



# MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**MAY 2015**

## Next Meeting

**May 26, 2015**



## May Brag Table Theme:

### **GARDEN GLORY**

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

The May meeting of the Mill Bay Garden Club will take place on Tuesday, May 26th 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.

## MAY SPEAKER:

**Dustin Carlson**

**On Mushrooms**

## May Kitchen Duties:

**Dianne Regan**

1 litre of 2% milk:

Skye Powell

Cookies/ Goodies:

Julie Wilson, Celine Eggleston, Pat Spezowka

Kitchen Helpers:

Deb Tustin, Debbie Craig

Set up / Clean Up:

Kathy Code, Stephanie Walter,

Kathy Edmunds, Gill Keir

**Remember to bring your mug!**



**DON'T  
FORGET!  
BRING YOUR  
MUG FOR THE BREAK**



**A special appreciation goes out to our members for their awesome Raffle Donations last month. Thankyou!**

***Skye Powell***

*~ Watering Can~*

***Don McDowell***

*~ bucket of alpaca manure~*

***THANK YOU to these local businesses for helping make our April raffle table a big success:***



**RUSTICANA  
COFFEE**



***TOOLS 2 GO***

*Dear Members,*

*We are always in need of raffle items each month. If you wish to contribute to our monthly raffle table and have something you think members would find interesting or useful, or perhaps the fruits of your labour -from your garden or farm, it would be greatly appreciated.*

*Please contact Carmel or Bobbie , or bring the item with you to the next meeting.*

*We appreciate your support :)*





**The Mill Bay Plantaholics**, Sharon Martin, Barb Kohlman, Ali Morris and Elaine Scott, would like to thank all of you who helped us make our annual charity plant sale a success. We took in \$2,020 on the day of the sale and from some sales we have made since then. That means that we will be able to support a third year's scholarship (\$1,020) for the young woman in Malawi who is completing her secondary school education. In addition we will be providing \$1,000 to Somenos House in Duncan.

**Thank you to those members who:**

- Helped advertise our sale - Mary Vandenberg, Pauline Dueck and all of those members who passed on information about the sale to their friends and family.
- Came to the sale and bought plants.
- Helped us set up the day before - Noreen Carver, Monica Morgan, Bernie and Barbara Juurlink, Jim Wisnia and Ron Martin.
- Helped us on the day - Ron Martin, Cecile Healey, Bernie and Barbara Juurlink and Monica Morgan.

**Without your help we could not have done it.**

Three of us propagate all of the plants on sale. Ali is our adviser on what seeds to buy, is an active member of the group and an energetic seller on the day.

We would be willing to enlarge our group with one or two of you who may be interested in learning more about propagation and enlarging your knowledge of a wide range of plants. Elaine mainly propagates with seeds which she brings in from France, Britain, New Zealand and other parts of Canada, Sharon mainly propagates by division while Barb uses both division and cuttings. So feel free to chat with one of us if you are interested in joining our group. The four of us have lunch together in the late fall to plan the sale and communicate via telephone or email the rest of the time so there are no regular meetings. We just have fun with plants.

**Thanks one and all. Mill Bay Plantaholics**



**Facebook**

**Pauline Dueck**

There is now an official Event set up for the Flower & Garden Show on the Mill Bay Garden Club Facebook page. Please click on the event and INVITE your friends. A share is good too, but sending specific invites is even more powerful. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1574341452817680/>



## MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE

**JUNE 13 FROM 9:00 - 2:00**

### AT THE COMMUNITY FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

Your plant sale committee (Barb Kohlman, Mary Gale, Margo Johnston, Lorraine Little, Heather Jenkins, Fran Benton, Pat Stevens, Ruby Armour, Sharon Martin and Elaine Scott) is all organized for our annual plant sale but **we need loads of plants** to make it a success. The plant sale will take place during the Community Flower and Garden Show at the Cobble Hill Farmer's Institute Hall on Saturday, June 13, 2015 from 9:00-2:00. As you know, 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 the sale is important to us.

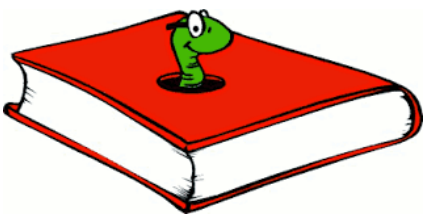
**This year we are hoping that we get loads of plants for the sale. So please pot up loads of plants so that we can put on a great sale.**

The plants should be delivered to Elaine Scott's home (2836 Oceanside Lane) prior to Thursday June 11, as the committee will be organizing the plants and pricing them on Friday June 12. If I am not home just put them in the fenced vegetable garden area just inside the gate. That way no deer can get at them.

