

Sechelt Garden Club

Newsletter April 2018



Spring



Mini Plant Sale at our April 30th Meeting

Pot up a plant or two from your garden or a favourite house plant, label it with the **name of the plant** and **your name** and it will be sold in our **Mini Plant Sale**. Remember that if the plant does not sell, it has to go home with its owner, as we do not have storage space.

This is a great way to pick up some fabulous plants for your garden, deck, or house. Bring a friend, a neighbour, a relative—all guests for that meeting attend free of charge so they can spend their cash on plants. They also get to hear an excellent speaker and they may want to join our club.

Take advantage of this great opportunity

Next Meeting

Monday, April 30, 2018

at the Seaside Centre,
5790 Teredo Street

@ 7:00 pm

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



Sampling of Plants for Sale



Carex plant



Date Palm starter (Mazafati date tree) - Exotic plant for your garden



Left
Pulmonaria—Lungwort
Right:
Acanthus—Bear's Breeches



Speaker: Perry Schmidt, Parks Supervisor, District of Sechelt

Topic: District of Sechelt Parks Operations

Perry will show us how to navigate the DOS Parks Website, and how we can apply for Park's 'Adopt a Tree' program. He will conclude with the locations of Park's beautifully maintained gardens including photos.

Perry's employment with the District of Sechelt started in 2005 on a Federal Beach Access Program. In 1996 he joined the Parks team and completed his Journeyman Horticulturist apprenticeship in 2005. Perry now works as the Parks Supervisor with a team of 7.

Fund Raising with Flowers Reminder

April 20th is the final date to order

Plant Hunting in Lesotho, Africa

Rosemary Bates and Bill Terry

Bill and Rosemary took us on a journey through Lesotho which is located in South Africa. It is an independent constitutional monarchy and is completely surrounded by South Africa. The altitude of the country is over 5,000 feet. Population is 2 million and 40 % of that population live below the international poverty line.

The pictures of the country, its people, dwellings and plants Bill and Rosemary shared were fascinating. There were fields of Red-Hot poker, Forget me Nots, Gladiolus, Agapanthus, Strawflowers, Agave americana trees over 30 feet high and Spiral Aloe plants which grow up to 2 feet in diameter.

Bill and Rosemary shared their travel experiences with a group of 20 travelers, 5 being from the Sunshine Coast. What an adventure!

Thanks Bill and Rosemary

Pictures of Lesotho's countryside



Allium 'Millenium', the butterfly magnet, was selected by the Perennial Plant Association membership as their 2018 Plant of the Year.

Perennial Plant of the Year

Mark McDonough, horticulture researcher from Massachusetts, developed this perennial. 'Millenium' was introduced through Plant Delights Nursery in 2000. This cultivar results from a multigenerational breeding program involving *Allium nutans* and *A. lusitanicum* (formerly *Allium senescens* ssp *montanum*), selected for late flowering with masses of rose-purple blooms, uniform habit with neat shiny green foliage that remains attractive season long, and for its drought resistant constitution.

Grows best in full sun, each plant typically produces an upright foliage clump of grass-like, glossy deep green leaves reaching 10-15" tall in spring.

www.perennialplant.org/index.php/component/k2/item/198-2018-perennial-plant-of-the-year



Sechelt Garden Club Volunteers

We celebrate you!! Thanks to all the members who volunteer for our club....making coffee, baking, selling raffle tickets, arranging raffle prizes, helping with the sound system, taking on an executive role, being a director, sharing your knowledge, keeping the Living Wall growing at the DOS pool, participating in fund raisers, joining committees, help with the sharing table, setting up, taking down, potting up and selling plants, taking photos and more!!!

Outstanding!

National Volunteer Weeks’s theme is: “Celebrate the Value of Volunteering – building confidence, competence, connections and community “

While volunteering is a form of service, many volunteers will tell you that “you get more than you give”. From opportunities to develop new skills, to finding deep and meaningful personal connections, the magic of volunteering is that it creates social and economic value for all. <http://volunteer.ca/>

Reflections of a Gardener –Bobbi Kelly

Written by June Meyer



What causes one to reflect upon a person who has contributed in so many ways to the Sechelt Garden Club? On this occasion it was the notice of Bobbi Kelly’s passing in the Coast Reporter. Looking back her long standing loyalty and keen participation to the Club evoked many scenarios for she was a dedicated lady, full of humour, wit and bountiful knowledge. She kept the first twenty five years of every meeting in carefully labelled folders and such record keeping made it possible to document the first twenty five year history of our Club.

Each meeting Bobbi set a task for members to make a flower /plant arrangement with a certain theme – naturally February was for love, March for St. Patrick’s Day and originality was the key to creation! During the meeting Bobbi would positively critique the individual displays while we listened with rapt attention.

A flourishing cottage style garden surrounded her home on Redroofs Road and she welcomed visitors during any season. She potted up many plants for sales and was delighted to share her perennials, describing their beauty and where they liked to be placed so as to continue flourishing. With her ready smile and twinkling blue eyes, she was truly an inspiration to us all.

April Checklist from The Garden Helper

Shrubs and Tree Care

- There still is time to plant trees and shrubs. The months of March, April and May are ideal for pruning evergreens.
- If you have a juniper, Cypress or other conifers that need shearing or pruning, this is a good time to accomplish this task. Remove all dead diseased, and undesirable wood.
- Prune your Forsythia after it finishes flowering. Broadleaf and coniferous evergreens benefit most from lightly spreading a high nitrogen fertilizer around their bases.



Caring for Your Annuals, Perennials and Bulbs

- Plant summer flowering bulbs like Dahlias, Gladiolas and Lilies. Mix bulb fertilizer, processed manure and peat moss into the planting soil. Tuberos Begonias and Canna should not be set outdoors until all danger of frost has passed, so wait until next month.
- Plant annual seeds of Asters, Cosmos, Marigolds and Zinnias in the garden. When all frost danger has passed you can move your stored Fuchsias and Geraniums outdoors. Trim them back, feed and re-pot if necessary. Water them well.
- Divide perennials, like Daylilies, Delphiniums, Iris, Chrysanthemums, Daisies, and Phlox.



Continue reading at:

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

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Please check out our website for helpful gardening tips.

[Gardening Tips and Information](#)

Sharing Table

Bring **garden related items for the Share Table**, which can include current gardening books and magazines, garden tools and ornaments. A small charge or donation will be welcomed. If you bring plants they will sell in the mini plant sale.

Please put your name on your items and label the plants you bring. Anything remaining at the end of the meeting **will go home with their owners, as we do not have storage.**

Thanks everyone

More information about the club can be found at:

www.secheltgardenclub.com



For more information on volunteering call Carol Corbet @ 778 458-2287