



MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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MBGC AGM and Potluck dinner

Tuesday June 24th 6:00PM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday , June 24th . 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 **spouse, partner, children and friends** are **welcome** to join us for the evening. Please remember that only members who have a paid membership for the current season are able to vote.

Should **inclement weather** occur, we'll move to the Mill Bay Community League Hall. Watch for a confirmation email midafternoon on June 24th.

Hope to see you all there!

Please bring the following items with you for the Potluck dinner:

- ◆ Pot Luck Dish to share
- ◆ Chairs
- ◆ Plates
- ◆ Cutlery
- ◆ Napkins
- ◆ Place mats
- ◆ Coffee cups
- ◆ Favourite beverage & glasses
- ◆ Light jacket or sweater
- ◆ An outrageous garden hat



Make and wear a unique and outrageous garden hat from materials found in your garden. We'll have special prizes.

President's Report—Cliff Stainsby

As my first year as your President comes to a close, I wish to make a couple of comments.

Thanks to all the hard workers, and you are many, who make the Club work, who set up and take down the chairs and tables at the meetings, who provide and serve the food at the meetings, and who organize events such as visits to members' gardens. I especially want to thank the General Committee for your hard work, for making the meetings fun and productive, and for putting up with my, often inane, sense of humour – I call it humour, many simply roll their eyes. It has been fun and rewarding to work with each of you. For me it has been wonderful to be associated with such cooperative, engaging, and diligent people. This, for me, is the Mill Bay Garden Club experience and it is marvelous. Thanks to you all.

Also, I wish to thank and commend the Mill Bay Community Flower and Garden Show Committee for the spectacular show you put on this past weekend. Once again the show was successful because it was such a cooperative, good spirited effort, involving many people over many months. In this case, however, I want to identify one particular person for her efforts, and her exceptional ability to work with people. That person is Heather Gibbins. So, on behalf of the Garden Club I extend a special thanks to Heather.

So, thanks to you all, have a great gardening summer, and I hope to see you in September when, hopefully, we can extend the experience for another year.

June Kitchen Duties at the AGM:

Dianne Regan

Kitchen Helpers:

Celine Eggleston

Set up / Clean Up:

Mary-Ellen Deuling

Ajay Oppelaar

Elaine Scott

Heather Gibbins

Kathy Edmunds

Marie Cooke



Annual Garden Club Plant Sale

The Garden Club Plant Sale Committee (Barb Kohlman, Mary Gale, Margo Johnston, Ali Morris, Lorraine Little, Heather Jenkins, Fran Benton, Patricia Stevens, Bernie Juurlink, Barbara Juurlink, Ruby Armour, Sharon Martin and Elaine Scott) would like to thank all of those members who donated plants, who bought plants and who helped with the setting up and taking down of the tents. We made \$990.50 from the plant sale. Our average take over the previous seven years was \$937 so we were definitely in the ball park. Last year we made more than usual (\$1,104) but we had many more plants donated to us. Thank you one and all, as this money goes a long way to help the Club give back to the community.





Flower and Garden Show Committee

Heather Gibbins

Thank you to all members who participated in the Flower Show. Without your entries in the show, and your support throughout the year, we would not have been as successful. A special thank you to both our first time participants and to the Flower Show Committee.

Both Heather Jenkins, and I will be retiring this year. and this may include Gill Seal-Jones if she moves to Ladysmith. Both of these ladies have served our Flower Show extremely well. and we wish them well in their future endeavours. Many thanks Ladies!!!

Treasurer's Report for the 67th Annual Community Flower & Garden Show

A very successful show again this year. Bottom line: net profits of ~\$2950 !! (to be confirmed once all expenses received).

The largest source of the profits came from the **Silent Auction** which had lots of interest and bidding activity due to the awesome items (110) donated. End result? Over \$3700 raised, even after expenses!

Some other interesting stats:

- 355 (paid) visitors on Saturday (exhibitors, volunteers, and children not charged = ~40/50 more attendees)
- 29 exhibitors participated in judged event on Friday
 - 249 exhibits entered (50 cents/entry = \$120 received *no charge for entries by children)
 - 134 prizes awarded (1st, 2nd, 3rd place = \$285 in prize money paid out)
- 71 contributors from the community at large, as well as from many members of the Mill Bay Garden Club
- 11 vendors outdoors (including MBGC Master Gardeners)

(Submitted by Cori-Lee Fisher on behalf of Janice Rose)



Silent Auction

Monika Morgan

Once again we have surpassed our earnings from the Silent auction at the Flower & Garden show. We grossed over \$3800, thanks to our community business donations and many of our own garden club members. Many of your talents showed up on the table for a great selection, good taste (including Gibbins' homemade blackberry port wine-hand picked by Heather) and generosity. We want to acknowledge all our contributors and once again say a big **THANK YOU**. This year we had more club contributors and we hope this is a trend we can continue .

