

Sechelt Garden Club



Newsletter December 2016

Merry Christmas



Annual General Meeting Results

November 28th was **Sechelt Garden Club's AGM**. We had a great member turnout. We are very happy to report that Janet Crowe was elected as Vice President and there is an individual considering the secretary position. The Club is still seeking a member to step into a Director role to arrange our monthly speakers. Ardath Hoole, who is our outgoing Speaker Director, has already arranged speakers into the new year, so if you are interested in taking on this role, it will be a smooth start to the year. You can speak to our President, Cathy Belfry, to discuss the positions.

Thanks to Linda Reha-Krantz, a new member, and John Duff who have volunteered to share a position to ensure our electronic equipment is in order at our meetings. Cathy Belfry presented her 2016 report which you can find on page 2.

The attending membership broke into small groups to brainstorm ideas for our 2017, 50th Anniversary Celebration. The discussions were lively and resulted in wonderful ideas which will be voted on at our next meeting in January.

Thanks to Lorraine Gallant for the yummy cider and to those bringing treats! It was a super meeting!!

Next Meeting

Monday, January 30, 2017
at the Seaside Centre,
5790 Teredo Street

@ NEW TIME of
7:00 P.M

Please wear your name tag,
and bring your mug
for coffee or tea.

Speaker is Stephen Murphy

Topic: Wild Mushrooms

Stephen has studied, collected and documented wild forest mushrooms of the Sunshine Coast over the past 10 years. He enjoys sharing his passion for all things fungi.

He is a senior mentor for the Live & Learn program of the One Straw Society and is a member of the Chapman Creek Hatchery and Association of Nature & Forest Therapy Guides & Programs.



Nattanya Wardel working on the basket

Christmas Creations Demonstrated

Nattanya Wardel and Verna Kelso, two of our talented Garden Club members, demonstrated making 4 lovely Christmas decorations, 3 of them being used as door prizes.

Verna showed us how to put a small Christmas tree together as a centrepiece. She suggested that this would be super for those living in an apartment. Nattanya demonstrated making a hanging basket with lights, and also two centrepieces. She advised that if you are making a table centrepiece, not to make it too tall or big so that chatting with those across from you at the table becomes difficult. Thanks Verna and Nattanya for your sharing your expertise.



Verna Kelso holding her lovely Christmas tree centrepiece.

President Cathy Belfry's 2016 Report

Dear Members,

I truly cannot believe how fast the time has gone since that dark rainy night on November 30th 2015 when I timidly raised my hand to volunteer to become the incoming Sechelt Garden Club President. I would never have guessed that it would be something I would do. A year later I will say that had I known then what I know now I should have volunteered to become involved sooner. The Sechelt Garden Club is the most welcoming and supportive group. It has truly been a pleasure to work with everyone this past year. The Sechelt Garden Club executive have been full of ideas, energy, humour, hard work and encouragement and some change. I am hoping to build on this in 2017 and want to make the Garden Club educational and enjoyable for all members whether they are master gardeners or just beginning their adventure into gardening.

One of the most enjoyable part of the Garden Club is the varied and interesting speakers that we have each month. Ardath did an outstanding job of finding and organizing speakers again this year. **Continue reading our President's report at:**

<http://www.secheltgardenclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/President-Report2016.pdf>



Nattanya Wardel's hanging Christmas basket



Christmas Luncheon



Sechelt Garden Club held their Christmas Luncheon at the Sunshine Coast Golf & Country Club on Sunday, December 11th. Preparations for the luncheon started on Friday when Cathy Belfry offered her home as the staging ground to make the table centrepieces, and showcase the prizes for the event. Nattanya Wardel had been busy scouting out what could be used for prizes, and did an excellent job, as always.

Huge thanks to Nattanya, Cathy, Jean Conley, Maureen Lister, Gayle Cron, Verna Kelso, Mira Grabowski and Carol Corbet for volunteering to do the job. Take note of some of the centrepieces in the pictures taken at the luncheon—lovely job ladies!

Lunch was absolutely delicious and the entertainment was lots of fun. Graham Walker and the Ukulele group provided music to which we sang and even danced. Our very own Phyllis Argyle provided a hula dance to our delight when the group played the Hawaiian Christmas song, Mele Kalikimaka. Beautifully done Phyllis!



Nattanya Wardel, Cathy Belfry and Sharon O'Brien



Kay Ogawa and Gesa Reid



Elizabeth Stephenson and Jean Conley



Richard Corbet and Maureen Lister

More Christmas Luncheon Pictures



Graham Walker and his Ukulele group
Our entertainment at the luncheon



Left to right: Norma Pruden, Charmaine Harris,
Lorraine Gallant, and Ardath Hoole



Phyllis Argyle dancing to
Mele Kalikimaka, the Hawai-
ian Christmas song



Peter Kosof and Sharon O'Brien



Pianka and Edwin Leung



Enjoying the entertainment!



A very festive celebration!
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December To Do Checklist from the Garden Helper



Fortunately the list of gardening do's for this month is more like a list of 'don't do's.' If you have been keeping up with your gardening tasks for the last few months, you should be able to take it pretty easy this month; (at least in the garden).

Annuals, Perennials, and bulbs

If you potted up some bulbs, such as hyacinths, daffodils or tulips, last September for winter forcing, keep an eye on them. Make sure they remain moist, and in the dark until they have established their root systems. It is possible that they have already filled their containers with roots and that the new top growth has begun. If this is so, bring them into the house and set them in a cool room, in indirect light. After a week or so, move them into bright light, and watch them go to town! Check on any corms and tubers which you dug up, and stored this fall. Remove and discard any which show signs of disease or rot.

Shrubs and Trees

Winter rains tend to make you forget about watering your garden. However, plants and shrubs which are growing beneath large evergreens or under the eaves of the house, may be bone dry by this time. Lack of water in the cold winter months can be fatal to many of these plants. A quick check will let you know if you need to do a little winter watering.

If there is a sudden drop in the temperature, provide extra protection for your more tender flowering plants like Rhododendrons. Camellias, Azaleas and Daphne.

Read the entire article at:

<http://www.thegardenhelper.com/calendar/december.html>

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Please check out the our website to see helpful gardening websites recommended by our members.

Click on:

[Interesting gardening websites](#)



Call Karon 604.399.9889 for more information on volunteering and to get started

More information about the club can be found at:

www.secheltgardenclub.com

Please send me any feedback and suggestions as to the type of information you would like to see included in our monthly newsletters. I look forward to hearing from you.

Carol Corbet

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