



MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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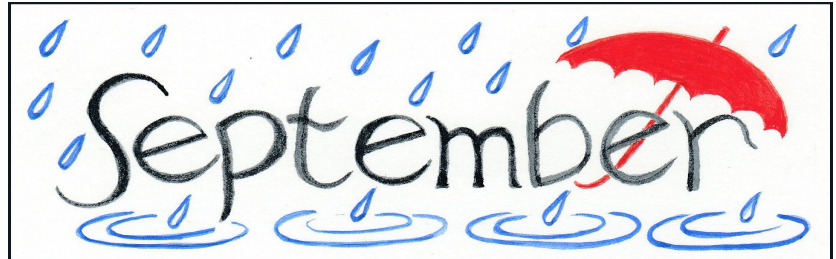
Date: **Tues, September 27, 2022**

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

Place: **Mill Bay Community League Hall**
(1001 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road)

Activities:

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



September Speaker:

Richard Nelson

On Weeds

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* IN PERSON MEETINGS ARE BACK! *

After 28 months online, the Mill Bay Garden Club is resuming in-person meetings at the Mill Bay Community League Hall at 1001 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road. Meetings take place at 7pm (doors open at 6:30) on the fourth Tuesday of the months of September - November and January - May.

At this time, to keep everyone safe, attendees are asked to be **fully vaccinated**, and to wear their **masks** while inside the hall. Fully vaccinated means both initial shots and all available booster shots.

We look forward to seeing you again!

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A little ray of sunshine...

Club member and Librarian Janice Rose has stepped into the shoes filled for so many years by Mary Gale. Janice will continue sending cards to members experiencing illness or loss on behalf of the Mill Bay Garden Club, bringing a spot of sunshine into 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 Janice know and she will send a card on our behalf.



President's Report - September 2022

Gill Keir

Hello. I hope you enjoyed your summer and that your garden grew nicely after the chilly spring start.

We will start this garden club year with an in-person meeting at the Mill Bay Community Hall on September 27th. Please wear a mask and be vaccinated.

There will not be kitchen service at this gathering. One reason is we don't have a Kitchen Volunteer and the other is some of us are not yet comfortable with eating and drinking from the communal plate

and tea/coffee pot. So, please bring your own snacks and drinks and mugs and we'll sort out where to imbibe and eat at the beginning of the meeting.

There will be a speaker at the meeting. His talk will not be recorded on Zoom as our subscription has expired and renewal will be discussed at the next executive meeting.

I look forward to seeing you – in person!
It's time.

Gill

September 27, 2022, Mill Bay Garden Club Agenda (Tentative)

- 1) 7:00 p.m.: Club Business
 - a) Approval of the agenda
 - b) Approval of the minutes of May 2022 Club Zoom meeting
 - c) President's Report – Gill Keir
 - d) Executive Committee reports
 - e) Virtual Brag Table
 - f) Garden-related Questions with our Master Gardeners
 - g) Questions for the Executive?
 - h) Adjournment
- 2) 8:00 p.m. Speaker: **Richard Nelson**



September's Speaker (Tuesday, September 27):

Richard Nelson on The Wonder of Weeds

Richard is the current Vice President of the Mill Bay Garden Club.

He has been doing workshops for Elder College for the last several years on the topic of edible and therapeutic weeds. The presentation on Tuesday will focus on several common weeds that, besides being the bane of fastidious gardeners, have many beneficial uses and, in many cases, a beauty all their own. I will draw on knowledge gained through studies in Permaculture, Herbalism and folk medicine to explore the potential of weeds that grow in all of our gardens whether we want them or not. In awareness of the tremendous knowledge and experience within the Mill Bay Garden Club the presentation will welcome audience participation and, of course, questions.



Committee Reports

Notes from the Library

After 2 1/2 years of hibernation the library is very excited to welcome back all of our members! We are ready for action. Please send me requests for new titles or any thoughts you may have on interesting and up to date subject material.

All "overdue" books from 2020 must be returned asap. There may be a fine for those of you who forget. It will be a very fine fine. Perhaps you might like to provide entertainment at the Christmas party, or volunteer time in the Memorial Garden!

*Your friendly librarian,
Janice Rose*

Committee Reports (continued)

Membership

The club welcomes three new members in September: Jane Iverson, Laurel Smith, and Charlie Snow.

The good news is that we are meeting in person again at the Mill Bay Community Hall; more info on that in this newsletter. I look forward to meeting members again and putting faces to all the names I have on the membership list.

At the beginning of Covid 19 the executive decided to send the newsletter out to everyone on our list whether you had paid your yearly dues or not. So our mailing list is nearly 200 but our paid membership is under 100.

