



MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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APRIL 2013

Next Meeting

April 23, 2013

The April meeting of the Mill Bay Garden Club will take place on Tuesday, April 23rd at 7 PM at the Mill Bay Community League Hall - 1001 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road.

The doors open at 6:30 pm to provide you with the opportunity to check out the Club library and plant sale table, buy your raffle tickets, put your exhibits on the brag table and socialize. This is a great little garden club that is very social.



April Brag Table Theme:

APRIL SHOWERS BRING ...

With plant and flower identification and commentary provided by 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 150 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

APRIL SPEAKER:

Master Gardener Panel

Our own Master Gardeners will give Tips and take questions

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Raffle

Thank you to Jim Cawker, for his donation of a hand crafted Mason Bee House .

April Kitchen Duties:

Dianne Regan

1 litre of 2% milk:

Hennie Roke

Goodies or Snacks:

Betty Underwood, Linda Nelson, Mary-Ellen Deuling

Kitchen Helpers:

Angie Stanta, Kathy Edmunds

Set up / Clean Up:

Joy Story, John Dench, Julia Boles

Remember to bring your mug!

President's Report

Ajay Oppelaar

Holy Cow, we had frost at our house this morning! Tom had to be at the airport for 6AM, and when we left the house at 5:15, the temperature was -1! A late season frost can be devastating to flowering fruit trees, magnolias, and any tender annuals you may have already set out during our mild early spring. Check for damage and replace annuals like impatiens and early tomatoes as they may well be stunted for the season now.

Plans for the bus tour have mostly been finalized and tickets will be available at our April 23rd meeting. Look for full information in this issue of the newsletter, and if any plans change we will let you know.

In anticipation of our Community Flower and Garden Show on June 14th and 15th, we are posting judging guidelines here in the newsletter and on the website. Every year we see an increase in the number of entrants in the flower show, last year we had 27 people who exhibited in flower, plant, veggie and floral design classes. Look for Joy Story and whatever extravaganza she will produce for one of the design classes!

We will be taking a few minutes at each of our meetings prior to the show date to go over procedures and answer questions you may have about entering the show. We will buddy up new exhibitors with more experienced members for submissions on June 14th. Entering the show is fun and educational and once you've done it, you'll want to do it every year. Please try not to be intimidated by the process, it's really pretty easy and we'll walk you through each step. Janice also has copies of judging standards handbooks in the library for you to check out.

We will again be circulating a sign-up sheet at our April 23rd meeting for volunteers to help with the Flower and Garden Show. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to sign up, contact Heather Gibbins directly, either by phone or email. It promises to be a huge show again this year and none of it is possible without your help.

Remember to mark your calendar for our AGM on Tuesday June 25th. Festivities include our Potluck buffet dinner starting at 6:00PM, the traditional Garden hat competition, special prizes and raffles and of course, the changing of the Guard! Plan on arriving between 5 and 5:30PM to set your table. Dinner service will begin at 6PM followed by annual reports and nominations to the Executive and Committee, awarding of prizes and the special raffle draw. Spouses and families are always welcome too.

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President's Report cont'd

Bring your favourite potluck item, place mats/silverware/dishes/napkins/glassware/beverages/coffee cups and a decorated hat! All members are encouraged to help set-up and break down as well, please talk to Dianne Regan about signing up on the helpers list. This year the AGM will be held at my house. There is lots of street parking, but you may pull into the driveway to unload first. Hope to see you all there!

Annual Bus Tour

Plans have been mostly finalized for the Sooke Secret Garden bus tour on Saturday June 2nd, and they are as follows: Two buses, one holding 20 people, the other 24, will leave Kerry Park at 8:15AM, this time could change, but we'll keep you posted. The buses will first gather up the Cowichan Valley club participants in Duncan and then head down to pick us up. We will visit 6 or 7 of the gardens.

Two buses will be used because Sooke has advised us that one large bus would not be able to get to most of the gardens, so two smaller buses were booked. Seating on the buses will be mixed half and half with each club's members to achieve our goal of cross participation.

