

Sechelt Garden Club

Newsletter June 2016

Garden Tours—June 2016

Gorgeous gardens, graciously offered for viewing by these wonderful gardeners from our Sechelt Garden Club on June 13th and 14th:



Sheila Armstrong Jones—Laburnum Cottage; **Michael and Ardath Hoole**—Memories are Made Here; **Lorraine Gallant; Lyall and Sally Markham; Nattanya Wardel; Sharon O'Brien's** Little Piece of Paradise; **June and Ralph Meyer**—Kensington Cottage Garden; **Susan Egerman; and John Marian.**

Michael & Ardath Hoole's garden

Thank you so much for opening your gardens to us. We will share some pictures from the gardens in this newsletter and there will be others on the website at www.secheltgardenclub.com

Visitors at the Seaside Centre

Monday, June 13th saw over 100 garden club members from Gibsons, Powell River, Pender Harbour, and Bowen Island visit Sechelt Garden Club to tour the 9 gardens on display. Our club provided sweets and sandwiches, tea and coffee at the Seaside Centre at lunch time. It was a fun time for both the visitors and our garden club members who volunteered to serve them. Mary Baker, one of our drivers, commented, "The tour today was absolutely grand. My "ladies" (that travelled in my car) and I had a lovely time and the gardens were delightful." Penny Lyle, another driver, stated, "Hosts (of the gardens) were so welcoming and charming and we all learned things of interest, took away ideas and sometimes plants! The hall looked great, the goodies were tempting and tasty."

**Summer is almost here!!
Our club takes a break until September.**

Next Meeting

Monday, September 26, 2016
at the Seaside Centre,
5790 Teredo Street
@ 7:30 P.M.

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



SPEAKER will be announced



Visiting gardeners at Seaside Centre



President Cathy Belfry, addressing our guests



Our wonderful volunteers

More pictures from Seaside Centre



Phyllis Argyle with her yummy dessert



Nattanya Wardel, Garden Tour organizer



Charmaine Harris, past Co-President far right

The Gardens and Our Hosts!



Sheila Armstrong Jones with Verna Kelso at Laburnum Cottage



Ardath Hoole in the garden she and her husband Michael created.



Lorraine Gallant, one of the organizers hosting her garden



Lyall and Sally Markham (missing from the picture), enjoy their big vegetable garden and orchard.



Nattanya Wardel taking time to pose in her garden.



Susan Egerman's gardens also features local artist's works and her own.



John Marian (second from the right) in his garden with 3 new garden club members.



Sharon O'Brien posing by her gorgeous hydrangeas.



June Meyer enjoyed sharing the garden she and her husband Ralph created.



Stunning garden room at Sheila Armstrong Jones' cottage.



Vibrant lilies in Lyle and Sally Markham's garden



Very cool display of rocks at the base of a tree in John Marian's garden

Huge **thanks** to Nattanya Wardel and Lorraine Gallant who organized the event. Lorraine and Karon Kosof edited the descriptions of the gardens prepared by the hosts, and Karon Kosof added the maps which made finding the gardens so much easier. **Drivers** were: Chris Wolfe, Karon Kosof, Mary Rowles, David Thompson, Penny Lyle, Elizabeth Stephenson, John Duff, and Mary Baker. **Baking and sandwiches** provided by: Suzette Willcox, Mira Grabowski, Verna Kelso, Nattanya Wardel, Carol Corbet, Cathy Belfry, Sally Markham, Dianne McLaughlan, Karon Kosof, Phyllis Argyle, Ali Thompson, Ardath Hoole, Janet Crowe, Lorraine Gallant, and Charmaine Harris. **Assisting in set up and kitchen:** Kay Ogawa, Phyllis Argyle, Gesa Reid, Carol Wolfe, Janet Crowe, Charmaine Harris, Verna Kelso, Cathy Belfry, Carol Corbet, and Nattanya Wardel.

Beautiful floral centrepieces for the tables were created by Nattanya Wardel and Verna Kelso.

