

# Sechelt Garden Club



## *A note from the president:*

Welcome to October and the vibrant colours of Fall. We were gratified to see so many Club members enjoy the October 18th tour of the Botanical Gardens as highlighted later in the newsletter.

Your Executive are keeping the Club ticking right along, and we were especially pleased to receive a donation of \$500 from the Sechelt Downtown Business Association for the Garden Clubs community endeavours.

It is now time to think about the annual AGM for the club and I would encourage members to contact me at 604-720-0277 if they would like to be on the Executive. Unfortunately Noel Shepperd is stepping down due to pressure of work. Noel has been a great support and we have certainly enjoyed his wit ...so come on recruits, get involved!

You may have seen in the local newspapers mention of the Periwinkle Lane project in downtown Sechelt. One of the items on our AGM Agenda this year is to approve the Executive's recommendation that our Club donate \$500 towards this beautification project. Please see the proposal on p.5

In interviewing a cross section of the membership quite a few were interested in attending a Christmas Luncheon if appropriate safety protocols were in place. If any of you feel strongly about this please let me know. We will continue to keep in touch regarding these issues.

Warm wishes,  
Ann

## Notice of Annual General Meeting via Zoom

**November 23, 2020  
7 p.m.**

I will email you in advance to provide instructions for logging on. Please note that you need the Zoom app on your computer.



Fall colours photo by Lee Tidmarsh

## Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden Tour

On Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020 the SCBG hosted members of the Sechelt Garden Club for small group tours guided by garden docents. This was arranged on short notice as we are all desperate for garden information and socialization. Thanks to Paddy Wales and volunteers, we had a wonderful afternoon

Nineteen members and 2 guests attended and masked-up to tour 3 sections of the garden in groups of 7 or 8. The garden has been expanding and developing at a steady pace since its purchase in 2009, thanks to hard work by dedicated volunteers. The pavilion built in 2010, now has a beautifully designed driveway and entrance path taking you into the garden through a metal carved gate. Parking has also been improved and organized to hold more cars in a well defined space.

We toured the Mountain Side Habitat, one of the 5 Pacific Northwest habitats and also had an informative tour of the Rhododendrons donated in 2013 and 2014 by Alleyne and Barbara Cook and our own members, Ron and Carla Knight. Finally we enjoyed the variety of plants in the drought garden in front of the pavilion.(cf. photo page). Many plants are still flowering but there was a



Entrance to the Sunshine Coast Botanical Gardens



From left, Paddy Wales SCBG, Susan Egerman, John & Penny Lyle, Cathy and Frank Belfry.

## **Board Members 2020**

### **President**

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### **Vice-President**

Noel Shepperd  
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### **Secretary**

Dianne Tarris  
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### **Treasurer**

Muguette Macdonald  
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### **Communications**

Lee Tidmarsh  
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### **Webmaster**

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### **Guest Speakers**

Pat Kolterman  
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### **Community Projects**

Penny Lyle  
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### **Director-at-large**

Gerri Randall  
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Information display in a covered pavilion for school programs



*Amanita muscaria* (classic toadstool)



Mountainside habitat



Photo by Gerri Randall (she couldn't help herself)



**WELCOME TO THE PERIWINKLE LANE REVITALIZATION PROJECT**

Help to create a future gathering place for all to enjoy

Sechelt BC – The Sechelt Downtown Business Association (SDBA) would like to share an exciting opportunity. In times like these, building community outdoors is more important than ever and we are thrilled to be tackling one of our biggest outdoor projects to date.

You probably know exactly where Periwinkle Lane is but have perhaps never given this little laneway a second thought. It runs north to south between Dolphin Street and Cowrie Street in Downtown Sechelt. As one of the gateway lanes to our city's downtown core, Periwinkle Lane sets the tone for the entire community but has long been forgotten - overrun with weeds, filled with lots of dark corners, and garbage bins.

Homelessness and crime is on the rise in Downtown Sechelt. And, while there are many ways to combat this, we know that investing in a sense of community in creative ways is one of the best ways to decrease crime by increasing a sense of ownership and investment in a space.

The SDBA is proud to be embarking on this project in partnership with Sunshine Coast Arts Council, Arrowhead Clubhouse, RainCity Housing, RCMP, District of Sechelt, Sechelt Garden Club, and Sunshine Coast Association for Community Living. Our goal is to make it a safer place for all community members and a vibrant part of Downtown.

We are thrilled to invite the community to be a part of this community-building project. Community member's generous leadership charitable donation to the Periwinkle Lane Revitalization Project will go directly and exclusively towards transforming the laneway from drab and dreary into a hub of community and creativity. We are excited to announce that Charthouse Lawyers, members of the SDBA, have offered to match any donation from our local businesses up to a total of \$5,000.

As one of the gateway lanes to our city's downtown core, Periwinkle Lane sets the tone for the entire community and is a significant opportunity for us to infuse creativity and community into a long-forgotten space. The Periwinkle Lane Project would involve: the installation of benches (repurposed from the Downtown), creation of giant murals commissioned by local artists, installation of a small container garden for those who do not have access to green-space and the addition of light fixtures for safety.

These simple improvements would have a dramatic effect on the lane by improving visibility, safety, and access, and encourage walkability of our downtown by connecting outlying businesses and residents to our downtown area. Our vision is to use the revitalized Periwinkle Lane as a hub of community connection for activities like: road hockey tournaments, kids' activities, fundraising events, concerts, food truck festivals, chalk parties, block parties, and more!

If you wish to make a donation (in-kind or cash) to this exciting project or volunteer your time please contact the SDBA at [sdba@dccnet.com](mailto:sdba@dccnet.com). The project timeline would be spring of 2021 to end of summer 2021. We hope to raise \$50,000 for this project.

The Sechelt Downtown Business Association (SDBA) is a not for profit organization whose mission is to create a more attractive, vibrant, and unique Downtown. We want to activate spaces with art, gardens, colour, music, and entertainment. Our goal is to create inclusivity in our community. By creating a safe, welcoming vibrant space, people can connect with each other and their surroundings.

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