

# Sechelt Garden Club

Newsletter March 2016

## Potting up for our May 7 Plant Sale

**Plants beautiful plants** — Bring plants with you to the Potting-Up or drop them off to be planted. Bring them in pots, in plastic bags, individually or in big root clumps. These can be plants from your garden, if you can share any, your neighbor`s, your friend`s—all plants appreciated. Remember to label them with information: **what type of plant, do they bloom - what colour is the flower, are they sun or shade plants, are they drought tolerant and how tall will they get.** Any information you can provide about your plants will be most helpful for making the labels on potting up day. If you are not sure, just state the name of the plant and we will do the rest. If you have no plants to bring then just bring yourself—we will appreciate your presence and your work in potting the plants.

If you **need soil or pots** phone Ardath Hoole at 604 740-5774 to arrange a suitable time to pick up from her location.

**Pot up at home**—if you are doing this please use at least a 1 gallon pot as we want the sale plants to be big and healthy.

**Dates:** March 22 and 23—Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 to 1:00 pm.

**Location:** Ardath Hoole's house at 6253 Sechelt Inlet Road. Please park on the road rather than in her driveway.

**Bring:** Your gardening gloves, trowel, plants from your garden if you can, and a desire to dig in the dirt. Also bring a snack for break, coffee and tea will be provided.



## Good News

Left over plants from last year's sale have been wintered in our Community Development Director, Penny Lyle's garden. So we have a bit of a head start! These plants need to be repotted to get them ready for the May 7th sale. Plans have been made to do this on **Monday March 21 at Penny's place from 9-12 pm.** Assistance would be appreciated to complete this task and this will give us a **good head start** on the number of plants required for our sale. If you are new to the Coast this is a marvellous way to learn about the names of plants and to get to know other Garden Club members. Drop in to Penny's at **6488 Gale Avenue North** on Monday morning if you have some time to spare. It does not have to be for the entire 3 hours.

**Hope to see you!**

## Next Meeting

Monday, March 21, 2016 at the Seaside Centre @ 7:30 P.M. **Note the date.**

Please wear your name tag, bring your cup for coffee or tea and **do not park in the Gilligan's parking lot!**

## SPEAKER on March 21st

**Annette Clarke** from the **Uncommon Fruit Nursery** will be presenting on uncommon winterhard fruit for the Sunshine Coast. She will show us some plants from their nursery and provide information on the different varieties. She expects their Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*) to be in flower shortly.





## Winter Garden Tour

Over 20 Sechelt Garden Club members and friends attended **Bill and Rosemary Terry's Winter Garden Tour on Saturday February 20th**. We were treated to a gorgeous array of flowers in bloom: pink cyclamen, hellebores, snow drops, crocuses, Grevillea in bloom, species peonies peeking out of the ground. The paper-bark and snakeskin maple trees were awesome to behold. What a lovely way to spend an afternoon. Thanks so much to Suzette Willcox, June Meyers and Carol Corbet, who assisted Bill in providing tours. Thanks to Ardath Hoole who set us up to warm ourselves with hot coffee and hot apple cider. There was baking a plenty which kept up our energy for the afternoon. Thanks to the bakers, Ardath Hoole, June Meyer, Lorraine Gallant and Cathy Belfry.

*Huge thank you to Bill and Rosemary Terry who opened their home and garden to Sechelt Garden Club members and friends.*

Hellebores—Christmas Rose



Cyclamen growing in the rocks .

Bill Terry (second from right) leading one of the groups on their tour.



Beautiful paper-bark maple tree



## Welcome our newest Board Member: Correspondence - Janet Crowe

After studying finance for 2 years, Janet's interests soon turned to adult education and leadership development. Early in her career Janet became a certified fitness leader and level 3 first aid instructor through the Canadian Red Cross where she also volunteered as a leader in call centre crisis management.

Working many years within various human resources areas, her energy and passion became the catalyst for the development of a synergized health and wellness program at TELUS Communications Inc. As National Director of Health and Wellness, Janet led a national team delivering an award winning wellness strategy. She completed her executive coaching diploma with Simon Fraser University in 2013.