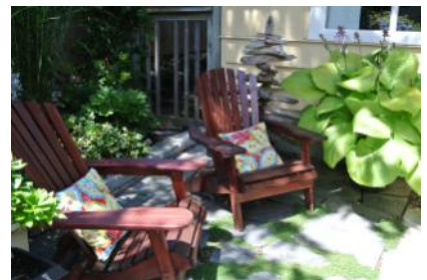
If any names have been missed, I apologize. **Thank you to everyone—Ardath Hoole said it best:** “I want to express my gratitude to each and every Sechelt Garden club member who contributed in making the Tour absolutely heart-warming and special. “



Windswept grasses at Susan Egerman's



Espaliered fruit tree over John Marian's door



Sharon O'Brien's cosy corner



Ralph and June Meyer's water feature



What bird wouldn't like Lorraine Gallant's fountain?



Beautiful succulents in Sally & Lyall Markham's garden

Streamworks Speaker—Marcel Koller

Marcel Koller spoke at our May 30th meeting. He is the president of Streamworks in Vancouver and his company designs and installs water features for residential gardens and commercial properties. These include waterfalls, ecosystem ponds, and fountains. Marcel covered the 5 components of a healthy ecosystem which include: 1. a filtration system 2. rocks and gravel 3. recirculation 4. fish and 5. aquatic plants. He mentioned that when building a pond you must be aware that if the pond is 2 feet in depth it is considered a pool and you will need a permit to build it, and a fence must surround the pool for safety. Marcel also talked about pondless waterfalls and installation of fountains.



Check out their website at www.streamworksdesign.com

Thanks to Verna Kelso for reporting on the presentation.

Websites

www.your-vegetable-gardening-helper.com is an awesome web site that Sandra Friedman suggested. The site has information on vegetable gardening tips: how to grow vegetables, growing plants in containers or raised beds, growing fall and winter vegetables, information on companion planting and many more topics. It is very informative and well worth a look.



Thank you Sharon and Sandy!!



Another web site very worth checking out is one suggested by Sharon O'Brien. It is www.gardenmaking.com. The web site has information on such a variety of topics from upcoming garden tours and events in Canada, garden design, container gardening, and lots of wonderful information on a huge variety of plants and vegetables.

It is with sadness we report the passing of Bill Birch who had just recently become a Life Member of our Garden Club. One of his friends stated, "he was very dear to me, with his startling blue eyes and ready smile." Another garden club member stated, "He loved the gardening world, as he and his wife Sue worked in the field for many years. His enthusiasm was contagious, no matter how hard the job, and he was an avid club volunteer."



June Checklist from *The New Twelve Month Gardener*

Annuals, perennials and bulbs

- Keep planting out bedding plants. Feed regularly with organic fertilizer and water well. Keep an eye on containers and hanging baskets, as they dry out very quickly.
- Keep watering bulbs until the leaves have turned yellow, and can be pulled off gently.
- Continue staking tall perennials, keep beds neat by picking fresh flowers for indoor display and faded flowers for compost.
- Divide up German bearded irises after flowering.
- Sow perennials, such as phlox, yarrow, columbine, lupine and delphinium, in a seed bed for next summer.
- Mulch lilies with compost or well-rotted manure.

Trees, shrubs and climbers

- Prune back deciduous shrubs, such as mock orange, after flowering.
- Cut back suckers on lilacs, and prune off faded flower heads.
- Deadhead rhododendrons and azaleas, and mulch if not already done.
- Keep newly planted hedges, trees and shrubs well watered.
- Check for aphids, mildew and black spot on roses, and pick off and destroy diseased leaves.

Fruits, vegetables and herbs

- Remove about one-third of the immature apples to get bigger fruit and prevent branches breaking from too much weight later on.
- Plant out tomatoes, zucchini and cucumbers.
- Thin out earlier sowings and continue to sow lettuce, carrots, spinach and radishes.
- Keep vegetable garden well weeded and watch for signs of pests and diseases.
- Nip out side shoots of single-stemmed varieties of tomatoes, and support with stakes.



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

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Checklist Cont'd

- Continue sowing winter vegetables. Start rutabagas and late cole crops.
- Cut off flowers of chives to encourage new foliage.

Other Garden activities

- Finish all pool planting
- Mow lawn, turn compost
- Check for disease and insect problems.
- Feed house plants and move outside into a shady spot for their annual summer holiday.

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