

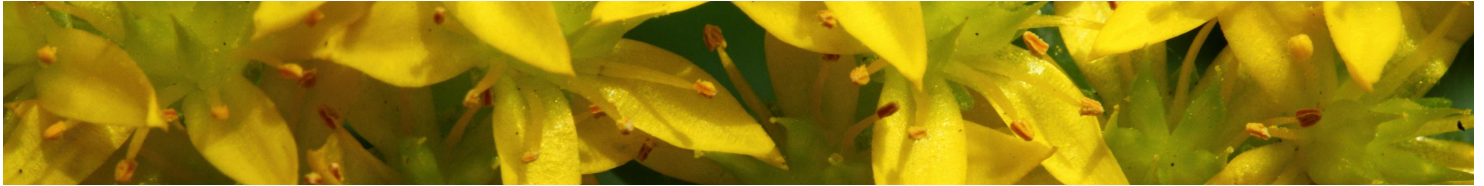


Mill Bay Garden Club May 2012

NEWSLETTER

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JUNE AGM AND PICNIC

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Tuesday June 26th at the home of Mary Gale – 2895 Church Way. Mark your calendar for this important event that signals the end of our current season and welcomes the summer season. To get to Mary's, turn east off the TransCanada Highway at Kilmalu and immediately turn south onto Church Way. Plan to arrive for set-up between 5-5:30 p.m. as dinner will begin at 6 pm.

Picnic June 26th

Please bring everything you will need such as plates and glassware, utensils, napkins, wine, chairs and festive garden hats. We will provide tables, tea, coffee and prizes. Bring your favorite potluck dish, whether it be a main course, side dish or (always a popular!) dessert. We recommend using recyclable/reusable foil pans as opposed to your cherished serving platter or casserole dish. These sometimes get left behind and we spend our summer trying to hunt down the owner of these items. Also it's a good idea to mark the handles of your serving utensils with your name on masking tape and if you do bring a glass or china dish or platter please mark the bottom in the same way. Spouses are welcome.



Please remember to wear a name tag. If you do not have a permanent name tag, they can be ordered through Gale McIntyre for \$10, which is payable when you order. If you do not have a name tag or wrote your name on a paper tag last meeting, please see Mary Gale. Wearing a name tag really helps with the social side of the Club which is important for all members.

The 65th Annual Community Flower & Garden Show

Come and join in the fun at this year's community flower show on Saturday, June 16th at Cobble Hill Hall.

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The show has a new look with new vases for all sections and a beautiful backdrop to the hall.

This show is so easy to enter and we would like to encourage all members to wander around their gardens this coming Thursday or Friday and choose a selection of flowers, veggies and herbs to bring down to the hall from Noon to 7:00 p.m on Friday 15th June.

Copies of the show program are available at Buckerfield's, Dinter Nursery, Laughing Llama & Thrifty Foods or can be downloaded from our web site www.millbaygardenclub.com.

There are two classes for children, one being the Kid's Swiss Chard Competition initiated at Seedy Saturday in March. For the other we would love you to encourage your children, grandchildren or your neighbor's children to enter. It is a fun design competition of any arrangement of "Smelly Flowers" in your own container. It could be something like onions & garlic or lavender & roses or a mixture of all.

On Saturday come early with friends and family for the rotary breakfast from 8.00am. The show opens at 9.00am with a spectacular display of flower entries. Wander around the show ground where many commercial garden vendors will be selling plants, garden products, furniture and much more. The garden club will have their usual mammoth plant sale table and the Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer any queries. There will also be second hand garden books for sale.

Don't forget to sample a Strawberry Tea provided by The Lake Bay Hill Ladies Auxiliary before perusing a fantastic silent auction.

We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful community event!