Upon arrival in Sooke, the two buses will take different routes so as to not overwhelm any one garden with 44 people arriving all at once. The gardens sound wonderful, there is a plant sale as part of the tour, and there will be collector cars and musicians at some of the locations. We will meet up again between noon and 1PM for a group brown bag lunch gathering at the Sooke Region Museum where covered outdoor banquet seating will be set up for us, and washrooms will be available.

At the end of the day, the buses will (tentatively) meet up at Westburn Landscape and Garden Centre for a shopping spree and door prizes before heading back to Mill Bay. We will plan on arriving back at Kerry Park at 5:30-6:00PM (tentative).

The cost per ticket will be \$60. This includes your ticket to the Sooke Secret Gardens Tour, transportation to and from Sooke on deluxe coaches and the lunch stop at the Sooke Region Museum. Please bring along snacks, plenty of liquids (lots of walking that day!) a brown bag lunch and sun protection (we're optimistic people here).

Tickets will be available at our April 23rd meeting through club member Bobbie Burns. Please have cash or cheque (made payable to the Mill Bay Garden Club) ready at that time. In the event of overselling our share of tickets (22) a lottery will be held for the 22 available seats.



MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB MASTER GARDENER TALK/TIPS APRIL 2013

1. Plan your space before you start to plant if possible
2. Soils are the most important consideration
3. Look at native plants and pick cultivars or plants that tolerate the same conditions
4. Wander around your neighborhood to see what other gardeners are growing to get a good idea of what to plant - but also experiment.
5. Try to have a good selection of berries and tree fruits in your garden.
6. Plant most plants, trees, shrubs in the Fall so that their roots can take advantage of the damp soil in preparation for dry summers. Water conservation hints as well.
7. When growing vegetables, draw a plan of your vegetable garden and use that to help you plan your crop rotation. Write on the plan what you have planted where, label the plan for the correct year and keep the annual plans as a record.
8. Try to use open pollinated vegetables where possible as you can then collect the seeds and use them the next year. This will help you to develop strong healthy plants for your own site.
9. Plant flowers among your vegetables to entice the bees and beneficial insects and to deter the nasties e.g. sweet alyssum, rosemary, marigolds, chives, candytuft.
10. Use local resources e.g. MBGC to help make your decisions



GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE

**By Elaine Scott—Plant Sale
Chairperson**

Your plant sale committee would like to remind you that the annual Mill Bay Garden Club Plant Sale will take place during the Community Flower and Garden Show at the Cobble Hill Farmer's Institute Hall on Saturday June 15, 2013. The money that the Club makes from the plant sale helps to support our contributions to projects ongoing in our Community. Our Club is very community minded, and therefore, the plant sale is important to us.

Please remember to pot up plants for the sale. If each of us only gave five plants each (and many members give far more than that) just imagine the variety and number of plants we would have for sale. We would kindly ask that you refrain from donating invasive plants and the Committee does have the prerogative to remove, from the sale, those plants that it considers to be invasive. It is important that we continue to be good stewards of our environment.

How to display flowers for the Community Flower and Garden Show on June 14th and 15th

Submitting entries is an easy process. We will have extra assistance on hand to help you fill out entry forms correctly, identify the proper classes for your entries and display your selections in the right way. Don't be afraid to give it a try, you'll discover that it's fun.



There are many factors that flower show judges consider when assigning points to each flower or leaf/frond that is displayed. This quick review will give you a few guidelines, but for a full understanding please refer to the BC Council of Garden Clubs Judging Standards handbooks that Janice Rose has in our library.

Flowers are generally judged on 5 separate categories that can add up to a total of 100 points. Usually considered are:

Condition	25 points
Form	30
Color	15
Stems or	
Stalks	15
Uniformity	15

These 5 judging categories differ by class and group. For example, Delphiniums are judged on a greater number of categories including but not limited to spike length, flower spike symmetry, foliage, and general perfection.

Flowers with a scent are judged on that basis as well. Roses are judged on balance and proportion, stem and foliage. Violets and pansies on belting (margins) and blotch. In general, choose the best looking flowers with a good healthy stem, uniform and well formed freshly opened flower with vibrant color.

For **Rhododendrons**, there are several different class descriptions: a truss is the flower cluster from a single bud. A spray is a branch of stem with a number of trusses attached. Trusses with a straight stem are more highly rated than those that are not upright and both trusses and sprays need the foliage attached, which is also judged.

