

## MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER



**OCTOBER 2010**

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### **REMEMBER YOUR MUG FOR TEA OR COFFEE**

**The OCTOBER meeting of the Mill Bay Garden Club** will take place on **Tuesday October 26th** (the fourth Tuesday of the month) at the Mill Bay Community Hall. This meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

The doors will open at 6:20 pm for those with a current up to date paid membership to attend the extraordinary meeting from 6:30pm until 7pm when the regular meeting will begin.

The theme for the floral arrangement will be "**Dazzling Dahlia's**"

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

**A reminder to everyone that membership renewals for the 2010/2011 season are due on or before October 31, 2010.**

**You can renew your membership at the September meeting or AFTER the Extraordinary meeting at the October meeting or by mailing your membership fee to our Treasurer, Gale McIntyre, 11A – 1120 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road, Mill Bay, BC V0R 2P2**

**Fees are currently \$5.00 per regular member, or \$8.00 per couple or donations for any amount gratefully received.**

**Only those who have renewed their membership prior to October 26, 2010 may vote at the Extraordinary Meeting.**

**2010/2011 MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB CALENDAR**

***Ajay Oppelaar, Vice-president.***

Tuesday Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2010	Patty Brown	Glendale Gardens	Adding winter interest to the garden.
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**Speaker for Tuesday October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Patty Brown from Glendale Gardens presents “Adding winter interest to the garden”.

***President’s Report – Brenda Dumont***  
**[me@brendadumont.com](mailto:me@brendadumont.com)**

President’s Message for October 2010 newsletter

**With a much milder fall than expected so far, many of us have been able to continue to enjoy our gardens longer. By now, however, we are all likely up to our necks in mulching, cutting back, trimming, raking and typing up. (Hmmm, sounds a little like torture techniques....)**

Please read carefully the section in this newsletter regarding our Extraordinary Meeting that will be held prior to the regular October meeting. Those of you who did not renew your membership at the September meeting or mailed your renewal to our Treasurer for receipt by October 26<sup>th</sup> will not be admitted to the hall until 7:00 p.m.

**For the past five newsletters we have included the proposed by-law changes and constitution additions and we have included it in this newsletter as well. Each time we have asked that anyone with questions, concerns, or comments should contact me or any of the committee heads or executive that are listed in every newsletter. There will not be time for any additional discussion on the evening of the Extraordinary meeting so if you’d like to contact any one of us, please do so prior to the meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**Following the Extraordinary Meeting it will be business as usual for the October meeting and we look forward to welcoming Patti Brown from Glendale Gardens to discuss ‘Adding Winter Interest to your Garden’. The meeting may run a little longer than our usual 9:00 p.m. conclusion.**

**Elsewhere in this newsletter you’ll read details and plans for our Annual Holiday Christmas Celebration Potluck to be held on December 7<sup>th</sup>. It’s always a grand and fun time.**

**We are still missing a Chairman for the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Flower and Garden Show. I wore both hats last year and am simply not able to do the same this year. Please consider this wonderful opportunity. Many capable people are happy to help make the 2011 edition an equal success to 2010.**

**As always, thanks to the marvelous efforts of many people that donate time and much effort to making this vibrant Garden Club grow and prosper! Don’t hesitate to call or email me if there is anything I can answer or suggestions you have.**

**Ajay Oppelaar, Vice-president.**  
[dangerboy2490@hotmail.com](mailto:dangerboy2490@hotmail.com)

Most people love this time of year, the cool crispness of the air, the chance to break out the cozy sweaters. I'm not one of them. I hold out in shorts and sandals until first snowfall in a desperate attempt to deny that indeed fall has come once again. What saves the whole season for me are the fall colours.

When planning our landscapes, we should be looking to include trees and shrubs that give a full 4-season effect. Upon writing this, we've had 2 nights of frost at our house and my acer palmatum "Osakazuki" have begun to change to their characteristic and amazing hot magenta pink. The colour astounds me every year, and once the leaves fall the bare form is beautiful on its own.

Also stunning for their winter nakedness and fall show are acer griseum (paperbark maple) and acer palmatum "Sango-Kaku" (coral bark maple) but really all Japanese maples are handsome year round.