A Great big Thank you to: AJay Oppelaar, Arlene Dench, Barb & Bernie Juurlink, the anonymous bird condo man, Frank & Heather Gibbins, Bev Rempel, Janice Mosely, Dustin Carlson, Don McDowell, Gill Seal-Jones, Jim Cawker, Julie McNally, Kathy Edmunds, Shelagh John, Pauline Dueck, Penny Jones, Rose Kennedy, Suzanne Darby, Joy Story. **Thank you all!!!!!!**

We also want to thank again our local businesses that supported our event. Keep these people and businesses in mind when you go out to shop in our community:

Alba Plants, Alderlea Farms, Koksilah Acres Alpaca farms, Aqua Fun, Arbutus Ridge Golf, Arnisa Farms, The Beauty Room, Beings in Balance, Beltgens Bark Mulch, Bloomfield Flats, Bokashi Compost, Bridgemans Bistro, Bucknuck's Books, Buckerfield's, Central Landscaping, Cherry Point Estate Wines, Cobble Hill Dental, Cobble Hill Fine Furnishings, Cobblestone Inn, Country Grocer, Countrywide Garden Ornaments, Cowichan Canine, Cowichan Golf & Country Club, Deidre Cropper, Curves-Mill Bay, Dinters Nursery, Don Alpacas, David Aris, Elf Gardens, Fisher Farms, Fraser Thimble Farms, Fresh Start Edibles, G.B.S. Glass Blowing, Grow Food, Hillside Stone & Garden, Huckleberry Garden Art, Inter-Actions, Island Day Lily Farm, Island Pharmacy-Rexall, Kali Yoga, Lee Valley Tools, Marifield Manor, Masthead Restaurant, Metal Mermaid, Mayo Creek Gardens, Mill Bay Garden Club, Mill Bay Treasures , Mill Bay Power Products, Mirra Hair Lounge, Old Farm Garden Centre, Patryka Designs, Peninsula Co-op, Perennial Ridge Farm, Ricki Brooks Martin, Rock Cod Cafe, Rona-Cobble Hill, Rose Magdanz, Rusticanna Coffee, Sandpiper Garden & Glass, Shea Butter Market, Silver Sage Nursery, South Cowichan Eye Care, South Cowichan Physiotherapy, Third Edition, Thrifty's, Tire Exchange, Tofino Vacation Rentals, Unsworth Vineyards, Valley Health & Fitness, Valley Vines to Wines, Village Chipperry, Warmland Irrigation.

I'd like to thank the Silent auction committee members: Bev Rempel, Cecile Healy, Cori-Lee Fisher, Leslie Sutton, Mary Heath, Mary Palaikis, Mary Vandenberg & Marion Johnston. for helping us put it all together with more laughs than complaints.

Monika Morgan-Co-ordinator Silent auction committee:)..



Gardening Tips

By Barb Kohlman, Master Gardener

Tips June into summer 2014

- ◆ Make sure your plants receive enough water as the weather warms up
- ◆ First crop of strawberries are ripe-YUM!
- ◆ All annuals and heat loving vegetables can be planted out now
- ◆ Cut the scapes off your garlic, so the plant's energy goes into forming a large bulb (steam or stir fry the tasty scapes)
- ◆ Mulch garden beds to conserve moisture
- ◆ Fertilize your potted plants regularly with a water soluble fertilizer (perhaps 20-20-20 on the annuals and fish fertilizer on the veggies)
- ◆ Construct trellises/plant supports for cukes, pole beans and tomatoes
- ◆ Don't forget to wear sunscreen while gardening!
- ◆ Deadhead ornamentals for a neater look to your garden – lots of material to build your compost pile
- ◆ On composting - make sure you water your pile to keep the creatures happy – moisture and air are important components of the composting process.



Murray Mix Fertilizer Recipe

Supplied by Elaine Scott

Some members have recently asked me for the Murray Mix Fertilizer Recipe. This recipe was developed by Alan and Liz Murray of Cobble Hill. They originally developed it for their rhodos but now broadcast it throughout their property. I broadcast it in my garden in the spring. Some nurseries sell it made up. The ingredients are quite expensive but well worth the cost.

- 4 parts alfalfa meal
- 4 parts canola meal
- 4 parts blood meal
- 2 parts dolomite lime
- 1 part rockphosphate
- 1 part bone meal
- 1 part kelp meal
- 1 part greensand.





