



MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting:

Date: **Tues, May 22, 2018**

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

Place: **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!



May Brag Table Theme:

May Bee, May Bee Knot?

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. The bonus is a prize awarded randomly to one of the monthly participants. If you've never participated, give it a fling, be it flower, vegetable or fungus!

May Speaker: Barb Munton

Roses: Grow them to know them before you show them

See page 2 for details



Kitchen Duties:

1 litre of 2% milk: Judy Raimondo

Cookies/Snacks: Judy Raimondo, Dorothy Kennedy, Marion Johnston

Kitchen Helpers: Kim deBree, Karen Murphy

Set-up/clean up*: * *please arrive by 6:30.*

Please email me if you cannot make the meeting.

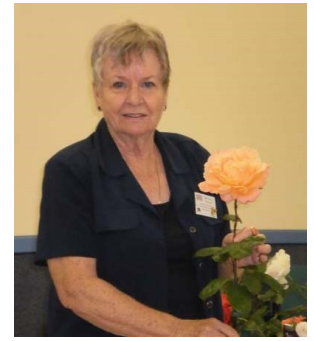


DON'T FORGET!
bring your mug
for coffee/tea!

May Speaker

Barbara Munton (Barb)

Roses: Grow Them, To Know Them Before You Show Them.



Climbing Shot Silk, the 'must have' rose of the 1940's framed the entrance to my Grandparent's garden and triggered my love of roses.

My garden has wide variety. Modern shrubs, David Austins, floribundas, a few hybrid teas, and every year more miniatures.

For the past dozen years, as a member of the Vancouver Island Horticultural Judging Group, I have judged general shows as well as specialized shows held on Vancouver Island and throughout the Gulf Islands. In 2009 I judged at the World Rose Show in Vancouver BC. In 2012 I was asked to join the judging team for the Quebec & Ontario Rose Show in Montreal.

I hold judging certification in horticulture from Okanogan Gardens & Roses of Vernon B.C., the B.C. Council of Garden Clubs and Accreditation from The Canadian Rose Society.



Mill Bay Garden Club Plant Sale

MAY 26, 2018. 9:00 to 2:00 AT THE COMMUNITY FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

Your plant sale committee is hoping that you are having a **great time potting up plants** for the May, Mill Bay Garden Club plant 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 invasive.

The plants should be delivered to Elaine Scott's home on May 23 or 24.

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 not know exactly what they are. We try hard to identify them but sometimes we are just unable to.

Your Plant Sale Committee thanks you.



President's Report

Ajay Oppelaar



Some claimed it the most fun executive and committee meeting to date. There was laughter and jesting, cookies and serious discussion. And Bosco. And Cliff too. So yes it was spirited. But we got business done and nobody was injured. Physically....

The May exec and committee meeting always revolves around what to do with the huge amount of money we raise each year through our hardworking and dedicated volunteers. Beyond what we use for overhead and bursary fund, it goes directly back to the community at the AGM in June. In May we discuss who the appropriate recipients will be for the year.

We discussed 7 separate organizations who in the past have been recipients of our donations, most notably the local food bank. At June's executive meeting we will have accounting for the year complete and will be able to recommend the recipients and amounts at that time.

The Flower and Garden Show is in full planning mode, and with just a few more meetings of that committee to take place, everything is on schedule to be another great event! Thank you to the department heads on the Show committee and to Gillian Keir for managing to fill Bernie Juurlink's extra-large shoes as show chairperson.

In preparation for the show later this month, I'll be doing a brief presentation on how to properly display flowers for judging at the show. This was really popular last year, so please make it to this month's meeting if you have questions about placing entries in this year's show.

The AGM Potluck Supper takes place on the 26th of June at Janice and Jim Rose's home. Tables will be provided as will several choices of protein on the buffet table and tea and coffee. We will also be having a food bank donation box for cash donations that will be added to the charitable amount set by the executive and committee prior to the AGM. More information is available in this newsletter and again in next month's newsletter.

In addition to nominating next year's slate for executive and committee positions, we discussed a whole slate of life member nominees. These are all people who have, for years, taken care of the business of the club and have been transformative in their roles as leaders and doers. Thank you to all of them for the good and hard work you do for this organization.

We still a few spots on the executive and committee for next season, please check out the help wanted section of this newsletter. See you all at the May meeting!



VICE-PRESIDENT required. Please apply if you enjoy working with a fun loving group. This is your opportunity to find the speakers you'd like to hear!



RAFFLE PERSON required. If you enjoy treasure hunting, this is the position for you. You'll be working with a lively group of people. All working to a common goal of making the garden club fun.

Please contact Ajay Oppelaar or Cliff Stainsby if you're interested in performing either of these two important roles.



