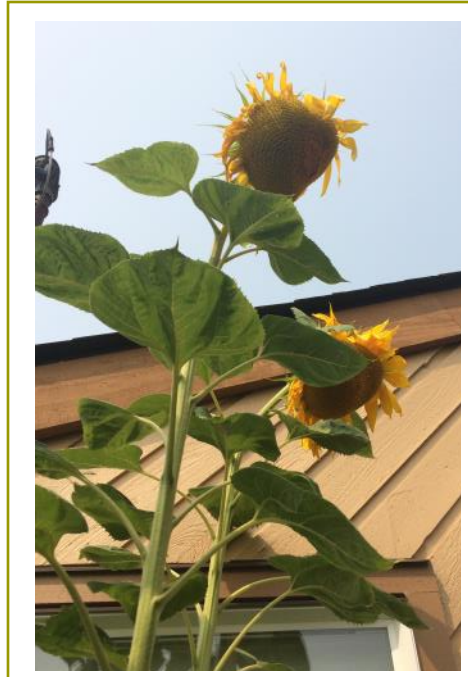


Sechelt Garden Club

Newsletter September 2018

A Sunflower Summer



Above is Verna Kelso's very tall Sunflower plant towering above her house.

Right is Robyn Faucher's sunny Sunflower picture .

Thank you ladies!



Director, Verna Kelso, organized our Sunflower project in the Spring, with the generous donation of seeds from **West Coast Seeds.** Verna has a message for our Garden Club members:

"I hope that you have had a successful summer growing your Sunflowers. I have received positive comments about the plants and flowers. Sunflowers like the heat but the lack of water can be a problem.

Please bring a showing of your Sunflowers to the September General Meeting. Remember this is a sharing event, not a competition. "

Suggestions from Verna

BRING photos, a flower head, a group of sunflowers to show different colours, a shell of a flower head even if the birds have eaten the seeds, a card indicating variety, size of head and height of stalk, other flowers can be added to a bouquet of Sunflowers, OR surprise us with other facts about your Sunflowers.

Looking forward to a joyful, sunny evening!!

Next Meeting

Monday, September 24, 2018

at the Seaside Centre,
5790 Teredo Street

@ 7:00 pm

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



Speaker: Dr. Carole Christopher

Topic: Growing Food and Herbs for better nutrition

Dr. Christopher has been vegetable gardening for nearly 35 years and is a Director of SPEC (Society Promoting Environmental Conservation) which is Canada's oldest environmental organization. Through SPEC she has taught many different kinds of gardening classes. Dr. Christopher has a doctorate in Nutrition and is past chair of the Vancouver Food Policy Council, an advisory committee to City Council on matters related to food security.

We can look forward to Dr. Christopher sharing her knowledge on growing foods and herbs for better nutrition.

Our July Home and Garden Tour

On July 23, Sechelt Garden Club members, Rani and Ed Kaczmarek , Gail and Bill Cron , Ann and Nigel Booth, and John and Penny Lyle hosted our Club's July garden tours. Thanks so much to all of them! It is always so lovely to see what others have done in their yards—such an inspiration for us! It was such a hot day and they all provided cool refreshments which was very appreciated!



Left: Gail Cron's Sunflowers, and very cool birdhouses.

Above: John and Penny Lyle in their yard.



Rani Kaczmarek in her gorgeous new home.



One of Ann's beautiful trees



Ann Booth in her garden

September meeting— Sharing Table

Our sharing table welcomes plants, gardening tools and books, containers, and any useful garden item that you would like to share and sell at the meeting. This is a great time of year to bring produce as well—fruits, vegetables and herbs from your gardens.

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.

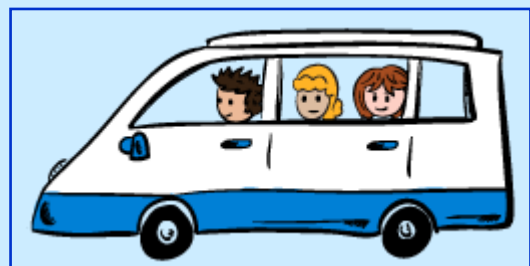
Thank you for your wonderful support; the Sharing Table does very well at helping to raise funds for our Club.

Submitted by Verna Kelso

Car Pooling

Is driving at night an issue for you? Would you like to share a ride to attend our Garden Club meetings?

Please contact Carol at corbetc2017@gmail.com to ask about the possibility. Or if your Garden Club friend/neighbour is driving to the meeting, ask to ride along. It is always great to have company.



Thank you Janet!!

One of our Garden Club Directors, Janet Crowe, has had to step down from her position on our Executive Committee.

We will miss her energy and wonderful ideas at our Executive meetings, but look forward to her continuation with the Club. You are a Super Star Janet!



Thank you!



Save the Date for our

Christmas

Luncheon

Sunday, December 9, 2018

12:00—2:00 PM

Tickets will be Pre-sold

More details coming your way soon

Checklist from The New Twelve Month Gardener

Annuals, perennials and bulbs

- Keep deadheading annuals and perennials and save seed pods of flowers you wish to propagate.
- Divide perennials and plant new ones.
- Plant peonies this month and next.
- When leaves of gladiolas turn brown, the corms can be lifted and sundried for 10 days. Store in a cool, well-ventilated, frost free place.
- Plant sweet peas, poppies and cornflowers now for early summer flowering.
- Plant out wallflowers and add lime to soil.
- Begin planting spring flowering bulbs.
- Shop early for best selection. Pot up some for flowering indoors.
- Dry flowers, including hydrangeas, for winter arrangements.
- Continue taking geranium cuttings, and take fuchsia, heliotrope and marguerite cuttings.



Trees, shrubs and climbers

- Order new roses and prepare new rose beds for planting in November.
- Prune summer-flowering heather. Give hedges a final light trim.
- Continue taking shrub cuttings.
- Prepare soil for planting trees and shrubs in winter.

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Please check out our website for helpful gardening tips.

[Gardening Tips and Information](#)



From The Vancouver Sun—Brian Minter's article—Time to plant vegetables for winter harvest.

If you haven't yet tried growing veggies in winter, give them a go. They are something special to enjoy during the colder, darker days as you wait for

the spring planting season to arrive.

As we enjoy harvesting our summer garden crops right now and continue to fill in gaps with even more vegetables to keep our gardens producing well into fall, we should also take time to consider joining the increasingly popular trend of growing winter vegetables.

Continue reading at: <https://theprovince.com/homes/gardening/brian-minter-time-to-plant-vegetables-for-winter-harvests/wcm/b03dcbac-c578-45d3-bcc4-d06bf19d0710>



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

More information about the club can be found at:
www.secheltgardenclub.com