



MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER 2014

Next Meeting

October 28, 2014

The October meeting of the Mill Bay Garden Club will take place on Tuesday, October 28th 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 Brag Table Theme

FALL FIREWORKS

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 SPEAKER:

Paul Wurz:

**Some Help Growing
Rhododendrons**



**DON'T
FORGET!**

**BRING YOUR
MUG FOR THE BREAK**

May Kitchen Duties:

Dianne Regan

1 litre of 2% milk:

Anela Witherspoon

Cookies/ Goodies:

Gwen Redcliffe, Marie Cooke, Pauline Dueck

Kitchen Helpers:

Celine Eggleston, Deb Tustin

Set up / Clean Up:

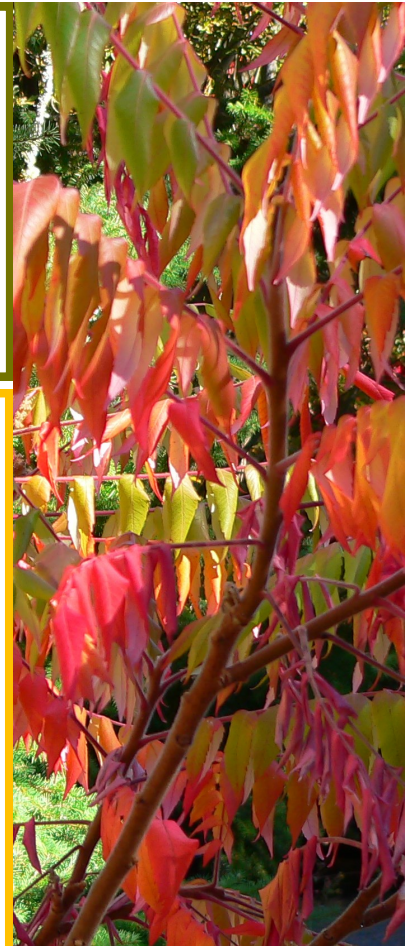
Barb Juurlink, Bernie Juurlink, Kathy Code

Remember to bring your mug!



IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Please remember that membership dues need to be paid by the October Meeting. Membership is very reasonably priced at \$10 . Your dues go toward running the club, paying for speakers and the donation to local charities at the end of the year. Another bonus of membership is receiving the newsletter and notifications of upcoming events. **Remember \$10 Cash Please.** Thank you!



Vice President's Report

Joy Story

This Month's Speaker:

"Some Help with Growing Rhododendrons"

with Paul Wurz, Hidden Acres Rhododendrons

Paul and Lynn Wurz are the owners of Hidden Acres Rhododendrons Garden and Nursery in Campbell River. They started their hobby farm in 1998, and their mission is to make as many of the new and specialty rhododendrons available to rhodo fanatics as possible. They select "cuttings" from their best rhodos and propagate approximately 1,500 young rhodos each year.

Paul just completed his third term as President of the North Island Rhododendron Society.

To learn more about Hidden Acres Rhododendrons, visit their website at <http://hiddenacresrhodos.com/>



CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DECEMBER 9TH 2014

Mark your calendars! This year the Christmas Party is on December 9th at the Mill Bay Community League Hall. Doors open at 5:30 , to allow you time to set up your table and potluck item. Dinner begins at 6:00. There will be more information in the November Newsletter. Bring your family, they are all welcome!

Gardening Tips

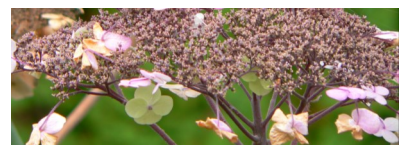
By Barb Kohlman, Master Gardener

- ◆ Tips October - November 2014
- ◆ Have you planted your bulbs yet? Now is the perfect time.
- ◆ There is still time to plant container grown trees and shrubs, or even move some established specimens. Try not to compact the soil.
- ◆ Roses deadheaded, old leaves destroyed to prevent the spread of disease.
- ◆ Spread an application of lime around roses and lilacs and scratch into the soil.
- ◆ Fill your containers with evergreen shrubs or winter pansies. I have planted layers of bulbs in a pot and topped with small pansies. You can even buy bags of bulbs with the guesswork done for you.
- ◆ Garlic should be planted now.
- ◆ All tools should be cleaned, wooden handles oiled, and stored for the winter----maybe!!!!!!!!!!!! we could still be gardening in December!
- ◆ Mulch your beds with leaves to stop winter rain compaction or erosion.
- ◆ Take some cuttings of your favourite pelargoniums and winter them over as young plants in a cool place.