Having a career spanning 3 decades with TELUS Communications, Janet decided to step away from corporate life and currently lives in Halfmoon Bay, BC. She continues to support the health and wellness industry, her new community and the Canadian Mental Health Association as Chair of their advisory board. Sechelt Garden Club is very pleased Janet has volunteered to join our Board.

## Greenhouse Panel Discussion

Bill Terry moderated a panel discussion on the use of greenhouses at our general meeting on February 29th. The panel consisted of Verity Goodier, who is a Master Gardener and Karin Tigges, who attained her Certification in Applied Horticulture and Design. Verity, Karin and Bill provided the members with excellent information and tips on

the use of greenhouses, and answered our questions. Karin showed us pictures of her greenhouse which she uses for propagating seeds and wintering plants. Karin uses a Promix high porosity soil mix to plant her seeds and plants. Verity shared that she starts her seeds indoors under lights. It was suggested by Bill and Verity that you can reduce costs by using a combination of warm light and grow lights, rather than exclusively grow lights. She does a spring clean up of her greenhouse before using it for the season. Verity showed us warming mats she utilizes to coax the seeds to sprout and says she uses lights on timers to grow her chili peppers and tomatoes.

Bill mentioned that a great site to use if you want to build a greenhouse is [www.greenhouse.com](http://www.greenhouse.com). The members appreciated getting answers to their questions from the experts.

**Thanks to Bill, Karin and Verity!**



Karin Tigges, Bill Terry and Verity Goodier

## Upcoming events in our community

**Penny Lyle, our Community Development Director provides us with community happenings.**

**Dates you may want to mark in your calendar:**

April 29—Friday—Arbour Day is sponsored by District of Sechelt—Penny advises you can drop in for as long as you wish dressed for gardening, to remove invasive plants. Penny will provide information in our next newsletter.

April 30—Saturday—Sechelt Indian Band Plant Sale. SGC has been offered a table at their sale at which we can promote the Garden Club and our upcoming plant sale on May 7th. Volunteers will be required.

**May 7—Saturday—Sechelt Garden Club Plant Sale**



## Sechelt Trail Bay Riparian Restoration Project.



**Moonstone Enterprises , District of Sechelt**, volunteers from **Sechelt Garden Club** and **school children** were busy last week planting on the Sechelt waterfront. Nootka Roses and Dune Grass were planted along the top grassy area of the rock wall on the shoreline in front of the Watermark and Driftwood Inn. Penny Lyle, our Community Development Director was instrumental in bringing this project to our club's attention. Weather was a factor in making changes to some of the times planting could occur; however, the plants got planted, and everyone was satisfied with the results!

Top 3 photos — school children intent on their tasks — they are certainly avid gardeners!

Bottom left—Edwin Leung from the SG Club Executive planting a rose



***This year is very likely going to be another hot and dry summer like last year.***

***Why not be better prepared?***

***Do not miss this great opportunity to learn from the best!***

## How to Install Drip Irrigation in Your Garden

**Workshop sponsored by Sechelt Garden Club**

**Wednesday, April 13th, 9:00 to 12:00 P.M.**

This workshop is being presented by **Ron Knight at Caron Gardens**, a beautiful rhododendron display garden on the north shore of Hotel Lake. The gardens cover a full acre and all shrubs, trees, rock gardens, potted plants, hanging baskets, and flower beds are watered automatically by drip irrigation. It's **inexpensive, easy to install, saves hours of hand watering, and is exempt from SCR D watering restrictions** up to and including Stage 3.