BGC Mini Workshop Schedule

- 9:30 Bee Loving Heathers w/ Elaine Scott
- 10:00 Fabulous Food Container Gardening w/ Joy Story, Grow Food Network
- 10:30 Garden Design Tips w/ Alie Morris
- 11:00 Rose Cuttings w/ Janice Moseley
- 11:30 Drought Tolerant Plantings w/ Barb Kohlman
- 12:00 Water Catchment w/ Ian Kennedy



MBGC 2013 AGM MINUTES by Sandra Goth

**Mill Bay Garden Club
Annual General Meeting
June 25th 2013
6:00 PM
Mill Bay Community League Hall**

6:00 PM:

The evening began with a wonderful potluck dinner. The dishes were delicious and diverse and the desserts heavenly. The conversation was lively as members took this annual opportunity to mingle.

The first official function of the evening was the judging of the flowered hats. It was noted by many that the number of members sporting hats was far more than in the past and the creativity was impressive.

Grand Chapeau Contest for 2013

Honourable Mention: Ruby Armour, for her 'dead head' hat: artfully arranged pickings of hellebores, peonies, and rhododendrons

3rd Place: Michaela, granddaughter of Dianne Regan- created her bonnet of Mill Bay Hall ferns under great time pressure

2nd Place Joy Story- sported edibles, a bird's nest, and creatures of the night

1st Prize – Carmen Stanek- wore garlic scapes, flowers, creatures, critters and a few live aphids

Door Prizes:

First Prize: Monika Morgan

Second Prize: Gillian Seal-Jones

Third Prize: Kathy Edmunds

It was noted that Monika's husband won second prize and graciously instructed, to her chagrin, that another name be drawn from the bucket.

7:04: AGM Call to order

Adoption of the Minutes from June 2012 AGM, originally circulated September 25, 2012: Moved by Carmen Stanek, Seconded by Gale McIntyre.

President's Report: Ajay Oppelaar

A special thanks was given to Barb Kohlman, who has been on the Executive for 10 years, holding several positions including Past President, and is now retiring. Her support and assistance has been most appreciated.

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Many thanks to the rest of the Club Executive: Cliff Stainsby, Vice President; Gale McIntyre, Treasurer; and Arlene Dench, Secretary and the Committee Chairs of 2012:

Newsletter: Mary Vandenberg's hard work was applauded by all present.

Website: Kerry Davis

Membership: Sandra Goth

Library: Janice Rose, absent

Plant sales: Heather Jenkins

Raffle: Carmen Stanek

Kitchen: Dianne Regan

Historian: Mary Gale, who is also one of the founders of the Mill Bay Garden Club and sends out cards of best wishes and condolences to club members. She expressed her concern that members are not telling her when they are sick, dying or dead, please spread the word if you know of anyone or plan to do so yourself.

Vice President: No Report

Secretary: No Report

Treasurer's Report:

- Gale McIntyre reported that, before any accounting for the AGM expenses, the club has a total of \$3,502. 18, which includes \$1,104.50 from the plant sale.
- Moved by Gale McIntyre that the club donate \$500.00 each to three charities: Cowichan Valley Hospice, Providence Farm, and Go Malawi Girls Go. Seconded by Mary Gale. Passed unanimously by all club members present.
- After the outstanding expenses for 2013 are paid the remaining funds will be applied to the budget for 2013/2014.
- Gale assured the accuracy of all her figures and invited any challengers present to examine her well-kept spreadsheets.

New members have reported that the club's financial support of other organizations in Cowichan was an impetus for them joining the club.

2013 Flower and Garden Show Report:

- Heather Gibbins (Chair) sends her thanks for another successful Garden Show.
- The Flower and Garden Show Committee: Heather Gibbins (Chair), Janice Rose (Treasurer), Gillian Seal-Jones (Secretary), Heather Jenkins, Bev Rempel, Monika Morgan, Leslie Sutton, Arlene Dench, Cori-Lee Fisher, and Mary Ellen Deuling.
- It is important to note the contribution of family members of the committee who give their time and talents to ensure the success of the show.

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- Janice Rose, who is presently out of the country, was unavailable to provide a financial accounting but it is believed the net total exceeded \$3,000.
- The First Time Exhibitor Prize went to Arlene Dench with a score of 10 points, a magnificent showing by a green entrant with a green thumb and keen eye for presentation.
- Monica and Bev, with the assistance of Arlene and Leslie, set a historical precedent in the number of contributors to the Silent Auction.
- Laurie Sale was the entrant with the highest score

Elections:

- Special thanks was expressed to Pip Woodcock a member of the Nominating Committee who was unable to attend the meeting.
- Elaine Scott chaired the meeting for the election of the new executive for 2013/2014.
- The air was electric with tension and all new executive members, after campaigning with great aplomb, were elected by acclamation:

President: Cliff Stainsby
Vice President: Joy Story
Secretary: Sandra Goth
Treasurer: Gale McIntyre

Committee Chairs:
Newsletter: Mary Vandenberg
Website: Kerry Davis
Membership: Arlene Dench
Library: Janice Rose
Plant sales: Heather Jenkins
Raffle: Carmen Stanek
Kitchen: Dianne Regan
Historian: Mary Gale

The handing-over of the gavel from Ajay to Cliff followed the election. Cliff assured the club members the meetings would continue to be enjoyable, informative, and provide many opportunities for club members to get involved.

