



# MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**OCTOBER 2013**

## Next Meeting

**October 22nd, 2013**

The October meeting of the Mill Bay Garden Club will take place on Tuesday, October 22nd 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.

## OCTOBER SPEAKER:

**Jason Greenwood**

**Backyard Bounty  
Permaculture**

**Topic: Soil Building**

## IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Please remember that membership dues must be paid by the October meeting to ensure you continue to receive the benefits of a monthly newsletter and notifications about those wonderful garden tours. Membership is very reasonably priced at **\$10 cash please. Exact Change appreciated.**



## October Brag Table Theme:

### Oktoberfest

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

## October Kitchen Duties

**Dianne Regan**

**1 litre of 2% milk:** Julie McNally

**Cookies/ Goodies:** Tracy Morris,  
Pauline Dueck, Barb Kohlman

**Kitchen Helpers:** Bev Rempel,  
Mary-Ellen Deuling

**Set up / Clean Up:** Barb Juurlink,  
Bernie Juurlink , Kathy Edmunds

**Remember to bring your mug!**

## Mill Bay Garden Club Tips

October – November 2013

By Barb Kohlman, Master Gardener

Since the weather is nice you can still dig up summer blooming perennials to divide, and either replant or pot them up.

Time is "ripe" to plan next years' veggie garden space----and to cover the soil in your beds where nothing is growing.

Can plant container-grown trees and shrubs.

Roses deadheaded and old leaves destroyed to help prevent spread of disease.

Leave still good-looking or seed bearing perennials for winter interest and to feed the birds.

Bring in any tender plants in pots if not done already. Store in a cool place and check occasionally over the winter to keep slightly moist.

Clean your garden tools and put them away if you are not "winter" gardening.

Now all your clean-up chores are done, sit back with a cup of hot chocolate and catch up on that stack of garden magazines.



Dot Garbet has let us know the name of that fantastic pumpkin of hers on September Brag Table. It is:

PUMPKIN-VIF  
RougeD'Etampe  
OP . Vining. Beautiful bright scarlet French heirloom Cinderella pumpkin. Makes lots of delicious pies, etc.

## Facebook Tips

By Pauline Dueck

If you are a Facebook member, we invite you to visit the club page by entering Mill Bay Garden Club in the Facebook search bar, or by using the following URL:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mill-Bay-Garden-Club/172079786272385>

Please "LIKE" the page. To ensure that you get all of club updates, click on the word "LIKE", then click on "Notifications" and "Show in News Feed" in the drop down menu.



## GO GREEN

**Purchase a permanent MBGC name tag from Gale McIntyre for only \$10 cash!**



## Raffle Table

**By Gillian Seal-Jones**

The raffle table made a disappointingly small amount of money at the September meeting so it would be great if club members could root around their green houses , garages and basements and donate anything they no longer need . Any item somewhat related to gardening would be suitable....planters , tools , caddies , books or homemade goodies created from flowers or vegetables . If you have anything to donate, please contact me .



## 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.



General Meeting Minutes  
**Tuesday Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 2013**

**Sandra Goth, Secretary**

7 p.m. Call to order

**Executive Committee Reports:**

- President's Report: Cliff Stainsby

-Thanked Ajay Oppelaar, Past President, for his service to the Club

(Ajay was invited to share the result of his recent knee surgery and complied with a lift of his pant leg; the exposed scar received a round of applause from all present.)

- Presented his vision for his own presidency:

-No plans for great changes

-Invited ideas from the general membership

-Cliff thanked the meeting set-up crew that, in keeping with the response to the exposure of Ajay's knee, received a full round of applause.

- Acceptance of minutes of May's meeting.

**-Moved by Ajay Oppelaar: Seconded by Joan Cawker**

**Adopted**

The Kitchen duty sign-up sheet was circulated

The Mill Bay Hall Rental contract has been signed with the same terms as last year: \$539.09

- AGM venue:

-A resounding majority show of hands to keep the meeting in someone's garden for 2014.

**Action: There will be a call for volunteers to offer their gardens closer to the 2014 AGM**

- Brag table themes:

Sept. Fall Flair

Oct. Oktober Fest

Nov. What Have You

- Acceptance of the President's Report:

**Moved by Nick Jenkins: Seconded by Skye Powell**

**Adopted**

- Vice President's Report, Joy Story:

-Provided an excellent Speakers List update for 2013/14

-A profile is needed for Shirley Cook, the May speaker.

**Action: Joy will follow up with Elaine**

- Treasurer's Report: Gale McIntyre

-Balance: as per sheet posted on desk

-There will be no more paper bank statements

-The Budget is similar to last year

-Thanks to negotiations by Ajay Oppelaar, there are no more bank fees; however this will remain a line item in the budget

- Secretary's Report: Sandra Goth:

-There was a swapping of roles with Arlene Dench, who is now Membership Chair.

-Recommended members consider a position on the Executive if they wish to contribute to their community and Club and attend a meeting that provides good companionship, discussions and lots of fun.