President's Report

Ajay Oppelaar

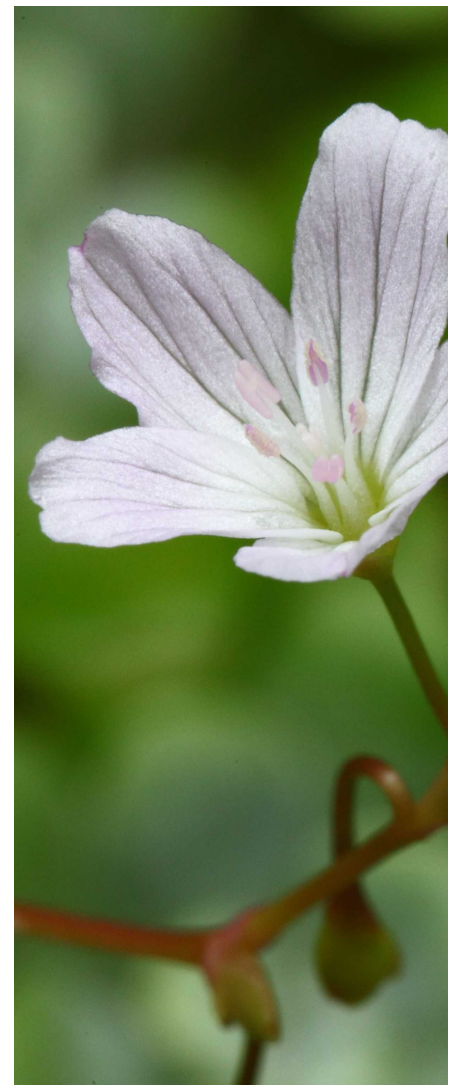
Another long slow spring is slowly giving way to a tentative summer, giving us another lush foliage growth year. We all hope you are able to find that perfect flower amongst all that greenery to enter in this year's Flower Show this Friday June 15th from noon until 7 p.m. Myself and much of your Executive will be there all day so if you have further questions about presenting your flowers for judging, either ask us or refer to the guidelines posted in last months newsletter.

We hope to see a great success again for our Community Flower and Garden Show. On Saturday there will be dozens of silent auction items up for bid, some really special ones this year including a giant cement garden pagoda donated by our own Dustin Carlson. Bidding will begin right at 9 am., so be sure to check back a few times during the day, making sure the bids you made have the current lead!

If you are volunteering for the event, please arrive several minutes before the scheduled time. Even if you haven't signed up for a position, there is always plenty to do for set-up at 9 a.m. on Friday the 15th, also for breaking down and cleaning the hall after the show at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. We hope to see all of you there during the two-day event.

Last night was the final Executive meeting of the season and we've successfully wrapped up business for the year once again. Plans for the AGM are finalized, nominations for the three open positions on next years Executive have been secured and creating a pathway for more cross participation in events between the Cowichan Valley Garden Club and ourselves was discussed and voted on.

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President's Report - Continued

The success of our combined open garden/garden tours is evident and last Sunday there were many participants from both clubs at Barb, Ali, and Carmen's gardens. Upwards of 60 people attended throughout the day, a really good turnout!

The bus tour on Sunday June 24th is our next joint venture. If you purchased a ticket, make sure and be at the Duncan Mall parking lot by 7:45 a.m., bus leaves at 8 a.m. sharp. Bring a sack lunch or picnic basket and plenty of water and beverages, it will be a long day with many gardens to view and a shopping stop at Arrowsmith Greenhouses. We will return to Duncan at 6 p.m.

Our AGM on June 26th will have many great prizes, the traditional Festive Garden Hat competition, great food and fun. Remember to bring a sweater or jacket as Mary's house is on the waterfront in Mill Bay and it does get a bit chilly at night.

You may come down the driveway to unload by the house, and there is then plenty of parking on the sides of the driveway on the grass and on the street. And of course your whole family is welcome to attend as usual.

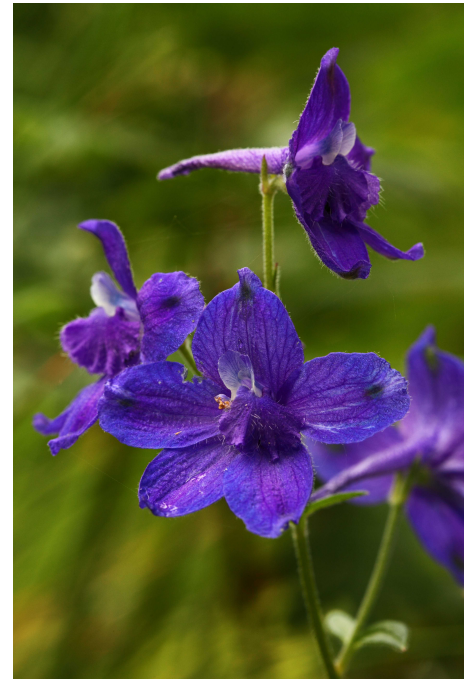
We will be voting on charitable donations from the club during the business portion of the meeting as well as for the Executive Board and Committee positions. There will be a short summary of the year, a financial report by Gale McIntyre and a report on the success of the Flower and Garden Show. The evening is usually over by around 7:30. This is an important yearly event for the club and we encourage all of you to attend, voting members and recent visitors alike.

