



MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY 2016

Next Meeting

January 26, 2016

The January meeting of the Mill Bay Garden Club will take place on Tuesday, January 26th at 7:00 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, plant sale table, buy raffle tickets, put exhibits on the brag table, listen to interesting guest speakers, and socialize.

January Speaker:

Tim Kulchyski

**"Cohabitation with Plants of
Cowichan Region"**
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"Syrian Refugee Families"

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Seedy Saturdays & Other Events

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January Brag Table Theme

(it's different this month - check it out!)

"Your Favourite Gardening Tool"

Gardening is more than just the plants we grow! We all have a favourite tool or gardening aid that we rely on to help us produce the most beautiful flowers and healthy vegetables possible. Bring your favourite item for the Brag Table, and tell us why you can't do without it.

And if you have something growing in your January garden that you want to share, please bring that too!

January Kitchen Duties:

Dianne Reagan

1 litre of 2% milk:

Ian Kennedy

Cookies/Goodies:

Ian Kennedy; Hedda & Simon Hutchins;

Kitchen Helpers:

Rosemary & Ian Kennedy

Set up/Clean Up:

Kathy Code; Kelly Slade

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR MUG

FOR THE BREAK!



** REQUEST **

We have a club member who requires transportation to and from our monthly meetings. This gentleman lives on Treit Road in Shawnigan Lake. If you can help, please contact Pip for details.

President's Report

Happy New Year! I hope it will be a productive gardening one.

On this grey, damp January day as I look at the dates of Seedy Saturdays coming up my thoughts turn to Spring and the interesting seeds etc. I can buy locally. Over Christmas I was in England where it felt very springlike with aconites, snowdrops, daffodils and trees blossoming in the garden of the Norfolk cottage where we were staying. It was quite a relief to come back to the Cowichan Valley to find that things weren't so advanced though I do have some Hellebores beginning to flower.

At this time thoughts, also, begin to turn to the planning of the 2016 Flower and Garden Show. If you are able to take an active part please let Bernie Juurlink know – see his article further down the page.

Looking forward to seeing you at the January meeting. I do hope that you will bring your favourite gardening tool for The Brag Table – I must get mine cleaned up!

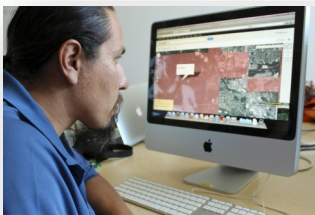
Cheers,
Pip



Vice-President's Report

Our guest speaker this month is **Tim Kulchyski**, Fisheries Biologist with Cowichan Tribes.

Topic: ***Traditional Understanding and Cohabitation with the Plants and Ecology of the Cowichan Region***



Tim's presentation and discussion will provide our club members with a rare opportunity to learn from a man who is both a Western-trained biologist and a holder of deep inherited understanding of our Cowichan ecosystem.

Tim will be introduced by his friend, Beth Lischeron, a decades-long student of Traditional Ecological Knowledge and ethnobotany.

Thank you,
Mary Vandenberg



Library Report

Seven new books will be introduced to our collection at our next meeting. These books are quite different to anything we have and should create quite a lot of interest.

Requests for new books are welcome as we do have a bit left in the Library fund this year. Please remember to return your borrowed books at the next meeting so others may have a turn.

Your friendly Librarian,
Janice Rose

Plant Sales Table Report

In keeping with the theme for this month, consider donating a garden tool you no longer feel meets your needs. Perhaps another garden member may appreciate it's use. This is also a good time of year to clean our tools, in preparation for the busy season ahead. We will have a few living plant items available, and if you do have a plant item to donate, by all means please bring along.

Respectfully,
Monika Morgan:)

Community Flower & Garden Show 2016 Report



The first 2016 Community Flower & Garden Show Committee meeting will be held on February 2. Janice Rose has agreed to be Treasurer again. We need volunteers for the following subcommittees: Judging, Publicity/Promotion, Outside Vendors, Signs and Programs, Internal Coordinator and Silent Auction. This year's Silent Auction will mainly depend upon members' donations and the work will not be as onerous as in the past. This is a fun committee, so please volunteer.

Bernie Juurlink
Flower & Garden Show Chair

Raffle Table Report

In November our raffle was generously supported by our garden club members.

Thanks to:

Al Mikalishen for donating a suet bird feeder, a timely supplement for our feathered friends

Ann Baty for a set of your vibrantly photographed flower gift cards, beautiful

Donna Kaiser for a copy of your all seasons, new cook book "**Create**", fantastic recipes

(Please note: Ann and Donna have more of the above items for sale - talk with them during break for more information on how/where to purchase)

We also wholeheartedly appreciate our local businesses for their contributions. November's donations were from:



And..... **Christmas Party** Raffle Prizes from our generous Corporate Donors:





Cards by Mary Gale

If you know of someone in the club who is sick, or in hospital please let Mary Gale know and she will send a card on behalf of the Mill Bay Garden Club.

Social Media Report

Pauline Dueck

If you use Facebook, don't forget to check us out and "LIKE" us at www.facebook.com/millbaygardenclub

***** REMINDER *****

LAST CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL !!

Membership dues MUST be paid by the January monthly meeting to continue receiving Newsletter and Event notifications by email.