Foliage (ferns, Hosta, Heuchera) will be judged on the three leaves per entry being as close to identical as possible (uniformity). Markings the same, size of leaf, length of stem, thickness of stem. Color, condition, and form also are taken into consideration, though a truly spectacular Hosta that's less uniform could take the lead over another entry that is perfectly uniform but not as special.

Container plants are judged on the form of container as well as over all good health and grooming, bloom (if any) and form.

Vegetables and fruits have a different point score system, with a wide range of maximum points. Taken into consideration though are condition, size and firmness, color and uniformity.

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How to display in Garden Show cont'd:

Cut **herbs** are judged on again a different range of categories including selection, rarity, and labeling. Potted herbs on number of specimens, neatness of display and naming.

Floral arrangements will be considered under balance, dominance, contrast, rhythm, proportion and scale, also color, suitable relationship of material, distinction, originality and condition.

Don't be afraid of all the technical aspects of judging. Just follow the descriptions on each of the classes on your show schedule. Pick your best looking flowers and plants, leaves, vegetables, herbs and personal design style and display them to their best advantage. When in doubt, ask the volunteers who are working the show for advice, many will know the answer you're looking for. Give yourself plenty of time to prepare your entries at the hall when you arrive, plan on at least a half hour for 4 to six entries, some of us with numerous class entries may take several hours to groom and display and fill out entry forms. Have fun with it and you'll see that each year you'll feel compelled to enter more and more classes.

Work Party-Volunteers Needed

We will be having a spring clean up party for the Community Hall gardens on Saturday, May 4th from 10AM until Noon. Please help us get the job done by coming with your gardening tools, buckets and gloves. It's a great way to get to know some of your fellow garden club members. Hope to see you at the Mill Bay Community League Hall on Saturday, May 4th , rain or shine.

Garden Tours

Cliff Stainsby Vice-president

Bill Herring will open his garden for visitors again this year. His is a must see vegetable garden along with fairly extensive ornamental gardens. The focus, though, is on the vegetable garden. The date is June 22 from 10:00am to 12:00 noon.

The MBGC and the CVGC are, once again, seeking people willing to host tours of their gardens – ornamental or food gardens – this year from April through August. If you are willing to have garden club members view your garden, please contact Cliff Stainsby and let him know. Such tours are usually on weekends and last from about 10:00am (earlier if you wish) to about 3:00pm. These hours are adaptable.

Notes From the Library

Janice Rose, Librarian

The MBGC is now the proud new recipient of a subscription to **Fine Gardening**. This classy magazine has 6 publications each year and is filled with inspirational design ideas, planting advice for our region, in depth information on all types of plants and expert advice to improve ones garden.

Please check out your own personal library at home. We are still missing **Carolyn Harriot's Zero Mile Diet: A Year-Round Guide to Growing Organic Food**. A reward will be offered for the safe return of this book. (A hug and a kiss may be claimed or not!) Remember to return all books to our next meeting on April 23 so that others may borrow them. We have some very hot new books this year and I know that members are waiting impatiently to scoop them up.

MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB

GENERAL MEETING

March 26, 2013

By Arlene Dench

Called to order at 7:05.

President's Report - Ajay - Last month we had 102 people at our meeting, participation is way up! Thanks given to set up and clean up crew. Motion to accept last month's minutes by Mary Gale and seconded by Heather Gibbins. Carried. Questions about President's Report? Nil. We now have a chairperson for nominating committee - Pip Woodcock. Still need two or three more people. Still need someone to coordinate bus tour. Have person who will do it if necessary but she would prefer that someone else did it. Tickets available next month. Tour is June 2. 'Sooke Secret Gardens'. Chemainus and Ladysmith garden clubs will fill tour if we do not sell out. Shawnigan Lake member who lost their gardener has been helped. Mrs. Bliss now has a younger family member who requires a helper. See Mary Gale. Ajay extended invitation to view daffodils at his home.

Vice-President's Report -Cliff - Cowichan Valley club will work with us for open gardens, email Cliff if you are interested in having your garden open. His email address is in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report -Gale - \$2044.89 balance.