Plant Table

Apparently last month it was a frenzy at the plant sales table. (& also the raffle I hear.) Obviously we're all anxious to get out there & get planting.

Thank you all for all the great donations last month & throughout this year!

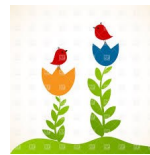
The funds we raise help us give back to the community.

So, last chance for bringing donations & buying a few more bargain plants & alpaca gold. (save some of your plants for the Flower & Garden show plant sales too though)

And thank you for bringing the empty buckets back:)

Happy Gardening

Monika & Sharon



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*

Flower and Garden Show - Gill Keir

We need a few more **volunteers** for **Set Up Day** (May 25th) and **Show Day** (May 26th). Any help is appreciated. Please contact Gill .

The Flower and Garden Show is also looking for volunteers to put up a sign.

There are two kinds of signs: - One with the date of the show (these can go up now)
- One that says "this Saturday" (these would go up the week before the show)

If you can help with a sign, **please contact** Barb and Bernie Juurlink

Regarding donations for the Silent Auction, please let Dorothy Kennedy know what you are donating and when you will deliver them, so they can be tagged.

Please contact Dorothy .

Thank you everyone for your help!





Library - Janice Rose

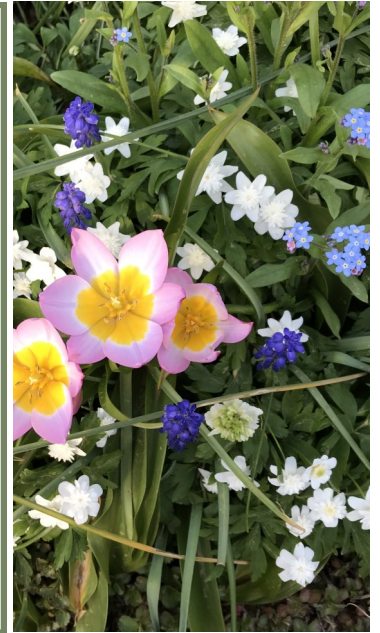
Notes from the Library

What's so special about May at the library? It's simple!! Any book borrowed in May does not need to be returned until the September meeting. Four months of glorious reading when you take a break from weeding and planting! Take a break.....read a book!

Also check out our book display at the Flower and Garden Show. Books will be for sale by donation only. Proceeds will go to our MBGC.

Your Friendly Librarian

Janice Rose



Gardening Tips - by Barb Kohlman

May /June tips 2018

Tie up your delphiniums they are starting to stretch and will be damaged if not looked after.

Deadhead or entirely defoliate those bluebells they are strong enough to return next year no matter what and I am hoping this at least slows them down.

To keep grass out of your flower beds dig a deep edge/ trench along the edge and keep it trimmed throughout the growing season.

Replant, into fresh compost soil, any of your crowded and old bearded irises. This should be done about 6 weeks after blooming. Discard all the old rhizomes (and any that are damaged/ diseased) and replant the new rhizomes found near the ends of the clumps. There should be some roots and at least one shoot of leaves. Plant them high so that the knob of the rhizome is sticking above the soil line and the roots are covered. They bloom best if sun is hitting the rhizomes.

Employ colour to attract birds and pollinators; red and orange for hummingbirds; blue, purple, violet, white and yellow for bees; and dark pink, purple, red, orange and yellow for butterflies.

You are likely already using your lawn mower. Keep it in good condition with sharp blades for the best results, mow to a height of 2 ½ inches and when the heat comes, let it go dormant--less work and so much easier on the water bill and environment.

Don't forget to wear sunscreen while gardening!

Deadhead ornamentals for a neater look to your garden - lots of material to build your compost pile

On composting make sure you water your pile to keep the creatures happy - moisture and air are important components of the composting process.

And KEEP WEEDING!!!!!!!!!!



Going Around in Circles

by Fran Benton

In my past life I was considered a kind, decent person. Years of gardening have changed me into a serial killer ruthlessly eliminating non-performing plants in the garden. My usual tactic is to take lots of cuttings and get them rooted, and then go in for the kill. But what went wrong? A failure to thrive? Bugs and disease?



Monty Don on BBC's "Gardener's World" talked about plant roots following the shape of a pot. He said that as a plant grows in a pot, plant roots grow to the side of the pot and then circles around it's edges. In the end the roots will fill the pot and the plant dies. This happened with one of my old lavenders. The poor thing was so pot bound it strangled itself. What is the obvious conclusion here? Go knock your plants out of their pots and look at the roots. If you look at the holes in the bottom of the pot and see roots hanging out, that plant wants to be repotted.

