

# Sechelt Garden Club celebrates 50th anniversary

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What a memorable year 2017 is for all of us in Canada and for our Sechelt community!

It is the 50th anniversary of the Sechelt Garden Club, and an open house has been organized for Saturday, June 17, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Seaside Centre. A sourwood tree, renowned for its colourful blossom and foliage, has already been planted in the grounds of the Seaside Centre where a plaque has been inscribed to commemorate this auspicious occasion, and one which coincides with Canada's birthday 150 years before.

The Sechelt Garden Club has been involved in several community projects in collaboration with the District of Sechelt and other organizations. The Aquatic Centre rock wall has been planted with tumbling colourful perennials. The heavy stones protecting the shoreline along the Trail Bay waterfront have been planted with Nootka roses and dune grasses to beautify and sustain the banks. The Arts Centre and the Shorncliffe Gardens were both scenes of active weeding, pruning and clean-up and our volunteers took part in removing invasive plants from Mission Point Park. The Mother's Day Plant Sale has always been well attended as tomato seedlings, perennials, annuals, shrubs and trees were purchased by eager buyers.

Monthly meetings have a variety of very informative speakers on diverse topics related to gardening and members are always willing to show their gardens and host on-site workshops, which correlate putting theory into practice. Garden tours, both on and off the Sunshine Coast, especially the one taken to the UBC Apple Festival, are very popular.

Do plan to come to our open house where you can discover why the Sechelt Garden Club is an active community organization.