Secretary's Report - Arlene - nothing.

Membership - Sandra Goth - given by Heather. We welcomed four new members this evening. Welcome letter not available but will email to them.

Newsletter - Mary -nothing.

Flower & Garden Show - Heather G. - Next meeting at Heather's, April 8, 7 p.m.

Website - as information to our new members, the newsletter is available on our website.

Library - Janice - still missing the 0 Mile Diet, please bring back. Making a list of things that people might want to borrow. Any ideas? Please sign books out if you are borrowing them ... and bring them back the following month!!! Bill Herring has offered RHS CD's on tape for the library if there is a demand? Janice will take them for the library. Let her know if there are favorite magazines as well.

Raffle - Carmen -flowers and mason bee house Jim Cawker made.

Plant Sales - Heather - lots of things tonight including trees and strawberries

Kitchen - Dianne - nothing to report.

Mary Gale - updated us on club members who have written articles for the newspapers and about whom two articles were written. Two cards sent.

Guest - president of Cow Val Club -Diane McAmmon - about their upcoming Spring Flower Show and Plant Sale. Sat. April 13, 10 to 2. Entries must be in Friday from 3 to 9. Location at downtown United Church. Brought flyers. Arrangements slightly changed this year - they are doing their shows in April and May. Schedule can be printed from the website. Donations will be made to local charities. Come early for Plant Sale, line up starts early! Bus tour will likely be June 2.

Members forum - Elaine Scott - Thanked Mary for our fantastic newsletter. Plant sale committee established, have two tents at Dot's house, start potting plants. Invasive ones will not be sold. No ivy, vinca major, lily of the valley, campanulas, ajuga, etc. Heather sale is this Sat. at Farmer's Institute. Over 1500 for sale. 10 to noon or until sold out. Charity plant sale April 27, money will be split between education for girls in Malawi and Mill Bay food bank.

Joy- has gardening class starting next month, will be done slightly differently. Wednesdays from 6 to 8 starting April 10.

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Garden Club Minutes cont'd

Pip – Master Gardeners or those who might like to be, the Vancouver Island Master Gardener's Association is holding advanced gardening theory and practice course at Payne Horticultural Center in Nanaimo, 12 weeks through VIU, Victoria master gardeners from here south have their own course at the Horticultural Center of the Pacific. All work well together. See Pip for info. Will be in newsletter.

Bev and Pauline have set up Facebook page for flower and garden show which includes club info as well. Search MBGC on Facebook and join us or at least like us. More spontaneous than website and an effort to create community. Go to Facebook.com, create account, once in, search club.

Brag Table – Barb is away, Ali Morris.

Valerie – community announcement re Ecole Mill Bay. Having planting blitz Thurs. and Fri. next week, 10:30 to early afternoon focussing on plants that will be ready to harvest before the end of June. The school is moving over the summer.

Q and A. with Bill Herring – Bill will have his garden open this year June 22, 10 a.m. to mid day.

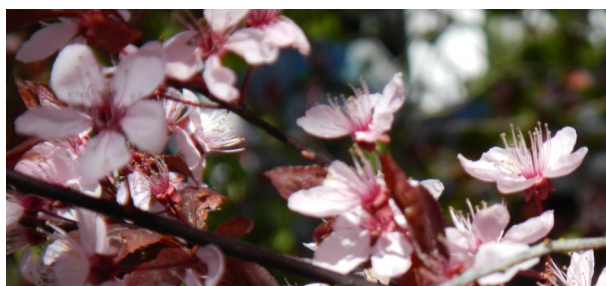
What to do with curly peach leaves? A very common problem in this climate. Keep rain off them as much as possible, prevents most of it. Nectarines as well. Gooseberry bush can be uncovered as soon as fruit begins to appear. Black currants as well. Use Enviromesh. Carrots too. Raccoons digging up seedlings? Cayenne pepper over area they have been visiting will keep them away. Cats can be harmed by this product. Critter Ridder works. Human urine works as well. Joy asked what makes some carrots sweeter than others? Depends on the variety. Blueberries? Put sulphur around plant. Bill knows nothing about blueberries but Cliff says elemental sulphur. Fir branch mulch works as well.

