



MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2017

Next Meeting:

Date: Tues, May 23, 2017

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

Hall

(1001 Shawnigan Mill Bay Rd)

Activities:

Business Meeting; Members
Forum, Gardening Q&A;

Guest Speaker; Socializing!



May Brag Table Theme:

**"What I am not entering in the
Flower and Garden Show"**

What's happening in your garden? Bring something to the Brag Table to share. Barb Kohlman will provide commentary on the contributions received. One recipient will be randomly chosen to receive a prize.

MAY SPEAKER

Gord Baird

**Balance Winter Rains and
Summer Droughts**

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May Kitchen Duties:

Mary-Ellen Deuling

Kitchen Helpers:

1 litre of 2% Milk : Gwen Redcliffe

Cookies/Snacks: Noreen Carver, Donna Kaiser,
Betty Underwood

Setup/Cleanup: Bonnie Mills, Marion Johnston,
June MacDonald



DON'T FORGET!

Bring your mug for the Break!

2017 Community Flower & Garden Show Report



The Community Flower & Garden Show is soon upon us. Be prepared to enter flowers and vegetables: it should be interesting with this late spring weather - this may be the year for Irises. **Bring your flowers and/or vegetables on Friday May 26 to the Cobble Hill Farmers Institute Hall between noon and 6:45 p.m.** Volunteers will be present to assist you in filling the forms and placing your displays. The **Show is on Saturday, May 27 from 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.**

Don't forget the request for **donations for the Silent Auction** (see Gill Keir's request). 'Profits' from the Show mainly come from the Silent Auction and these 'profits' go to local charities.

We **need lots of volunteers for set-up** (starting Friday morning at 9:00 a.m.) and take-down (starting around 3:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon). **Angie Stanta** is looking after the volunteers .

There will be a **volunteer appreciation wine & cheese** June 4th starting at 3:00 p.m. Volunteers please bring significant others.

Finally, don't forget to attend the Show. **Bernie Juurlink**



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Looking forward to seeing you all there. Hopefully the sun will shine and bring forth prize-winning blossoms.

Pip Woodcock

May's Speaker is Gord Baird—His Topic is Balance Winter Rains and Summer Droughts

Gord Baird and his wife Ann co-created and personally built with their own hands the award winning Eco-Sense home in the Highlands, the world's first assessed building under the Living Building Challenge, the strictest green building rating system internationally. Gord's background prior to his adventures in creating Eco-Sense was Experimental Psychology and Business.

He commonly jokes about specializing in being a generalist and thus wears many hats:

- Eco-Sense Farm and Nursery focusing on edible food forestry plants
- Sustainable building consulting
- Water systems design and installs
- Living roof design and installs
- Sustainable energy and integrated mechanical system consulting
- Policy work - ranging from BC Hydro to BC Ministry of Health with the most recent work as a technical editor for the BC MOH Standard Practices for Composting Toilets and Greywater Guidelines: bringing these systems into both the Sewerage System Regulations and BC Building Code
- Water Commissioner for both the CRD and Juan de Fuca Water Commissions
- Director at Large for the BC Fruit Testers Association
- ARCSA Certified Rain water Accredited Professional
- Sits on the Advisory for CRIGP (Capital Region Invasive Species Partnership)
- Both Gord and Ann are Municipal Councillors for the District of Highlands

His passion is plants and water, two things that grow well together, and his concerns are ensuring our resources are not squandered in a changing climate.



LOCAL GARDEN TOURS

Are you interested in opening your garden for fellow members to tour? Contact me and we can set up a date and time. Everyone loves and appreciates being able to see what others are doing. We all learn something!

Mary Vandenberg [mhcgnnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mhgcnnewsletter@gmail.com)



REMINDER!!!

MBGC Potluck Dinner and AGM

Tuesday June 27th at 6pm.

This year Bonnie and Mike Mills have once again generously made their yard available for the AGM.

Stay tuned for more details in June's newsletter.

MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

MAY 27, 2017

9am - 2pm

AT THE COMMUNITY FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW



Just a reminder to everyone that our annual plant sale at the Community Flower & Garden Show is coming up fast and we need your plants. Several of our more generous donors lost a lot of plants last winter and so we are really encouraging you to pot up 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 on May 23, 24 or 25**. Just pop by with them and if she is not home at the time you are there just put them in the vegetable garden area behind the wire fence.

Also, please, please, please **label your plants**. It is very difficult to sell plants if we do

Plant Sales Table Report

Hopefully you've potted up or still planning to, some goodies out of your garden for the Plant sale at the Flower & garden show. Perhaps you have one or two extra to share at the plant table? Remember other garden items are always popular too.

See you soon

Monika & Sharon



Library Report

NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY

May is one of the best months of the year for members of the garden club. When you sign a book out this month from our library it is not due until our meeting in September. That is four months of joy and pleasure with your favorite books. The only downside is that you MUST return all summer reading in September. Enjoy!

Your friendly Librarian,
Janice Rose



Silent Auction Committee

To our members:

If anyone intends to contribute an item to our Silent Auction, will you please contact me via email or phone, as soon as possible as we need to catalogue the items. Thank you -

Gillian Keir



April Raffle Report



- Grand Prize** - 4 lb bag of soil conditioner
Donated by Marie Cooke
- Other Items**
- Garden Stone Making Kit
 - Gardener's Expert Tips Book
 - Honeysuckle Soap from Salt Spring
 - Soap Works in a ceramic dish
 - Seeds in a can, open can, water and Watch it grow.

Bobbie Burns & Janet Abbott



FACEBOOK

For those of you on Facebook, we encourage you to go to the MBGC Facebook page and invite friends to the Community Flower and Garden Show using the EVENT created for that purpose. Once you click on the EVENT, you can click on SHARE. A drop down menu will appear where you can click on INVITE FRIENDS, which then allows you to invite specific friends.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/110490482953466/>

New Members!

The MBGC extends a warm welcome to one new member:

Dianna Lee

We hope to see you at the May 23rd meeting.

JoAnn Mulhern

FREE

I have lots of flower pots to give away.

The sizes are from 1 - 3 gallons, lots of them are brand new (they would need holes drilled for drainage.)

You can give my e-mail for those interested, Thank you



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.

Mill Bay Garden Club

General Meeting Minutes April 25, 2017

Call to Order:

Acceptance of March 2017 Minutes

Moved Al Mickalishan

Seconded Jo Ann Mulhern

All in favour, Carried

Reports:

President: Pip Woodcock

Gave a big thank you to the 25 people who transformed Cori-Lee's garden in 14 hours and with 7 trailer loads of material taken to Fisher Road.

Sent around a sheet for suggestions of members as President, Vice-President, Raffle Coordinator, Website Guru and Garden Show Coordinator stressing how important it is to fill these positions.

Announced that another Garden is needed for the Cowichan Life Garden Tour on 4th June.

Secretary Fran Benton

There are Zinnia seeds available.

Treasurer Report: Marie Cooke

We have \$1732.91 in the bank. Nametags are available from her.

Website Marie Cooke

There is a video about potting up potatoes on website.

Flower and Garden Show Bernie Juurlink

The show is May 27, 9am until 2pm. Please bring in exhibits between noon and 6:30 on Friday. All information is on the website. At 2 o'clock please clean up and take stuff away.

We need entries for the garden show. There will be a lot of flowers soon.

Signs go out May 21 If you have signs or are willing to put a sign out let Ann Baty know.

Plant sale item delivery Elaine will let you know details via e mail..

Silent auction items Gillian. Cut off date is May 12 but will accept at last minute. Angie will talk about co-ordination. Looking for help with many aspects of the flower show.

Library Mary Heath

Fine Gardening Magazine is available now.

A \$500 bursary will be given to a student in horticulture. Janice will be going into a gardening 11 class at Francis Kelsey to talk about the bursary

Plant Sales Heather

Edger is available, lots of plant sold, thanks!

Raffle Janet Abbott

Lots of good things available for raffle.

Historian Mary Gale

Everyone has been remarkably healthy!

Facebook Pauline Dueck

Lots of gardening events on facebook.