At this September's executive meeting we made the decision that all the people on our list will receive our newsletter until the end of December 2022. After that only members in good standing will be on the newsletter list.

I will be taking membership dues, which are still \$10, before the meeting and during coffee break at the September 27th meeting.

Pat Spezowka

Membership

Plant Sales

Hello to all new and returning members of the Mill Bay Garden Club. I hope you have enjoyed the summer and are looking forward to returning to the September meeting.

I'm pleased to introduce myself and Carrie Nelson, your new Plant Sale Table committee. We will be taking over the duties of the Plant Sale Table from Monika Morgan.

At this time of year, it is a good time to go through your gardens to see if there are any plants that might need dividing or removing. If so, keep us in mind and pot up your extras to bring to the September meeting.

We will be setting up our plant sale table outside the meeting hall and will start the sale at 6:15 pm. Please remember to put your plants in pots and label with name and colour if known. Barb Juurlink will be bringing some small fig trees left over from the June AGM. As well there will be a cherry tree that Monika is donating. So hope we will see lots of plants from your gardens to add to the table.

Looking forward to meeting you at the meeting on September 27th.

Kathleen and Carrie

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



Committee Reports (continued)

A Special Plant Sale Note



**These fig trees were donated to the Mill Bay Garden Club
by Maria Eli Santos Lacasse
in memory of her late husband,
Guy Lacasse, who died Feb.6, 2022.**

Guy and Eli were both members of the Mill Bay Garden Club and Eli donated the fig trees to be sold at the Garden Club Plant Sale Table at the May 28, 2022 Flower and Garden Show.

Due to the cold spring the trees did not have any leaves yet on May 28th so we decided to sell them at a later date after they had leaved out.

Bernie and Barb Juurlink

Treasurer's Report

Included at the end of this newsletter are the Financial Statements for our year that ended this past June 30. I am pleased to report that the club ended the year with a net income of \$1,449.08.

For those members that wish to pay their dues by e-Transfer you can do so by sending your \$10 to mbgcmembership@gmail.com. No security question is required as money transferred is automatically deposited into our account. Please specify who the payment is for in the message box on the transfer form as it is not always clear in the email who is sending the money.

Gord Hamilton

Feasting from the Garden!

Wondering what to do with all the fruits (and the veggies!) of your labour? This season, the MBGC Newsletter is restoring a short-lived feature from a couple of years ago. We aim to include a club member's favourite recipe every issue, and we start with one from Janice Rose. If you'd like to contribute, send your recipe to mbgcnewsletter@gmail.com!

Fruits of the Season (aka Rum Pot or Brandy Pot)

Firstly get a large glass jar with a wide mouth and a tight fitting lid. I use a 5 gallon Crock pot. Make sure the container is very clean.

As the fruits of each year ripen, put a layer of each into the container, followed by a sprinkle of sugar and a dollop of rum or brandy. Make sure you cover each layer completely with your medicinal liquid.

I usually begin with strawberries, then add raspberries, cherries (pitted), blueberries, blackberries, peaches, pears, apples etc. Once you have filled the container, or there is no more fruit available, put the lid on tightly and wait. No peeking!

At Christmas time, give the whole darn thing a gentle stir. Scoop over ice cream. Enjoy and dream of summer with those glorious flavours!

Submitted by Janice Rose

Gardening Tips for September by Barb Kohlman

- Stop pruning and fertilizing, let your plants start to go dormant.
- Bring summer vacationing houseplants back indoors while the windows are still open. Check carefully for hitchhiking pests.
- Start fall clean-up in the flower beds, cutting back anything that has finished blooming or is diseased.
- Take cuttings to overwinter indoors or in the greenhouse.
- Photograph your gardens and containers for a record of the year's triumphs / frustrations.
- Give the compost one last turn, and make sure it is moist.
- Divide and move perennials (spring flowering ones, please!)
- Dig and store tender bulbs like: caladiums, cannas and tuberous begonias. Wait to do your dahlias till next month, they are probably blooming wonderfully still.
- Start planting spring flowering bulbs.
- I am adding mulch to the edges of my beds and in areas where nothing is planted to protect the soil. Wait to do regular beds till the soil has cooled to avoid keeping it unnaturally warm.



Cheers — barb k

Treasurer's Report

We had a very good year last year despite the lack of in-person meetings. Plant Sales and Christmas Sales brought in over \$4300 dollars in addition to \$1090 in Membership Fees and \$2000 from the May Flower and Garden Show. We received over \$400 in donations of which \$211 was earmarked for the CMS Food Bank. Total income was \$8242.07

On the expense side we spent \$725 for our speakers for our meetings and although we did not have to pay for meeting hall rent we did have a Zoom expense of \$224 for the year. The subscription ran out in September and hopefully there is no need to renew for this coming year. We paid out \$500 for the last remaining bursary awarded in 2021 and we have not yet paid for the one bursary awarded for 2022. Other normal expenses include postage and photocopying included in the \$95 Administration expense, Web Site hosting expenses of \$203 and membership in the BC Council of Garden Clubs and the insurance provided by the BCCGC (\$164). I'm happy to report our biggest expense was \$4500 for donations to local charitable organizations. Total expenses for the year amounted to \$6792.99.

