

Sechelt Garden Club

Newsletter November 2016

Gardening 101 Workshop October 30th

Ruth Rodgers, one of our garden club members, conducted the workshop in Ardath Hoole's garden. It was a big success! That day the sun actually shone and there were 14 participants. Ruth covered many topics relating to putting a garden to bed in the fall. Ruth mentioned that there are different ways to approach fall & winter garden



Ruth Rodgers with the group

preparation: if you like a neat garden, then definitely clean up the leaves and other dead foliage. However, you may not be as concerned in the fall and leave the clean up to springtime.

She suggested that to divide perennials you do not have to be as gentle as you would think. There was a demonstration on how to layer a pot with planted bulbs that will make their lovely appearance in the spring.

Thank you to Karon Kosof for this super workshop idea, Janet Crowe for signing up participants and to Ardath and Mike Hoole in offering their garden as the classroom, and of course to Ruth Rodgers for conducting the workshop!

Due to its success there may be another workshop organized in the spring.

Stay tuned

Next Meeting

Monday, November 28, 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.

Annual General Meeting

Added extras for this meeting!!
Nattanya Wardel will be
creating a beautiful floral cen-
trepiece to be won as a
door prize.

YOU may win it!!

Come and sip on mulled cider
and help to brainstorm ideas for
the 50th Anniversary of our
Sechelt Garden Club in 2017.



Ruth doing a demonstration

Annual General Meeting for November 28th

Changes are a coming, and we hope you will be part of the change. Our Club needs a:

1. Vice President
2. Secretary
3. Director to arrange speakers for our monthly general meetings
4. Volunteers who will learn to set up and assist with the sound system. Ideally this could be a team of 2 or 3 people.



Do consider volunteering for any of these positions—the Club is lots of fun and there will be training for all positions which are **integral for the continuation of our club**. Please contact Cathy Belfry, 604.740.9977 or cathybel2@gmail.com, if you would like to volunteer. Our AGM will determine the Executive for 2017. **We need you!**

Spooky members at our Halloween meeting



General Meeting - October 31

Unfortunately our speaker was ill and could not attend our meeting. Our Club is fortunate in that we have members who are expert gardeners, so Cathy Belfry, our President, facilitated a question and answer hour in which Jon Bell, Ron Knight and David Thompson fielded questions from the floor. One question was regarding the **planting of garlic bulbs**. Jon recommended the bulbs be planted in November as once they root, you do not want them to send up top growth which may be lost to frost. Planting 3-4 inches deep and 7-8 inches apart, planting “fat” side down is best. Ron Knight advised that **pruning rhododendrons** should be done immediately after they bloom. He recommends in planting the Rhodo, you should be aware

of how big they will grow, so you can plant in an appropriate spot. David Thompson shared his experience in growing and caring for the New Zealand Kiwi. Excellent information gentlemen!

Our **Mini Plant Sale** went well! Thanks to our members who brought in plants to sell—\$2.00 for small plants and \$5.00 for larger plants and to Karon Kosof for packaging up the special Canada 150th tulip bulbs for sale. Thanks as well to Verna Kelso, Christi Blackman and Carol Corbet for organizing the plant tables. Another plant sale for members and guests will be held at a general meeting in the Spring.

Karon & Peter Kosof
“All dressed up”



Scary Witch!



Setting up the plant tables.



Christmas Luncheon Tickets on Sale

Don't miss out! Attend our festive lunch on Sunday December 11, 2016. Buy your tickets at our AGM or phone Nattanya Wardel @ 604.885.8043.

\$20.00 for members

\$30.00 for guests

Excellent food, good company, draw prizes and entertainment.

See you there!

November To Do Checklist—Bob Tuckey

- There is still time to plant trees, shrubs and perennials. Mulch them well once they are planted. This is also an excellent time to move or divide your peonies.
- Get those bulbs in. Your bulbs will do much better if you can get them in before Christmas. Don't forget to add a little organic Bone Meal with each bulb.
- Apply a good organic lawn fertilizer such as Gaia Green Turf & Lawn Blend.
- Fertilize your trees and shrubs once the leaves have turned colour and/or fallen off.
- Water all your evergreen trees and shrubs really well before the first hard frost. Even a few days without rain will dry out your evergreens and can lead to "winter burn" or even death.
- If you saved your amaryllis bulb from last year now is the time to bring it in, repot it, water it well and place in a bright room. You should have wonderful blooms by Christmas.
- Stop fertilizing your indoor plants. They use less water and fertilizer due to the lower light levels.
- Delay all unnecessary pruning until late winter or early spring, just before bud break. Your plants will heal faster when your plant is growing the most vigorously.
- Rake up leaves. For a great mulch for your garden run over them with the mower first, then spread them over your garden beds.
- Clean, repair and sharpen all your gardening tools.
- Hanging baskets should be emptied and washed thoroughly with soap and mild bleach solution before being put away for the winter.

<http://www.thenaturalgardener.com>



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

Click on:

[Interesting gardening websites](#)

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.

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