- Membership Chair: Arlene Dench

-Invited the three new members to stand

-Reported 55 renewals

- Club Newsletter: Mary Vandenberg

-No Report

-Was congratulated by Cliff and applauded by the membership for her excellent newsletter

- Website: Kerry Davis

-No Report

- Facebook: Bev Rempel

-Look at the Page – Mill Bay Garden Club

-Pauline Dueck also assists

-This week will be a Daffodil A Day with photographs highlighting six different daffodils

-Members are invited to take a picture of their fall garden and upload pictures onto the page

-Bev is capturing the development of her own garden and invites members to do the same

-Bev will assist with Facebook

-A link to the website is on the page.

**-Action: There will be a future training session regarding Facebook**

**-Action: This will be discussed at the Executive**

- Library: Cori-Lee Fisher and Monika Morgan

-Standing in for Janice

-Books may be signed out at each general meeting and are to be returned at the next meeting

-New books are showcased in each months Library Report

- Plant sales: Heather Jenkins

-The sale table will always take plants

- Raffle: Gillian Seal-Jones

-Shared the raffle items

-Invited members to donate to the raffle table

- Kitchen: Dianne Regan:

-Members may donate baking

- Historian : Mary Gale

-Unable to attend this evening

-Historical highlights will be reported in the future

-A reminder for members to inform Mary if they are aware of members who should receive cards of congratulation or condolence

- Members' Forum:

- o Elizabeth Coulter:

This weekend in Lake Cowichan is the Salmon and Mushroom Festival, there were bookmarks and there is a website for more information

- o Jim Cawker:

- Four Mason Bee Hives at \$15.00

-Cost has been increased due to the need to now purchase the wood

- Brag Table with Barb Kohlman "Fall Flair"

-Members were thanked for submitting items to the table

-Items were described and their botanical names and tips for growing and showing were provided

- Q & A with Joy Story (standing in for Bill Herring).

- Coffee Break

- Raffle

- Speaker: Barre Agar on "Bountiful Berries"

- **9 PM: Adjournment**





## Perennial Give-away!

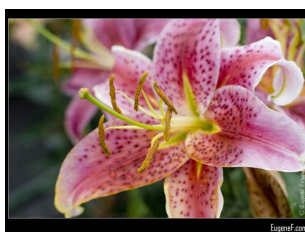
Okay, well almost give-away. Here's the deal: Ajay and Tom are starting a major new backyard project and to make room for what's coming, we need to eliminate our large perennial bed that borders the backyard. Not just divide them all, but there will no longer be room for 95% of them, and they all need to find new homes. Available will be phlomis, sedum 'Autumn joy', several different types of delphinium, veronica, numerous Oriental lilies, lysimachia, Solomon's seal, too many perennials to list! Ornamental grasses too!

On Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, come on over at 1:00PM with shovels, garden forks, pruners, knives, garden carts, bags, buckets, whatever you might need to dig in and share in this bounty. We ask that for each perennial division or large lily bulb, you donate a dollar to our Club's plant sale programme. Almost free, but this money will go back out to the community next summer when our donations to deserving organizations are approved at the AGM.

If you would be willing to take some of these divisions home to pot up for our annual plant sale, no donation is necessary.

We also have a quantity of drain rock and split cedar rails and posts available for take-away too, bring a truck or a trailer and a wheel barrow if you would like some for walkways and other garden projects.

Hope to see many of you here!





## Pointy End Up!

### Tips for Growing Great GARLIC!

By Joy Story

Garlic can be planted from September to the end of November. Later plantings may result in smaller bulbs.

It's best to start with good organic seed/bulbs, that have not been sprayed to discourage sprouting. The largest cloves will make the largest bulbs.

To achieve a bumper crop of Garlic, add well rotted manure or compost to the bed and use lots of it, you'll be glad you did.

Separate the cloves but leave the skins on and plant with the pointed end up 4 – 6" apart and 2 inches deep. Mulch the bed with chopped fall leaves.

In the spring, mulch with 50% compost and 50% manure for the biggest bulbs. Hard neck varieties will produce a seed head called "scapes." These are removed to encourage bulb growth and can be eaten raw or cooked in stir fries. Many gardeners make pesto using scapes.

Stop watering about 3 weeks before harvest which is usually in late July. Harvest Garlic when the tops have died down 2/3 rds , pull and hang to air dry for about 4 – 6 weeks to cure properly.

It's important to practice crop rotation to prevent a disease called white rot.

Hope this helps!

## GROW YOUR OWN FOOD

Garden Tour and Indoor Classes  
Grow Food Gardens, Mill Bay, BC

"Growing Food in the Winter", Wed Oct 16, 6 – 8 pm \$20.00

"Growing Healthy Soil", Wed Oct 23, 6 – 8 pm. \$20.00

"Growing Veggies A – Z", Wed Oct 30, 6 – 8 pm \$20.00

For More information, check out Courses at [www.growfoodnetwork.com](http://www.growfoodnetwork.com)

To register: [growfood@shaw.ca](mailto:growfood@shaw.ca) or call 250-743-1352

## **The Gardens at HCP**

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## **Victoria Master Gardener Association:**

The Gardens at HCP and the Victoria Master Gardener Association would like to invite you to an Information Session for the next Master Gardener class, to be held in spring 2014. The session will be on Wednesday November 13th at 6:30 at The Gardens at HCP, 505 Quayle Road, Victoria in the classroom at the left end of the driveway. Please come to meet the instructors, meet members of the VMGA and to learn more about the program and to have all your questions answered.