Evening's speaker: Ted Leischner on pollinators.

Next meeting: April 23, 2013.

Flower and Garden Show

The Flower and Garden Show Committee is working on a **silent auction** for the show. They would welcome donations for the auction. We know there are a lot of talented people in the area. If you have something to **donate** please contact Monika Morgan . Thank you!



Membership Chair

Sandra Goth

We would like one or two creative members to assist us with creating information handouts and a display board that could be taken to various venues, such as Seedy Saturday and Flower and Garden Shows. If you are creative in this area and would like to assist us in promoting the club please email .



Cards by Mary Gale

If you know of someone in the club who is sick, or in hospital , or is dying, please let Mary Gale know and she will send a card on behalf of the Mill Bay Garden Club.

PLANT SALE AT CAIRNSMORE PLACE

On Saturday, April 20 from 10:00 to 2:00 the Volunteer Gardeners at Cairnsmore Place will be holding their annual plant sale. There will be over 300 plants ready for planting. You will also find birdhouses and garden ornaments made by members of our group.

Our group is totally made up of volunteers who work every Wednesday morning from Spring to Fall. The Mill Bay Garden Club is well represented by Ali Morris, Sharon Martin, Monika Morgan, Donna Kaiser and Diane Allen. Minimal financial support is provided by VIHA. The Mill Bay Garden Club generously donated funds in support of our efforts for two years. Now our plant sale can support all our regular efforts. Last year, \$2200 was raised, allowing us to improve the watering system, build a composting bin system and a few trees. Our volunteers contribute plants from their gardens.

We are regularly rewarded by the kind words of residents, visitors and staff. Many of the residents sit by the windows waving encouragement and occasionally offering advice. Your support of our sale is what makes this possible and we are very grateful for your gardening `addiction



ANNUAL CHARITY PLANT SALE - SATURDAY APRIL 27, 2013

9:00AM TO 2:00PM (Sale will not begin until 9:00)

2836 Oceanside Lane, Mill Bay (Top of Driveway)

This sale is brought to you by four of our Garden Club members - Ali Morris, Barb Kohlman, Sharon Martin and Elaine Scott. There will be a wide range of plants available and Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer your questions.

The proceeds from the sale will be divided between *Malawi Girls on the Move* a program to support the education of girls in Malawi and the *CMS Food Bank*. This sale is another great one to obtain interesting and healthy plants at a very reasonable cost.

Horticulture Centre of the Pacific

Spring Plant Sale

April 27th and 28th 9 am to 4 pm

505 Quayle Road, Victoria. 250-479-6162 www.hcp.ca

Plant Sale & Garden Open . Saturday April 27th 10 am -12 pm-Evelyn Weesjes' 10629 Derrick Rd. (left off West Saanich to Downey, left off Downey to Derrick). Excellent selection of rhodos, ferns, shrubs and perennials.

Cowichan Valley Garden Fair

Saturday May 4, 2013

10 am – 2 pm

Cowichan Exhibition Grounds Duncan

Free Coffee and Donuts for first 200 customer Free admission

Doors open at 10 am sharp, come early for best selection!

High quality plants from nurseries on island and mainland

More than 3000 rhododendrons for sale

Rare, hard to find rhodos available

Companion and other beautiful plants for sale

Truss (flower) display of local rhodos in bloom

Variety of unique vendors and garden related suppliers

Planting, growing, maintenance advice from expert

rhodoholics and gardeners

Many excellent buys on quality plants

We'll help load your new plant goodies

Giant Plant Sale UVic in support of Finnerty Gardens-May 5th UVic Gym. 10-1

Very wide selection of plants from vegetables to trees and shrubs. New this year will be a delectable assortment of new and unusual perennials potted up especially for this sale.

Plant Sale & Garden Open. Saturday May 11th 10am-2-pm. -Carmen Varcoe & Friends 5450 Old West Saanich Rd. Parking available next door at the Gazebo B & B. Wide selection of woodland perennials, hydrangeas, & Pacific Coast Iris hybrids- (missing from last year's sale but back again)

Plant a Holics Sale. Sunday May 19th (9 -12 pm) ABKHAZI GARDENS- A Plant sale extravaganza. 1964 Fairfield Rd. Parking at Margaret Jenkins School. Gardens Open Free 9:00 to 12:00. Tearoom Open from 10:00 on. More info call Abkhazi Gardens 598-8096.