We ended the year with a profit of \$1449.08 which results in a bank balance of \$3960.13. Of this amount we require approximately \$1200 for the start up of the new year and \$500 to pay for the 2022 outstanding bursary. In addition, we have set aside funds to support two bursaries in 2023. Our plan is to do the same thing in 2024 although the funds are not yet set aside.

All in all we had an excellent year despite the ongoing restrictions brought on by Covid. Thank you all for your volunteer contributions.

Gord Hamilton
Treasurer

**MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB
BALANCE SHEET
As of June 30, 2022**

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash	1,898.37
Bursary Fund (Restricted)	1,000.00
Term Deposit GIC	1,055.92
Island Savings Credit Union Shares	5.84
Total Bank Accounts	<u>3,960.13</u>

Prepaid Expenses

Total Current Assets 3,960.13

TOTAL ASSETS 3,960.13

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable
Prepaid Dues

Equity

Retained Earnings - Beginning Balance	2,511.05	
Net Income	1,449.08	
Retained Earnings - Ending Balance	3,960.13	3,960.13

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY 3,960.13

MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB
INCOME STATEMENT
Period Ending June 30, 2022

INCOME

Membership Dues	1,100.00
Kitchen	
Raffle	
Plant Sales	2,742.30
Alpaca Gold	0.00
Christmas Sales	1,617.50
Flower and Garden Show	2,000.00
Book Sales	153.80
Donations	614.50
Interest	13.97
Name Tags	
TOTAL INCOME	<u>8,242.07</u>

EXPENSES

Rent	0.00
Speaker Presentations	725.00
Donations	4,711.50
Bursary	500.00
BCCGC Fees and Insurance	163.84
Library	36.70
Kitchen	
Annual General Meeting	76.51
Raffles	
Christmas Party	
Web Site / Zoom	427.72
Name Tags / Engraving	55.98
Administraton	95.74
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>6,792.99</u>

NET INCOME (LOSS)	<u>1,449.08</u>
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Bank Accounts and Term Deposits - Beginning (July 1, 2021)	2,474.54
Bank Accounts and Term Deposits - Ending (June 30, 2022)	<u>3,960.13</u>

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Via Zoom

- Call to order : 7:57
- Acceptance of Agenda – moved by Norm Redcliffe, seconded by Dave Byrnes
- Acceptance of Minutes from March 22, 2022 – moved by Pat and seconded by Janice
- Comments – no changes
 - Bernie Juurlink: AGM in June. Looking for someone to host event. Let Bernie know. There are still a number of positions to fill on the executive. Regarding flower and garden show. If you have any flowers please enter them. Any plants left over, we need a volunteer to take home after the show.

Committee Reports

- Cliff Stainsby: nothing to report
- Gord Hamilton: Approximately \$4100 in the bank, 500 of that is for a bursary, 3600 available for other
- Monika: nothing to report
- Janice: Would like to collect all the library books. Apparently 200 or so or out in circulation. Email Janice and she will pick up or bring them to the AGM.
- Mary Jean: kudos to everyone who is involved in the flower and garden show. Regarding Silent auction, please make sure you look at and bid on items.
- Pat: A reminder that members can pay their dues at the membership table at the flower and garden show
- Dave: seems to be problems getting the newsletter to anyone with a shaw.ca address. If you have an alternate address to use please forward it to Dave.
- Cliff: we have no nominations yet for any of the executive positions. The club has been in existence since 1985. It may take some arm twisting but it's easy to do any position. Please consider standing. Discussion followed. Melanie suggested a description of the positions and what they entail might be useful. Janice asked if we could have copresident etc. to ease the burden. Bernie says usually the past president helps. Cliff outlines president and vice president positions.

- Al Mikalishen :Concerned the reason people aren't stepping up is because we haven't met in person for two years
- Norm Redcliffe: Discussion regarding bursaries and where the thousand dollars he has raised will be allocated. This to be discussed with executive. Norm extended his thanks to Dave Burns for writing about the bursary and making people aware of its availability. Janice says nine applications were received for the \$500 bursary and one chosen.

Brag Table

Barb: Geum, Pat-mystery seedlings,

Questions: Barb having problems with camellias, discussion about mason bees and how to manage. A topic for next year's speakers?

Cliff moves to adjourn, Janice seconds.
Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM