

Sechelt Garden Club

Newsletter May 2019

Plant Sale Success



Selling was brisk at the plant sale-chaotic at times!

Our club made \$320.00 in an hour of sales.

Thank you to all who dug up, potted and brought in your plants to sell for our Club.

Sechelt Garden Club did very well at the April meeting's Mini Plant Sale. Thanks so much to Verna Kelso who planned the logistics of the sale and thanks to all the wonderful members who assisted in the set up and take down for the night, advised on the types of plants, made the sale and generally made us a tidy profit.

Next Meeting

Monday, May 27, 2019

at the Seaside Centre,
5790 Teredo Street

@ 7:00 pm

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



Cowrie Lane Garden

Penny Lyle and her Community Development Team have hit another home run. Friday, May 10th saw the team preparing the garden (beside the Thrift Store downtown) for the summer. The area looks super—thanks so much to everyone participating in this beautification project. From Left—Noel Shepperd, Gerri Randall, Margaret Acton, Jean Conley, Edwin and Pianca Leung, Penny Lyle, Pat Kolterman, Sally Markham, Front—Christine (visitor), Missing is Lyall Markham and John Lyle. Thanks to John Lyle for making the sign and Ann Booth, our President, for lettering it. Well done everyone!

Speaker: Donna Balzer

Topic: How to Improve your Soil

Horticulturist, speaker and author, Donna Balzer, has a degree in Agriculture with a specialty in Horticulture. She has a YouTube channel, has hosted HGTV program, "Bugs and Blooms" for the past three years and is frequently a guest on CBC radio. Donna Balzer has two greenhouses and a large vegetable garden on her double lot in Qualicum Beach. She is an award-winning media personality and a garden consultant with a personal passion for food.

More pictures of Cowrie Lane Garden



Jean Conley and Gerri Randall showing a close up of the sign. Cedardale Holdings, Sechelt Development Business Association and our Club worked together to beautify this area.



Another view of the garden



Alex Augustyniak—West Coast Seeds

West Coast Seeds

Many of us picked up our free Zinnia and Squash seeds donated to Sechelt Garden Club from West Coast Seeds at the start of 2019. Remember last September, 2018 and the lovely sunflowers? That was fun!

So be sure to take pictures of the progress in growth of your plants; think about bringing samples to our September meeting, our first meeting in the fall.

April's Speaker: Year Round Gardening

Alex Augustyniak, who is General Manager at West Coast Seeds spoke at our April meeting on year round vegetable gardening. In speaking to club members about his presentation, it was said he was very convincing with his information and spoke with enthusiasm. He made planting vegetables within reach for those who may not have had a chance to try their hand at this type of gardening. Thanks Alex!



May Gardening Tips

Annuals, perennials, and bulbs

- Buy bedding plants and plant out after the middle of the month. Plant up tubs, hanging baskets and window boxes.
- Pull up spring bedding plants, such as wallflowers and forget-me-nots, and add to compost. Sow seeds of these biennials now for next year.
- Pinch out growing tips of chrysanthemums and asters to promote bushy growth
- Plant out dahlia tubers, making sure to drive in the stakes first, to avoid damage to tubers.

Fruits, vegetables and herbs

- Continue successive sowings of lettuce, carrots, spinach, radishes, bush beans, pole beans, peppers and potatoes.
- Start winter crops of cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbages and pumpkins. Start main crop of potatoes, plant asparagus.
- Cut off strawberry runners.
- Sow corn, cucumber and squash at the end of the month. Plant corn in blocks for better pollination.

Excerpts from The New Twelve Month Gardener—Elaine Stevens, Jane Mitchell, Ann Buffam, Dagmar Hungerford, Doris Fancourt-Smith

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The Perennial Plant of the Year selected by the Perennial Plant Association is the Stachys Monieri Hummelo which is a cousin to Lamb's-Ears. Check out the information on this plant at:

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

Please check out our website for helpful gardening tips.

[Gardening Tips and Information](#)



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

More information about the club can be found at:

www.secheltgardenclub.com