Other selections we've found that are terrific for fall and winter are larix kaempferi (Japanese larch) with its golden iridescence for several weeks before the needles fall. Over winter, its tortoise shell bark and weeping pendulous and contorted branches are beautiful and stark.

Callicarpa bodinieri is one of my favourites with maroon fall leaves and thick clusters of pearly purple berries, which persist through most of winter if the birds don't get them.

Nine bark (physocarpus opulifolius) "Diablo" is amazing in that its dark maroon-brown leaves actually get lighter in colour and can go yellow, orange and red in autumn. The mature branches show the peeling bark all winter and if pruned correctly provide a fiercely vertical shape.

Another great small tree is cornus "Eddies White Wonder". Its autumn colour can be a shocking lipstick pink and the bare winter form shows hundreds of flower buds that develop in fall, little mini dogwood blossoms. Come spring we also love watching those buds slowly develop until the tree leafs out and is suddenly covered in giant show white blooms. To further this effect I prune out most growing tips that do not hold a flower bud.

Due to natural variations, not all plants of the same variety turn the same hue in fall. If you are looking to add plants to your landscape for autumn colour, now is the optimal time to shop for them. You will be able to see their true and spectacular tones.

**Treasurer – Gale McIntyre**  
[zonagale@shaw.ca](mailto:zonagale@shaw.ca)

## **Mill Bay Garden Club Financial Report as of October 18th 2010**

**Balance forward from Sept. 14th 2010** **\$1499.69**

**Income:**

Memberships & Name tags	\$486	
Plant sales	115	
Kitchen	42.97	
Raffle	48	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$691.97</b>	<b>\$2191.66</b>

**Expenses:**

cash box	32.84	
Sept speaker	270	
name tags	14.56	
kitchen sign	7.45	
Sept s/c	11.25	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$336.10</b>	


**Balance: as of October 18th** **\$1855.56**

**Treasurer Gale McIntyre**

**Secretary's Corner - Elizabeth Coulter**  
[elizabethcoulter@shaw.ca](mailto:elizabethcoulter@shaw.ca)  
**Tuesday, September 28, 2010**  
**Minutes**

President Brenda opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and welcomed visitors and new members.

**President's Report – Brenda Dumont**

 Volunteers are required for:

Volunteers are required to make up a small committee to look after our Centennial Garden outside the hall

We also need a Chairman for the 2001 Flower and Garden Show.

Overview of changes/additions to By-Laws/Constitution

We need a quorum and a quorum is 50% of the paid-up membership. We are accepting new and renewing memberships tonight and anyone renewing at this meeting or mailing in their membership fee to our Treasurer, Gale McIntyre before the October meeting will be considered a paid-up member. Only paid-up members can vote at the Extraordinary Meeting which will take place at 6:30 p.m. directly before the October Mill Bay Garden Club meeting on Tuesday, October 26, 2010.

Website – do we have anyone within the club with expertise to create and/or maintain a website?

The question was asked, “Why do we need to increase our membership fees?”

Answer: We need to increase our fees because we need a website, we need to purchase a projector for the club (rather than borrowing a projector every month), we have to pay more for the hall rental for the Christmas party, and we need a cushion. If our membership keeps growing we will need another venue and that will be much more costly.

Any further discussion will be tabled until next meeting.

Reminder – please bring along a cup for our coffee/tea break. We will not be providing paper cups after the October meeting.

**Vice-President's Report – Ajay Oppelaar**

Tonight we welcome Diana Gains from Van Noort Bulbs; she is our presenter tonight and has bulbs for sale.

Powerpoint projector – does any member know of a powerpoint projector available for sale?

**Treasurer's Report – Gale McIntyre**

A cash box has been purchased;

Bill Herring moved

Mary Gale seconded

That the financial report be approved as circulated in the September newsletter. Carried.

**Library – Janice Rose**

Members are encouraged to browse through our wide selection of books and borrow any that you find interesting.

**Membership – Heather Gibbins**

5 new members this evening. Welcome.

**Historian – Mary Gale**

Pictures of the AGM and the June Flower Show are on display tonight.

**Dustin's Overview of the Mushroom caper**

A great time was had by all. Thank you Dustin!

**Brag Table – Ali Morris –**

Tonight is Ali's last time as convenor of the Brag Table. We would like volunteers to take this important task. In the meantime various committee members will fill in the role for 2010/2011. Asters do so well this time of the year, might be deer proof.

Monkshood (aconitum) is in bloom

Virginia Creeper is beautiful this time of year.

Schizostylus coccinea – is attractive in arrangements

Himmilayan Honeysuckle (Leycesteria Formosa) blooms June-September

Piniculata Hydrangea – large bloom, needs sun for more colour.

Lacecaps cannot take afternoon sun but like morning sun.

**Coffee, Tea****Raffle****Brag Table name draw.****Question and Answer Period with Bill Herring**

There are now brassica seeds available which are club-root resistant ("Clapton" variety cauliflower) "Kalanski" cabbage seed available through Bill – not cheap but worth it.

What shall we do about our tomatoes? There is a danger of late blight in this muggy damp weather. Use a 10-1 bleach solution to wipe them off.

Store in a dark place with a ripe banana or a red apple.

Brussels sprouts can still grow larger at this time of the year.

If you over-feed squash you won't get fruit but leaves and stems. Don't be too kind or too generous with water.

Female flowers are on the fruit; the male flower has one stem and a larger flower.

**Guest Speaker – Diana Gains from Van Noort Bulbs**

Meeting was adjourned at around 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Coulter, Secretary

**Mill Bay Garden Club**  
**Kitchen Report - Arlene Dench**  
[jaden2@shaw.ca](mailto:jaden2@shaw.ca)

**Team 16** will be responsible for setting up the hall, kitchen duties and clean up for the **OCTOBER** meeting. The members of this team are: **RON AND NANCY BRONSTEIN , MHAIRI BRUCE, ROBERTA CALVERLEY, ROBERTA CAMPBELL, AL MIKALISHEN, LAURIE AND JANICE MOSELEY**

**Team 17** will be responsible for setting up the hall, kitchen duties and clean up for the Holiday Potluck. The members of this team are: **PAULINE DUECK, DOT GARBET, CHRIS AND DEE HARVEY, TINA AND DAVID KNOTT, WILLIE MCDERMOT, GALE MCINTYRE, HENNIE ROKE AND AUDREY SQUIRE**

Just a reminder that the suggested donation to the club for coffee, tea and goodies is \$1.00

**"REMINDER" As of the October 2010 meeting we will no longer be supplying cups!**

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**NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING TO BE HELD AT 6:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY:** There will not be time **on the day of the Extraordinary Meeting** to provide additional information or answer questions regarding these proposed By-law and Constitution amendments or additions. Any questions, concerns, or comments that have not been addressed over the preceding five months should be directed to President Brenda Dumont at [me@brendadumont.com](mailto:me@brendadumont.com) or to any of the Executive or Committee Heads listed in this newsletter **prior** to October 26<sup>th</sup>.

By-Law and Constitution Proposals for Vote at Extraordinary Meeting to be held prior to the regular general meeting **at 6:30 p.m.** on Tuesday, October, 26, 2010.

*There will be votes held on three separate by-law/constitution issues which have been outlined in the May, June, September and October newsletters. All paid-up members attending will need to 'register' with our Treasurer as they arrive as we'll want to confirm a 'quorum' for these votes. **Paid-up members are defined as those members who either renewed their membership in the Mill Bay Garden Club or joined as new at the September 2010 meeting or who sent their new or renewing membership dues to Treasurer Gale McIntyre on or before October 26<sup>th</sup>.***

**50% OF THE 'PAID UP' MEMBERS AS DEFINED ABOVE MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE TO CREATE THE NECESSARY QUORUM TO VOTE ON THESE ISSUES. IF YOU JOINED/RENEWED AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OR MAILED YOUR RENEWAL OR NEW FEES TO GAIL MCINTYRE, TREASURER FOR RECEIPT BY OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. PAID-UP MEMBERS WHO CAN NOT STAY FOR THE REGULAR OCTOBER**