The North Island Rhododendron Society (NIRS) extends an invitation to members of the Mill Bay Garden Club to take in the annual NIRS Mother's Day Tour, Sunday, May 12 from 10AM to 4 PM. Tickets are \$10 and available either in advance from various local outlets or at the first garden on the day of the tour. The ticket will cover all the gardens on the tour and one fortunate guest will win a choice rhododendron.

The tour is always a big spring favourite and in 2013 will include six local gardens in central Comox/Courtenay. While each garden is a labour of love, they vary in size and terrain, each featuring something special or unusual. Two of the gardens are small perfectly planned gems while other larger ones have water features, special "rooms" or rare and unusual trees and specimens.

NIRS will also be holding its annual rhododendron sale and truss display Sunday, May 5 at the K'omox Band Hall, 3320 Comox (Dyke) Road from 10AM to 1PM. This is a good opportunity to meet experienced Vancouver Island rhododendron growers who can answer questions on rhodo culture—and for another chance to win a prize rhododendron.

In addition to lovely gardens, the Comox Valley offers many attractions for visitors who can come for more than a day--from markets and wineries to museums and game farms.



AN INVITATION TO SHOP!

RUSSELL FARMS GARDEN CENTRE
WOULD LIKE TO INVITE MEMBERS
OF OUR LOCAL GARDEN CLUBS
TO AN ELCLUSIVE EVENING OF
SALES, PRIZES AND REFRESHMENTS

MAY 15TH 7-9pm

ROSES BUY 2 AND GET THE THIRD
OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE FREE

ALL 4-5" PERENNIALS 20% OFF

RHODOS BUY 2 AND GET THE THIRD
OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE FREE

Huge PLANT SALE

**May 18th from 10 am-4 pm
and May 19th from 12 to 4 pm**

**1535 Oceanspray Drive
North Saanich**

100s of plants ranging from garden favorites to unusual and new introductions.

Participating gardeners:

Frieda, Dale and Pat.

For a partial plant list, email Frieda at oceanspraygarden@gmail.com.

Master Gardener

Part-time Non-credit Certificate Program

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 for 12 Saturdays starting: **September 14 - November 30, 2013.**

The course is based on the original, authentic Master Gardener program from Washington State University, 30 years strong.

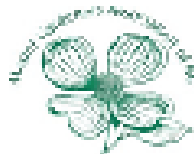
View the full Program Guide at the VIU website, viu.ca/ce/certificates/mastergardener.asp

"BC's Master Gardeners: Educating the public while continuing to educate themselves in sustainable gardening practices."

INFORMATION SESSION

When: Wednesday, May 22; 6-8pm

Where: G.R. Paine Horticultural Centre, Nanaimo



Vancouver Island Chapter



Continuing Education
& Contract Services
at Vancouver Island University



Mill Bay Garden Club

Presents

The 66th Annual

*Community Flower
& Garden Show*

'Beauty and the Feast'

Saturday June 15th 2013

9am to 2pm

Cobble Hill Hall,

3550 Watson Ave, Cobble Hill.

8am-11am Rotary Pancake Breakfast

9am-2pm Show open

Inside: Flower and Vegetable Show, Silent Auction,

Lake Bay Hill Ladies Auxiliary Strawberry Tea.

Outside: Plant Sales, Commercial Plant Vendors,

Garden Accessories, Master Gardeners.

Admission: \$2.00

Exhibits Accepted Friday June 14th 2013

Noon 'til 7pm

Show Programmes Available at: Buckerfield's, Dinter Nursery,

Laughing Llama, Country Grocer and Thrifty Foods.

*A donation from the Show proceeds will be made to the Mill Bay
Food Bank*

For more information go to www.millbaygardenclub.com

SHOW ENTRY FEES

50¢ per entry, per class

SHOW PRIZE MONEY AND AWARDS

Please attend the Awards Presentations at 2:30pm

Prize Money:

First Place:	\$3.00
Second Place:	\$2.00
Third Place:	\$1.00

People's Choice Award
Potted Plants Aggregate
Mill Bay Garden Club - Perpetual Plaque

Mill Bay Garden Club Perpetual Plaque for aggregate total.