We would kindly ask you to refrain from donating invasive plants. Sometimes you may not realize that your plants are invasive. The Committee will help you out there and will remove any plants from the sale that it considers to be invasive.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Elaine

Thank you one and all.



## Library Report

**Janice Rose** - your friendly librarian

Please return **ALL** library books to the May meeting. Books borrowed at the May meeting can be kept out over the summer until our first fall meeting in September.

Your friendly librarian,

Janice Rose



## **MBGC AGM and Potluck dinner**

### **Tuesday June 23rd, 6:00PM**

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday , June 23rd. 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 23rd.

**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. This year's theme is

**Hilarious Hats!**





## Gardening Tips

**Barb Kohlman, Master Gardener**

Tips June 2015

- ◆ Finish planting out bedding plants. Water well and fertilize every two weeks----nice to make organic choices.
- ◆ Remove faded flowers from baskets to encourage more bloom.
- ◆ Stake tall plants , before they fall over!!
- ◆ Sow perennials and biennials (columbine, delphinium, oriental poppy, lupine, foxgloves and campanula) for next season.
- ◆ Check roses for blackspot. Pick off and destroy the diseased leaves.
- ◆ Remove moisture-robbing weeds from the garden, then mulch with compost (2") to suppress new weeds and help retain moisture.
- ◆ Mow grass to 2 ½ inches to allow the plants to carry on photosynthesis.
- ◆ Fertilize bulbs that have finished flowering, alliums especially.
- ◆ Remove yellowed foliage.
- ◆ Prune spring flowering shrubs when they are finished flowering and then fertilize.
- ◆ Clip hedges and keep newly planted hedges, trees and shrubs well watered.
- ◆ Houseplants can go outside for the summer months---shaded and sheltered for best results, at least until they are acclimatized.

Mill Bay Garden Club  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday April 28, 2015

**President – Cliff Stainsby**

- 7 p.m. Call to order.
- Acceptance of agenda.
- Motion to accept minutes for March meeting.
  - Moved by Dianne
  - Seconded by Norman Redcliffe
- Thank you to set up crew.
- Signup sheet for May kitchen duty and set up crew circulated. Just two volunteers required.
- Signup sheet circulated for members interested in installing signs advertising the Flower & Garden Show, 16 signs available.

**Vice President – Joy Story**

- Thank you Al & Liz Murray for housing Linda Gilkeson.
- May's speaker is Dustin who will speak to us about mushrooms.
- Pat Stevens wants to run for Membership. Anyone can stand or nominate someone for a position right up to and including the AGM.
- Flower & Garden Show mini workshops are complete:
  - 10am Bees
  - 11am Deer Proof Planting
  - Noon Art of flower Arranging
  - 1pm Composting
- Gardens on Tour
  - Luciano – 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July, details to follow.

**Treasurer's Report – Gale McIntyre**

- \$1659.18 balance.

**Membership – Arlene Dench**

- 2 new members
- 3 visitors

**Raffle – Carmel Haley & Bobbie Burns**

**Library – Janice Rose**

- 2 books missing
  - Dry shade gardening
  - Bugs by Linda Gilkeson.
- Recommended reading "Intelligent Gardener".

**Historian – Mary Gale**

- Former member Roberta Calverley was killed in a car accident Friday.
- Dustin was hurt at his workplace.

**Flower & Garden Show – Bernie Juurlink**

- Angie, who is organizing the set up and take down requires volunteers to help.
- Julie will be emailing a donation request form to the membership for those interested in donating an item for the silent auction.

**Members Forum**

- Stephanie - Cowichan Valley Garden Club tea and spring flower show May 30 at St Peter's.
- Randy has raspberry plants to give away.
- Barb Kohlman - Plantaholics plant sale raised \$2000. Funds raised will support Agnes, the Malawi girl, for another year of secondary school and \$1000 will go to Somenos House, the shelter for battered women in Duncan. Looking for someone to join our group to help propagate plants for our annual sale.

**Brag Table – Barb Kohlman**

**Q & A – Bill Herring**

- When storing garlic keep it in a dry place that is not too cold.
- Gooseberry foliage eaten by sawflies. Look for the tell tale "stitches" on the backs of leaves. Cover with "enviromesh" or "protech net" before they leaf and flower. Sawfly grubs are little green caterpillars with black specs.

**Coffee Break**

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**Raffle – Carmel Haley & Bobbie Burns**

**Speaker – Linda Gilkeson, Gardening in a Changing Climate**

Meeting adjourned 9:02pm.