Library Report Janice Rose

Please, please, please check your book shelves at home! There are several overdue books going back to last February. If you have used our library please make an extra effort to check those hiding spots. This is the your last chance before I make an embarrassing phone call.

New books for our MBGC library will be purchased at the gardening conference hosted by the Victoria Master Gardening Association on January 31, 2015. There is such a wealth of superb and interesting publications for sale at this conference that the wait will be worth it!



**Here is the list of Plants that September's Speaker ,
Carmen Varcoe provided.**

Fall & Winter Interest in The Garden-Carmen Varcoe

Fall Interest

Trees

Acers: japonicum 'Aconitifolium'
japonicum 'Vitifolium'
palmatum 'Iijima Sunago'
palmatum 'Osakazuki'
palmatum 'Sango kaku' (winter bark)
palmatum 'Sekka yatsubusa'
palmatum 'Villa Taranto'

Cercidiphyllum japonicum

Oxydendrum arboreum

Parrotia persica

Quercus palustris

Sorbus 'Pink Pagoda'

Shrubs

Callicarpa bodinieri

Euonymus alatus

Ilex verticillata

Pyracantha

Rosa glauca

Rhus typhina

Sorbus koehneana

Perennials / Bulbs

Colchicum autumnale

Impatiens omeiana

Nerine bowdenii

Paeonia sp

Persicaria / Polygonum affine

Saxifraga fortunei

Vines

Parthenocissus quinquefolia

Parthenocissus tricuspidata

Tropaeolum speciosum

Vitis cignetiae

Vitis vinifera 'Purpurea'

Winter Interest

Trees

Acer conspicuum 'Phoenix'

Acer p. Sango kaku

Betula jacquemontii

Shrubs

Camellia sasanqua Setsu gekka

Camelia x vernalis 'Yuletide'

Corylus avellana 'Contorta'

Cornus: alba 'Sibirica' -red stems, sanguinea

'Midwinter Fire' -orange stems

Cupressus 'Goldcrest'

Garrya elliptica 'James Roof'

Grevillea 'Victoria'

Hamamelis mollis

Jasminum nudiflorum

Mahonia 'Charity'

Nandina 'Fire Power'

Rhododendron dauricum

Sarcococca

Skimmia japonica, 'Merlot'

Viburnum bodnantense 'Dawn'

Perennials/ Bulb

Arum italicum 'White Winter', Iris reticulata

Beesia

Carex & Bergenia

Chrysplenium macrophyllum

Cyclamen coum, hederifolium

Eranthis hyemalis

Galanthus elwesii

Helleborus x hybridus

Iris foetidissima

Vines

Clematis tangutica (seedheads)

**Mill Bay Garden Club
General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 23, 2014**

President – Cliff Stainsby

- 7:00 p.m. Call to order.
- Acceptance of agenda.
- Motion to accept minutes of May's meeting:
 - Moved by Dianne
 - Seconded by Dot
 - Carried
- Thank you to set up & kitchen crews. A signup sheet is being circulated looking for a few volunteers for each meeting.
- The hall rental contract has been signed and annual rent paid: \$583.67
- We are responsible for the garden to the right of the entryway. We will require volunteers to spend a couple of hours to do a fall cleanup. Date to be announced.
- Money raised at the Flower & Garden Show allowed us to donate \$4100 in total.

Vice President – Joy Story

- Just 3 speaker spots left to fill for the year.

Treasurer's Report – Gale McIntyre

- \$855.23 balance
- \$1600 in donations given
 - \$400 Providence Farm
 - \$400 BC Council of Gardens
 - \$400 Somenos House
 - \$400 C. V. Hospice

Membership – Arlene Dench

- 46 renewals
- 4 new members

Library – Janice Rose

- Taking requests for new books.

Flower & Garden Show

Treasurer – Janice Rose

- Thank you Monika Morgan for organizing the silent auction which raised \$3895.

- Donated \$2500
 - \$1500 food bank
 - \$ 750 Somenos House
 - \$ 250 SPCA
- Chairperson required for Flower & Garden Show to replace Heather Gibbins who held this position for the past 3 years. Please contact Cliff or Janice. Position starts in December/ January.

