



Sechelt Garden Club



Newsletter December 2019

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

Congratulations to our Executive Annual General Meeting - November 25

Thanks to Cathy Belfry, Past President, for assisting with our election portion of the Agenda for our AGM. Results were as follows:

Continuing in their role in an Elected Position:

President	Ann Booth
Vice President	Noel Shepperd
Secretary	Dianne Tarris
Treasurer	Muguette Macdonald

Director positions include these members, all of whom continue to contribute in their respective positions:

Community Development	Penny Lyle
Web Master	Cindy Kissler
Membership	Lee Tidmarsh
Speakers	Pat Kolterman
Director at Large	Gerri Randall volunteered to take over a position vacated by Verna Kelso.

Big thank you to these members for volunteering to keep our Sechelt Garden Club operating and fun! We are in good hands!

AGM—Next Meeting

Monday, January 27, 2020

at the Seaside Centre

5790 Teredo Street

@ 7:00 pm

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



Speaker: Judy Garrett

Topic: Orchids

Judy Garrett is from Roberts Creek and is the coordinator of the vegetable garden at the Botanical Garden. She has a passion for orchids and has hundreds of different orchids in her orchid room.

Speaker for our November Meeting

One of our Directors, Verna Kelso, demonstrated the creation of a seasonal arrangement using mostly plants from our gardens. As you see from the picture, she added some beautiful flowers in the colours of the festive season. Verna effortlessly put 2 arrangements together and gave us wonderful tips on making arrangements. We are fortunate to have an experienced Floral Designer willing to share her knowledge and know how.



Verna's gorgeous arrangement

Verna is Retiring from her

Director position after 4 years. Verna brought wonderful ideas to the club—the Share Table, which makes us money, bringing donated seeds and catalogues from West Coast Seeds—remember our Sunflower Fall? Verna was a big part of our successful Daffodil Bulb sale this year. Verna will be missed in her role, however, she plans to continue to contribute in her generous way.

Thank you Verna for being an integral part of our Garden Club!

WOW!

Fabulous Christmas Luncheon—December 8



Gerri Randall & President Ann Booth –R.



Mira & Bogdan Grabowski - Pianka & Edwin Leung



From L.—Verna Kelso, Richard Corbet, & Linda Reha-Krantz (standing), Left—Karon & Peter Kosof, Penny Ulmer, & Lorraine Gallant



From L.—Elizabeth Stephenson, Jean Conley & Lana Wightman



From left— Mike (guest), Lorraine (guest), Lorraine Blake-man, Brenda Wentworth, June Meyer (standing) & Sharon O'Brien

The Committee and Prize Donations

Our luncheon was wonderful!! Thank you to the Committee who organized the event— Cathy Belfry, Ann Booth, Jean Conley, Lana Wightman and Gerri Randall.

Local businesses donated prizes for our luncheon: Rickey's All Day Restaurant, Pharmasave, Suncoast Guardian Pharmacy, Tasters Olive Co., and Sunshine Coast Golf Club. Generous members from our Garden Club also made prize donations.

Thanks to all!

More Pictures—Christmas Luncheon



From left—Karen Jackson, Sally & Lyle Markham, Linda Young, Frances Ostergaard & Pat Kolterman



The Old Broadway



From L.—Linda (guest), Bob Sandison & Diane Head



The Christmas Luncheon was such fun and 3 ladies that had us singing our way into a Christmas spirit were the Old Broadway Trio, Barb Brolly, Marilyn Rushton and Peggy Busch (from left to right above) I heard their performance described as wonderful, outstanding , lovely harmonies and just plain fun with their irreverent rewrites using the Christmas music we all know and enjoy. We even had the Chef who prepared our scrumptious meal, Nels Jorstad, head to the mic with his guitar to sing us a rocking Christmas tune. The room was adorned with lovely Christmas centrepieces, floral arrangements and gift baskets made by Lana Wightman, Gerri Randall, Jean Conley, Verna Kelso, Cindy Kisser, Cathy Belfry, Carol Corbet. Thank you to Ann Booth for her gracious hosting of the luncheon.

Thank you!

As I am retiring from my role as Director of Communications after 4 years, I have the opportunity to express my thoughts and feelings in my final Newsletter! It has been such a pleasure writing your Newsletters, sending off messages to you, posting the wonderful pictures of our events, (thanks to all who sent me pictures and articles to use), getting to know our membership, and working with a dedicated Executive both under Cathy Belfry's and now Ann Booth's leadership! I look forward to doing other jobs within the Club as I cannot think of a more wonderful group of people with which to work. You all ROCK!!

Thanks again! Carol Corbet

Remembering Bill Terry – Submitted by June Meyer

May we pause and take time to recall the legacy of a passionate gardener, Bill Terry, who contributed so much knowledge and expertise to the Sechelt Garden Club.

There were the visits to Rosemary and Bill's enchanted garden beside Snickett Park, where such a variety of tree, shrub, plant and flower species grew and flourished. We were given a personalized tour and discovered, amongst the rocky outcrops, pockets of thriving cyclamen that were grown from seed. Hanging branches of a wisteria vine revealed drooping garlands of purple wisteria blossoms along the roof of their home and, from the balcony, through tall fir trees glimpses of the ocean could be seen. We listened to the stories of how the garden flourished through the seasons and in one of Bill's books "*The Carefree Garden*" published in 2015, he tells of how nature became the garden's partner in its "serendipity."



In the Sechelt Garden Club's monthly newsletter, Bill had a column entitled "*Pardon my Latin*" where he unraveled very meaningful information related to the generic names of plants and how they originated. "*Plants of Distinction*" followed in sequence and described the species that grew in his garden like the hellebores and mosses.

In 2009 Bill Terry became an honoured life-time member and he took part in club panel discussions like the one on "Greenhouses." His passion for the Himalayan Blue Poppy inspired us all and we learned about the unique beauty of this flower in another of his books "*Blue Heaven – Encounters with the Blue Poppy*", published in 2009.

In 2016, our members had the privilege of yet another visit to Bill and Rosemary's unique, landscaped property, followed by delicious refreshments seated around the large table in their welcoming home. There was a nostalgic air about this final tour of their garden; those who were fortunate to be there will surely recall and reflect upon the wisdom and knowledge of Bill Terry.

Bill passed away 3rd December – *with gratitude we will always remember him...*



December Gardening Tips from The Garden Helper

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

Lawn Care—Stay off frozen grass!!!

House Plant Care

Glossy leaved house plants such as Philodendrons, Rubber plants, and Palms should be sponged off periodically, to allow them to breathe.

Plants which have fuzzy, textured, or other non-glossy type leaves should be set in the sink and sprayed gently with room temperature water, until the dust is cleaned away. Be sure that the foliage is allowed to dry completely.

Provide your house plants with extra humidity by grouping plants together, or by setting the pots on leakproof trays filled with moistened pebbles.

If you successfully kept last years plants alive, and have been keeping it in 14 hours of darkness since September, your Poinsettias and Christmas cactus should be ready bring back into the living room by December first.

With the proper care, these Christmas plants will remain beautiful for many weeks.

- They prefer to be kept on the cool side, 65-70 degrees during the day and 55-60 at night.
- Keep them in bright, natural light whenever possible.
- Keep them away from heat sources.
- Keep them out of drafts.
- Be sure to water them when they become dry.

Never allow them to stand in water for more than an hour.

Other Web sites to check out:

<https://vancouver.sun.com/homes/gardening/brian-minter-cold-hardy-cyclamen-offer-explosion-of-ground-cover-colour>

<https://www.westcoastseeds.com/blogs/garden-wisdom/store-seeds>



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