Cliff observed it was tradition to present a gift to members who hosted the AGM dinner. Though the AGM was relocated due to rain, Ajay's intention was appreciated and he was presented with an Umbrella Pine.

Ajay shared that this tree was very special to his father who tended one in the family garden. That pine was a great joy to his family and the one presented will be much appreciated in the garden of him and Tom.

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There was a reminder that the meetings are the fourth Tuesday of each month, starting in September and that the famous "Sign-up Clipboard" will continue its circumnavigation of the meetings so all have an opportunity to add their energies to club activities.

Vice President, Joy Story, will be organizing speakers for the 2013/2014 Club year and invited club members to submit suggestions for speakers and topics of interest to her at growfood@shaw.ca. The May 2014 speaker will be Shirley Cook, the head judge for the flower show, to explain the finer points of exhibition for future entrants who wish to strut the stuff of their gardens.

Motion for Life Memberships: No nominations

New Business – No new business

Meeting Adjourned at 7:46

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Arts & Music in the Gardens 2014

Mark your calendars...this year's Arts & Music event is Saturday and Sunday August 9 and 10 from 11am to 5pm. Check out the [website](#) for more details!

Upcoming Dragonflies and Damselflies Workshop

Join former field entomologist and Victoria native Gord Hutchings for a workshop on "Dragonflies and Damselflies of BC". Gord is a leading expert in aquatic insects specifically featuring dragonflies and has worked with the Royal BC Museum, BC Ministry of Environment, and the Canadian Wildlife Service among others. Learn the lifecycle, biology, and methods of taxonomic identification of odonates (dragonflies). This course is aimed at novice naturalists, as well as more advanced enthusiast who are curious about these ancient and unique insects. (Classroom & Field Study)

Thursday, July 10

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

\$15/person (children & families welcome)

Contact youthprograms@hcp.ca for details or call 250-479-6162.

Milner Gardens 4th Annual Fairy House Surprise

Do you believe in fairies? Did you know fairies wear Foxglove flowers as hats, gloves, and petticoats?

Meander the sun dappled shadows of Milner Gardens on your self-guided search for areas Fairy Houses may have magically appeared, in honour of International Fairy Day and Veronica Milner's belief in fairies.

Admission adults \$11, students \$6.50, children 12 and under free accompanied by an adult.

June 20 to 22, 2014, 10am to 5pm with last entry at 4:30pm.

Fairy Tea Time 1:00 to 4:00pm Fri June 20 to Sun June 22,

Served in the Queen's room and at the Milner House patio

Tea and Fairy Cupcake \$7.95 per person

For more info www.milnergardens.org or 250-752-6153

Another Mixing It Up in the Urban Garden Conference Is Coming

Attention new and seasoned gardeners, the Mixing it Up in the Urban Garden 2015 conference is coming to Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney, B.C. on **SATURDAY, January 31st , 2015**. Mark your Calendars!!

The sold out 2013 conference was a tremendous success and *2015 promises to be* even better. All gardeners will be able to join Victoria Master Gardeners for a fun, educational day full of fresh ideas / inspiration to help us **ADAPT TO CHANGE** with strategies to keep our gardens, healthy, happy and productive.

It will be an event full of fun great speakers, wonderful vendors, a super silent auction and delicious foodjust the thing that every gardener needs to get the juices going at the end of January.

Registration begins August 11th. Register early to avoid disappointment.

Watch for more details at (<http://mgabc.org/content/15-mixing-it-biennial-conference>).

VIEW ROYAL GARDEN CLUB SUMMER SHOW

June 21st , Saturday 1-3 pm

2740 Shoreline School <https://viewroyalgardenclub.wordpress.com/>

QUADRA ISLAND QUILT AND GARDEN TOUR

June 21st and 22nd , Saturday/Sunday 10 am—4 pm

JAPANESE IRIS CONVENTION

July 4th and 5th , Friday and Saturday, All day

At Chateau Victoria <http://bc-iris.org/>

FOR THE LOVE OF AFRICA SOCIETY WATER GARDEN TOUR

July 12th, Saturday , 9:30-4:30

<http://www.watergardentour.ca/>