for this tour is April 28.

VANCOUVER PRIVATE GARDENS - 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 28, 2015

Susan Koelink will be hosting us on a visit to her private garden in Kitsilano. She has selected this date for peak enjoyment of her garden. She is also arranging for us to visit a second private garden in Dunbar later the same day. We will be taking the 9:30 a.m. ferry and arranging transport with Peter King for the day. We will return in time for the 4:30 p.m. ferry.

The cost of this tour is \$12.00 plus your ferry fare. The registration deadline is May 20. We are planning a picnic lunch so please pack a sandwich. Drinks will be provided.

GIBSONS GARDEN TOUR – Wed, 8:45 a.m. June 17

The Bowen Island Garden Club will be making its biennial trip to Gibsons on June 17 to visit a number of gardens on the Sunshine Coast. Cormorant Marine is providing our transportation by water taxi. We can accommodate a maximum of 35 persons and will be leaving the dock at exactly 9:15am (SHARP) in the morning. We will return from Gibsons at 4:00 p.m. The cost of this tour will be \$35.00 as we are taking a charter boat.

The registration deadline is June 8. There is no need to bring anything to eat as the Gibsons Garden Club is hosting us for a delicious potluck lunch. We will be sharing our day on the Sunshine Coast with members of the White Rock Garden Club, so you will have a chance to meet visitors from there, as well.

Don't forget to dress for the weather, bring a hat for the sun, and your camera if you like!

To register for a tour or if you have any questions, please contact Susan Heth (sheth@shaw.ca) 604-947-0898 or Virginia Penny (vpenny@gmail.com) 604-947-2577.

Susan Heth & Virginia Penny, Tours Directors

2015 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

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MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER:

Thank you to the 110 members who took advantage of the Early Bird membership special. Your promptness in paying your dues was very much appreciated. Unfortunately the end of February has passed, and those members still in arrears will now have to pay the regular fee of \$20.00. As many of you are away on extended vacations, I will accept renewals until the end of April. After that date, I am required to remove the names of those still in arrears from the master list. If you are not planning to renew, please let me know at p&jmiller@telus.net.

Pam Miller, Membership Director

We WELCOME all NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome back to: Kim and John Rich
New Members: David & Shirley Wrinch, Katherine Mooney, Cherie Westmoreland, Sheena & Nikki Engelhart, Marian Bantjes, Renate Williams, Gail & Colin Eyssen, Suzi Webster, & Jill Cowie

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.

ON ISLAND OPEN GARDEN TOURS

Sunday, April 26, 2015 2-4pm

Judith McBride—1233 Miller Road

The garden, as with the house, has grown by whim and design since 1978. It started with the removal of a derelict bathtub that had been left by the previous owner and took a significant step forward in the 90's when Andre Chollat designed the overall structure. It's more recent and ongoing adjustments, nurturing and tweaking have been skillfully and lovingly provided by Kelly Smith.

There are three areas - a rock garden, plantings on a south facing deck and a part shade garden. The three areas are distinct but unified, all variously protected from the deer. The rock garden is self explanatory, tucked in along the edge of a rock promontory on which the deck and part of the house are located. The sunny deck is becoming a vegetable and herb garden. The shade garden is slightly terraced but relatively flat for Bowen. It is characterized by pathways that wind through out - leading around corners and into different 'rooms'. A whim feature was the deck and french doors that open up the back of the house to this garden, providing an intimate, shady place to sit and enjoy the various seasons. it also continues the theme of indoor outdoor that characterizes the whole property.....Judith McBride

NOTE: Once a month, between March to October, members or sometimes non members open up their gardens for two hours on a Sunday for others to enjoy. The Open Gardens is very popular and one of the many reasons to belong to our wonderful garden club!!!!

This is a wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas, be inspired, make new friends, learn something new, share your knowledge and expertise with fellow gardeners. We have an excellent line up of gardens for the year, however, right now we are looking for a garden to be shown in August, so if yours is a summer blooming garden and you would be interested in opening up and sharing your garden and sharing we would be delighted to hear from you! Remember, this is not the PPP, no pressure whatsoever! Weeds are okay, we are not looking for perfect gardens, it is more an occasion for getting together as gardeners & enjoying the fruits of one's labour! Feel free to call Diana at 604-947-0320

Thank You.....Diana Kaile & Betty Morton
Open Gardens Directors

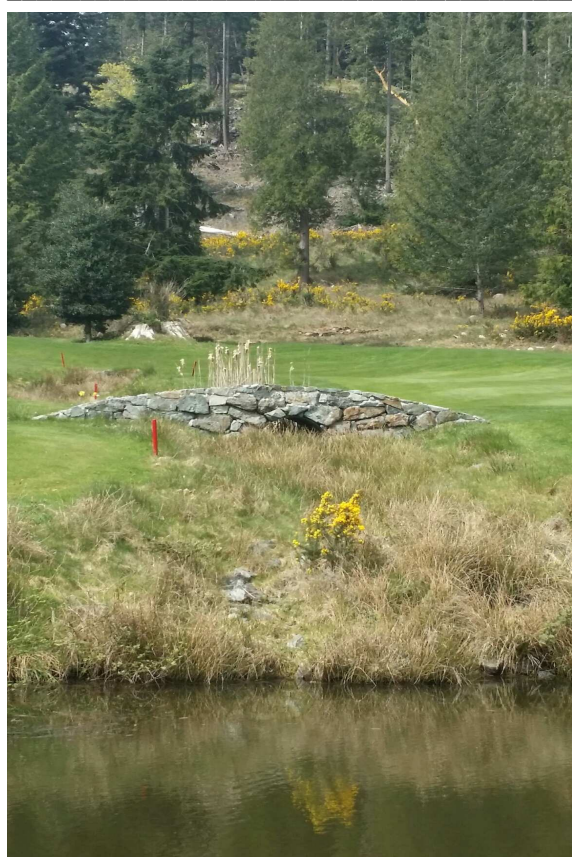
ANNUAL PLANT SALE– FUNDRAISER

Saturday, May 9, 11 to 12noon

24 More sleeps until our only annual fund raiser! trust that by now many of you have your offerings for the plant sale potted up and ready to go. If not, there is soil and pots at 486 Melmore, the home of our President.

If you are going to be away or otherwise unable to get your plants to the sale please let me know and I will make arrangements with you for them to be collected. Somebody will be at the school to take in plants from 8.00a.m. on Saturday, May 9th and the earlier you can bring them to us the better.

Know that your contribution and support are much appreciated. Any questions please contact Sheila Webster at 0114!



Can anyone guess the location?

Catch me-(Marie Neys) after the Monday April 20th General Meeting to win a prize or email me at marie@marieneys.com and I will reply with my favorite Gardening Poem...

VISIT TO LINNAEA NURSERY

Hi everyone, Just some info on the coming tour to the Linnaea nurseries in Langley on Saturday, April 25, 2015. We'll take the 9.30 am ferry and expect to arrive at the nursery around 11.

If you like, we could all meet upstairs on the Ferry especially the people who need to link up with their drivers. You may want to take along your lunch if you plan to venture out to other nurseries in the neighbourhood. I can recommend Free Spirit Nursery, or Cedar Rim Nursery (find directions on the internet)

Payment with CASH or CHEQUE only.

Linnaea nurseries, as many of you know by now, specializes mainly in indigenous trees, plants, ferns and shrubs and grasses, but also carry a great variety of other flora. Last time we were there we had a great time finding all kinds of very special items.

The following people offered to take 1 or 2 passengers. For people not driving, please make sure you arrange your ride before you go.

Sheena Engelbert offered a ride for 2 (947-9835)

Shirley/David Wrinch - 1 passenger (947-9639)

In case you cancel or add people to the group, please let me know so I can let John know the final number of people.

Please let me know if you have room for other people's plants (truck?)

DIRECTIONS:

Follow Highway One, Take 232 Exit and travel 232 St. South. Drive approx. 6 km Turn RIGHT on 40th then LEFT on 224th

Address: 3666 - 224th Street, Langley B.C.

PRICING:

4"pot - \$3.00/ 1 gal - \$6.00/2 gal - \$12.00

3 gal - \$20.00/ 5 gal - \$25.00

Note: Linnaea also has many plants in larger pots and many specialty plants as well. These will be priced individually at the time.

Thanks all and see you Saturday rain or shine!! Have a safe trip and see you at the Ferry and/or the Nursery..

Betty Dhont (947-9237 or blushrambler@shaw.ca)

BOWEN ISLAND GARDEN CLUB BEAUTIFICATION GUIDELINES

Seeking Funding for a Beautification Project?

In keeping with the Club's stated goal of beautification, the Garden Club will support small, short-term beautification projects. It will be necessary to choose projects that satisfy the following guidelines:

1. The project should occur on publicly owned (municipal, provincial or federal) property.
2. The project should be in a central location.
3. A budget should be developed that includes both initial costs and on-going maintenance.

Our resources include:

limited financial support from funds derived from our Annual Plant Sale and Raffle;
gardening expertise embracing garden design and knowledge of plants; and
short-term physical labour (e.g., a half day), donated by our members.

Please consider your responses to the following questions and submit your request in writing to the Bowen Island Garden Club, Box 271, Bowen Island; or electronically to smhaggerty@shaw.ca.

1. What is the location of your intended project?
2. Has the public owner been approached for approval and through what channel?
3. What funding has been sought from other sources?
4. Do you need help with garden design and/or choice of plants and shrubs?
5. Do you need short-term labour to assist with the preparation of garden beds for planting, or more simply with weeding and general clean-up?
6. Are you requesting financial assistance with the purchase of plants and shrubs? If so, please include an inventory of what you want and cost it out.
7. If the Club provides start-up resources in any of the categories noted above, who will be responsible for long-term garden maintenance?
8. How will the Garden Club be involved in supervision of the project?



Free Spirit Nursery -We are a small nursery that is proud to operate as a 'traditional' nursery. We not only grow but also propagate 90+% of the plants we sell on our property. We do not use mass production technologies. Garden Tour May 5th.