Nursery plants that have spent too long in the nursery are often pot bound. The longer they sit in a nursery, the worse they get. Approach 'end of season' sales with caution! If you are repotting root bound plants follow garden presenter Alan Titchmarsh's advice. Most plants are pretty tough and will grow better with their roots thinned and pruned.

*"Try to peel the roots away from the ball they have formed. For **annuals**, just tear the compacted roots with your hands. I tear off the bottom and then rip up the sides. Sounds brutal, but it works. For bigger tougher roots, I take a serrated knife or sharp shovel and cut the roots, either making slices down the sides of the plant or making a cross cut on the bottom of the plant, then spreading out the four quarters I'm left with. While it's better to try to buy a plant that is not root bound, I find that sometimes there is no choice. Almost **all mums**, and many spring flowers--**pansies**, violas and many **hanging baskets** are totally root bound." Some houseplants prefer to be pot bound - peace lily, spider plant, African violets, aloe, umbrella tree, ficus, agapanthus, asparagus fern, spider lily, Christmas cactus, jade plant, snake plant, and Boston fern.*

Or you could chuck the whole damned thing in the compost and go buy yourself a new plant! Happy gardening!

Mill Bay Garden Club General Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2018

Call to Order: 7:08 pm

Acceptance of March 2018 Minutes

Moved Norman

Seconded Megan

All in favour, Carried

Reports:

President: Ajay Oppelaar

Thank you to kitchen crew and set up crew

Thank you to millennial garden clean up crew, around seven people attended.

Members forum requests

Questions about president's report

Janice Rose on Bill's helpers

Janice has a new schedule for May for Bill's helpers

Three applications for bursary

Janice toured two local schools talking about the garden show volunteering, the schools need seedlings

Vice President: Cliff Stainsby

Garden tours coming up

Treasurer Report: Marie Cooke

\$ 667 in bank account. \$1000 available for bursary.

Raffle: Tracy Morris and Cori-lee Fisher

There were lots of excellent items.

Website Gordon Hamilton

Updates coming soon

Flower and Garden Show: Gillian Keir

Still some positions need to be filled

Dorothy Kennedy on silent auction- lots of donations from local businesses but we need more from members

Library Janice Rose

Ajay mentioned that the judging standard books are available in the library

Plant Sales: Heather Jenkins and Sharon Martin for Monika Morgan

Wild tonight , lots of sales!

Members Forum

Cliff Stainsby will be having an open garden on Saturday April 28th.

Angie Stanta - BC Summer Games needs 2000 volunteers. Contact through their website.

Brag Table: Barb Kohlman "April aspirations"

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Facebook: Pauline Dueck

Please share the garden show events with your friends

Q and A

Ajay shamelessly promoted shopping at a certain local garden centre.

Coffee Break

Raffle

Speaker: Linda Mimeault -**Growing a Flower Cutting garden**

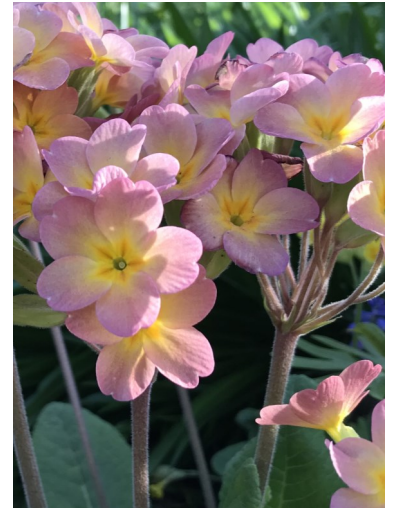
Adjourn: 7:45pm



"Sunshine Mary"

Our esteemed Lifetime Member, Mary Gale, has for a very many years, been sending cards and kind words to those members who are experiencing illness or loss. She does this on behalf of the Mill Bay Garden Club, bringing a spot of sunshine into what is often a stressful time for a club member.

If you know of someone in the club who is sick, in hospital, or has lost a loved one, please let Mary know and she will send a card on our behalf.





Mill Bay Garden Club's

Community Flower & Garden Show

“Garden Party”

Saturday, May 26th 2018

9am to 2pm

Cobble Hill Hall

3550 Watson Ave, Cobble Hill

Exhibits accepted Friday, May 25th 2018, Noon till 6:50pm

Inside: Flower & Vegetable Show, Silent Auction,
South Cowichan Healthcare Auxiliary Strawberry Tea
and Gardening Book Sale

Outside: Plant Sales, Commercial Plant Vendors, Garden
Accessories, Master Gardeners' Booth

Admission: \$2.00

Children free

- ✦ Show brochures available at: [Buckerfield's](#), [Dinter Nursery](#),
[Thrifty Foods](#) and [Country Grocer](#)
- ✦ A donation from the show proceeds will be made to local charities
- ✦ For more information visit: www.millbaygardenclub.com

MBGC AGM and Potluck Dinner

Tuesday June 26th, 2018



This annual event will begin with our traditional potluck dinner at 6pm, followed by the Annual General Meeting.

