



MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting:

Date: **Tues, March 28, 2017**

Time: 7pm (Doors open 6:30pm)

Mill Bay Community League
Hall (1001 Shawnigan Mill Bay Rd)

Activities:

Business Meeting; Members
Forum, Gardening Q&A; Library;
Raffle; Plant Sales; Guest
Speaker; Socializing!



March Speaker:

Brandy Miceli

***"The Fundamentals of
Garden Design"***

Brag Table Theme:

March Mayhem

March started out as a Lion - will it go out the same way? Brin something to the brag table to share what is happening in your garden this

commentary on the contributions received, and one recipient will be randomly chosen to receive a prize.

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Kitchen Duties:

Mary Ellen Deuling

Kitchen Helpers: Carol Goodger-Hill;

Madeleine Douaire

2% Milk:

Tracy Morris

Goodies:

Aleen Gray; Paddy Harris;

Donna Kaiser

Setup/Cleanup:

Barb & Bernie Juurlink;

Romy Pritchard



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

March Guest Speaker

This month's speaker is Brandy Miceli and her topic is:

"The Fundamentals of Garden Design"

***What is a Garden?... A refuge? An oasis? A playground?
A lounge? A work of art?***

Everyone has their perfect garden. Your perfect garden will make you feel a certain way-- tranquil, energized, enthralled, enchanted. It will also integrate into the surrounding landscape, and reflect the natural splendor of its surroundings. Your perfect garden is inside you.

After many years as an organic gardener, Brandy Miceli decided to make horticulture her career, and enrolled in Camosun College's horticulture program, where she graduated in top standing. After graduation, Brandy mentored with renowned horticultural writer and plantsman, Grahame Ware, while also gaining experience in professional landscaping. She is now the owner/operator of **Nuance Garden Design & Care**.

Passionate about life-long learning, she continues to deepen her knowledge, and is working toward accreditation as a Certified Arborist. Brandy is active in the local garden community, as treasurer of the Qualicum Beach Garden Club.

Mary Vandenberg

**New
Members!**

The MBGC extends a warm welcome to three new members:

**Joanne Mitchell
Kathy Muirhead
Christine Rath**

We hope to see you at the March 28th meeting.

JoAnn Mulhern

2017 Community Flower & Garden Show Report



The 2017 Community Flower & Garden Show organization is well underway. It will be held at the Cobble Hill Farmers Institute Hall & Grounds on May 27. Please start thinking about what you would like to enter in the Show. If you know of vendors interested in participating, please let me know and I will forward this information to Ian Kennedy (or contact him directly at: kennedy.ian.m@gmail.com or 250 244-4722).

The Silent Auction Committee is also looking for donations from the members. If you have something to donate I can forward this information to Gillian Keir (or contact her directly at: gillian.millbay@shaw.ca or 250 709-1471).

Bernie Juurlink

Plant Sales Table Report



Spring is on the way. Anything green coming up in your garden that you might like to donate to the plant sales table? Pots, preserves, produce? garden paraphernalia? seeds? Anything of interest? Share with us. See you at the meeting.

*Monika Morgan & Sharon Martin
(or Heather Jenkins in Monika's absence)*



February Raffle Report

"Found" Items:

McKenzie Garden Layout Kit
Coaster Set
Linen Tea Towel

Anonymous Membership Donations:

Chocolate Covered Macadamia Nuts
Beautiful Floral Arrangement

Courtesy of MBGC:

Handy Little Chestnut Tool Sharpener

Thanks to all of you for your thoughtful donations, for your enthusiasm, and for supporting our community

Bobbie Burns & Janet Abbott



Library Report

Just a quick reminder to everyone to return the books and magazines that were borrowed at our February meeting so others may have a chance to take them out. If you are unable to attend the March meeting please give me a call and we will arrange a way to return your books.

*Your friendly Librarian,
Janice Rose*

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.

Mary's phone number is 250-743-9329

Social Media

If you use Facebook, don't forget to check us out and "LIKE" us at:

www.facebook.com/millbaygardenclub

*Pauline Dueck
FaceBook Coordinator*

Gardening Tips for March





Mill Bay Garden Club General Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2017

Call to Order: 7p.m.