I personally want to thank the Executive for their hard work this year. Barb for her level headed counsel, Carmen for stepping into the Raffle mid season, and Elaine and Kerry for undertaking the newsletter as Interim Newsletter Co-chairs. Also Heather Gibbins for her work with the Flower and Garden Show and new members, Dianne Regan for making sure the hall is set up, clean and that our coffee and tea break is staffed and set up.

Thanks to Cliff for setting up the garden tours and booking the speakers. To Heather Jenkins and Nick for the plant sale table and care of those plants year round. Janice Rose for the excellent library she has developed and Gale for keeping track of our money and checkbook and helping us set a budget for the first time.

Mary Gale was the heart and eyes of the club as well as Historian, sending out cards and condolences to those in need and recording events with her camera for all to enjoy. Elizabeth Coulter kept great care with our website and sat in for Arlene while Arlene and John spent the winter in warmer climes. And of course Arlene was at my right side with her laptop, recording everything said and making me laugh. And laugh.

That's all, I hope you've enjoyed your involvement in the MBGC this year and that I've fulfilled your expectations as President. There have been several challenges this season and many health issues for our members. We hope that everyone is well and healthy and on the road to recovery soon. See you in September.



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A Message From the GardeningBC.com Website

Sent To: **Mill Bay Garden Club**
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Message:

Elly Hallam of Chemainus Tours

invites you to the

GABRIOLA HOME & GARDEN TOUR

Sunday June 24, 2012

10 am to 5 pm

This self-guided tour of island homes and beautiful coastal gardens will give you an unforgettable taste of island life. Some sites feature beautiful gardens, some, unusual or interesting homes, while some of our hosts open both their homes and gardens.

Pickups: The Chemainus Tours 15 seat van will pick up at Waterwheel Park in Chemainus at 7:40AM and McDonald's in Ladysmith at 8:00AM. Nanaimo passengers can board inside the Gabriola Ferry terminal from 8:45 – 9:15. The ferry leaves at 9:30AM. The van will return on the 4:30 PM ferry.

Total Cost is \$95.00

Includes:

- Transportation to the ferry and/or on the ferry and to each of 10 homes & return
- Lunch at Silva Bay Resort
- Ticket to the Home & Garden Tour (\$20)
- Tour Guide

Not Included: Cost of ferry for passengers under age 65 (\$9.90)

Note: This tour involves walking down rural driveways and on uneven ground.

To book, contact Elly Hallam at 250 247 8792 or ellyhallam@gmail.com

Cheques should be made out to:

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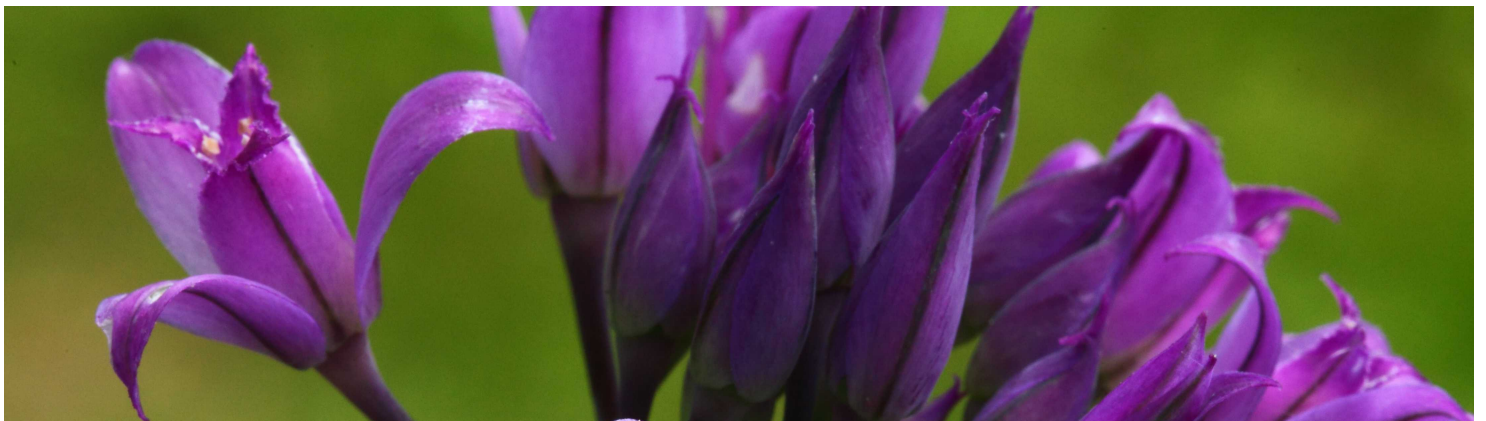
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Best of the West: Fall Education Conference

October 20, Nanaimo

Early Bird prices up to June 30, 2012

This conference, in recognition of 30 years of Master Gardeners in BC, is open to the public. The day program includes:

1. Harry Jongerden, Garden Director, VanDusen Botanical Garden “21st. Century Botanical Gardens: Communities for Conservation”
2. Linda Gilkeson, Salt Spring Island, “Common Pests & Diseases on the Coast: Diagnosis & Management Without Pesticides”
3. Cass Turnbull, Seattle. “How to Prune & Renovate the Overgrown Garden”
4. Panel on Growing our own Food.