(Cost is \$10 per year, cash only please)

Syrian Refugee Families

By Janice Rose

Many thanks to all of our members who donated household items and financial aid to our local Syrian Refugee families. Your kindness, support and generosity has been astonishing. Quite frankly the members of the MBGC donated an entire household full of goods! Both families are very grateful and happy in their new surrounding.

The father of the two little girls, Makhoul Barakat, has expressed a keen interest in gardening. Specifically he wants to grow fresh herbs and vegetables. Permission has been granted for a couple of raised beds to be built behind the house. We are asking for donations of gardening tools, soil, compost, cuttings, seeds, hoses and sprinklers.

Mill Bay Garden Club
General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday November 24, 2015

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President – Pip Woodcock

- 7 p.m. Call to order.
- Motion to approve September 2015 General Meeting Minutes, MSC.
- Motion to approve November 2015 General Meeting Minutes, MSC.
- Christmas party December 8th
 - Set up list circulated.
 - Set up 4:30, doors open 5:30, dinner @ 6:00pm.
 - Theme for centerpiece “Yule”, don’t light candles.
 - Carol singing, pianists encouraged.
 - Gift exchange – garden related, \$10 limit, participation optional.
 - Word Jumble - Ajay.
 - Punch, coffee, tea provided.
 - Please bring nonperishable item for food bank.

Treasurer – Marie Cooke

- \$1725.49 balance.
- Don’t forget to renew your membership.

Membership – Arlene Dench

- 3 new members in November.

Library – Janice Rose

- Dianne McNair and others suggested the following books:
 - The Wild Wisdom of Weeds
 - Growing food
 - Wild Edibles
 - Rain Gardens (and others)
- In a Country Garden – Ravenhill Farm – donated by Janice.
- Fine Gardening magazine has been reordered.
- The Flower Arranger magazine will be reordered.

Plant Sales – Monika Morgan

- Holly and Elaine’s kiwis for sale.

Historian – Mary Gale

(regrets due to illness)

- Get well cards sent to Paddy Harris, Dianne Regan, Clara Slots and Mary Gale.

Facebook – Pauline Dueck

- Visit MBGC facebook page @ <https://www.facebook.com/millbaygardenclub/> and “like it” or make a comment.

Members Forum

- Janice Rose - Syrian family coming this year, a couple plus daughters 5 and 6 years old. Janice’s church is among the sponsors along with others, Pip and her husband are involved too.

Brag Table – Barb Kohlman

- Theme – What’s Left?

Q & A – Bill Herring

- Plant shallots December 21st with just the neck out of the ground. Seed shallots multiply 8-12 times. Harvest June 21st. (When foliage flops they’re ready to harvest.)
- Plant sweet peas now. When 4 leaves are up, pinch off the middle leaves.
- Plant garlic indoors (greenhouse) now to get them started.

Coffee Break

Raffle – Bobbie Burns

- Raffle tickets 3 for \$1.
- Rusticana gift certificate.
- Ann Baty photo cards.
- Donna Kaiser cookbook.
- Rona \$25 gift certificate.
- Al Mikalishen donated the mystery gift.

Speaker – Gord Hutchings

- University of Victoria, native bees and climate change.

Meeting adjourned 9:00pm.

Upcoming Events

Seedy Saturdays on Vancouver Island

(in date order)

Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday

Saturday February 6, 2016 10 to 3:30
Qualicum Beach Civic Centre, 747 Jones St. , Qualicum Beach, BC
More information: www.qbseedysaturday.com

Victoria Seedy Saturday

Saturday February 20, 2016 10 to 4
Victoria Conference Centre, 750 Douglas Street, Victoria, BC

Sooke Seedy Saturday

Saturday February 27, 2016 10 to 3
Sooke Community Hall, 2037 Shields Rd, Sooke, BC

Courtenay Seedy Saturday

Saturday March 5, 2016 10 am
Florence Filberg Centre, Courtenay, BC

Nanaimo Seedy **Sunday**

Sunday March 6, 2016 10 to 3
Nanaimo District Secondary School, 355 Wakesiah, Nanaimo, BC

Robert's Creek Seedy Saturday

Saturday March 12, 2016 11 to 4
Robert's Creek Community Hall, Robert's Creek, BC

!!! Cobble Hill Seedy Saturday !!!

Saturday March 12, 2016 10 - 3

Cobble Hill Hall, 3550 Watson Av, Cobble Hill, BC

Contact: cobblehillseedysaturday@gmail.com

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Seedy Saturdays on Vancouver Island

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Duncan Seedy **Sunday**

Sunday March 20, 2016 10 to 2

Cowichan Tribes Si'em Lelum Gymnasium 5774 River Road, Duncan, BC

More information: <http://cowichangreencommunity.org/workshop-events/duncan-seedy-sunday/>

Port Alberni Seedy Saturday

Saturday April 2, 2016 10 to 3

Arrowvale Campground, 5955 Hector Rd. Port Alberni, BC

More information: www.arrowvale.ca

Other Events

Cowichan Valley Garden Club -- Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, April 9, 2016 10 to 1

St. Johns Anglican Church Hall, 486 Jubilee Street, Duncan, BC

Bradner Flower Show

April 8, 9, 10, 2016 Open daily at 10am

Bradner Hall, 5305 Bradner Road, Abbotsford, BC

More information: www.bradnerhall.ca or www.facebook.com/bradnerhall