Please **arrive between 5-5:30pm for set-up.**
Bring your own chairs.

Tables, cold sliced turkey, ham, coffee and tea, will be provided.

Spouses, partners and children are all welcome!

After dinner, there will be a short AGM meeting when the membership will vote on Executive and Committee positions and charitable donations, for the coming year.

Should the weather not cooperate, we'll move this event to the Mill Bay Community League Hall. **Email to be sent mid-afternoon on June 26th if moving to the Hall.**

Please bring the following items with you for the Potluck dinner:

- ◆ Pot Luck Dish to share (please bring serving spoon)
- ◆ Chairs!!
- ◆ Plates, Cutlery, Napkins, Place mats
- ◆ Coffee cups
- ◆ Favourite beverage & glasses
- ◆ Light jacket or sweater
- ◆ Your Garden Hat inspiration (see below.)
- ◆ Cash donation for the Food Bank

Garden Hat Theme: **Top Heavy**

Get inspired! Make and wear a hat using materials found in your garden or home following the theme "Top Heavy". There will be one prize for the best hat.



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Upcoming Events

[Horticulture Centre Of The Pacific](#)

Tomato Day

Date: Saturday , May 19th

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

505 Quayle Rd. Victoria, BC V9E 2J7 Canada Phone:

250-479-6162



Join us from 9:00am to 12:00pm for Tomato Day and choose from a variety of options.

Organically grown tomato starts along with other veggies, edible flowers and herbs will be available.

Free admission during the sale.

Visit the Website: <http://hcp.ca> for other events.



Hi Folks-I just returned from an Iris Convention in Salem Oregon and brought back about 100 mixed variety tall bearded Iris stems with at least 4 blooms per stem or more. The blooms are still tight and will emerge in the next few days.

These are from Schreiners Irises, the major Iris grower in North America. These are for sale right now for very reasonable prices at \$1.25 per stem or 5 in a vase for \$8 at my roadside kiosk in Cobble Hill. The blooms are just starting to show and will last more than 8 to 10 days in a cool house. There are at least 20 varieties never seen before in Canada and they are AWESOME.

The bonus is you can view my young garden-more than 100 impressive rhodos are in full bloom right now and quite visible from the road. I also have some very nice Rhodo arrangements for sale with a vase at \$8 for 5 or more trusses. If someone wants me to deliver a bunch to them they can give me a call .

Thanks very much.
Bill Doumont



MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB:

Saturday

May 26th, 9am until 2 pm. COMMUNITY FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

Cobble Hill Hall.

In the Hall: Flower and Vegetable Show

Silent Auction

South Cowichan Healthcare Strawberry Tea

Outside:

Plant Sales

Garden Themed Vendors

Master Gardener's Booth

The **Cowichan Valley Garden Club** is celebrating its 65th year with our 2018 Annual Spring Flower Show and Tea on **Saturday May 26**, 1 pm to 4 pm, St Peter's Church Hall, 5800 Church Road Duncan. We invite and welcome entries from the public to all classes of the show. There is no charge to enter exhibits. Admission is \$4. View the club's website at <http://www.cowichanvalleygardenclub.com/spring-flower-show/> to learn how to prepare and stage exhibits for entry.

The 2018 Sooke Secret Garden Tour will take place on Sunday, **June 3 from 10 AM until 4 PM**. A map of the garden locations is included in the ticket. Tickets are \$25 and are available from several locations in Sooke, Sidney, Duncan and Victoria.

For more information, contact: info@sookesecretgardens.com



Teeny tiny GARDEN TOUR

June 10th Sunday 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

In support of Hospice

Tickets \$25

Ticket vendors list at Victoriahospice.org

The self-guided tour showcases a variety of gardens ranging from the truly teeny tiny to larger gardens too good not to be shared. Tour goers will enjoy everything from creative use of containers, to water features, edible gardens, and terraced gardens with meandering trails laden with eclectic surprises around every corner! Each garden offers its own unique delight.



Participants receive a ticket/map that allows them to read about the gardens, enter a draw, and enjoy the day by visiting the gardens in the order they choose.

12th ANNUAL Water Garden TOUR **Saturday 14 July, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm**

Tour 12 landscapes with water features

Tickets \$25 Vendor locations at www.watergardentour.ca

Tel: 250-891-0762

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