The price for the day presentation includes a catered lunch and refreshment breaks, plant vendors, an artisan’s market and featured speaker’s books. One can add on to this ticket an evening presentation by Lucy Hardiman on “Full Frontal Gardens: Gone the Lawn.” For more information and to purchase you tickets visit www.mgabc.org.

Upcoming Gardening Events

- **Saturday & Sunday. July 21 & 22. 10am – 5 pm. Art and Photography in the Garden. Milner Gardens, Qualicum.**
- **Thursday July 26 5-8 pm. The Cutting Garden. Horticulture Centre of the Pacific. Call 250 – 479- 6162 to register.**

Master Gardener Training

Submitted by Pip Woodcock

Are you an experienced home gardener interested in advancing your skills and volunteering in your community? Consider the VIU/VIMGA Master Gardener Basic Training Program, offered at VIU 12 Saturdays starting September 15-December 8, 2012.

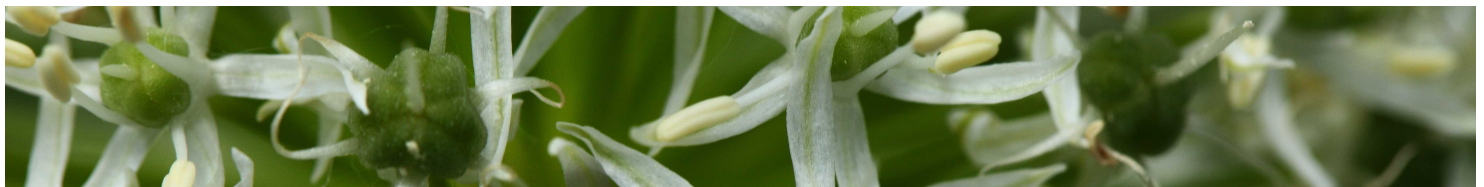
The Course is based on the original, authentic Master Gardener program from Washington State University, 30 years strong. View the full Program Guide at the VIU website viu.ca/ccs/certificates/mastergardener.

Information Session – Mandatory. Thursday, May 31; 6:30-8:30pm. at the VIU, Nanaimo Campus-Bldg. 300 – Room 401 (Royal Arbutus Room). Call 250-746-3519 to register for the information session.

June 2012 Gardening Tips

Barb Kohlman, Past President.

- Finish planting out bedding plants. Water well and fertilize every two weeks--- Raingrow is an easy to use, organic choice.
- Remove faded flowers from baskets to encourage more bloom.
- Stake tall plants before they fall over!!
- Sow perennials and biennials (columbine, delphinium, oriental poppy, lupine, foxgloves and campanula) for next season.
- Check roses for blackspot. Pick off and destroy the diseased leaves.
- Remove moisture-robbing weeds from the garden, then mulch with compost (2”) to suppress new weeds and help retain moisture.
- Mow grass to 2 ½ inches to allow the plants to carry on photosynthesis.
- Fertilize bulbs that have finished flowering, alliums especially. Remove yellowed foliage.
- Prune spring flowering shrubs when they are finished flowering and then fertilize.
- Clip hedges and keep newly planted hedges, trees and shrubs well watered.
- Houseplants can go outside for the summer months--- shaded and sheltered for best results, at least until they are acclimatized.



Mill Bay Garden Club Annual General Meeting Minutes

June 28th, 2011

Welcome: Brenda Dumont

President's Report:

General Overview of the year 2010/2011 – Brenda Dumont

Successful 64th Annual Flower and Garden Show: Brenda gave us a brief overview of the finances of the Flower Show, with a net profit of nearly \$1300.00

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 first prize; Ruby winning the 2nd prize, Ajay winning the third prize.

Brenda continued her summary of the year's highlights:

- New By-Laws and 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: Diana (Dee) Evans

Library: Janice Rose

Plant Sales: Heather Jenkins

Historian: Mary Gale

Raffle: Joan Cawker

Chairman, Community Flower and Garden Show: Heather Gibbins

Nominations from the floor was 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

Elizabeth Coulter, Secretary