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Mill Bay Garden Club  
1001 Shawnigan Lake/  
Mill Bay Rd  
Mill Bay Community Centre  
At Kerry Park Rec Centre

# Mill Bay Garden Club Newsletter

**Proposed Financial  
Budget for  
Mill Bay Garden Club  
July 1 2011 -  
June 30 2012**

Web site	\$120
Raffle	\$400
Hostess gifts	\$150
AGM	\$250
Misc	<u>\$176</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,950</b>

**Projected Expenses:**

Rent	\$ 484
Library	\$300
Speakers	\$1,000
Office supplies	\$300
Kitchen	\$300
Christmas party	\$120
Insurance	\$200
Bank	\$150

**Projected Revenue:**

Membership	\$1,700
Garden Show	\$800
Plant sales	\$400
Kitchen	\$250
Raffle	<u>\$800</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,950</b>

**IN MEMORY OF ROBERTA CAMPBELL**

On Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup>, the MBGC lost a long time friend and member, Roberta Campbell. Roberta had a tremendous passion for plants and took great pride in her own garden and the environment she had created for herself.

Roberta had served as Club Librarian in the past and was always one of the first people to volunteer her time to the club when the call went out for help. She enjoyed attending club meetings and always brought something from her garden to share with others at the Brag Table.

Roberta was a soft spoken and gentle woman who will be missed by many and may our hearts go out to her family and dear friends.

# President's Report

*Ajay Oppelaar, MBGC President*

Welcome back to a new season of Mill Bay Garden Club meetings and events. Over our summer (or what constituted summer this year) hiatus we had a great Garden Tour series. Between our club and the Cowichan Valley Garden Club, 10 gardens were open for viewing. Many thanks to the participants, including Barb Kohlman, Dot Garbet, Elaine Scott, Heather Gibbins, and John Cassels.

As we begin this new season, the Executive Board and Committee have already been hard at work on club business including (for the first time) a budget that we will submit to the members at the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting for discussion and approval.

In addition, the Executive is looking for a way to increase participation in the rotating kitchen and hall set-up/clean up schedule. Put on your thinking toques and bring in your ideas so we can find an agreeable solution. Participation in the current formatted program is as low as 40% some months. That means that of the 10 people scheduled to help out at any given meeting, only 4 could or did make it in that night. We need your help to make this program work efficiently for all members so we may continue to enjoy our social coffee breaks.

I hate to say it because summer has barely been put to rest, but we are already beginning to plan our annual Holiday Potluck Buffet. This year we're looking for a couple of volunteers who would like to take on the job of planning some entertainment for the event. I will create another hotly contested word jumble game, so part of the evening is already taken care of. Santa will be there again for plenty of lap sitting and wish wishing and we will herald in the return of the gift exchange.

We will have a few changes in the general meetings this season. First, there will be a member's forum during each meeting. This will allow all members a chance to discuss garden projects or programs they are involved in. This will also give members the opportunity to ask for advice, volunteers for assistance or anything else, excluding donations of plants. The forum will be allocated in 2-minute segments per person, with 2 or 3 members maximum per meeting. To ask for time, you may sign up with me at least one week prior to meetings.

Second, we would also like to increase the time allowed for the evening's speakers, seeing as that's what most members come to the meetings for. To achieve this, club business will be kept to a minimum at general meetings and the newsletter will be used to discuss more business.

Our meeting format will be as follows:

- Acceptance of the last meetings minutes.
- General business
- Executive Officers reports
- Committee reports
- Members forum
- Brag Table
- Q&A
- Coffee break
- Raffle
- Speakers presentation and Q&A

We are very pleased that Bill Herring as agreed to continue to run the Q&A sessions and that Barb Kohlman will carry on with the Brag table. The fact that these two past Presidents keep sharing their leadership and knowledge year after year speaks volumes about their commitment to the club.

Many thanks to you both, Barb and Bill.

Please remember that your membership renewal of \$10 is due by October 25<sup>th</sup>. At the September meeting, Membership Chair Heather Gibbins, Historian Mary Gale and Treasurer Gale McIntyre will work to get you all signed up for this year and issue new membership cards. Remember to come early because there may be a crowd! Oh, and please wear your nametag. If you don't have one, you can order one when you register. Hope to see you all there.

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR MUG FOR COFFEE OR TEA**  
Goodies, coffee and tea are provided by *Your Donations*

# Upcoming Speaker Schedule

## Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

Patty Brown from Glendale Gardens on Ornamental grasses. There will be a good selection of grasses available for purchase from Patty as well.



## Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

Gordon Mckay from Alba Plants on "Gems for the rock garden".

