

2017 Monthly Speakers

Jan. 30, 2017 – Stephen Murphy - *All Things Fungi*

Stephen Murphy grew up in the countryside of Victoria, Australia. He developed his passion for the outdoors at a young age.

Now full time on the coast, Stephen has furthered his passion by starting a small outdoors adventure business, Murphy's Forest Tours and Adventures in Fly-fishing.

Over the past 10 years he has studied, collected and documented wild forest mushrooms of the Sunshine Coast.



Stephen enjoys sharing his passion for all things fungi. He is a senior mentor for the Live & Learn program of the Onestraw Society. Stephen is also member of the Chapman Creek Hatchery and the Association of Nature & Forest Therapy Guides & Programs.

He considers the forest to be a healing place and teacher. He coined the term WWW...the Wood Wide Web after discovering the intricate web of life the natural forests harbour. Since, he has learned, many others use this term too....synchronicity one would say. And don't forget to "*Get Out Into The Wild.*"

Feb. 27, 2017 - Jennifer Campbell - *Vermicomposting*

Jennifer has a small business called Beeberry Grove Farm Goods which was developed as a retirement project. The soil is clean, the air is fresh & the presence of many creatures reflects the truly organic environment.

Over the past 6 years, Jennifer has developed a highly productive red wiggler worm bed. The worms are a valued part of the composting system producing rich casting soil. She has decided to share her abundance of soil by taking it to market as well as finding great interest in the starter worm nests, which provide the worms for others to begin vermicomposting.



3kg bags of Vermicomposting will be available for \$10 each. Please email jennyontheranch@gmail.com to preorder. Please indicate in the subject line: Sechelt Garden Club Preorder

Mar. 27, 2017 - Farmer Jon – *Growing Vegetables on the ‘Coast’*

Known as "Farmer Jon" to many who go to the Sechelt Farmers' and Artisans' Market, Jon Bell is presenting some of the techniques of growing vegetables on the Sunshine Coast.

After working for more than 30 years with Agriculture Canada, Jon retired to the Coast to run West Sechelt Farm Produce. As a botanist from McGill University, Jon has travelled extensively and worked overseas, regulating the movement of plants and accompanying invasive pests. His interests combine historical gardens with food security.



Apr. 24, 2017 – Laurie Creak - *China, Land of Casual Beauty*

Our presenter tonight is Laurie Creak, owner of Garden Gophers Lawn and Yard Care, and long time member of the Sechelt Garden Club. When he's not working in other people's gardens, Laurie enjoys growing winter squash and many varieties of dahlias.

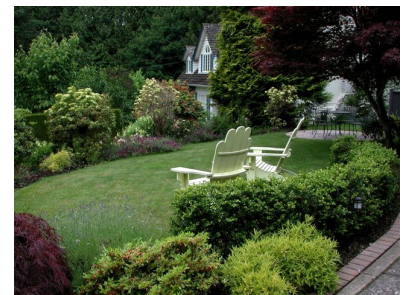


Previous presentations for our club by Laurie, have included: The Chelsea Flower Show and public gardens in Southern England, private and commercial display gardens in Holland and Belgium, Botanical Gardens on the island of Kauai, Hawaii, and last year, 3 UNESCO World Heritage Site 15th Century Gardens in China. Tonight, in Part 2 of "China, Land of Casual Beauty", Laurie will showcase another UNESCO World Heritage Site, "Tiger Hill" and illustrate how the Buddhist religion had a major effect on gardening in China. The presentation will conclude with selected photos from the Emperor's Summer Palace.

May 29, 2017 – Joanne van Ginkel - *Garden Design 101*

Joanne van Ginkel principal of Garten Design graduated with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from the University of Guelph.

Concurrent to this, she completed her Bachelor of Arts with a focus on fine art. This combined love of landscape architecture and art led to the formation of Garten Design Inc in 2002. The company specializes in artful residential garden design/build throughout British Columbia. Areas of particular interest include: kitchen gardens, water-wise spaces and a recent school yard revitalization.



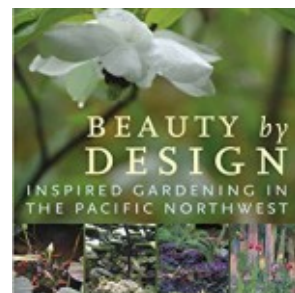
September 25, 2017 - Harry Hill - *Native Plant Gardening*

Harry Hill, associated with the native plant nursery at The Iris Griffith Field Studies and Interpretive Centre, will speak about the collection, propagation, and garden use of Native Plants. The Iris Griffith Centre is part of the Ruby Lake Lagoon Society. At the Centre there is a Native Plant Nursery where they propagate and care for a variety of native plants for use both on the nature reserve and elsewhere. Many of these plants are used in their native plant gardens in order to promote the use of local plants in landscaping, to attract the native fauna, and to educate visitors on their traditional uses. In addition, these plants are sold to help the Society raise money to continue the work the Society does around the Sunshine Coast.



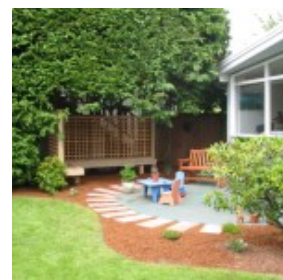
October 30, 2017 - Bill & Rosemary Terry - *The Inspired Garden*

Bill and Rosemary moved to the Sunshine Coast in 1994, after long careers with CBC Radio and TV. Bill is a life member and one-time President of our Garden Club, while Rosemary recently completed her term as Vice President of the Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden Society. Together, they wrote "Beauty by Design: Inspired Gardening in the Pacific Northwest" which is the basis of their talk. Bill advises they "will illustrate their visit to 11 inspired gardens and what will emerge is an obvious, but none the less wonderful conclusion that the DNA that makes the great gardener also makes the artist. For most of the gardeners we'll meet are artists by profession - painters Robert Bateman and Eva Diener; writer, Des Kennedy; poets Lorna Crozier and Patrick Lane; a potter, a sculptor, and, without exception, they all believe that gardening is an art."



November 27, 2017 - Kathy van Vliet - *Pots of Winter Interest*

Born in Perth, Australia to Dutch parents and raised in Richmond, BC, Kathy is a horticulture addict of longstanding. Besides her scholarship in agricultural studies at the University of British Columbia, Kathy has a diploma in Landscape Horticulture from BCIT in Burnaby, BC. As part of the Sunnyside Nurseries Ltd. family, over the years Kathy has been a valuable resource in the growth of the business. She also hosted and produced her own television show "Gardening Tips" which aired on Delta Cable for over a decade starting in 1987. Kathy has also been a featured guest on various local radio stations.



Many garden clubs, libraries, church societies and garden venues such as VanDusen Botanical Gardens in Vancouver, BC have invited Kathy as their keynote speaker. Kathy is co-author of the invaluable homeowners guide to gardening titled "Simply Gardening". Kathy is a landscape consultant and a designer. She will present to us ways of adding some colour and texture to the winter garden and patio.