**Floral Celebration at Christ Church Cathedral**

([www.christchurch.bc.ca](http://www.christchurch.bc.ca)) at 930 Burdett Avenue celebrates 150 years of community service with a Flower Festival and Strawberry Tea, 13-14 June (Saturday noon-4:30 pm, Sunday 12:30-4:30 pm). Enjoy flower displays from the Diocese, community organizations, and clubs including Victoria Floral Artists Guild and Friends of Government House Gardens. VHS Members are also invited to donate floral displays. Festival's theme: A Time of Celebration. Contributors have a free hand in designs, and use own vases and materials. Set up on Friday, June 12, 9 am-5 pm. Dismantle Sunday, 14 June after 4:30 pm or Monday, 15 June from 10 am-4 pm. For more info email Margaret Hantiuk at [mmhantiuk@shaw.ca](mailto:mmhantiuk@shaw.ca) or telephone 250 595 1684



**Bonsai Workshop**

June 6, 2015

Date- Jun 06, 2015 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Please come and join the Vancouver Island Bonsai Society for an Azalea styling demo by guest bonsai artist David Rowe in the HCP Classroom on June 6, 2015 at 10 AM to Noon.

David has been practicing the art of bonsai for over 35 years. He has given workshops across Canada and the USA and is a past editor of the American Bonsai Society Journal. He is a past president of the Toronto Bonsai Society and is a founding and active member of the Arrowsmith Bonsai Society in Qualicum Beach. He is also a member of the Vancouver Island Bonsai Society.

As this is a no charge demonstration and space is limited in the Classroom, please register for the event by calling the HCP at 250 479-6162.



# **Perennial Ridge Farms**

5605 Jordans Lane,

Duncan, BC, V9L 6J1 Ph. / Fax. [250-748-0098](tel:250-748-0098)

## **Spring Plant Sale**

**May 21, 22, 23 and 24 / 2015**

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday**

**10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

### **Hello Perennial Gardeners!!!**

**I would like to invite everyone to Perennial Ridge Farms, for our annual plant sale, a stroll thru the gardens, or just a sit-down on a bench and watch the herd of goats with their new kids !!!**

**What a year for colour, the rhodos and azaleas are in full bloom, along with lilacs and many, many spring blooming perennials !**

**The dry days and evenings have made it a pleasure to wander the paths of the gardens, and soak up those sights and scents.**

**We are looking forward to our spring sale this month of May, and hope to see you all out here at the farm. The sale will be four days, starting on the Thursday. We are hoping for warm, sunny weather.**

**We will have hostas, lilies, peonies, astilbes, rhodos, azaleas, blueberries, raspberries, currants, rhubarb, boysenberry, tayberry, loganberry, deciduous trees, flowering shrubs, and perennials, many varieties of hen and chicks, all available for sale here at the nursery.**

**To find Perennial Ridge Farms, follow (Old) Cowichan Lake Rd. for 7 km from the Tansor Service Station, heading west. Follow the bright green signs, till you come to Jordans Lane on your left.**

**Recycle, Reuse and Reduce!**

**Any unwanted used 1 gal., 2 gal., or larger pots will be gladly accepted!**

**We look forward to seeing you here at the farm, drop in and have a look around !!!!**



# **COWICHAN VALLEY GARDEN CLUB SPRING FLOWER SHOW**



## **& TEA**



**Saturday, May 30, 2015**

**1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**



**St. Peter's Church Hall, 5800 Church Road, Duncan**

**Admission \$3, Children 10 & under free**

**Afternoon Tea \$4**



## **Judged Show**



### **Competition Open to All**

**Decorative Designs, Flower Cuts,**



**Potted Plants, and Photography**



### **Demonstrations at 2:00 PM**

**YES! YOU CAN DO A FLORAL DESIGN**

**by Audrey Smith & Rene Barr of the**



**Victoria Flower Arrangers Guild**

**LOW MAINTENANCE HANGING BASKET**



### **Garden Bric-a-Brac Boutique**

For more information:

[www.cowichanvalleygardenclub.com](http://www.cowichanvalleygardenclub.com) or 250-246-2422





**Mill Bay Garden Club's**  
68<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Community Flower  
& Garden Show**

**“Roots, Shoots & Fruits”**

**Celebrating “International Year of Soils”**  
(as declared by the United Nations General Assembly)

**Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**9am to 2pm**

**Cobble Hill Hall**

3550 Watson Ave, Cobble Hill

**Exhibits accepted Friday June 12th 2015, Noon ‘til 7pm**

- Inside:** Flower & Vegetable Show, Silent Auction,  
Lake Bay Hill Ladies Auxiliary Strawberry Tea
- Outside:** Plant Sales, Gardening Workshops, Commercial Plant  
Vendors, Garden Accessories, Master Gardeners

**Admission: \$2.00**

**Children free**

- ⬇ Show programmes available at: Buckerfield's, Dinter Nursery,  
Valley Vines to Wines, Thrifty Foods and Country Grocer
- ⬇ A donation from the Show proceeds will be made to the CMS Food Bank
- ⬇ For more information visit: [www.millbaygardenclub.com](http://www.millbaygardenclub.com)