## Welcome to New Members

MBGC would like to wish a warm welcome to our newest Members to the club this month. Pamela Clarke; Pamela comes to the club from Ottawa, Ontario and Anna Maria Kinskofer, who gardens in Arbutus Ridge.

# CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE!

Please Remember that during the Months of September and October 2011, that your membership renewal fees are due to be paid for the new club year which runs from Sept 2011 to June 2012.

The annual membership fees are \$10.00 per person.

If you have been a visitor to the club, and now wish to sign up you can find the Membership forms are available at the meetings or online on the club website at:

[http://www.millbaygardenclub.com/about\\_us](http://www.millbaygardenclub.com/about_us)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date: September 24 & 25, 11  
Time: 11am – 3pm  
Location: Glendale/HCP Gardens  
**Fall Plant Sale**

Date: September 25, 2011  
Time: 1pm – 4:30pm  
Location: HCP Gardens  
**How to Create a Winter Garden**

Date: September 27, 2011  
Time: 7pm  
Location: MBGC Meeting Centre  
**Patti Brown speaks on Ornamental Grasses**

Date: September 28, 2011  
Time: 7:30pm  
Location: View Royal Garden Club – 2750 Shoreline Drive,  
**Linda Petite from HCP speaking on Planting Bulbs for Spring Colour**

Date: September 30, 2011  
Time: 7pm  
Location: Lions Hall, Saltspring Island  
**Apple Festival – Speaker Dr. Bob Norton – 30 Years of Growing Apples**

Date: Sept 30 – Oct 2 2011  
Time: 10am – 5pm  
Location: **Perennial Ridge Farms**, 5605 Jordans Lane, Duncan, BC  
**Fall Plant Sale**

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## Notes from the Library

Garden Club members who currently have books signed out are asked to return them at the September meeting. Members who would like to request a book ordered this year for our library are asked to speak to Janice Rose or contact her at [aretiredrose@gmail.com](mailto:aretiredrose@gmail.com)

# Gardening Tips

Barb Kohlman

Plant container grown trees and shrubs. Make sure evergreens go into the fall/winter well watered. They still carry on some photosynthesis over the winter.

Clean up all rose debris to prevent disease being carried over to next spring. Prune roses only to shorten long canes that will whip in the wind. Leave the real pruning till the Forsythia blooms in the spring.

For veggies, record harvests and plant locations for crop rotation for next year. Plant garlic cloves and mulch ALL your veggie beds to protect the soil over the winter-- seaweed is a great choice or shredded leaves.

Create new compost piles from the debris you are removing from the garden and give established piles a turn so that they are ready to use in the spring.

Lift your dahlias/remove foliage/dry and store in shredded newspaper in a cool, dark location.

Leave your seed heads on perennials to feed the birds overwinter.

Leave some hollow-stalked plant stems (e.g. lupins, delphiniums) for homes for lady bugs for over the winter.

## September's Brag Table

With plant and flower identification and commentary provided by Past President Barb Kohlman, the Brag Table is a great part of our monthly meetings. It's a fun and interactive way to share what's going on in your garden without having 170 club members trying to find parking outside of your house. The bonus is a prize awarded randomly to one of the monthly participants in this program. If you've never participated, give it a fling, be it flower, vegetable or fungus.

September's Brag Table theme is **"Moonlight Madness"**.

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Date: October 1, 2011  
Time: 2pm – 4pm  
Location: V.I. Heather Society  
Sylvan United Church Hall  
985 Shawnigan/Mill Bay Rd  
**The World of Heathers – Scotland to Cape Town, and St. John's to California**

Date: October 1 & 2, 2011  
Time: 9am – 3pm  
Location: Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary  
**Native Plant Sale**

Date: October 1, 2011  
Time: 9am – 3pm  
Location: Qualicum Beach Garden Club  
1980 Island Hwy  
**Rock Garden Plant Sale**

Date: October 15, 2011  
Time: 1pm  
Location: SSI Farmer's Institute  
**Saltspring Island Garden Club Fall Plant Sale**

Date: October 23, 2011  
Time: 10:30am - 4pm  
Location: Victoria Master Gardener Association  
Parksville Community Centre  
**Creating a Permaculture Garden w/Ron Benezan**  
**Cost: \$10.00 - \$15.00**

Date: October 25, 2011  
Time: 7pm  
Location: MBGC Meeting Hall  
**Speaker Gordon MacKay from Alba Plants**

Date: December 6, 2011  
Time: 5pm  
Location: MBGC Meeting Hall  
**Annual Christmas Dinner**

Date: Jan 19, 2012 – Oct 4, 2012  
**Location: SSIGC – 10 Month Workshops with Linda Gilkeson**

# EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

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## AGM AGENDA

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB

June 28, 2011

Welcome: Brenda Dumont  
 President's Report:  
 General Overview of the year  
 2010/2011 – Brenda Dumont

Successful 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Flower and Garden Show: Brenda gave us a brief overview of the finances of the Flower Show, with a net profit of nearly \$1,300.00

Bill Herring was presented with the Garden Club Membership Aggregate Award; Volunteers who worked at the Flower Show were presented with a plant as a thank you; Elaine Scott was thanked for all her work with the plant sale and was presented with a gift.

