



Vernon & District Garden Club NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Trish Robinson

Before we know it, Fall is just around the corner. Every year the IPE marks the end of summer. School starts and summer vacationers slowly settling back into their routine of life, except for those that are retired and there are quite a few of us.

All organizations are very much like the IPE. Imagine all the preparation that volunteers pour into such an event and every year at the end of each show, it is never too soon to start planning for the following.

The planning for the following year for the Garden Club has already begun. We have resignations from various members for reasons most obviously due to health. A well deserved thank you to Pat Bayliss and Leah Humphreys for the years of dedication as members as well as being so actively involved with the administration. Also, thank you to Rose Sorochuk for her work on the executive. Of course there are those that volunteered in other areas like the running of the meetings smoothly, the set up of the room, and the signing in, are only some of the important part of members dedication to making the club a success. Without their efforts, the club could not have survived single handedly. We have over 60 members and a lot have hidden talents that are yet to be explored. Most members come for the social part and some for deeper understanding of the never-ending improvements to our gardening techniques.

Amongst these members, there are those that haven't ventured out of their comfort zone to explore how stimulating it might be with responsibilities that brings both exhilaration and satisfaction. We need you and your hidden talent to continue the growth of our Garden Club; new ideas and talents are needed to make this club more interesting not

just to anyone, but YOU! I certainly discovered my passion during my last year (or was it almost two years now? How time flies!) of co-presidency and wished you all would jump in and explore with me. Come on in and get on board! What are you waiting for?

MEETING INFORMATION

Next Meeting:

September 27, 2011

7:30 pm

Room 2D, Arts Centre

Parlour Show entries tabled by

7:10 pm

Please table your Parlour Show entries between 6:50 and 7:10 to allow for judging before the meeting.

MONTHLY REMINDERS

*Sign the Welcome Book at the door to get in on the door prize draw.

*Remember your name badges, library books, and coffee mugs.

*Bring along your grocery sales receipts for

BUTCHER BOYS, COOPERS &

NATURE'S FARE

EXECUTIVE 2010

Co-Presidents	Trish Robinson	558-4262
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Secretary	Elisabeth Reymond	549-1148
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	Margaret Murison	545-0313
	Linda Andrews	778-475-4455

SPEAKER

Our speaker this month will be Richard Radomski from Salmon Arm. We have tried to have Richard here a few times this year and it is finally working out. He operates Bedroc Rose Nursery and should be well able to answer any questions you have about growing roses. As Richard has a way to drive we will be having our speaker first this month.

TWIST TIES

We still have some rolls available. They are \$11 for a 55' roll and will be available at the meeting.

THIS & THAT

As I write this we have had a sunny, hot day and the air conditioner was on for a while in the afternoon. It is hard to believe that it is time to be writing the newsletter and thinking about other fall jobs.

Hope you have had a good summer.

I thought I might get away with four pages for the newsletter this month but looks like it will be five pages so I can also include some gardening information.

A note re the history column. It's not meant to embarrass Gloria but rather to let members know a little more about her years of contribution to the club.

Opportunity—We are going to be looking for someone to coordinate the Parlour Show next year. More information at the meeting.

THINKING OF YOU

For a number of members this has not been an easy summer. Please know that through your difficult times you have been in the thoughts of many of the club members.

If you know of a situation where the club can be of assistance to a garden club member please let someone on the executive know.

For those of you who have been with the club for a number of years you may remember Anne and Matt Shpeley. Anne passed away August 27th at 88 years. Matt had passed away in 2007. They were winner of a Vernon Beautification Garden club award and were

always happy to show you around their garden. I remember being impressed by the large dahlias they grew. Matt often made birdhouses or trellis for us to sell at our Plant Sales.

COFFEE CUPS

Don't forget to bring your own coffee cup!

We have a limited number of cups belonging to the garden club so need as many of you as possible to remember your cups. It will also help the ladies in their clean up if they have fewer cups to wash at the end of the evening.

PLANT SALE

There was a meeting this summer to review the Plant Sale and make recommendation for the future. Here are the main points from the meeting. These will be discussed over the next couple of months at our General Meetings.

MAIN POINTS FROM THE MEETING:

- changes to promote the sale of worm castings
- more active 'selling' of plants. One person responsible for a section, someone who can be an aggressive sales person.
- picture and information file so customers can see what they are buying.
- work with Rona on advertising
- begin potting up, or heeling in, plants in the fall, don't wait until spring.
- how to maximize plants that reproduce readily
- how to have better membership participation



General Meeting - Date: June 28, 2011 at the Vernon and District Arts Centre

Trish Robinson presided and welcomed everyone. We had 40 members and guests.

Speaker: Gwen Steele, Executive Director for the Okanagan Xeriscape Association (OXA). Xeriscape = Gardening with Nature. She explained the concept of xeriscape and gave us lots of good tips. Visit their website: www.okanaganxeriscape.org

Door prizes: Shirley Pretty, Marion Wilson, June Boake, Debby Keryluke, Bob McDougall, Cindy Malish, Ruth Carrie. 50/50 was \$17.50 won by Dawn Casey

Scrapbook: Lila Hayhurst is putting together a beautiful scrapbook with photos of our gardens. Please keep the photos coming.

Parlour Show: Linda Edser and Alicja Paradzik from Kelowna were judging our beautiful display of flowers; there was lots of variety and entries.

Janet received the trophy for the best iris in the May parlour show. June Boake received the best rose award.

