

Sechelt Garden Club



Newsletter May 2018

FUND RAISING GOALS MET FOR 2018

Vesey's Fund Raiser

Our Garden Club needs to raise funds each year to meet our costs for renting our meeting space, paying for monthly speakers and other costs. This year we participated in Vesey's Spring Fund Raising Campaign and raised \$1,276. Thanks to all those who made sales, bought bulbs and seeds, and thanks to the Fund Raising Committee, Karon & Peter Kosof, Joanne Van Ginkel and Carol Corbet. The Excel spread sheet Karon created to record sales made us very efficient in putting orders together! Karon's new mantra—**less work, more money!!**



Mini Plant Sale

At our April 30th meeting we held a plant sale which netted \$351.50. Super job everyone—there was a great selection of plants from the membership. Thanks to Verna Kelso for taking the lead on this and all the volunteers who helped set up, sold plants and provided information about the plants available. What a marvelous team of volunteers; it was a fun and exciting meeting!



Topic: Management of Invasive Plants

Speaker: Peter Light

Peter Light, permaculture design practitioner, consultant, speaker and teacher, has expressed his approach to the management of invasive plants in our local papers on several occasions. Peter will speak about his experiments with permaculture, and engage the audience in a Q & A session on this topic and the topic of invasive plants. An article written by Peter will be sent out for your perusal prior to the meeting; it provides his philosophy relating to invasive plants.

Questions for Peter can be emailed to Carol Corbet before the meeting if you prefer not to ask them verbally at the meeting. (corbetc2017@gmail.com)

CLUB CRISIS

We have money to operate our garden club, NOW we need people to take on leadership roles.

On May 28th, at our General meeting, we will engage in a discussion for ideas on how to solve our problem of volunteers for the Executive.

Please give this serious thought before our meeting.

Needed immediately—President and Vice President— and in 2019 a Treasurer

We cannot operate this club without an Executive



Perry Schmitt Parks Manager—District of Sechelt



Perry Schmitt, Parks Manager

Perry has been Parks Manager for several years. He was pleased to tell us how the District of Sechelt has grown in its offerings of parks, hiking and biking trails and lovely gardens. He introduced us to the **Sechelt District website**. <http://www.sechelt.ca/Parks>

You will find all parks with amenities listed, a beach access brochure, walking and biking trails and playgrounds. Super information for us, and useful for visitors to our beautiful Sunshine Coast.

The **Adopt a Tree program** though the District of Sechelt has been successful in planting 480 trees on the Coast and Perry is hoping that 2018 will see the number surpass 500. The application is on line and is very easy to complete. There are 30 different trees from which to select and Parks will plant the tree for you on the road allowance in front of your property. Last year Perry donated one of the trees, a Sourwood tree to the Sechelt Garden Club for our 50th Anniversary and planted it for us in the gardens at the Seaside Centre. You can find information about the program at:

<http://www.sechelt.ca/Play/Parks-Recreation/Adopt-a-Street-Tree>

Perry showed us pictures of the **lovely gardens** that Parks creates and maintains on the Coast. Rockwood, Davis Bay and the various facilities have gorgeous garden beds.

Parks also plants the hanging baskets and Cowrie Street planters in Sechelt and has to water the hanging baskets daily. When you see the Parks workers this summer, be aware that it is they who keep our City looking beautiful - thanks Perry and thanks to your crew! **It was a wonderful presentation!**

Thank you to Ruth Rodgers



Ruth has been Sechelt Garden Club's Director of Guest Speakers since April 2017 and has arranged excellent speakers for our monthly General Meetings for over a year. Ruth is an extremely busy person and yet managed to make the contacts, arrange the speakers and also introduce them at the meetings. She even presented at our March 2018 meeting—**Bursting with Colour**. We have appreciated her dedication to the position. Thank you so much Ruth!





All Sechelt Garden Club Members are invited to attend

A Strawberry Tea

On Sunday, June 10, 2019

Garden Tours from 1 pm to 2 pm

at the Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden

5941 Mason Road, West Sechelt

Tea from 2 pm to 4 pm

In the Pavilion at the Botanical Garden

Delicious refreshments will be provided.

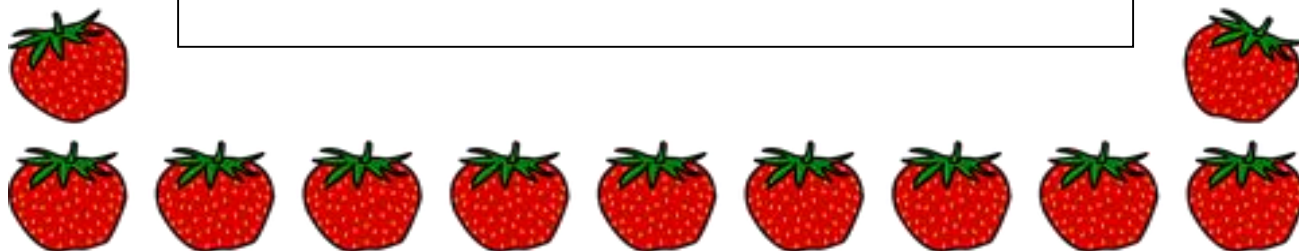
Please wear your most beautiful, creative hat made
entirely of garden material

or your **funniest** garden hat.

Guests, with members, are welcome for a fee of \$5.00

Please buy your guests' tickets at the May Garden Club Meeting

Contact patko@hotmail.ca for more information



May Checklist from the New Twelve Month Gardener

Annuals, perennials and bulbs

- Buy bedding plants and plant out after the middle of the month. Plant up tubs, hanging baskets and window boxes.
- Thin our annuals that were sown earlier, retaining the best and strongest plants.
- Pull up spring bedding plants, such as wallflowers and forget-me-nots, and add to compost pile. Sow seeds of these biennials now for next year.
- Pinch out growing tips of chrysanthemums and asters to promote bushy growth.
- Stake tall perennials, such as delphiniums.
- Lightly shear back early spring-flowering perennials, such as aubrietia, arabis and perennial alyssum.
- As flowers fade, tie back clumps of daffodil leaves neatly or dig them up and heel them into a spare patch of ground to die back. Feed them with fish fertilizer so they will flower well next year.
- Plant out dahlia tubers, making sure to drive in the stakes first, to avoid damage to tubers.

Trees, shrubs and climbers

- Check for aphids on roses, and either rub them off or apply an insecticidal soap. Mulch around the roses if not already done.
- Prune deciduous shrubs after flowering.
 - Remove seed heads from rhododendrons and azaleas. Mulch them lightly at the extremity of the rootball (not on top of the rootball) with well-rotted compost. This will help to retain moisture and protect roots from drying out.



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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, indoor and outdoor plants, produce, 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



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