The raffle took place with ? winning 1<sup>st</sup> prize; Ruby winning the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize; Ajay winning the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize.  
 Brenda continued her summary of

the year's highlights:

- New By-Laws
- 1 Constitution Change
- Successful Garden Tours
- Another Substantial increase in membership
- Written Contracts for Mill Bay
- Community Hall Rental

Financial Overview – Gale McIntyre  
 Gale gave a verbal financial report;  
 Charitable Donations to the following:

- Seeds of Milawi \$200.00
- Cowichan Valley Hospice \$200.00
- Mill Bay Food Bank \$200.00
- Cairnsmore Home Volunteer Gardens \$200.00

The Treasure moved that we make the above charitable donations. Carried.

Election of New Officers and Community Members for the 2011/2012 Year: - Elaine Scott thanked Brenda for all her work as President and then called up Joy and Dustin as members of the Nominating Committee.  
 Nominations are:  
 President: Ajay Oppelaar

Vice President: Cliff Stainsby  
 Secretary: Arlene Dench  
 Treasurer: Gale McIntyre  
 Past President: Barb Kohlman  
 Website Administrator: Elizabeth Coulter  
 Past President: Barb Kohlman  
 Membership: Heather Gibbins  
 Kitchen: Diane Regan  
 Newsletter Editor: Dee Evans  
 Library: Janice Rose  
 Plant Sales: Heather Jenkins  
 Historian: Mary Gale  
 Raffle: Joan Cawker  
 Chairman, Community Flower & Garden Show: Heather Gibbins  
 Nominations from the floor were asked three times.  
 The new slate was acclaimed with no nominations from the floor.

Brenda then passed the gavel to Ajay.

Ajay thanked Brenda for her eight years of work on the Executive of the Garden Club; Ajay also thanked the Dumonts – Bill & Brenda – for hosting the AGM this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
 Elizabeth Coulter, Secretary

**MESSAGES OF INTEREST FROM OTHER CLUBS**

**Vancouver Island Master Gardeners Association**

Invites you to.....

**Creating a Permaculture Garden with Ron Berezan  
Sunday, October 23, 2011**

The growing world-wide permaculture movement offers up a vision of hope and possibility for the creation of sustainable human habitat and the regeneration of land and community through ecological design principles. This workshop will explore the vision and practise of permaculture and the steps we can take to integrate permaculture principles into our own yards, communities and public spaces. The day will be a combination of lecture, slides, video, conversation and group interaction. ([www.theurbanfarmer.ca](http://www.theurbanfarmer.ca)).

**Where:** Parksville Community Centre, 132 Jensen Ave., Parksville, BC  
**Doors Open:** 10:30 am      **Program:** 10:45 to 4:00 pm  
**Cost:** \$10 before October 7      \$15 after October 7 or at the door

Name \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_ phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to Dennis Ponto, Treasurer VIMGA, PO Box 149, Bowser, BC, V0R 1G0

**Please remember to bring a bag lunch. Coffee and tea provided.**

**SALTSPRING ISLAND GARDEN CLUB FALL PLANT SALE  
With Seeds for Malawi Bamboo Ranch**

..... WHEN: Saturday October 15th  
 ..... WHERE: Farmers' Institute - Rainbow Road  
 ..... TIME: Sale starts 1pm SHARP

The Spring & Fall sales are major fundraisers for the Garden Club and are used to support program speakers, the GISS scholarship, library books etc.

The Garden Club is very happy to accept any plant donations you may have. If you need assistance in digging up or potting up your donations, please contact Jackie Somers (250) 653-9177 by September 15th.

Plant donations are accepted between 9am and 11am.

Please bring one or two boxes for your purchases.

**QUALICUM BEACH GARDEN CLUB**

*www.qualicumbeachgardenclub.wordpress.com*

**OCTOBER 1 - PERENNIAL PLANT SALE BY THE QBGC ALPINE & ROCK GARDEN GROUP**

The Alpine SIG will be having a perennial plant sale on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 9 am to 3 pm at June Strandberg's, 1980 Island Highway (between Village Way and Bennett Road). Included will be many choice Rock Garden Plants. Drop off and pick up only in June's driveway. Please park on Village Way or in the parking lot of Middle School just around the corner on Bennett flying golf balls Road. You can park on the side of Island Hwy but please be mindful of traffic and possible coming over from the golf course!