Acceptance of January 2017 Minutes

- Moved: Norm Redcliffe
- Seconded: Al Mikalishan
- All in favour, Carried

REPORTS:

President:

- Seedy Saturday March 11th. Cliff Stainsbury and Mary Ellen Duelling in the morning. Joanne will come in the afternoon with Marie Cooke and one other. Banner will be provided.
- The 23rd Cowichan Valley Garden Tour is Sunday June 24th. They need 6 gardens to show. Gardens must not have shown in last 5 years. Safety is important. Selection committee will make final decision

Vice President:

- no report

Treasurer:

- We have 1220.64 in bank. Please pay your membership

Secretary:

- no report

Newsletter:

- Big thanks were given to Cori-Lee for the latest edition.

Website:

- Pictures please for the website!

Membership:

- 3 new members were welcomed this evening. Joanne, Christine, and Kathy welcome!

Flower and Garden Show:

- There is a revised brochure. Workshops are set. Janice Rose has revised the section for children and youth. They will be at Seedy Saturday.
- Need volunteers for flower and garden show in all areas.
- Silent auction - Angie is looking after this, please contact her if you have silent auction items.
- Need sign placement volunteers.

Library:

- Poster of birds and bees shown, small versions to be available soon.
- Randy has donated a number of books thanks!
- Pip and Janice went book shopping and have lots of new items available. Janice recommends the new water wise garden book.

Plant Sales:

- Heather has a number of plants, books, and basil.

Raffle:

- Janet mentioned lots of great gifts that are available for the raffle. Two grand prizes are available tonight!

Kitchen:

- No report

Historian:

- No report

Past President:

- No report

Members' Forum:

- Heather sale is coming up soon and features many fantastic varieties.
- The Joe Swift talk is sold out and a waiting list is being taken.

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Mill Bay Garden Club General Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2017 (cont'd)

Brag Table:

- A lot of dead and sad snow pruning samples with one sprig of flowering cherry hurray!

Q&A:

- Elaine reminded us that asparagus do not like to compete with weeds. So weed your asparagus now! Pop weeds are out – pull them, bag them, and garbage them. Don't put them in your compost! A thick layer of maple leaf mulch will help suppress the weeds.

Guest speaker:

- "Keyhole Gardening" with Tony Irwin

Meeting adjourned: 9pm

Welcome
Spring



Upcoming Events

WE'RE BACK



Vancouver
Island
Heather
Society

HEATHER SALE

MARCH 25TH, 2017

Cash or Cheque Only

COBBLE HILL FARMERS INSTITUTE
3550 Watson Avenue, Cobble Hill BC
10:00-12:00
(or until sold out)

Unusual varieties for 2017 will include winter bloomers, summer bloomers, spring tips and starter kits.

For detailed information:
www.bcheathersociety.org

Upcoming Events, cont'd



MILL BAY PLANTAHOLICS PLANT SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017
9am to 2pm
2836 Oceanside Lane
Mill Bay

Directions: east off Trans Canada Highway at Kilmalu, south on Church Way, east on Welch Road and south on Oceanside Lane.

Proceeds from the sale will be divided between the Malawi Girls on the Move program (where the money will provide a scholarship for a young Malawian woman to complete her secondary school education) and Somenos Transition House - a program of the Cowichan Women Against Violence Society.

A great selection of healthy plants will be available for purchase. Members of the Victoria Master Gardener Association will be on hand to answer your gardening questions. Cash or cheque only.

Contact Elaine Scott for more information.



Upcoming Events, cont'd

**Cairnsmore Place
Volunteer Gardeners' Plant Sale**
250 Cairnsmore Street, Duncan
Saturday, April 22, 2017
9am to Noon



The Volunteer Gardeners at Cairnsmore Place in Duncan will be holding their annual plant sale. There will be hundreds of plants ready for planting. You will also find garden sign, arbours, planters, pot trivets and faerie doors made by members of the group.

The group is made up of 16 volunteers who work half a day a week from Spring to Fall. The gardens are enjoyed by residents, families and staff year round.



There is no Island Health budget for this work, so money is raised through donations and the plant sale. These funds pay for fertilizer, mulching, new plants and new projects. This work can only be done with the support of the Cowichan Valley's gardening community.

Thank you.

MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE
MAY 27, 2017
9am - 2pm
AT THE COMMUNITY FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

Your plant sale committee would like to encourage you to think about what plants you are going to donate to the plant sale, pot them up, label them and make sure that they look great. 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. We 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 and remove any plants from the sale that it considers to be invasive.

The plants should be delivered to Elaine Scott's home prior to the sale. The Committee will be organizing the plants on May 26 so we will need them a couple of days before then. The notice in the May newsletter will provide you with information on where and when they should be delivered.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Elaine Scott.

Thank you one and all.

