



MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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JUNE 2015



MBGC AGM and Potluck dinner

Tuesday June 23rd, 2015

At the home of Mike and Bonnie Mills

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 with serving spoon.
- ◆ 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!**



AGM KITCHEN DUTIES

Dianne Regan

SET-UP TABLES AT 4:30 pm

Pat Stevens

Barb Juurlink

Bernie Juurlink

Marie and John Cooke

KITCHEN HELP

Celine Eggleston



MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Elaine Scott

The Mill Bay Garden Club Plant Sale Committee (Mary Gale, Ruby Armour, Barb Kohlman, Margo Johnston, Lorraine Little, Heather Jenkins, Fran Benton, Pat Stevens, Sharon Martin, Mary Vandenberg, Ali Morris and Elaine Scott) would like to thank all of those members who donated plants to the sale and bought plants during the day of the sale. Over the last nine years we have averaged a profit of \$1,010 but that includes one year when we made over \$1,546 due to the donation of a large number of clay pots. Our usual profit is more like \$900. This year we made \$1,200 which is well over average.

We would like to thank **Providence Farm** for the donation of wonderful plants which definitely helped to boost our sales. Our understanding is that Providence Farm was the very first organization to receive a donation from the Mill Bay Garden Club several years ago and we have given Providence Farm an annual donation ever since. It goes without saying that we were just delighted to partner with Providence Farm this year and would like to thank our Garden Club member Diane McNair for making this possible.



The 2015 Community Flower & Garden Show was a great success due to so many dedicated volunteers involved in the planning and the running of the Show. We attracted people from as far away as Qualicum, who happened to win the Overall Best-in-Show Prize with their delphiniums.

Especial thanks to:

- Our six judges who came from Sooke, Sidney and Victoria and the Club members who assisted them.
- Dianne Regan for looking after our judges and who, together with Barbara Juurlink, made sure that our judges as well as our volunteers were fed and did many other things to ensure the Show ran smoothly.
- Celine Eggleston for looking after many aspects of the advertising of our Show as well as volunteering during the Show.
- Mary-Ellen Deuling for organizing the Outside Vendors aspect of the Show.
- Joan Nott and Joy Story for the excellent Workshops they put together. And a big thank you to the speakers: Gord Hutchings, Fran Benton, Ali Morris and Mat Jones.
- The Master Gardeners: Adele Weir, Frances Horner and Fran Benton.
- The Mill Bay Garden Club Plant Sales Committee (comprised of Elaine Scott, Heather Jenkins, Barb Kohlman, Mary Gale, Margo Johnston, Lorraine Little, Fran Benton, Pat Stevens, Ruby Armour and Sharon Martin) whose plant sales form an important part of the Show.
- Cori-Lee Fisher and Marie Cooke for looking after so many aspects, including the signs, programs and forms as well as the design of our survey.
- Angie Stanta for ensuring we had volunteers for set-up, take-down of the show, cashiers and whatever else would be required during the show. And thank you to these volunteers. Since I do not have a complete list of these volunteers I will not name them lest I leave someone out.
- Norman Redcliffe and his committee comprised of Bev Davy, Bonnie Mills, Megan O'Hara, Gwen Redcliffe, Pat Spezowka and Julie Wilson, who did such a fantastic job with the Silent Auction.
- Janice Rose for looking after all the financial aspects of our Show.
- Ajay Oppelaar and Cliff Stainsby who were continually there to assist with the smooth running of the Show.
- The Lake Bay Hill Ladies Auxiliary for providing the wonderful Strawberry Tea that is a traditional part of our Show.

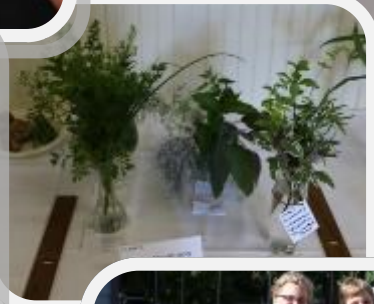
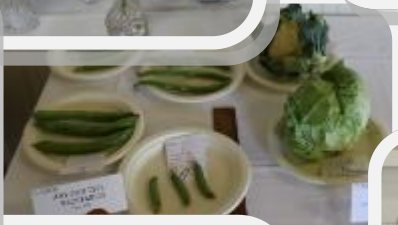
It has been an honour and a pleasure working these past few months with such dedicated and pleasant Committee members and with the many people who volunteered on Friday and Saturday thus ensuring the smooth running of the Show.

Bernhard H.J. Juurlink
Chair, 2015 Community Flower & Garden Show Committee



THE MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB COMMUNITY FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW

Photos courtesy of Barbara Juurlink, 2015



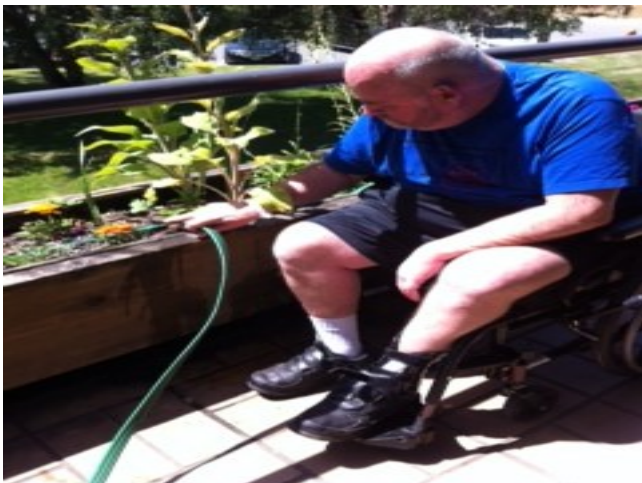


Gardening Tips

Barb Kohlman

SUMMER 2015

- Try to water and do so with conservation in mind,
- Deadhead
- Don't plant any new additions to your garden until fall



Here is Don keeping up his 'gardening' while in rehab in Nanaimo!!

Every day he goes out to the sun deck to check out the flower boxes that he helped clean up and plant!

All a part of 'hand therapy.'



KOKSILAH FARMERS INSTITUTE

June 20.

Koksilah Farmers Institute dedicated to living rural arts.

Linda Gilkeson presents Canning and Preserving workshop ,June 20, 9-5.

Bring your own lunch; beverages and snacks free, limited seating.

The Hub 2375 Koksilah Rd.

Contact a.auchincloss@shaw.ca to register. \$40



FREE

Need a good worktop in your potting shed?

Wide, L-shaped, dark green/blue laminate counter top from our kitchen reno. Opening for a corner double sink (or catch bin underneath.)

Dimensions are:

long side 91" X 35" wide

short side 70.5" X 24"

Could be tailored to fit your space.

Can send a picture to interested person or phone me to drop by for a look.

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MBGC 2014 AGM MINUTES

by Cori-Lee Fisher for Janet Abbott

Mill Bay Garden Club
Annual General Meeting
June 24th, 2014
Home of Mary and Bill Herring

A lovely summer evening at the home of Mary and Bill Herring was enjoyed by all. The threatening rain moved elsewhere and the late day sunshine was most pleasant. Bill counted 44 vehicles parked on their property with a few others parked on the roadway, so a very good turnout. Garden club members enjoyed a potluck dinner of various eye-pleasing and tasty salads, casseroles, desserts..... no one came away from the gathering feeling hungry!

"Most Outrageous Hat" Contest:

There were many enthusiastic participants vying for recognition in the competition. **First prize:** Carmen Stanek (last year's winner also); **Second prize:** Gwen Redcliffe (new member to club); **Third prize:** Ruby Armour.

Door Prize:

Glass birdbath from Huckleberry Garden Art, winning ticket: **David Morgan**

Cliff Stainsby thanked Mary and Bill Herring for hosting the evening, and presented them with two azaleas to add to their lovely garden.

7:15: AGM Call to Order

Motion made to adopt the Minutes from the June 2013 AGM (previously circulated). Moved by Jim Cawker, seconded by Ruby Armour. Passed unanimously.

President's Report: Cliff Stainsby

Cliff expressed his appreciation for a very interesting and rewarding first year as club President. He thanked the individual members of the Club Executive for all their support:

Joy Story: Vice President

Gail McIntyre: Treasurer

Janet Abbott: Secretary

and also the General Committee Chairs for their hard work throughout the year:

Historian: Mary Gale

Newsletter: Mary Vandenberg

Library: Janice Rose

Membership: Arlene Dench

New Members/Flower&Garden Show Chair: Heather Gibbins

Raffle: Gill Seal-Jones

Plant Sale: Heather Jenkins

Kitchen: Dianne Regan

FaceBook: Pauline Dueck
Website: Kerry Davis
Ajay Oppelaar: Past President

Cliff also thanked all the club members for helping to create such an active and involved garden club and said it is that spirit that makes the job of club President so enjoyable.

Vice-President Report: Joy Story

- The six workshops given at this year's Flower & Garden Show were quite successful
- Thank you to all those who participated in both giving, and attending, these workshops
- Also thank you to those who helped with the set-up and take-down of tents, chairs, etc. for the workshops

Treasurer's Report: Gail McIntyre

- Gail reported that the MBGC bank balance as of June 24th is: **\$3,055.41** including **\$990.56** brought in during the Flower & Garden Show from the MBGC plant sale.
- Gail stated this balance leaves money to share, and moved that the Club donate \$400.00 to each of four charities: Providence Farm, Transition House, BC Council of Gardens, and Cowichan Valley Hospice. Seconded by Pip Woodcock, passed unanimously
- As well as the above donations, any outstanding expenses for 2014 will be paid, and the remaining funds will be applied to the budget for 2014/2015

Secretary's Report: Janet Abbott (absent) No Report

2014 Flower & Garden Show Report:

- **Heather Gibbins (Chair)** was unable to attend and her report was given by Ajay Oppelaar with Monika Morgan and Cori-Lee Fisher contributing
- Committee members for the 2014 show were: Heather Gibbins (Chair), Ajay Oppelaar (Advisor/Outside Vendors), Mary-Ellen Deuling (Secretary/Outside Vendors), Janice Rose (Treasurer), Heather Jenkins (Publicity/Advertising), Monika Morgan (Chair for Silent Auction), Gill Seal-Jones (Hall Coordinator), Cori-Lee Fisher (Signs), Dianne Regan, Lorraine Little (Members at Large)
- Ajay thanked all committee members for their dedication and hard work over the past 5/6 months to once again produce a very successful event, and also thanked the club and family members who volunteered and helped out in various capacities before and during the two days of the show
- Some statistics of the show were:
 - 355 attendees (total arrived from gate fees paid; exhibitors/children/volunteers do not pay gate fees, but result in approx 30-40 more attendees on Saturday)
 - 29 exhibitors entering various flowers/vegetables/plants on Friday for judging
 - 249 exhibits in total
 - 134 (1st, 2nd, 3rd) prizes awarded by accredited (Master Gardener) judges
- Ajay presented the following three awards from the judging competition:

- **“Aggregate Novice Award”** (first time exhibitor): **Mary Heath** (5 points)
 - **“Aggregate Award”** (for highest total points): **Heather Jenkins** (31 points)
 - **“People’s Choice Award”**: **Joy Story**
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- Monika thanked all the members on the Silent Auction committee (Leslie Sutton, Bev Remple, Mary Heath, Mary Vandenberg, Mary Palaikis, Marion Johnston, Cori-Lee Fisher) for their hard work to make the silent auction a success once again
 - Monika also expressed sincere thanks to those club members who tapped into their creative genes and donated items they produced to the Silent Auction. She encourages more of this type of participation from club members in future years, to complement the generous contributions from all the various community businesses and individuals who are outside of the garden club
 - The big news is the Silent Auction raised over **\$3,900.00** (vs \$3,100.00 last year)! Once all expenses for the entire show have been paid, a very healthy donation will be made to the Mill Bay Food Bank, and possibly the Cowichan Valley SPCA
 - Cori-Lee stated that the revenue (from the Silent Auction, outside vendors, exhibitors, gate admission) totaled \$5,069.00 with expenses (hall rental, advertising, prize money, tablecloth rental, etc) totaling \$2,188.00 resulting in a net profit of \$2,880.00. This net profit amount does not take into account the community donation which will include once again the Mill Bay Food Bank and perhaps another organization (eg., SPCA) as well. Dollar amounts to be confirmed by the Committee and presentations to the recipients will be made in the near future.

Elections:

- Process for the election of the new Executive and General Committee for the 2014/2015 year was chaired by Ajay
- The only position becoming empty is Raffle Chair, with current holder, Gill Seal-Jones possibly moving and leaving the club in the near future
- A call for volunteers to fill the raffle chair resulted in four club members: Carmel Haley, Bobbie Burns, Julie McNally, and Tracy Morris, expressing interest in the position
- Suggestion was put forth that the membership elect, as a slate, these four individuals to form a Raffle Committee rather than electing one person. This new committee will administer the raffle program together, headed up by Carmel who will attend the Executive meetings
- All present voted in favour of adopting the Raffle Committee as proposed
- All other General Committee and Executive members were willing to stand for another year and were elected by acclamation

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The 2014/2015 Executive and General Committee is as follows:

Executive:

President: Cliff Stainsby
Vice-President: Joy Story
Secretary: Janet Abbott
Treasurer: Gale McIntyre

General Committee:

Newsletter: Mary Vandenberg
Membership: Arlene Dench
Library: Janice Rose
Kitchen: Dianne Regan
Plant Sales: Heather Jenkins
Raffle Committee: Carmel Haley, Bobbie Burns, Julie McNally, Tracy Morris
Facebook & Social Networking: Pauline Dueck
Website: Kerry Davis
Honorary Historian: Mary Gale
Past President: Ajay Oppelaar

Pictures were taken of the 2014/2015 Executive and General Committee for posting to the Facebook page.

There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Arts & Music in the Gardens

Horticulture Centre of the Pacific
505 Quayle Rd,
Victoria, BC

August 15th & 16th 2015, 11:00am to 4:00pm
both days

Admission:

- \$12 adults
 - \$10 seniors/students
 - under 16 is FREE
- admission is FREE for **HCP members**



Victoria Lily Society
Flower Show
Plant Sale & Tea

Saturday June 27 • 10-4 pm

Salvation Army Citadel
4030 Douglas St.
Off McKenzie



Judged Exhibits • Admission by donation • Wheelchair accessible

OUR THANKS TO THRIFTY FOODS AND ALL CONTRIBUTORS

Water Garden Tour





9th Annual



SATURDAY, JULY 11

2015, 9:30 – 4:30

Tickets \$25

-  **11 gardens**
-  **Live music at most gdns**
-  **Self-guided tour**
-  **Light refreshments**



*Sorry, Not Wheelchair Accessible
No Pets Please*

Tickets: Elk Lake Garden Centre, Wildwood Nursery (Cannor), Dig This, Dinter Nursery (Duncan), Gardenworks, Marigold Nurseries and ONLINE at watergardentour.ca

www.watergardentour.ca (250 891-0762)

Proceeds will support the work of *For The Love Of Africa Society* in Tanzania