

# Sechelt Garden Club



Newsletter February 2018



## Note

Our next meeting is on March 5th, as Seaside Centre was not available for our usual meeting date.

## Next Meeting

**Monday, March 5, 2018**

at the Seaside Centre,  
5790 Teredo Street

**@ 7:00 pm**

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

## Membership Dues

\$20 for individual memberships & \$30 for a couple

Pay at our next meeting, or contact Membership Director, Sharon O'Brien @sharonob6316@gmail.com to arrange your payment. Members will be removed from our membership list by the end of March if dues are not paid.

## Fundraising ideas

At our March 5th meeting we will be brainstorming to come up with ideas to raise money for our garden club this year.



## Put your thinking hats on

and bring your fabulous ideas! Remember what we accomplished using your ideas for our epic 50th Anniversary celebration!



**Speaker: Ruth Rodgers**

**Topic: Bursting with Colour**

Last time Ruth did a presentation for our garden club, she had us thinking about designing our gardens using 'shape.' This time around, be ready for a burst of COLOUR!

Ruth, who holds a diploma in horticulture, has gardened for over thirty years and has taught adults for almost forty years, will take us through some basic colour theory and show us how to apply it to making our gardens sing with colour.

## Sunflowers! Sunflowers! Sunflowers!

Submitted by Verna Kelso, Executive Member

Different sizes and bright colourful blooms; what can we grow in our gardens?

At the March SCG Meeting you will be invited to choose a package of sunflower seeds to grow in your garden. The seeds in each package will be of a certain variety, size, and colour.

This is a voluntary activity. At the September and October General meetings a display of flowers will be enjoyed by all. More details will follow at the March General Meeting when I will talk about the growth of Sunflowers and a good location in gardens. The plants also enrich our soil.

The seeds are being generously donated by **West Coast Seeds** and their 2018 catalogues will also be available.



**Happy growing to all!**



## Paddy Wales—Creating a Botanical Garden on the Sunshine Coast

Article and pictures by Lorraine Gallant

Paddy Wales gave an presentation on the evolution of the Botanical Gardens. During her slide presentation we saw their first view of the property from January 2008; it had been a commercial tree farm originally. The 40 acre property was purchased in 2009 and they quickly applied for funding grants to develop it. Clearing was a major job as the property had been a dumping ground littered with abandoned cars, junk metal, and rubbish. October 2010 saw fruition of their hard work with the opening of the Botanical Gardens.

Over the years they have finished many major projects including a Rainforest Grove, Demonstration Yard, Bridge and Boardwalk, Wetland Garden, Seniors Garden, Pavilion, digging of a well and installation of an irrigation system.



Paddy Wales



Paddy Wales & Janet Crowe

Many trees were overgrown and several were planted too close together; they have been working on thinning and pruning trees. An old building on the property was set on fire and used by the local fire department for a training exercise. There were a few sheds that they were able to save and are currently in use.

The Botanical Garden’s mission statement is: “To create a Pacific Northwest Botanical Garden that inspires and engages the community in plant appreciation and acts as a catalyst for learning and research about horticulture, conservation and land stewardship.” Education is fundamental, and they love to engage children and their families. Kids love to run in the meadows and take part in their many programs.

They are proud of many of the activities they provide including the Harvest Festival, Woodland Christmas and Winter Lights, education for Volunteers, Farm to School Lunch, and Bees and Blooms.

2017 was a major landmark when their Master Plan was completed and on paper!  
**We appreciated Paddy’s informative and inspiring presentation.**

### Hellebores Presentation by Janet Crowe

Janet Crowe provided us with excellent presentation on Hellebores during our meeting. View at:

<http://www.secheltgardenclub.com/links/gardening-tips-information>

Thank you Janet!



### Timeline for the Botanical Garden

- Jan 2008— land on market
- July 2009—SCBC bought land (big mortgage)
- 2009/10-economic grants over\$1 million
- 2011—Rainforest Grove began
- 2012—first staff hired
- 2013—Welch Rainforest Platform completed
- 2014—Garry Oak & Wetlands garden begun
- 2015—Wetland Bridge/Boardwalk
- 2016—Master plan begun

## February Checklist from The Garden Helper

### Annuals, Perennials, and Bulbs in the Garden

- Plants that may have been pushed out of the ground by frost heave should be pressed firmly back into place.
- Plant Daylilies, Bleeding Hearts, and Hostas this month.
- Deciduous vines such as Honeysuckle should be pruned for shape.
- Most perennials can be divided and moved up until the time they begin to show new growth.



- Check your over-wintered plants such as Fuschias and Geraniums and if they are shriveled water them lightly.
- Stored summer flowering bulbs may try to start into growth if they are subjected to heat. They should be kept very dry, and stored at 45 degrees. If they are shriveling, put them into slightly damp peat moss, but keep them cool.
- If you plan to grow Lobelia, Ageratum, Verbena, Petunia, Vinca or other slow growing plants from scratch, the seeds should be started indoors in the later part of the month.

Continue reading the February checklist at

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

### February Sharing Table

Verna Kelso reminds us that members can bring **garden related items for the Share Table**, which can include plants you have divided from your garden, seeds, current gardening books and magazines, garden tools and ornaments. A small charge or donation will be welcomed.

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

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Click on:

[Gardening Tips and Information](#)

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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