- 1st - three points,
- 2nd - two points,
- 3rd - one point

A plaque will be presented at the MBGC June Annual General Meeting and must be returned by May 1st, 2014. Winner will be announced at the show. *Mill Bay Garden Club Members Only.*

Visit www.millbaygardenclub.com

SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Entries are open to all members of the public, subject to individual class restrictions. An entry fee of .50¢ per exhibit will be charged. Exhibitors will be given an Exhibitor's Wristband, which will allow them to attend the show without charge.
2. Entries will be accepted at the Cobble Hill Hall on Friday, June 14th, 2013 between the hours of noon and 7:00pm. The Hall will be closed for judging at 7:00pm sharp on Friday, June 14th, 2013 and will be open, with the rest of the exhibition grounds, from 9am - 2pm on Saturday, June 15, 2013. Unauthorized persons will not be allowed in the hall during the judging.
3. The exhibitor, with the exception of the Design Division, must grow all plant material. Artificial plant material is not allowed. The exhibitor must have grown potted plants for a minimum of three months.
4. The committee reserves the right to reclassify any entry before judging. Classes may be subdivided when necessary. Judges have the right to withhold prizes to any unworthy exhibits and the decisions will be final.
5. No entry may be removed before 2:00pm on Saturday, June 15, 2013. The committee will not be held responsible for exhibits left after 3:00 pm.
6. The committee, while taking all reasonable precautions, cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage.
7. There is a limit of two entries per person per class.
8. Exhibitors are requested to put the cultivar's name on the entry tag wherever possible.
9. Exhibitors are reminded to read the schedule carefully and measure and count their entries when required. N.B. - Buds showing colour shall be counted as a bloom.
10. Please do not include stem when measuring hostas. Leaf only, base to tip.
11. Judging will be by the B.C. Council of Garden Clubs Judging Standards for Non-Specialty Shows.
12. Prize money will be given out at the show. Special awards will be presented at 1:30pm.

DIVISION I - HORTICULTURE

Please name all varieties
Containers will be supplied for all classes;
with exception of 13, 25, 32, & 41.

SECTION A - Cut Flowers

- 1) Azalea, one spray.
- 2) Annual, Biennial, Perennial, three stems, e.g. Calendula.
- 3) Clematis, three stems, flower less than 10cm (4") diameter.
- 4) Clematis, three stems, flower more than 10cm (4") diameter.
- 5) Columbine, three stems.
- 6) Delphinium, one spike, lateral shoots removed.
- 7) Foxglove, one stem, lateral shoots removed.
- 8) Geranium (Cranesbill), three stems.
- 9) Heather, three flowering sprays in one vase.
- 10) Iris, bearded, one stalk.
- 11) Iris, beardless, one stalk e.g. Siberian, Japanese.
- 12) Iris, bulbous, one stalk e.g. English, Dutch, Spanish.
- 13) Pansy, five blooms displayed in moss, Blossoms 5cm (2") & over.
- 14) Peony, one bloom.
- 15) Poppies, three blooms.
- 16) Any other perennial or biennial, three stems, grown from a bulbous root e.g. Lilies.
- 17) Any other perennial or biennial, three stems, grown from a fibrous root, e.g. Penstemon.
- 18) Rose, Hybrid tea, one specimen bloom.

- 19) Rose, Floribunda, one spray.
- 20) Rose, Grandiflora, one spray.
- 21) Rose, Miniature, one specimen bloom or spray.
- 22) Rose, Old Garden Rose. Varieties in existence prior to 1867. One specimen bloom or one spray.
- 23) Rose, Modern Shrub. Varieties introduced into the Western World in 1867 or after. One specimen bloom or one spray. David Austin roses excluded.
- 24) Rose, David Austin - named, one specimen bloom or one spray.
- 25) Rose, Selected for fragrance, one specimen bloom floating in the exhibitor's own snifter glass.
- 26) Rose Collection, Min of three different varieties in one container.
- 27) Rose Bowl, A fully open rose displayed floating in the rose bowl.
- 28) Rhododendron, one truss with attached foliage.
- 29) Rhododendron, one spray.
- 30) Sweet Pea, minimum of three stems, any colour
- 31) Vine, flowering other than clematis. Three stems of one variety.