Members Forum

- Barb Kohlman tells us about "Mixing it up in the Urban Garden" workshop being held January 31, 2015 at Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney. Tickets are \$60 and selling quickly.
- Joy Story from Grow Food is looking for someone to word process her newsletters. Her 2015 Grow Food Gardening Journal is available for purchase.
- Joy Story is giving a seminar at Elder College on Friday October 24th entitled "Timing – when to plant what". Cost is \$12 and you don't have to be a senior to partake.
- Dustin has a mushroom walk tentatively planned for Saturday October 11th.

Coffee Break

Raffle - Carmel

Speaker – Carmen Varcoe

- Fall Colours

Meeting adjourned 9:00pm.

Seeds of Diversity Gala Anniversary

Sunday October 26, 2014 9:30-3:00
Fernwood Community Centre, 1240 Gladstone Av
Victoria, BC



Join Canada's Heritage seed saving organization, Seeds of Diversity, as we celebrate our 30th anniversary. Pre-registration is required, except for the last hour, which is free to the public. See <http://www.seeds.ca/register> for registration.

Choose between two workshops. Workshop #1, Basic Seed Saving, is led by Michelle Smith, board member and Bauta seed extension agent, Atlantic Canada. It is sponsored by "Seeds of Victoria." Workshop #2, Roundtable Discussion Regarding the Current Seed Movement, for Seed Companies and other interested individuals, is led by our Executive Director, Bob Wildfong. It is sponsored by "Metchosin Seeds".

Then enjoy our luncheon, catered by local firm "Little Piggy," sourcing local and fresh ingredients. Visit the seed exchange table and seed vendor booths, which are open all day.

Listen to our well-known guest speaker, Linda Gilkeson, whose topic is Year Round Harvest. Buy a book from her and get an autograph!

9:30 Opening and Seed Vendors
10:00 Workshops: choose Seed Saving or Roundtable Discussion for Seed Companies
11:30 Annual General Meeting
12:00 Gala Luncheon



Do you have a Facebook Account?

If so, we need a little help . . .

One of the topics at the Fall Meeting tomorrow is about using Facebook to promote club activities and keep in touch with members.

We have set up a Facebook page for the BC Council of Garden Clubs, and we are asking you to 'Like' us.

Our Facebook page is at [facebook.com/bcgardenclubs](https://www.facebook.com/bcgardenclubs) or search for us as BC Council of Garden Clubs.

Or better still - Friend us using the link on this page!

Your assistance with this would be very much appreciated.

Christmas Floral Fantasy

From the Inner Harbour to the West Coast, be inspired by the colours of our community



Celebrate Community Colour

Festive Floral Designs

Floral Demonstrations

Design Boutique

Tea Room Treats

Friday & Saturday

November 7 - 8

10am - 5pm

Cadboro Bay United Church

2625 Arbutus Road, Victoria



www.victoriaflowerarrangers.ca

Admission \$8

Compost Education Centre

1216 North Park Street Victoria, BC

250-386-WORM(9676)

Go to the following for upcoming classes:

<http://compost.bc.ca/>

Mixing it Up in the Urban Garden 2015

Fresh ideas & expertise for new and seasoned gardeners

Adapting to Change ~ Working with Nature

Changing Patterns, Trends & Strategies

Keynote Speaker: Martin Galloway

"The Secret World of Gardens" TV Host

Community Gardens – Jim Harris

Sex in the Garden – Lyndon Penner

Permaculture – Jessica Bloom

Native Plants – Louise Goulet

Plus

Local Vendors & Resources

Silent Auction, Delicious Food



Saturday, January 31, 2015

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Mary Winspear Centre, Sidney B.C.

COST Until Oct. 31 – \$60

Nov. 1 on – \$75

Great value – includes lunch,
breaks and free parking

Register early. We always sell out!

Information & Registration

**www.mgabc.org
(Victoria Chapter)**



Victoria Master Gardener Association

Mixing it Up... Program

Community Gardens: Always Changing

Jim Harris – Protection Island (Nanaimo)

Retired teacher & gardening senior, Jim is a driving force in this small-island garden which has been evolving with its community since 2007. He teaches weekly garden lessons to the "Little Diggers".

www.seniorlivingmag.com/articles/Island-greens

Sex in the Garden: Botanical Sex That is!

