



Sechelt Garden Club



Newsletter January 2019

Happy New Year

The Executive met on January 12th to start planning an exciting year for our Sechelt Garden Club. New is the year, new volunteers on the Executive and new is the spirit and hope for a wonderful gardening year for all of us.

Check out the Biographies for the Executive on our web site:

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

Next Meeting

Monday, January 28, 2019

at the Seaside Centre,
5790 Teredo Street

@ 7:00 pm

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



Perennial Plant of the Year - 2019

Stachys monieri 'Hummelo'

A cousin to the familiar Lamb's-Ears, but not at all similar. This is a clump-forming perennial, forming a low mound of crisp green foliage. In early summer the upright spikes of bright-purple flowers appear, which attract bees to the nectar. Removing faded flowers will encourage more buds to form for weeks on end. An interesting and unusual perennial for near the front of the border, or in containers. Plants may be clipped back hard immediately after blooming, to tidy up the clumps for the rest of the season. Easily divided in early spring. Prefers a sunny location and is hardy to zone 4. The Perennial Plant of the Year is selected by the Perennial Plant Association.

Read more at:

<http://www.perennials.com/content/perennial-plant-of-the-year-2019/>



Speaker: Cheryl Topping

Topic: Pruning 101

Cheryl is the Manager of the Sunshine Coast Nursery and a certified Arborist; we can be sure we will get excellent information on how to prune our plants correctly. Cheryl will also offer workshops at the Botanical Garden on pruning on January 26 & 27. If interested register at 604 740-3969.



January's 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.

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.

Niels Ostergaard

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Niels Ostergaard, one of our Life Time Members, in December 2018. Niels was one of the club’s first time members who helped to build and make Sechelt Garden Club what it is today.

Niels and Frances owned a large Roberts Creek property and June Meyers remembers that time well. “Frances would be in the kitchen preparing refreshments for us while Niels took us around and proudly showed us all of his projects— the propagating of tomatoes from seed and the many varieties that he had grown. There were the plans for ongoing work projects, the irrigation system he developed; the knowledge he possessed was truly remarkable. He had an air of quiet confidence that any garden plans that he had could be accomplished! Niels always had a warm smile when he met people and was a sincere conversationalist and listener.”

Niels and Frances always propagated tomatoes for our garden club to sell at our Spring plant sale; they did it every year. And they had their share of hosting the garden club in their lovely gardens in Roberts Creek , the last time being the Strawberry Tea in 2009. Niels will be forever remembered by the Sechelt Garden Club.



Niels and Frances in their beautiful yard in Roberts Creek.



Dreaming of Spring.....

Membership Fees are Due

\$20 for individuals

\$30 for families

**Pay at our next meeting or email
Sharon O’Brien, Membership Director at
sharonob6316@gmail.com**

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.

January To Do Lists for the Garden

Winter Gardening, Frost, Ice and Snow

- If your bulbs think it is Spring because it has been so warm, they may already be sprouting. 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.
- In the event of snow, be sure to shake or brush off the white stuff from the branches of your evergreens and shrubs. The light fluffy snow poses no real threat, but if it should become wet and frozen, the weight dramatically increases. Branches are more brittle when the plants are dormant, and the weight of the snow may damp them off.
- Dormant spraying of fruit trees, Cotoneaster, Dogwoods, etc should be done this month.
- It's a good time to prune most of your deciduous trees and shrubs.

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



Read Brian Minter's suggestions from the Vancouver Sun:

"Once the holiday decor is put away, the interiors of many homes and apartments can look somewhat bleak, and it doesn't help that, outside, it's one of the darkest, coldest, dreariest months of the year.

We all need a little pick-me-up right about now, and a few unique, easy-care plants will do the trick.

In our Northern Hemisphere, traditional succulents like echeverias, aeoniums, cotyledons and dudleyas, struggle in the low light typical in most homes, but there are some varieties that perform quite well."

Read the article on <https://vancouversun.com/homes/gardening/brian->

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Please check out our website for helpful gardening tips.

[Gardening Tips and Information](#)



More information about the club can be found at:

www.secheltgardenclub.com

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