- 32) Viola, five blooms displayed in moss. Blossoms must be smaller than 5cm (2").
- 33) Flowering Branch, one branch, any tree or shrub not listed above not to exceed 75cm (30") in length.
- 34) Fern, three stems, one variety. Native.
- 35) Fern, three stems, one variety. Non-Native.
- 36) Heuchera, three leaves, one variety.
- 37) Hosta, three leaves, one variety, single colour. 30cm (12"). Measured from leaf tip to leaf base.
- 38) Hosta, three leaves, one variety, variegated. 30cm (12"). Measured from leaf tip to leaf base.
- 39) Hosta, three leaves, one variety, single colour. Over 30cm (12"), measured from leaf tip to leaf base.
- 40) Hosta, three leaves, one variety, variegated. Over 30cm (12"), Measured from leaf tip to leaf base.
- 41) A collection of cut flowers displayed in exhibitor's own container. Minimum of five varieties.

SECTION B-- Potted Plants

All entries must have been owned by exhibitor for a minimum of three months.

- 42) Mixed plants in a patio container.
- 43) Container planting in a non-traditional container
- 44) African Violet, single crowned, 15cm (6") pot maximum.
- 45) Pelargonium (geranium), single plant in bloom.
- 46) Houseplant, any other, flowering.
- 47) Houseplant, foliage.
- 48) Cactus/Succulent, single cultivar in a pot or exhibited on a rock.
- 49) Cactus/Succulent, Collection. Minimum of five cultivars in a single pot exhibited on a tray or all in one large container.
- 50) Lilies, in bloom, growing in a pot.

SECTION C -Vegetables and Herbs

- 51) Any pod type of vegetable, three pods. E.g.. Broad Beans, peas.
- 52) Any Brassica, one head. E.g.. Broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower.
- 53) Any one lettuce.
- 54) Radish, six bunched, tops and roots left on.
- 55) Rhubarb, six stalks, tied, tops cut to 2.5cm to 5 cm (1" to 2").
- 56) Collection of four vegetables, minimum of two of each variety, named.
- 57) Herb Collection, five culinary herbs, named, in a single container.
- 58) Herb Collection, five non-culinary herbs, named in a single container.
- 59) Herb Collection, three flowering herbs, named, in one container.

SECTION D- Seedlings

The exhibitor must have started entries from seed in 2013

- 60) Kid's Nasturtium Competition
- 61) Annual, six starter plants, one variety, in separate pots.
- 62) Perennial, six starter plants, one variety in separate pots.
- 63) Herb, six starter plants, one variety, in separate pots.

DIVISION II – DESIGN

The People's Choice Award will be chosen from classes 68 to 73.
Our theme this year – **Beauty and the Feast**

We live where we are surrounded by beauty in our natural landscapes. We also have a climate that supports the growing of our own food.

The themes this year should reflect this and create a “feast for the eyes”.

68) Kid's Design Theme: Egg Salad – A shallow bowl filled with fresh flowers, herbs, greenery and some vegetables and/or fruit.

69) Theme: Gone Fishing – Arrange fresh and dried material to reflect the title. Can be TALL, up to 60cm (24”).

70) Theme: Cowichan Still Life – We've all seen still life paintings. Now create a still life that can be painted. Used fresh materials and no more than two accessories allowed. Size is to 51cm (20”) maximum in any direction.

71) Theme: To Nana with Love – A bouquet of flowers that you would give to “Nana”. All fresh and size to a maximum of 51cm (20”) in any direction.

72) Theme: Sunset Sailing – The colours and design must reflect the title. Size to be no bigger than 60cm (24”).

Accessories allowed.

73) Theme: Hummingbird Nest -Arrangement in a thimble. All fresh material and no bigger than 7.5cm (3”) in any direction.

74) Theme: Incredible Edibles – In any unconventional container. Must contain at least 50% edible vegetables/flowers. Not to exceed 91cm by 91cm (36” by 36”) in size.