Members Forum

Ajay did an amazing demonstration on preparing and staging flowers and plant materials for the show.

Many classes for flowers.

Elaine Scott

For the plant sale please deliver plants to her place Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday of show week. Need loads of plants this year. They made \$2600 on the plantsholics sale.

Brag Table Barb Kohlman

Many attractive flowers and plants!

Coffee Break

Raffle

Speaker Barrie Agar Royal Roads

Barrie spoke about colour combinations in the gardens at Royal Roads.

Adjourn: 9 pm



Mill Bay Garden Club's
70th Annual
**Community Flower
& Garden Show**
“Celebrating 70 Years”

Saturday, May 27th 2017
9am to 2pm
Cobble Hill Hall
3550 Watson Ave, Cobble Hill

Exhibits accepted Friday, May 26th 2017, Noon 'til 6:50pm

Inside: Flower & Vegetable Show, Silent Auction,
South Cowichan Healthcare Auxiliary Strawberry Tea
Outside: Plant Sales, Gardening Workshops, Commercial Plant
Vendors, Garden Accessories, Master Gardeners

Admission: \$2.00
Children free

- ✦ Show brochure: available at: Buckarfield's, Dinter Nursery,
Valley Vines to Wine, Thrifty Foods and Country Grocer
- ✦ A donation from the Show proceeds will be made to local charities
- ✦ For more information visit: www.millbaygardenclub.com



www.homesteadingfair.ca

2nd Annual Vancouver Island Homesteading Fair – June 3 and 4

On Saturday and Sunday June 3 and 4th, the Cobble Hill Events Society (CHES) will be hosting our 2nd annual Vancouver Island Homesteading Fair at the Farmers' Institute grounds in Cobble Hill Village. After last year's event that attracted 500 locals, this event is quickly developing a reputation across the island as one that supports "ideas that facilitate self-reliant, Earth-conscious living". As many people in our area have modest pieces of land on which they are growing vegetables or raising animals, this fair will expose participants to information and technologies as well as provide them with over 20 sessions running throughout the weekend at which they will learn the skills of healthy and bountiful country living. Homesteading support people will provide stands outside while homesteaders themselves will offer sessions that cover topics such as raising ducks, water harvesting, raising chickens, weaving, beekeeping, green management, solar powering, homeschooling as well as a myriad of other specialties. Entry to this "CHES" event will be free, there will be music and there should be a 'good bite' to eat as well. So, if you are interested in homesteading yourself, have farm roots or are just curious about this renewed way of life, jump in the car or wander down to Cobble Hill Village and spend some time. Who knows what you'll discover!

For more information, email us at islandhomesteading@gmail.com
or visit our webpage: www.homesteadingfair.ca



CHARITY FUNDRAISER

Sunday

June 4th

10am to 4:30pm

TICKETS

\$20

23rd Annual Cowichan Valley Garden Tour

A SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF
6 BEAUTIFUL GARDENS

TICKET OUTLETS:

Mill Bay

- Third Addition Gifts & Toys
- Dimer Nursery

Chemainus

- Russell Farms Market & Garden Centre
- Sandpiper Garden & Glass

Celwood

- Garden Works

Victoria

- Dig This—Oak Bay
- Dig This—Broadmead

Duncan

- Buckerfield's
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VANCOUVER ISLAND ROCK AND ALPINE
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JIRÍ PAPOUŠEK

DIVERSITY OF METHODS OF GROWING ALPINES
IN THE CZECH GARDEN



Dionysia bryoides, Hana Lake

Jiri Papoušek, aka the Alpine Parrot, is a world-renowned rock gardener and active member of the Czech Rock Garden Society. He is an enthusiastic grower of cushion plants, dwarf conifers and Daphnes. He has over 30 years of experience growing and exhibiting alpines in Prague rock garden shows and is a member of the International Czech Rock Garden Conference Committee. Come hear Jiri share his knowledge on this fascinating subject. This is an outdoor function so dress accordingly.

Tuesday, June 13, 7pm-9pm
840 Sayward Rd. Victoria BC
Admission by donation

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