

Sechelt Garden Club

Newsletter January 2018



Dreaming of Spring

What a different winter season we are having from last year! I feel like Spring is just around the corner; although winter can slam us with cold and snow yet. Some of the wonderful daffodil bulbs that we sold and planted last fall are thinking that they should start growing. I have heard from three people about this and started to read suggestions on the Internet about dealing with the premature growth. This is what I found in the Garden Helper's Calendar on the internet:

Winter Gardening, Frost, Ice and Snow

We had a few warm days recently, and some of my bulbs got the foolish idea that spring was near. Probably not a good idea since more icy weather is almost sure to come. Add a little compost and a thick layer of mulch to protect the tender new growth. This is an excellent use for the branches of your discarded Christmas tree.

Read more at: <http://www.thegardenhelper.com/calendar/januarytodo.html>



Membership Dues

\$20 for individual memberships

\$30 for a couple

Pay at our next meeting, or contact Membership Director, Sharon O'Brien to arrange your payment.

President Position Open

Volunteer to lead a fun, hardworking and inclusive group of people whose goal is to gain knowledge about gardening on the Coast, and to make friends along the way. Contact one of the Executive for more information.

Sechelt Garden Club needs you!

Next Meeting

Monday, January 29, 2018

at the Seaside Centre,
5790 Teredo Street

@ 7:00 P.M

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

Speaker: **Paddy Wales**

Topic: **Mostly Sunny -
Creating a Botanical Garden on
the Sunshine Coast**

Paddy Wales is the author of Journeys Through the Garden (Whitecap). Her images and written articles appear in national and international publications including Gardening Life, Canadian Gardening, House & Home, Style at Home, Fine Gardening, Chate-laine, and Pacific Horticulture, and most recently The Holistic Garden, Creating a Cottage Garden, and The New Twelve-Month Gardener. Paddy is a very active and integral part of the Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden, where she is an instructor and frequent speaker. In this presentation, Paddy will provide us with an overview of the purpose, scope, and exciting new developments at the Botanical Garden.



Thank you from Davis Bay Elementary School

Sechelt Garden Club has provided a \$250.00 donation to the Davis Bay Nature School for their Greenhouse Project. Here is the letter of thanks from their Principal, Ursula Hardwick. Check out a picture in the Coast Reporter, Community page, January 5th edition—of Pat Kolterman, and Penny Lyle, SGC members, presenting the cheque at a school assembly .



DAVIS BAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

December 19, 2017

Sechelt Garden Club

Sechelt, BC

Dear Members:

Thank you very much for your generous donation to the Greenhouse Project for our school.

We are very excited to get this project off the ground! The greenhouse will be an incredible extension of our learning and growing community. Replete with beds for plantings, tables, benches, tools for study, the Greenhouse will show the children how we can extend our growing season and provide food year round for our community.

Thanks for helping to bring us closer to this dream!

Warm Regards,

Ursula Hardwick

Principal

Sharing Table Reminder for January

Verna Kelso reminds us that members can bring **garden related items for the Share Table**, which at this time of year can include indoor plants, seeds, current gardening books and magazines, garden tools and ornaments. A small charge or donation will be welcomed.



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

Thanks everyone

January Checklist from The New Twelve Month Gardener

Annuals, Perennials, and Bulbs

- Order annual seeds from catalogues and plan flower garden.
- Check stored gladioli corms and dahlia and begonia tubers for rot, disease and insect problems. Order new bulbs now for spring planting.
- Check overwintered geranium (Pelargonium spp.)cuttings, and throw out failures.
- Plant lily bulbs in well-drained soil if weather permits.
- Protect crowns of tender perennials if frost is expected, and firm down roots of plants lifted by frost.
- Start cleaning up flower beds, removing leaves and other debris

Trees, shrubs and climbers

- After a snowfall, carefully shake snow from evergreens to lessen the chance of branches breaking.
- Ensure that stakes and ties are secure on climbers and trees, and that ties are not too tight.
- On a mild day, cut a few branches of early-flowering shrubs, such as Forsythia, Chinese witch hazel or camellia for forcing indoors.
- Spray deciduous trees and shrubs with dormant oil and lime sulphur to kill over wintering eggs of insect pests and spores of plant diseases.
- Continue to plant bare-root roses if ground is not frozen or waterlogged.

Garden Design and Colour

January is a good time to analyze the strengths and weaknesses of a garden. Leaves are off the trees, perennials have died back, the earth looks barren and forlorn. What is left behind—shrubs and trees, paths and walkways, walls and trellises—are the “bones” of the garden, its basic structure and form. How these features look in midwinter can tell you a lot about the changes you may want to make.

Excerpts from The New Twelve Month Gardener—Elaine Stevens, Jane Mitchell, Ann Buffam, Dagmar Hungerford, Doris Fancourt-Smith

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Please check out our website to find helpful gardening website links recommended by our Club members.

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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More information about the club can be found at:

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