



# MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**JUNE 2013**

## **MBGC AGM and Potluck dinner Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM**



Please be sure and mark your calendar for our Annual General Meeting held in lieu of a regular meeting at the Community League Hall. Our traditional potluck dinner will begin at 6PM with the meeting held afterward. We will be voting on Executive and Committee positions and charitable contributions.

Please **arrive between 5PM and 5:30 for set-up**, come early for a tour of the gardens if you like. **Bring your own chairs** (we'll provide the tables as well as coffee and tea service), **your favourite potluck item**, as well as **plates, cutlery, napkins, place mats, coffee cups and your favourite beverages and glasses**. **Also bring a light jacket or sweater.**

Be sure to **craft a unique and outrageous garden hat** from materials found in your garden, we'll have special prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place and a special door prize for one lucky winner!

Your spouse, partner, children and friends are always welcome to join us for the evening. Should inclement weather occur, we'll have a back-up plan in place on the day of the event. Please remember that only members who have a paid membership for the current season are able to vote, but all end of year new members and guests are invited to come and have fun too! Hope to see you all there!

### **DIRECTIONS:**

There is plenty of on street parking in the neighbourhood, and you may pull into the driveway to unload passengers and supplies before parking.

## President's Report

**Ajay Oppelaar**

Four years is a long time. That's how long I've been meeting the publishing deadline for the club newsletter.

It's been terrific working with the entire Executive Board and Committee in my leadership roll the last 4 years. Thanks to the hard work of these people, what needs to be done for our day to day operations happens easily and efficiently. These people all deserve a collective standing ovation for their dedication to the club and the community.

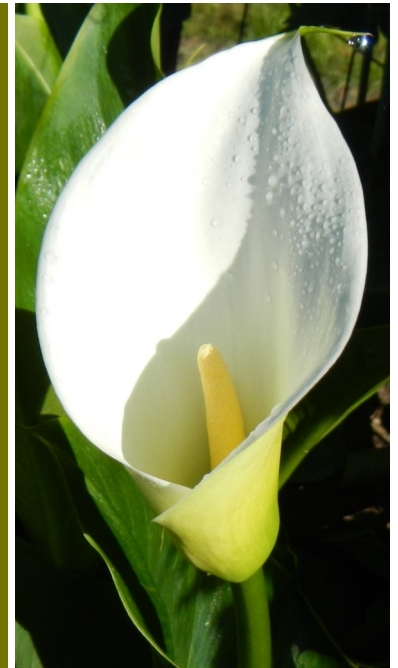
There wasn't much business to be discussed at our final Executive and Committee meeting of the season last week. Discussions about the AGM took only a few minutes to rehash. Please be aware that in the event of rain on Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup>, the AGM potluck event will relocate from my house to our own Community League Hall. The call will be made at 4PM should it be wet, and it's the easiest and most convenient option for us.

As discussed before, the amount of our donations this year is yet to be determined until totals from the plant sale at the Flower and Garden Show are published. We will be voting on these amounts at the AGM.

Thank you to Heather Gibbins and her crew for executing another hugely successful Community Flower and Garden Show. Almost half of our membership assisted in either the planning and/or showing aspect of the event. Many new exhibitors joined the ranks, and Arlene Dench ran away with the award for highest score for a first time participant. Congratulations to all the winners and to those who had the winning bids for our giant silent auction, and thank you to Monika Morgan and her team for managing to garner yet another record breaking number of donations from community businesses and individuals.

I am very proud of this group for producing such a beautiful and well planned event, and getting the job done while having fun working with friends. Truly, a community at work.

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## **President's Report cont'd**

Thanks for allowing me to run things the last couple of years. We hope you have enjoyed the direction the club has taken, and that the current format continues to satisfy our members by allowing every member a voice. And a laugh. Next season's Executive and Committee will be very comfortable working together and we should be able to continue having fun while accomplishing the business of the club.

Hope to see you all on Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup> here at our house. Tom will even be in town for it this year!

## **Mill Bay Garden Club Plant Sale Committee**

### **By Elaine Scott - Plant Sale Chairperson**

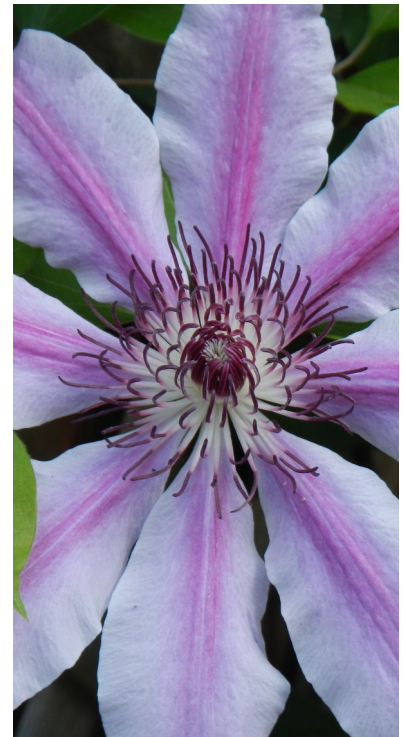
The Committee (Mary Gale, Barb Kohlman, Margo Johnston, Ali Morris, Ruby Armour, Lorraine Little, Heather and Nick Jenkins, Fran Benton, Pat Stevens and Elaine Scott) would first of all like to congratulate the Flower and Garden Show Committee on a wonderful show. It was just fantastic.

We would also like to thank the many folks who helped us with the plant sale. These include spouses Doug and Laurie who responded to our SOS for vehicles to transport the plants on the Friday night and Bernie who took not one trip but two trips to Heather and Nick's with leftover plants on Saturday afternoon. Thank you also to spouses Ian and Bill who are always there to help out. All those folks who came to the fore and helped us put up the tent on Friday night, unload plants on Saturday morning as well as take down the tents and load the leftover plants on Saturday afternoon were fantastic - thank you very much. We have not mentioned names here as there were many folks and we run the danger of missing someone. You know who you were and your help was greatly appreciated.

Now how did we do. Our average profit over the seven years since Barb and Elaine started coordinating the sale is \$937. This year the profit was \$1,104.50. That was just great and is the result of all of those wonderful plant contributions from our many members who contributed plants.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH.**

We will have some of the left over plants on sale during the garden tours June 22 and 23 so remember to bring some cash with you when you visit the six wonderful gardens that will be on the tour. The sale table will be set up at Bill's on the Saturday and Ajay's on the Sunday.



## **Gardening Tips For June**

**By Barb Kohlman, Past President**

- ◆ Feed and water containers on a regular schedule (including perennials kept in pots).
- ◆ Stake tall plants NOW that may fall over as they get taller.
- ◆ Check roses for signs of black spot (definitely on mine already). Pick off and destroy diseased leaves. Unfortunately my roses were attacked by tent caterpillars . So good or bad, I have no blackspot at this time!!!
- ◆ Fertilize bulbs that have finished flowering to encourage good bloom for next season, and leave foliage till it dies back naturally.
- ◆ Prune spring flowering shrubs that are now finished blooming. Many rhodos love a good trim for bushier growth in the next year.
- ◆ Perhaps consider planting your hostas in pots to help with slug damage and to showcase them.
- ◆ Keep on those weeds
- ◆ And water----already the ground is drying out



## **AGM Set-up & Clean-up:**

Barb Kohlman  
Rosemary Devoe  
Paul Devoe  
Elaine Scott  
Diane Allen  
Valerie and Kerry Davis

## **AGM Kitchen Help:**

Addy LaVigne

## **Membership Chair Report**

**Sandra Goth**

All members, do remember (sorry for the repetition) that your membership (oops) is done at the AGM. Renewal now will take you to the AGM in 2014. If you love the information, enjoy the meetings, and want to be a winner at the next year's Flower and Garden Show renew renew renew (didn't want to break the pattern).

Look forward to seeing you at the AGM



## **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.

## **SEEDY SATURDAY**

Members who paid or signed up at Seedy Saturday this year, please email Mary .

You are paid up for 2014 and we need to make a record of that. Thanks.

## **COMMUNITY FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW 2013:**



**Photos by Bev Rempel.**

# COMMUNITY FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW 2013

Photos by Mary Vandenberg



How many gardeners to raise a tent?  
(Photo by Gail Joyce)



People's Choice Award  
Joy Story

Most Wins, New Exhibitor  
Arlene Dench  
(No Picture)



Aggregate Award  
Laurie Sale

# Mill Bay Garden Club General Meeting

May 28, 2013

By Arlene Dench



Called to order at 7:05

President's Report - Ajay - AGM will be at Ajay's June 25. His garden will be open early that afternoon. Motion to accept last month's minutes as distributed. Moved by Mary Gale and seconded by Glad Roth. Carried. Thank you to set up and clean up crew. Circulated sign up sheet for duties at AGM. How many people are intending to come to AGM? Looks like we might need more tables. Perhaps from here? Ajay will talk to Sheena. In event of rain, Shawnigan Lake room is not available this year but Kerry Park are trying to shuffle people so that we can have Mill Bay Hall if required. Will keep members posted. Any questions about Pres. Report? None. Bus tour sold nine tickets. Ajay will call to remind members who are not here that bus leaves at 8:15 a.m. prompt. Any seats left? No. Wear comfortable shoes, bring umbrella and wear name tag. Back about 6. Parking at hall no issue. F&G show on June 15. Sign up sheet for volunteers circulated, last chance to sign up. New exhibitors will have help on the Friday evening. The more participation the better. Janice has copies of judging standards.

Vice-President - Cliff - thanks to people who opened their gardens. June 22 - Dot Garbet's garden will be open from 10 to 1, Bill Herring's from 10 to noon and Carmen's as well.

Treasurer - Gale - \$2375.71 bal. Charities this year will be - Hospice, Providence farm and Elaine's charity, Go Malawi Girls Go.

Secretary - Arlene - no report.

Membership - Sandra - 1 new member.

Flower & Garden Show - Ajay spoke for Heather G. - on line to do as well as last year. The more we make, the more we can give back to the community. Donations to silent auction are appreciated and members are asked to

patronize the vendors.

Newsletter - Mary Vandenberg - not here, nothing to report.

Website - Kerry - not here.

Library - Janice - donation of a ton of books, several of which are loaned out already. Missing book found in Librarian's home. Magazine subscription purchased. Books taken out tonight can be kept until September.

Raffle - Carmen - succulent bowl, lewisia,

Plant Sales - Heather J. - plants, mason bee houses, seeds.

Kitchen - Dianne - nothing.

Historian - Mary - cards sent during month, Heather J. for first grandchild.

Member's Forum - Elaine - plant sale at flower show, bring plants to Elaine's before Friday noon. If not there, open gate to veg garden, leave plant and close the gate.

Flower & garden show - silent auction. Monika. Have lots of great donations but we need further donations from club members. Donations will be uploaded to Facebook page. Arbutus Ridge and Cowichan golf courses have donated and ask for our patronage.

Brag Table - Barb Kohlman

Q and A - Joy Story - June 23 garden tour at her house. Q. caterpillar control? BTK is an approved control in Canada. It is a bacteria that will take care of tent caterpillars. Drown them in soapy water. Check berry bushes, fruit trees, birch and willow trees.

This evening's speaker - Linda Dowling, Happy Valley Herb Farm.

## Grow Food Network Magazine is offering Mill Bay Garden Club's members a FREE copy for June

### Inside This Month's Issue:

- Growing Giant Vegetables using Compost Tea
- Club Member Sandra Goth's Garden Feature
- What to do in the Edible Garden in June
- Asparagus Care with Bill Herring
- Fast & Easy Garden
- March against Monsanto
- Growing Children
- Natural Insecticidal Soap
- June Events and Courses
- Creamy Asparagus Soup Recipe
- Eating Your Flowers with Happy Valley Herb Farm
- Classified Ads



**For Your FREE copy**

**Email [growfood@shaw.ca](mailto:growfood@shaw.ca) and we will forward this month's issue to you for FREE.**

### **OPPORTUNITY TO USE A GREENHOUSE:**

Unused greenhouse in Shawnigan Lake area. Please call if interested in using space in trade for gardening.



Hello fellow gardeners!

The Victoria Lily Society and the BC Iris Society would like to extend an invitation to your group for a special road trip. Come and enjoy our fabulous, combined show of irises and lilies (plus lots more). There will be an opportunity to learn about iris judging in the morning. Unusual and hard to find irises and lilies will be for sale and if that isn't enough, a wonderful tea with home baking is available too.

Our new Victoria location, 4030 Douglas Street (just off the Pat Bay Highway at McKenzie), is conveniently located for you to take in a few of our local nurseries or to enjoy further ventures to some of our local gardens, especially Glendale Gardens for viewing specialty beds with lilies, hardy plants and an incredible Japanese garden.

We're letting you know well in advance to make your planning easier. The date is July 6<sup>th</sup>, from 10 until 4. Admission is by donation. We hope to see you there.

Thanks,

Wendy [wj4man@shaw.ca](mailto:wj4man@shaw.ca)



**ScentSational Plants** is pleased to announce that our "retirement clearance sale" of plants will commence on Thursday, June 6 at 9:00 a.m. and will continue into July. In addition to our usual large variety, we will be including many uncommon "collector" plants and large specimens from our "mother stock". Plants will be discounted by 30% off the marked prices. Remember when you shop at ScentSational Plants our prices include taxes.

Mark, Pauline & Jasmine

### **ScentSational Plants**

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