Lyndon Penner – Calgary & Saskatoon

Horticulturist, educator, broadcaster and writer: Lyndon is passionate about all things garden, including the birds and bees. "Prepare to be scandalized, horrified, enlightened and possibly swooning" by the end of his talk.

jadecypress.wordpress.com/

Break: Refreshments, Vendors, Resources
& Silent Auction Viewing

Permaculture: Adding the Layers

Jessica Bloom – Bothell, Washington (near Seattle)

Award winning landscape designer Jessica Bloom is a professional horticulturist and arborist who emphasizes ecological systems and sustainability in her company and her work – and making functional gardens beautiful!

<http://nwbloom.com/>

Lunch

Native Plants: Keeping it Natural

Louise Goulet – Victoria

Louise is a well known wildlife biologist with more than 35 years of experience in ecological protection and restoration across Canada. Since retiring she has built her own native plant garden and now designs and helps others to do the same.

www.zoomInfo.com/p/Louise-Goulet/461669025

Break: Refreshments, Vendors, Resources
& Silent Auction Viewing

Keynote: Changing Patterns, Trends & Strategies

Martin Galloway – Uxbridge, Ont.

Martin is a biologist, teacher, public speaker, host of HGTV's Secret World of Gardens and owner of Chalk Lake Nurseries. He made an early decision to study the living things we share the planet with and to work toward preserving them.

<http://chalklakegreenhouses.blogspot.ca/>

Silent Auction Winners, Book Signing,
Vendors & Wind-up

Visit www.mgabc.org (Victoria Chapter)

List of upcoming events at the HCP:

For more details visit <http://hcp.ca/events/>

Or phone 250-479-6162

Date/Time/Event

Nov 01, 2014 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm **What is that Mushroom?!**

Nov 02, 2014 9:30 am - 5:00 pm **Cattail Lidded Basket Workshop**

Nov 06, 2014 7:00 pm **Horticulture Technician Certificate Info Session**

Nov 09, 2014 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm **Medicinal Plants Workshop**

Nov 15, 2014 10:00 am - 4:00 pm **Watercolor Workshop**

Nov 19, 2014 All Day **'Quirks and Quarks' is coming to the HCP!**

Nov 20, 2014 12:00 am **Every 3rd Thursday free entrance to the gardens**

Nov 22, 2014 9:30 am - 12:30 pm **Holiday Wreath Making**

Dec 06, 2014 9:30 am - 5:00 pm **Hexagonal Woven Basket Workshop**

Dec 06, 2014 10:00 am - 12:00 pm **Holiday Door Sprays**

NICHE WOMEN'S TOURS

You are invited:

Please join us at GardenWorks for an informal evening to learn about our Villages & Gardens of the Cotswolds & Chelsea Garden Show tour for May 2015.

This wonderful tour takes us off the beaten track to the glorious gardens, villages and castles of the Cotswolds and finishes up at the world famous Chelsea Garden show. If gardening is your passion please be sure to join us!



When: Tuesday Nov 4 @ 7:00 pm

Where: Gardenworks - 4290 Blenkinsop Road Victoria

What: Informal tour presentation. GardenWorks will be decked out for the Christmas season and is offering a special discount to anyone attending! They will also do a little demonstration for us to give us some seasonal inspiration for the home and garden!

RSVP: cathy@nichetravel.ca or 250-480-0008. RSVP is necessary as we do have limited space.

BOUTIQUE TOURS THAT INSPIRE
NICHE TRAVEL

NICHE WOMEN'S TOURS



Villages & Gardens of the Cotswolds & Chelsea Garden Show

17 to 23 May, 2015
With Cathy Scott

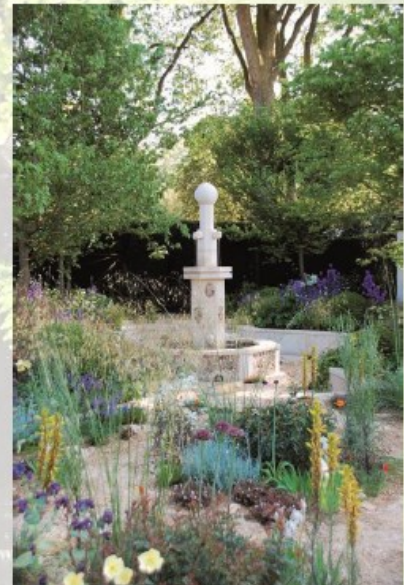


This wonderful tour will take us off the beaten track to the glorious gardens, villages and castles of the Cotswolds. We will meander through the gardens at Waterperry, discover the arts and crafts gardens at Hidcot Manor, and explore the quaint surrounding villages. Our tour takes us to the gardens of the World Heritage site, the Blenheim Palace, the home of the 11th Duke and Duchess of Marlborough and birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. We will explore the gardens of the Abby House beside the 12th Century Abby Church and enjoy an owner led tour of Herbs for Healing near Cirencester. We will enjoy a private tour of the university city of Oxford and a walking tour of Colleges that are normally off limits to the public.