Lifelong learning is at the heart of the Master Gardener Program- the idea that no one can possibly know it all, but as we tell the new students- there is no shame in saying "I don't know but I know who to ask" I say it all the time. Amazing gardeners I know say it too. The thing is you have to start somewhere and the Master Gardener Program is the place. You will learn the basics- the framework to pin everything else to. You will learn how to look it up, who to ask and how to share the knowledge in your community. Call and sign up for the information session on November 13th- 6:30 to 9 pm and begin a new chapter in your life of learning.

## **Workshops at HCP**

### Willow Chair Workshop

Sunday October 20th , 9 am—5 pm

### Introduction to Dry Rockwork

October 26th & 27th, 8:30 am—5 pm

Intermediate Dry Rockwork & Advanced Dry Rockwork will follow in the new year

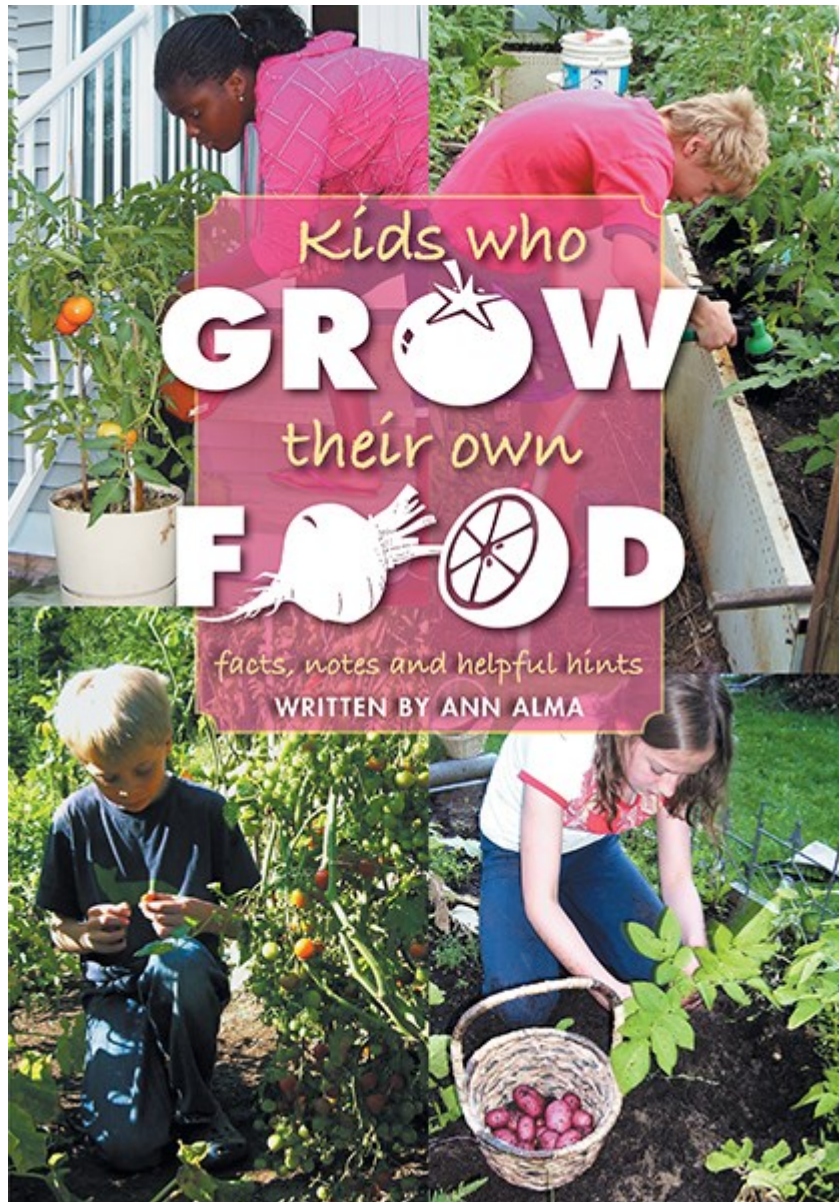
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*Kids growing food for the family? What a wonderful idea. Ann Alma, best-selling author of seven books has just released a colourful book full of helpful text, photos, charts, bulletins, even some garden-related jokes. Master gardener Brian Minter's review starts with "I love this book...it's fun, easy to read and entertaining. I particularly like the personal touch...it makes the reader feel connected...."*

*This is a book for the whole family. For more go to <http://www.annalma.ca>  
<<http://www.annalma.ca/>>*