



# Sechelt Garden Club

Newsletter March 2018



## Next Meeting

**Monday, March 26, 2018**

at the Seaside Centre,  
5790 Teredo Street

**@ 7:00 pm**

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

## Introducing our 2018 Executive



Seated: L to R. Verna Kelso, Cathy Belfry, Penny Lyle

Above: L to R. Cindy Kissler, Lorraine Gallant, Sharon O'Brien, Pat Kolterman

Missing: Ruth Rodgers, Janet Crowe, Carol Corbet, Terry Rolfe

**You can read the Executive bios on our web site.**

<http://www.secheltgardenclub.com/about-us/2017-executives-directors>



## Speakers:

Bill Terry and Rosemary Bates

## Topic:

Plant Hunting in Africa

Bill and Rosemary will be speaking about their plant-hunting travels through Lesotho, Africa, a small country high in the Drakensburg mountains. Learn about alpine species that can add an exotic touch to your garden and enjoy a vicarious travel experience.

## Sechelt Garden Club needs a President

Volunteer for this position or share the position as a Co-President. You will get 100% support from your Executive—admiration, energy and lots of work from our Membership—all the coffee and snacks you can eat at the meetings and satisfaction that you have saved our club, as we cannot operate without a President.

**Talk to one of the Executive for more information**





Cheryl Topping demonstrating rose pruning

## Rose Pruning Workshop Feb. 16 & 17

Thanks to Karon Kosof for taking pictures of the workshop



Attentive participants



Cheryl Topping who is a Certified Arborist provided a workshop on pruning roses.

Participants were pleased with the knowledge they gleaned from watching a pro in action.



## Sunflowers

Who knew there were so many varieties of sunflowers— amazing! Verna Kelso connected with West Coast Seeds and obtained 100 donated packages for our Garden Club membership, plus their excellent Seed Catalogue that holds so much information on gardening. Thanks Verna! The flower on the left is a Teddy Bear Sunflower and will grow about 3



feet tall and the one on the right is Autumn Beauty which grows 5 feet. Some varieties will grow up to 12 feet tall! There will be some packages available at our next meeting. If you are planting, do keep the seed package so when you bring the flower in for “show and tell” in the fall we will know what variety of sunflower it is. Enjoy planting your sunflowers.



**Ruth Rodgers presents Bursting with Colour**

Ruth has a Diploma in Horticulture, has 30 years of gardening experience, has taught for 40 years and is an accomplished visual artist. Her presentation included all these attributes, and lucky for us she is also one of our garden club members.

Ruth stated that we all see colour differently and she was not telling us a right or wrong way to design colour into a garden. She said that if it looks right to you, then it is right. Ruth reviewed the colour wheel and described that warm colours related to the colour of warm things—reds/oranges, and that warm colours make the colours come forward in a garden. Cool colours –blues/greens, make things appear further away. White colour jumps out from all other colours, so if you have white flowers in the midst of other coloured flowers the white will stand out. Neutralizer colours which include silver and grey can link colours, so plants of that colour can help to tie a garden together.

Ruth says you can design a garden with all warm colours, or cool, or a combination which could be complementary colours like yellow and purple. We did an exercise with Ruth to link various flowers to the colour palette—for example, for warm red-orange colour there is the poppy or zinnia—true red could be a rose or geranium— cool red-violet (primrose or dahlia). Ruth pointed out that the tints and shades of the presenting colour of the plant can change depending on where they are located.

Ruth emphasized that you determine what works for you in your own garden.

**Thanks Ruth!**



Ruth Rodgers, our colour aficionado



**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 will be able to attend the plant sale meeting 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**

## March Checklist from The New Twelve Month Gardener

### Annuals, Perennials, and Bulbs

- Continue to clear and weed flower beds, and mulch with well-rotted compost.
- Plant summer bulbs of lilies, acidanthera, montbretia and nerines, and corms of gladioli.
- Continue to lift and divide perennials and plant new ones.
- Cut down ornamental grasses.
- Deadhead and feed spring bulbs when they have finished flowering. Now is the time to move and plant snowdrops
- Harden off hardy annual seedlings in a cold frame or sow in the ground.
- Sow tender annuals indoors.
- Pot up rooted cuttings if not already done, and pot up overwintered tuberous begonias in potting soil.

### Fruits, vegetables and herbs

- Complete pruning of tree and bush fruits by the end of the month.
- Train berry bushes to wire or fence supports with string.
- 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.
- Sow tomatoes indoors.
- Plant new strawberry plants and feed established plants.

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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](#)

### March Sharing Table

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)**



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