After our lovely Cotswold experience we head to the hustle and bustle of London where we will spend a day at the world famous Chelsea flower show! There is nowhere that makes gardening more fashionable than the Royal Horticultural Society's Chelsea Flower Show. A catwalk of colour and creativity, the latest garden trends, and the pinnacle of garden design make this a show the gardeners of the world want to see. We hope you will join us on this amazing garden tour!

Your package includes:

- 6 nights accommodation including: Four nights Cotswolds, two nights London
- Buffet Breakfast daily, two Dinners in the Cotswolds
- Entrances and admissions as follows: Waterperry Gardens, Hidcot Manor, Blenheim Palace, Abbey Gardens, Herbs for Healing, Oxford Colleges and the Chelsea Flower Show; Private tours at Hidcot Manor and Herbs for Healing
- Professional garden guide
- Sightseeing as per itinerary by private air conditioned motor coach
- Group airport transfers



Price per person land only \$3,999.00 based on two sharing and minimum of 10 passengers. Limited to a maximum of 12) Not included: International airfare and taxes, personal expenses, meals not specified, tipping. Single supplement \$850.00. Private transfers are available at an additional cost for those not arriving at the same time as the group. Hold your space with a \$600 non-refundable deposit.

To book contact your Travel Advisor or call:

(250) 480-0008 or Toll free: 866-544-0008

Email: info@nicetravel.ca

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BOUTIQUE TOURS THAT INSPIRE

NICHE TRAVEL

Day 1: Sun 17 May 2015 Arrival – London – Cotswolds

Today we arrive into London Heathrow airport. Here we will be met and taken to our hotel in the Oxfordshire Cotswolds market town of Burford which will be our base for the next 4 nights. On our way we will break the journey with a stroll around the beautiful gardens at Waterperry . Balance of day free to explore the village.

Day 2: Mon 18 May 2015 Cotswolds (B, D)



Today we enjoy a tour of the Cotswolds beginning in 'Stow on the Wold' before reaching Hidcote Manor for a private tour of this wonderful Arts and Crafts Movement garden. We will lunch here independently before returning to Burford, with stops in Chipping, Campden and Broadway.

Day 3: Tue 19 May 2015 Cotswolds (B)

Today we visit Blenheim Palace, home to the 11th Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, and birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. Blenheim palace is a true masterpiece of 18th century Baroque Architecture. We will discover the beauty of this World Heritage Site that sits amongst over 2000 acres of parkland and formal gardens. This will be followed by free time in nearby Woodstock. Before returning to the hotel we will enjoy some retail therapy at the famous home and garden store at the Burford Garden Centre.

Day 4: Wed 20 May 2015 Cotswolds (B, D)

It's market day in Tetbury which will be our first stop today. This is a town famous for its antique shops and a delight to visit. After lunch we'll head for the gorgeous gardens at the Abbey House. Where the Cotswold meets the West Country, this truly spectacular 5 acre garden sits beside the 12th Century Abbey Church in the centre of Medieval Malmesbury and straddling the River Avon. This garden is world famous and a must see. Before heading back to our hotel we will enjoy an owner led tour of Herbs for Healing near Cirencester.

Day 5: Thu 21 May 2015 London (B)

Leaving Burford we head for the university city of Oxford and a walking tour of the Colleges that are normally off limits for the general public. We will enjoy some free time for independent sightseeing and shopping and leave in the later afternoon to arrive at our hotel by 6pm. Here we will have a free evening for shows or sightseeing.

Day 6: Fri 22 May 2015 London – Chelsea Flower show (B)

Today we attend the world famous Chelsea Flower Show! Here we have a private one way transfer to the show so that we can stay as long as we like. The balance of the day will be at leisure.

Day 7: Sat 23 May 2015 Departure (B)

Today we have private group transfers to London Heathrow airport for our return flights home. Extension nights are available upon request.