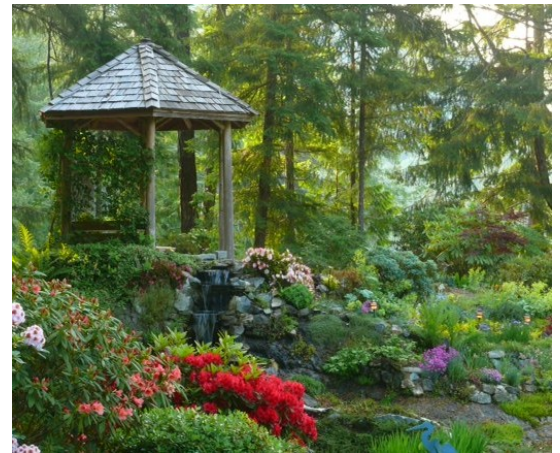
Ron will show you how to design, price, install, and maintain your own drip irrigation system, based on his 20 years of experience. In the classroom, you'll watch colour slides and practice putting together system components. Then you'll tour the garden to see how different kinds of fittings can be used to irrigate every imaginable garden situation. The course will include emailed "handout" sheets, a draw for free plants, an instruction booklet, and coffee and goodies.

**Location:** 4622 Beaumont Road (off Irvine's Landing Road)  
in Garden Bay

**Course Fee:** \$25 (members)  
\$45 (non-members) including free Sechelt Garden Club membership which is a \$17 value

**Registration:** Completed and paid before April 9th at a SGC meeting or by contacting Carol Corbet at: ccorbet@eastlink.ca or call her at 778 458-2287

**Please bring:** Clipboard, pencil and eraser, rainwear if necessary, and a sketch map of your garden showing house, outside taps, concrete areas, paths, fences, and the different types of planting areas.



**Register now as class size is limited to 18 gardeners**

## Plant of the year for 2016



Honarine Jobert Japanese Anemone

The **Perennial Plant Association** based out of Ohio has chosen the Honarine Jobert Japanese Anemone as their plant of the year. It is a gorgeous flowering plant that grows 2-3 feet tall and produces a white or pink flower. The spring edition of **Canadian Gardening** reports that the plant has been derived from Chinese species hybridized in England in the early 1800's. It was discovered by M. Jobert in France at his Verdun nursery in 1851 and he named the plant after his daughter. The plant flowers from late summer to autumn and is hardy to Zone 4 and is best sited in part shade locations with protection from wind. Hot, dry, sunny summer conditions may burn the foliage. Genus name is often said to be derived from the Greek *anemos* meaning wind. A common name is Windflower and the plant is sold as Anemone Japonica.

## March Checklist from *The New Twelve Month Gardener*

### Annuals, perennials and bulbs:

- Lift and divide perennials and plant new ones, cut down ornamental grasses
- Weed flower beds, and mulch with compost
- Deadhead and feed spring bulbs when they are finished flowering. Move and plant snowdrops
- Pot up rooted cuttings and overwintered tuberous begonias in soil.

### Fruits, vegetables and herbs

- Finish your pruning of trees and bush fruits by the end of March
- March 1 to 15– begin to sow radish, garlic and broad beans
- March 16 to 31—begin successive sowings of peas, spinach, leaf lettuce, Chinese vegetables, onion sets turnips and shallots
- Start tomato seeds indoors
- Plant new strawberry plants and feed established plants
- Feed rhubarb with rich organic material

### Trees, shrubs and climbers:

- Prune early-blooming deciduous shrubs, like forsythia, after they finish blooming
- If shrubs or trees need to be moved, March is the month to do this. Or it is suggested to root-prune making the plant ready to move in fall
- After the 15th, prune hybrid tea and floribunda roses. Apply a handful of organic rose food to the soil and work it in.
- Evergreens should be planted now and mulched with well-rotted compost or manure. Prune roses when forsythia is blooming

### Garden activities

- Check for slugs and snails, remove and destroy them
- Edge lawns and start mowing when grass is 3 inches high. Aerate and apply dolomite lime if not already done.
- Seed or sod new lawns.

Authors: Elaine Stevens, Doris Fancourt-Smith, Dagmar Hungerford, Jane Mitchell, Ann Buffam —Publisher is Whitecap Books, Vancouver/Toronto



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](http://www.secheltgardenclub.com)**

## Board Members

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## Membership Fees Due for 2016

If you have not paid your 2016 Memberships dues, NOW is the time! - \$17 for individuals / \$25 for families. Please bring your cheque (made out to Sechelt Garden Club) or cash to the March meeting or contact Sharon O'Brien to arrange payment. *Unfortunately, Members who have not paid their fees by the end of March will be removed from the list.*