**MEETING ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING AT 6:30 P.M., VOTE, AND THEN LEAVE.**

*Please note that these are PROPOSED. Each will require a 2/3 majority result to be passed. The vote will be undertaken by secret ballot. All paid up members must be in their chairs by **6:30 p.m.** on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at the Mill Bay Community Hall. **Anyone who did not renew or join the Mill Bay Garden Club at the September 2010 meeting or who did not mail their renewal or new member fees to Treasurer, Gale McIntyre to her address at 11A – 1120 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road, Mill Bay, BC V0R 2P2 for receipt on or before October 26<sup>th</sup>, will not be admitted to the Hall until the voting is completed – approximately 7:00 p.m.** Note: current membership fees are \$5.00 per person or \$8.00 per couple.*

**The three *proposed* By-Law and Constitution and By-Law Changes and/or Additions are:**

#### **PROPOSED NEW BY-LAW AND CONSTITUTION CHANGES**

**Your Executive/Committee Group has drafted and approved the following *new* By-law and *new* membership rate per our Constitution to be voted on by the membership at an Extraordinary Meeting called for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, 2010. It is required we publish these new proposed by-laws in our newsletter two months in advance so you've seen this notice in May, June, September and October 2010's newsletters.**

**Proposed New By-Law number 7.** Current By-law 7 becomes number 8.

Consideration for all charitable donation proposals each year will be decided by a majority vote of the Executive/Committee Head Group at the May Executive/Committee meeting. Proposals for donations will be sent, in writing, to the Secretary prior to the May Executive/Committee meeting which is held on the second Tuesday of every month. Those donations approved by the Executive/Committee Head Group will be voted on for final approval by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. Criteria for consideration for any charitable donation will include the Club's ability to pay and the nature of the organization requesting donations with preference given to gardening-related requests.

**Proposed new membership rate as per Article 5 of the Constitution regarding contents of Annual General Meetings:**



Annual membership rate to rise to \$10 per person per year, effective January 1, 2011.

### **Proposed amendment to number 5 of the By-Laws**

Current: A 'Quorum' shall consist of 50% of paid-up members

Proposed: A 'Quorum' shall consist of 50% of paid up members *or a minimum of 50 members.*

## VOLUNTEERING

**As often mentioned, the Mill Bay Garden Club has grown dramatically over the last three years. It seems likely there will be more than 200 of us by the end of our season in June 2011.**

**As with all non-profit organizations, our Club relies heavily on its volunteers to execute our many programs and indeed run the Club. No one is paid in money for any of their contributions to our Club.**

**Fully appreciating that many members are fully engaged in raising children, full-time work, numerous other volunteer organizations, and just living and enjoying life – we seem to be chronically short of willing people to volunteer at the Club.**

**We are not speaking strictly of the more time-consuming positions like on heading a Committee or serving on the Executive or running our Annual Flower and Garden Show. There are elements of our concern here, but that's a discussion for another day.**

**We are referring to fulfilling your volunteer duties one in every 14 meetings. A few years ago – because the same people were setting up tables and chairs, manning the kitchen and taking down the tables and chairs every meeting – we decided to break all members into teams of 7-9 and assign a team per meeting to look after set up, take down, and clean up. The teams were simply created by counting down our membership list. There are so many of us that at 9 persons per list, each member would have to undertake this duty only once every 14 meetings or so.**

**Yet, when calling to remind group members of their duties at the upcoming meeting our coordinators are met with all sorts of excuses why this tiny volunteer commitment can not be met. Most don't want the job of putting up tables or setting up chairs. Of course, anyone physically unable to undertake this duty is immediately excused and re-assigned to providing goodies or another non-physical task. But able bodied individuals refuse and offer to cook instead. Or others claim that they don't cook. Other members are contacted, juggling takes place and eventually, at the meeting, your committee and executive set up and take down the tables and chairs with assistance from the few volunteers who took on their assignments with enthusiasm. Why?**

**We ask the question honestly and without criticism. Why are we having trouble getting members to assist in set up and take down, clean-up and goodie making for one turn every 14 meetings? Why do other organizations like the Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society undertake the same**

tasks we have to each meeting with enthusiasm and cooperation? We are wide open to suggestions on another way to tackle this. Does anyone have any good ideas on how to ensure our meetings are pleasant, enjoyable, educational, safe, and fun for everyone?

## **HOLIDAY CELEBRATION/CHRISTMAS PARTY POTLUCK**

**This year our celebration will be held on Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** at the Mill Bay Community Hall. Every year the doors will open at 5:30 pm, and we will get started at 6:00 p.m.

The team that's designated for our November/December meeting will be on hand to set up the tables, chairs etc. in a dining room style, but help from the entire club in setting up and taking down would be much appreciated during this festive season. Many hands make light work. The Mill Bay Community league decorates the hall and the atmosphere is fun and festive.

We bust out our Club-owned tableclothes for the event (just imagine!) and everyone brings plates, cups, glasses, napkins and cutlery as appropriate. Bring whatever suits you. Some people bring their finest china and others have an equal celebration with paper plates! Whatever you bring, please be prepared to take them home for cleaning. We don't have the facilities or the staff to wash any dishes at this event.

Every year the potluck is magnificent. This year the Club will provide two turkeys and a ham (many thanks to Janice Rose, Heather Gibbins and Arlene Dench) so we'll need accompaniments and desserts – your choice. Every year things have evened out nicely although heaven only knows how it works. Some bring potatoes, some bring dressing, vegetables, savouries, etc. – it really turns out to be quite a feast!

We put holiday tunes on the boombox and we've been known to do a little Christmas Caroling.

Each year we have a competition for the best centerpiece. Last year's entries were magnificent. The theme for the centerpiece will be "**Jingle Bells**" Each festive Holiday table centerpieces must have at least one bell.

If you wish to have wine or any adult beverage with your dinner please include what you'd like within your supplies. Please, however, **remember BC's new, stricter liquor laws** and ensure a designated driver is delegated within your group or a taxi or a pick-up is arranged. We want this celebration to be a fun and safe event. Every year Barb Kohlman prepares an excellent non-alcoholic punch and we thank Barb in advance for this very valuable (and tasty!) contribution.

Finally, tis the season to remember those less fortunate than ourselves. We would ask that **you bring a non-perishable Food Donation** to add to the food bank boxes that we will have at the door. Every year we are pleased to bring several boxes to the Mill Bay Food Bank and they are always overjoyed and extremely grateful.

**Did you know that....**

## VANCOUVER ISLAND HEATHER SOCIETY

The following 3 ¼ inch bud blooming heathers are available at the very ideal cost of \$3 each including tax.

Some varieties are only available in limited numbers. This is a tremendous deal. Should you wish to purchase any of the plants listed below please contact Elaine Scott at 250-743-0965 or [TheScottRogers@aol.com](mailto:TheScottRogers@aol.com)

Genus	Species	Variety	Bud colour	Foliage colour	Hgt (ins)	Wth (ins)	Flowers start	Mnth of buds
Calluna	vulgaris	Alexandra	Crimson	Dark green	12	16	Aug	4
Calluna	vulgaris	Alicia	White	Bright green	12	16	Aug	4
Calluna	vulgaris	Amanda	Crimson	Mid green	12	16	Aug	3
Calluna	vulgaris	Amethyst	Crimson	Dark Green	12	16	Aug	5
Calluna	vulgaris	Athene	Red	Mid green	16	16	Sept	3
Calluna	vulgaris	Larissa	Red	Dark Green	12	18	Aug	3
Calluna	vulgaris	Rosita	Pink	Mid green	12	16	Aug	5
Calluna	vulgaris	Sandy	White	Yellow	14	16	Aug	3
Calluna	vulgaris	Theresa	Pink	Yellow	16	16	Sept	4

There are also two tri-coloured heathers available at the cost of \$4.50 including tax. These are three bud bloomers in the same pot.

### WHAT ARE THESE HEATHER PLANTS CALLED BUD BLOOMERS?

Bud bloomers are heathers whose buds develop colour but do not fully open. Therefore, bud bloomers stay fresh and bright for months, prolonging the heather colour season through late fall and into early winter. Bud bloomers were actually discovered because they still had colour in late fall when all the normal summer heather blooming flowers around them had turned brown.

Appalled by the waster of plants generated by the widespread German practice of using frost-susceptible South African heathers in November to decorate graves for All Saints' Day, Kurt Kramer (of *Erica x darleyensis* 'Kramer's Red' fame) applied his considerable skills to the bud bloomers. His goal was to offer an alternative hardy plant that could survive outdoors in northern Europe. Bud bloomers appear to be particularly suited to withstand harsh weather.

Today, as many other plant breeders have also worked with bud bloomers to produce notable hybrids, we have a wide selection available to us. The biggest advantage of bud bloomers remains their very long season of blooms. Most develop good colour by late August and retain it for months. Their ability to withstand early frosts, wind and rain without fading, makes them extremely valuable for late garden colour in cold climates. They very nicely fill that time in the garden between the summer blooms and the colour

of the winter blooming heathers. Some are neat and compact, some upright, some sprawling, just like ordinary heathers. Bud bloomers are now available in a wide range of flower and foliage colors.

**The View Royal Garden Club** will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 27 at 7:30 pm. Please note the new venue at Shoreline Community School, 2750 Shoreline Drive., Victoria. The speaker for the meeting will be Harry Burton from Saltspring Island's Apple Luscious Organic Orchards. The presentation will include a slideshow and information on organic food growing & production as well as an opportunity to taste many different apple varieties. A sales table will be available which includes garden items and plants. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For information, call 250-220-5212.



**THE VICTORIA MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION  
Presents**

**“MIXING IT UP IN THE URBAN GARDEN”**

**A Day of Planning; Learning and Having Fun**

**Mary Winspear Centre**

**Saturday, January 29, 2011**

**8:30 AM to 4:00 PM**

**This all day session features:**

**experts to speak on veggies; berries; fruit trees; chickens; bees and much more.....**

**Tickets purchased before November 1: \$45.00**

**The price includes: speakers; vendors; silent auction; lunch and nutrition breaks**

**November 1 onwards: \$55.00**

**And in addition, Sunday, January 30 we are sponsoring  
Self-guided field trips priced at \$20.00 per person**

**More information at: [mixingitup2011@gmail.com](mailto:mixingitup2011@gmail.com)**

**There will be a table set up at the October meeting for anyone interested in buying tickets to “MIXING IT UP IN THE URBAN GARDEN”**

**Please call to register for:  
Plantaholics Anonymous**

**Saturday October 23rd 1 pm to 4 pm**

**This PowerPoint presentation from Jeff deJong will inspire, delight and infuriate, (when you can't track these treasures down). He'll introduce you to the plants that the plant collectors covet, reintroduce you to underused gems and give you ideas as to how to use them in combination to create a stunningly unique garden.**

**HCP Members \$25.00**

**Non-HCP Members \$35.00**

**Mason Bee Workshop**

**Saturday October 30th 1pm-4 pm**

**Attracting mason bees to your garden is very important but so is learning how to keep the bees healthy. Entomologist Gord Hutchings will cover the basics of mason bee husbandry, including cocoon extraction, condo cleaning & cleaning techniques that will rid the cocoons of mites. Students can bring in their bee houses & learn with hands-on techniques.**

**HCP Members \$25.00**

**Non-HCP Members \$35.00**

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**Victoria Flower Arrangers Guild  
Presents  
Christmas “Floral Fantasy”  
November 5<sup>th</sup>, Friday Noon – 8 PM &  
November 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM**

**Featuring**

**Fabulous Floral Displays  
Free Demonstrations – Friday 1pm, 3pm & 6pm  
- Saturday 11am, 1pm & 3pm  
Floral Design Supplies and Materials for Sale  
Tea/Coffee Room  
Admission \$6.00  
Relax and enjoy refreshments in our Tea Room  
Plate of “Goodies” \$5.00  
Cadboro Bay United Church Hall,  
2625 Arbutus Road,  
Victoria, BC**

**Re: Tom Fischer speaker at the 2010 Elizabeth England Memorial  
Lecture  
sponsored by the Victoria Hardy Plant Group.**

## Elizabeth England Lecture



**Tom Fischer**

Editor-in-Chief, Timber Press

### *"Mediterranean Garden Style in the Pacific Northwest"*

Friday, November 12th  
7:00 pm  
Salvation Army Citadel  
4030 Douglas Street  
(north off MacKenzie Avenue)

\$15  
Tickets available at all Dig This stores, Hardy  
Plant Group and  
garden club meetings

photo Marv Bondarowicz

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Should you have any suggestions regarding items to be covered in the newsletter or contributions for the newsletter, please contact me at [lriddle@shaw.ca](mailto:lriddle@shaw.ca) The cut-off date for submissions to the NOVEMBER/DECEMBER newsletter is **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2010**. Loraine Little, Editor