Treasurer: Total balance in all our accounts is \$6,174.45

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in the Newsletter.

Correspondence: Kelowna Garden Club invitation to their July 6 meeting, speaker is Donna Balzer who wrote "No Guff Vegetable Gardening".

Plant Sale: Vince reported that the Executive decided to give Darlene and Peter \$300 in appreciation for their work done during the last 3 years. In future we will order a truckload of topsoil and worm castings, sell some to the members and donate the rest to Darlene and Peter.

Free classes are being held at Xerindipity Garden. Workshops on July 9 Water wise, August 6 Tips for going green.

Plant of the month: none this month as we were short on time. Marilyn will hold a demonstration at her home for Lavender interwoven with ribbon.

Garden Tours: Leah announced the tour to Judy Runzer's rose garden in Kelowna. We will carpool from RBC parking at Polson at 6 pm on

Wednesday, June 29.

On July 7 we will visit Bob McDougall and Malcolm Martin on East Hill, details to follow.

The phoning committee is in action! It would be great if the callers could have everybody's phone number in case of vacation or illness as another member has to step in and call those members.

No library report.

Verna thanked everyone for their exhibits at the Flower Show. It was a great show.

Deadheading at Hospice House is cancelled for this year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.



FALL GARDENING

Fall is an ideal time for planting trees, shrubs and perennials. Soil warmed by the summer sun, combined with cool air temperatures and shorter days, encourages rapid root development, allowing new plantings to establish quickly. A health root system, established in fall allows plants to grow more robustly the following spring. Don't forget to water deeply.

Bring in house plants that have been outdoors for the summer before the evenings get too cold. Ideally the outside day & night temperature should be about the same as the indoor temperature. If you leave it until it is very cool outside and the heat is on inside making the air warm & dry the change in environment is a shock to the plant and it may lose some leaves or react in some other way to the stress.

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PARLOUR SHOW

After a lay-off of a couple of months I hope many of you are ready to bring something for the Parlour Show. The gardens are looking a little tired after the hot weather so if we are to have an impressive Parlour show we need lots of people to bring a few things.

I hope many of you will have some dahlias to bring.

Remember—you can enter up to 3 items in the cut flower and fruit/vegetable section as long as they are all different. In arrangements you can enter two arrangements in each class. This is different from the Flower Show where you can only enter one arrangement per class.

SHARE WHAT YOU GROW

PARLOUR SHOW

BENCH

- 1) Hybrid Tea Rose— 1
- 2) Any other Rose— 1 stem
- 3) Dahlia-small, under 5", 1 stem
- 4) Dahlia—medium, 5" to under 8"
- 5) Dahlia—large, over 8"
- 6) Aster-1 stem or spray
- 7) Collection of Flowers-- anything not listed, minimum 5 different flowers
- 8) Open Class—any flower from the garden. (To be judged.)
- 9) Open Class—as above. (Not to be judged.)

DECORATIVE:

- 10) Autumn Charm--mini not over 5"
- 11) Tea for Two—exhibit in a tea pot
- 12) Summers End-an exhibit (consider using grasses, berries, leaves, etc.)
- 13) A Salute to Darlene--an exhibit featuring dahlias
- 14) An exhibit featuring sunflowers.
- 15) Open Class: Show us what you've been arranging. (To be judged.)
- 16) Open Class: As above. (Not to be Judged.)

VEGETABLES:

- 17) Tomato- 1 (excluding cherry tomatoes)
- 18) Cherry type tomatoes—3
- 19) Collection of garden produce Veg. and/or fr.--3 or more
- 20) Open Class: What's growing—something unusual? (To be judged.)
- 21) Open Class: as above. (Not to be judged.)



PHOTO CORNER: Memories of summer. Show us some of your awesome pictures from this summer.

DEADLINE

Please have information for the newsletter submitted to Janet by the second Friday of the month. You can contact Janet at fredjan@shaw.ca or at 250-545-4273

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DAHLIAS

Dahlias are our plant of the year so I hope you will have some to bring to the meeting. If you are entering them in the Parlour Show then remember that they should always be shown with a pair of leaves, remove side buds and mini leaves at the axis, and pick the freshest one you have.

If you don't want to enter yours into the Parlour Show but have some nice ones then bring them for display—**fresh flowers are always appreciated by those attending.**

If you have had some problems or questions about your dahlias bring them along and hopefully we will have time in Question & Answer to address your concerns.

PEPPERS

From 'Here Comes the Judge'

DID YOU KNOW: by Anne Hanzlick

Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating.

Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.

GARDEN DESIGN

This is a good time of the year to assess your yard/garden and to see what you might like to do differently next year. Look at design changes several times, looking at different times of the day and from different angles. Lay it out with rope or hose. Consider elevation differences and where the sun is in the height of the summer.

ALLIUM

From a Communities in Bloom column.

Allium (ornamental onions) provide colour in the garden after many of the more commonly used bulbs have finished blooming. The flower heads of ornamental onions range in size from one inch to one foot and are attractive to butterflies. If cut early, they will last up to three weeks in water. If left on the plants, the dried seed heads look attractive in the garden and can also be used in cut flower arrangements.

Allium can be planted in the fall or the spring—whenever you can find the bulbs.

GARDEN PHOTOS

Don't forget that Lila is looking for some photos of your garden. I hope some people will bring their photos this month. It would be very helpful if you put your photos in an envelope and your name on the outside of the envelope. Thanks everyone.