**A DELUXE ENGLISH GARDEN TOUR**

If you are interested in more details you can email Liz Higgins with any questions you may have or find out more information by going the website at [www.cruiseplus.ca](http://www.cruiseplus.ca) and clicking on the Exclusive Pkgs tab.

Elizabeth Higgins, Package Coordinator/RBC Insurance Advisor - CruisePlus Management Ltd., TF: [1-800-854-9664](tel:1-800-854-9664) T: [250-390-0220](tel:250-390-0220)

**9 Night Luxury English Garden Tour**

Join your CruisePlus Host, Liz Higgins on this exclusive Luxury Garden Tour May 23 - June 2, 2012

This fully hosted tour will take you through many of the spectacular gardens of Southern England.

Start off with 4 nights in Central London and enjoy the history and grandeur of England's capital city while travelling each day to visit 4 fabulous gardens in the surrounding area - plus don't forget the world famous Chelsea Flower Show!

Then travel by train to the beautiful county of Cornwall for an additional 4 day stay. Wind down a little and relax while we visit 5 more unique gardens plus enjoy some sightseeing in the West Country.

Barbara Samarin, President of the Mid-Island Rose Society will also be joining our group and each garden on this tour has been specifically chosen by Barbara and Liz to create an exciting and memorable vacation. We look forward to showing you around these amazing gardens.

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**Victoria Hardy Plant Group**

Hello fellow gardeners!

The Victoria Hardy Plant Group are presenting their Elizabeth England Lecture on October 14th at 7:00 at the Salvation Army Citadel, 4030 Douglas St. (north off Mackenzie Avenue) Victoria, BC.

The speaker is Sean Hogan, co-owner of Cistus Nursery in Oregon. He has lectured extensively in North America and Europe. His writing and photos can be found in an extremely wide range of horticultural and botanical literature and magazines. He edited the 20,000 entry Flora, published in October 2003 and published Trees for All Seasons in 2008. He will be speaking on "Green Walls, Roofs & Rain Gardens".

Tickets are \$15.00 and can be obtained at any of the 4 locations of Dig This or at the door.

# VANCOUVER ISLAND HEATHER SOCIETY PRESENTS

**DAVID WILSON**

MAIN NORTH AMERICAN PROPOGATOR OF HEATHERS AND HEATHS  
WHO WILL SPEAK ON

**THE WORLD OF HEATHERS**

**FROM SCOTLAND TO CAPE TOWN AND ST. JOHN'S TO CALIFORNIA.**

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1  
2-4 PM

SYLVAN UNITED CHURCH HALL  
985 SHAWNIGAN LAKE/MILL BAY ROAD  
MILL BAY

ADMISSION FREE

A SELECTION OF HEATHERS WILL BE ON SALE.

STUDY TO BE A MASTER GARDENER AND HAVE FUN WHILE DOING SO.

THE NEXT MASTER GARDENER COURSE BEGINS AT THE HORTICULTURE CENTRE OF THE PACIFIC ON JANUARY 19, 2011. THE CLASSES WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAYS (6-9 PM) AND SUNDAYS (9-NOON) BETWEEN JANUARY AND MAY. THE COST FOR THE ENTIRE COURSE IS \$770.

AN INFORMATION SESSION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15 AT 7 PM AT THE HORTICULTURE CENTRE.

PHONE [250-479-6162](tel:250-479-6162) TO SECURE A PLACE ON THE INTEREST LIST.

TALK TO BARB KOHLMAN OR ELAINE SCOTT IF YOU WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION.

**Ready for Fall Planting?**  
**SWAN LAKE – Nature Sanctuary Native Plant Sale**  
**Saturday and Sunday,**  
**October 1 & 2, 2011**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Over 70 species of Native Plants will be available in the Fall version of the Nature Sanctuary's very successful history of spring native plant sales. The fall sale focuses slightly more on shrubs, ferns and groundcovers than the spring sale. Plants are arranged in 3 rows based on light requirements and form, so you can see at a glance which plants might work together in your yard. Refreshments will be available. Phone [\(250\) 479-0211](tel:250-479-0211) for more information.

**Free Admission! Don't forget - Member's 10% discount applies to plant purchases.**

The Fall Plant list is now available [HERE](#) on our website

If you are interested in volunteering for this event, either before (setup, sorting, pricing, etc.) or during, please contact Robyn at [250-479-0211](tel:250-479-0211) or [volunteer@swanlake.bc.ca](mailto:volunteer@swanlake.bc.ca)





## Garden Club Member Appreciation Sept 26-30 at Minter Gardens

Good afternoon!

With garden clubs starting their monthly meetings again, we thought this would be a great time to extend our appreciation to BC Garden Club members for promoting horticulture within their communities! As a 'thank you' please find a discounted entry and lunch coupon for Minter Gardens and a coupon for Minter Country Garden Ltd. attached, all valid between September 26-30, 2011.

No reservations are needed to use the vouchers if visiting us individually, but if members anticipate arriving in a group of 15 or more, please call [604.792.3799](tel:604.792.3799) to book your visit. Should this be a first visit for your group, we are happy to arrange for a guided tour of Minter Gardens! Guided tours cover the history of the Minter Gardens and the development of the individual gardens. Each tour lasts approximately one hour and costs \$75 plus HST for the group (max. 35 guests per tour please). For scheduling purposes, kindly contact us more than 48 hours in advance should you wish to book a guided tour.

Please note that, because this is an exclusive offer to active BC Garden Club Members only, we will ask members to present their garden club card when using the vouchers. If your group does not issue individual IDs, please let me know and we will create a roster so that members can just indicate the group they are with.

Again, our thanks for your shared interest in gardening. We hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,  
Erin

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# SaltSpring Island Garden Club

## Workshop with Linda Gilkeson

### 2012 Year Around Harvest: Organic Gardening on the Coast

This 10-month series of classes will take you through an entire gardening year from planning the garden and preparing the soil to successful harvests all year round. You will learn low maintenance methods for growing a wide variety of vegetables and fruit, how to manage pests and disease, simple seed saving and food preserving.

The course is based on Linda's Gilkeson's recent book: **Backyard Bounty: A Complete Guide to Year-Round Organic Gardening in the Pacific Northwest.**

The course is open to Garden Club members, the cost is \$180. To register and for additional information contact Susan Dann at 250-537-8895 or via email [susandann@shaw.ca](mailto:susandann@shaw.ca)

Course Details and Outline  
10 sessions January to October 2012

Thursday evenings, 7-9:30 pm  
, Farmers' Institute, Rainbow Rd.

(NOTE: the September 5th class is a Wednesday 7-9:30 pm)

#### #1. January 19: Garden Plans and Seed Starting

*Garden location, sun and water requirements; bed design. Planning the garden for year-around harvest; crop rotation Starting seeds, timing spring planting.*

#### #2. February 9: Soil, Nutrients and Amendments

*Soil types, liming and soil testing, Organic amendments, making compost. Cultivation methods.*

#### #3. March 8: The Spring Garden

*Transplanting, hardening off, cold protection. How to grow cabbage and onion family crops, lettuce and greens, carrots and other roots.*

#### #4. April 12: Containers, Small Gardens, Greenhouses

*Growing food in containers (including citrus & sweet potatoes), greenhouses and tunnels. Intensive planting methods that produce the most in the smallest space.*

#### #5. May 10: The Summer Garden

*Summer pruning & fruit thinning; summer seeding methods; trellising, mulching,*

*watering. How to grow tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, corn, beans, squash, cucumbers.*

#### #6. June 7: Insects, Weeds and Diseases

*Preventing pest and disease problems; identifying common problems; natural control methods and easy weed management. How to attract beneficial insects.*

#### #7. July 5: Planting for Winter & Basic Seed Saving

*When to plant for successful winter crops, Fitting crops into the summer garden.*

*Pollination basics; easy seed saving methods for common crops.*

#### #8. August 9: Preserving the Harvest

*Curing and storing onions, winter squash, potatoes, sweet potatoes. Storing tree fruit. Simple food preservation methods (freezing, dehydrating, canning).*

#### #9. September 5: Fruit Trees and Bushes

**Note: this session is held on a WEDNESDAY**

*Choosing, planting and growing fruit trees, grapes, berries. Basic pruning methods for winter.*

#### #10. October 4: Preparing for Winter and Review

*Cloches, cold frames and winter covers; mulching & staking. Managing greenhouse & containers in winter. Review of the 12-month garden.*

# SaltSpring Island Garden Club

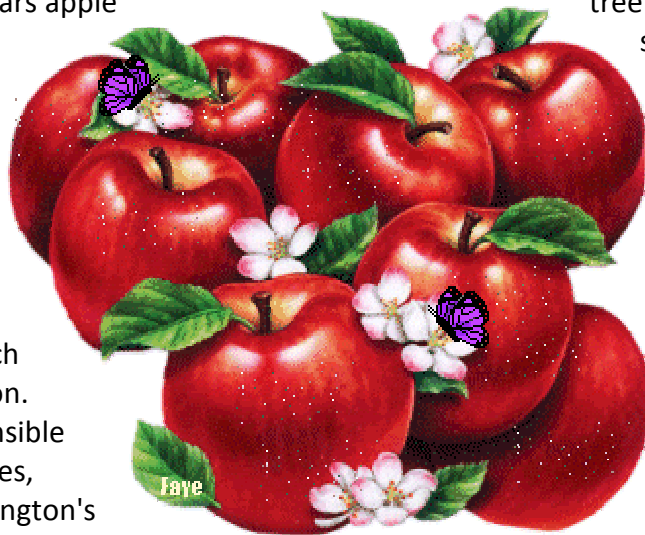
## Apple Festival Guest Speaker

### Dr. Bob Norton - 30 Years of Growing Apples

Friday September 30th, 7pm Lions Hall

Co-hosted by the SSI Garden Club

For more than 30 years apple grower, fruit researcher and horticulturalist Dr. Robert T. (Bob) Norton ran the tree-fruit testing program at Washington State University's Research Unit in Mount Vernon. There he was responsible for 325 apple varieties, among those, Washington's first French and English cider varieties. Dr. Norton also introduced the firm, crisp and flavorful **Jonagold** to commercial orchardists in the Puget Sound area back in the 1960's.



Since retiring, he has also run AppleCorps, a fruit tree consulting business, and is a popular speaker at area horticultural events.

Dr. Norton is a true Pacific North West treasure.

The SSI Garden Club will co-host the talk by Dr. Norton where he will share his wealth of 30 years of apple growing experience with Islanders. Harry Burton, Salt Spring's own Captain Apple says *"Part of the joy of growing apples, is to meet other growers and to share ideas and secrets. Dr. Bob is a great, enthusiastic person and is looking forward to his Salt Spring trip."*

The talk will be held at Lion's Hall Friday, September 30th starting at 7pm. ▪



The View Royal Garden Club will hold its general meeting on Wednesday September 28, at 7:30pm in the Shoreline Community School, 2750 Shoreline Drive. The speaker for this meeting will be Linda Petite from the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific.

Linda will talk on "Planting Bulbs for Early Spring Color." A knowledgeable gardener, Linda runs the support deck at HCP and also works at Marigold Nursery. She is planning a "show and sell" and will have packages of bulbs available during her presentation. As well VRGC will have a sales table with plants and garden items.

Visitors and new members are welcome. For further information please call [250-220-5212](tel:250-220-5212).

### GLENDALE GARDENS FALL PLANT SALE

HUGE Inventory of Regular & SALE material; Gift Shop Clearance; Children's Festival  
 Saturday & Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

11 am to 3 pm. Glendale Gardens at 505 Quayle Rd  
[info@hcp.bc.ca](mailto:info@hcp.bc.ca) , [www.glendalegardens.ca](http://www.glendalegardens.ca), or 250.479.6162.

## DINTER'S NURSERY

### Greetings to our 'Avid Gardeners'

This message is sent to all our customers who have requested to be on our e-mail list.

If you wish to have your name removed, please return this message.

Our mailing list is used only for sending this e-mail and is not passed on to any 3<sup>rd</sup> party.

### Fall Flyer Sale – Starts Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

Look for our flyer in the 'Citizen' Newspaper on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. The sale ends on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Most of our bulbs are now in stock and the flyer shows some of the interesting varieties we carry. The flyer has a coupon for a package of free bulbs. To view a copy of the flyer visit our web site [www.dinternursery.ca](http://www.dinternursery.ca) and follow the links. Shop now for a great selection and remember they do not have to be planted until later in fall, when your beds are ready.

There will be unadvertised items on sale such as Japanese Maples in 1 gallon pots for \$4.95 and Dwarf Burning Bush in 1 gallon for \$7.95. All our ceramic pottery will be discounted 30%.

Perennials and roses are also 30% off. Visit soon to see other sale items for your garden such as a selection of hardy landscape roses for easy summer colour year after year at 50% off. Large sizes of Sweet Gum and Flowering Plum trees have also been discounted.

### Summer in the Garden

This late heat wave is just in time to intensify the colour of annuals and push vegetables, such as tomatoes, to their final stage of ripening. Fruit trees have done reasonably well with many apples trees ready to provide a good harvest.

### Planting Bulbs

Our store is full of colourful packages of spring flowering bulbs. Planting the right combination of bulbs will give colour from February to June. Start with Snowdrops, Winter Aconites, Species Crocus, Anemone, Glory of the Snow (Chionodoxa) and then, on to the familiar Narcissi, Hyacinths and Tulips. For June, the Alliums can finish off the bulb season. Bulbs are most effective when planted in groups, giving a more striking display of colour. When they finish blooming, annuals can be planted between the unsightly clumps of leaves the bulbs leave behind. If the bulb's foliage is removed too soon, they do not have time to set next season's flowers inside the bulb.

### Fall Classes for Gardeners

We are now into the fall series of seminars, presented by our staff or visiting experts. The seminars last about one hour and there is no charge or registration required.

- Saturday, Sept. 17 at 11 am – **All About Bulbs** by Ben Vandeburg of Van Noort Bulb Co.

**Note later time of 11 am for this event**

- Saturday, Sept. 24 at 10 am – **Establishing & Managing Trees** – Kiel Horan of Bartlett Tree Services of Victoria

- Saturday, Oct. 1 at 10 am – **Cuttings and Plant Propagation** by Della of Dinter's
- Saturday, Oct. 8 at 10 am – **Plants for Fall and Winter Colour** by Bernie Dinter.
- Saturday, Oct. 15 at 10 am – **Winterizing Your Pond** by Gloria of Island Aquatic Nursery
- Saturday, Oct. 22 at 9:30 am – **Perennial Exchange** to trade your freshly dug perennials
- Saturday, Oct. 22 at 10 am – **Composting and Soil Preparation** by Bernie Dinter.

For more details, visit our web site at: [www.dinternursery.ca/seminars.htm](http://www.dinternursery.ca/seminars.htm)

### Fall and Winter Colour

As your summer annuals begin to fade, plant your beds with colour that will carry through to spring. Our fresh crop of fall mums will provide bright colour in prominently located planters and beds. Winter pansies give colour during fall and if we have mild winter weather, will continue blooming all spring. Flowering kale, if kept out of the rain and our winter is not too extreme, will provide colour well into the New Year. Another idea is to plant containers with compact evergreen shrubs and groundcovers that provide winter interest, and then transfer the plants to the garden next spring. This would include Winter Heather, Lily-of-the-Valley Shrub, Japanese Spurge, Golden Euonymus and other plants with interesting textures.



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### Trees for Fall Colour

Many garden plants and some of our native vegetation will soon start to show beautiful colouring, if we have the right combination of conditions, involving temperature, moisture and shorter days. Some trees such as the Eastern Red Maple and Sweet Gum can be counted on to colour up every year. Sugar Maple and Japanese Maple often have spectacular colour. We have these and many others plants. If you see something of interest, bring us a leaf or a photo to identify for you.

### Lawns – Seed Now

Now is an excellent time for seeding grass. If you plant before early October, the lawn will be established before winter sets in. It is important that the seedbed be kept moist, either by irrigation or rainfall, until the seed has germinated.

We carry a complete range of lawn seed in quantities for any size lawn. Fall and winter lawn fertilizer is now in stock and should be applied for winter colour and hardiness.

### Establishing Fruit Trees

As you see the abundance of fruit hanging on trees in our area, consider having some in your own yard. We have a good selection of 3 year old trees, some with fruit, ready for planting. More fruit trees will be arriving by the end of September. Plant now as it takes a few years for trees to reach an optimal yield. We will be offering a wide selection of bare root fruit trees this winter, but the selection will not be complete until early February.

### What is Happening in the Garden

Fall is the season for planting and winterizing the garden. For tips on what can be done, visit the 'What's New' page on our web site at [www.dinternursery.ca/whats-new.htm](http://www.dinternursery.ca/whats-new.htm)

### Nursery Hours

Our hours are 8 am to 6 pm, Monday to Saturday and 8:30 am to 5 pm on Sundays. We are open every day, including the Thanksgiving holiday.

### Nursery Web Site

Visit our web site at [www.dinternursery.ca](http://www.dinternursery.ca)

Thank you for reading this message.

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## PERENNIAL RIDGE FARMS

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**FALL PLANT SALE**  
**September 30, October 1 and 2**  
**/ 2011**  
**Friday, Saturday, Sunday**  
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

### Hello Perennial Gardeners!!!

I'm sure everyone has had a nice summer, it came a bit late, but the heat and sun was great in August and early September.....I think our gardens are drinking up this warm rain now, and just loving it !!

A good long drench every few days is nice, but I would really like to see that sun last way into October too !!! The nights have cooled down, and the darkness sure comes early, great for shrubs to harden off for the winter, and set those spring buds. Some of the perennials have struggled with this late summer heat, but good old perennials, you can trim them back, and in the spring, they come back as good as gold ! Life here on the farm has been busy this year, the day is full tending to my two new goats, and the chickens, ducks, and pigs. (and of course the never ending watering!) The U-pick Blueberry crop did very well this year, and it was great to see pickers out in big numbers. Everyone went home with full buckets and tummies!!

We are looking forward to our fall sale this year, I think it will be a great fall to plant all those extras you want to put into your garden. Fall is the best time to plant, it gives all plant life a long, cool time over the fall and winter to establish a good root system before the spring comes upon us.

We will have rhodos, azaleas, hydrangeas, blueberries, raspberries, currants, deciduous trees, flowering shrubs, and perennials available for sale here at the nursery.

To find Perennial Ridge Farms, follow (Old) Cowichan Lake Rd. for 7 km from the Tansor Service Station, heading west. Follow the bright green signs, till you come to Jordans Lane on your left



### CANNOR NURSERY Fall Free Clinic Series

Cannor Nursery is pleased to announce the *Fall 2011 Clinic Series* held each Saturday or Sunday morning (see schedule below) at 10:30 am. All workshops will be held at the store, 4660 Elk Lake Drive, next to the Saanich Commonwealth Pool. Come in and enjoy coffee, tea and muffins and learn all the garden details you've ever wanted to know.

## FALL CLASSES AT RUSSELL NURSERY

1370 Wain Rd. in North Saanich.

Classes are free except as noted and last about one hour. Class sizes are limited and reservations are needed. Call 250.656.0384 to reserve a space. There is a limit of 2 classes per person.

**Cool-Season Container Workshop:** Create a container planting using small shrubs, grasses and perennials that will endure for several seasons. Cost of \$35 (plus HST) includes the container, plants and soil. Classes are on Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 am or 1 pm or Monday September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

**Fall Bulb Basics** - Using and planting bulbs to create accents and explosions of Spring colour. Saturday, October 1st at 10 am.

**Using Native Plants in your Garden** – Integrate native plants into your landscape; create a hedgerow or a native plant garden. Learn more about some of the wonderful plants that are already adapted to our area. Sunday, October 2nd at 1 pm.

**Tool Sharpening Clinic** - Bring your dull, tired and downtrodden hand-tools and learn how to clean, maintain and sharpen them. Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

**Dormant Season Pruning of Trees and Shrubs** - The pruning workshop covers general pruning theory and practice, with demonstrations, and is taught in small groups by a professional arborist. Cost: \$10.00. Enrolment is limited. Choose one of the following times:  
Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 am or 1 pm  
Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 am or 1 pm  
Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 am or 1 pm.

Please be sure to sign up ahead of time at the Garden Centre, phone 250.658.5415 or email: [cannorclub@cannorvictoria.com](mailto:cannorclub@cannorvictoria.com).

**Spring Flowering Bulbs** – Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Fall & Winter Planters** – Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Ponds: Fall & Winter Care** - Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Backyard Birds** – Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Tree and Shrub Pruning** – Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Indoor Tropicals** – Saturday, October 22

### Horticultural Centre of The Pacific

We've saved the best for last! **Blow out Fall plant sale**- follow the link on the web for the list  
<http://hcp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Fall%202011%20plant%20list.pdf>  
Saturday & Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 9 am to 4 pm

Harvest Festival- come add a scarecrow to the festival field! Bring old clothes and a great idea or just come and be prepared to have a blast! Art Stations, educational booths, taste tests, fun & games!

[http://hcp.ca/Newsletters/HCPSept\\_11.pdf](http://hcp.ca/Newsletters/HCPSept_11.pdf) for the **September newsletter** and last but definitely not least:

#### How to Create a Winter Garden

Sunday Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 1–4:30

While the rest of the country is busy shovelling snow, we in Victoria can have gardens awash in colour.

**Rafe Mooney**, a Pacific Horticulture College graduate & devoted Doris Page Winter Garden volunteer will provide an overview of the layering of plant material that brightens & enlivens the garden in winter & makes it work for the rest of the year. Design layout suggestions & the top ten winter plants will be covered, with a focus on blooms, fragrance, foliage & bark. Dress for a comprehensive tour of the garden.

HCP Members **\$25.00** & Non-Members **\$35.00**

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Held at all GARDENWORKS locations  
on the following Sundays starting at 1pm

September 18

**Dividing Herbaceous Perennials** – Are your hostas and iris overcrowded? These and other herbaceous perennials can be redistributed throughout your garden at this time. Learn techniques at this clinic.

September 25

**Refresh for Fall!** Inject fresh energy into your fall displays using seasonal favourites and fabulous foliage perennials.

October 2

**It's Just "Dig-Drop - Done"** with easy to grow Spring blooming Bulbs. Learn tricks to create stunning spring garden displays using tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and other spring-blooming bulbs in eye-catching combinations!

October 9

**Lasagna Planters 101** We'll show you how to create layered planters filled with a variety of spring-blooming bulbs to supply a succession of colour from early to late spring.

October 16

**Winter Protection for Tender Plants** We'll show you how to avoid losing your favourite plants to harsh winter weather.

