

Sechelt Garden Club



Annual General Meeting

Nov 27, 2023

Presidents' Report

It has been a pleasure this year to have worked with such a great group of members who have served as your Executive Committee. Thank you for trusting us to organize and carry out the duties that hopefully ensure good membership value to you. We strive to accomplish this through education, camaraderie, and by providing a forum for sharing gardening knowledge...recognizing that many of our members have had green thumbs for years, and their expert advice is appreciated by many of us novices!

Our Presenters during the first half of 2023 showed us a wide variety of topics:

January saw Cheryl Topping, Master Gardener and Arborist, share excellent tips on Pruning

February's Speaker was John Yue of Coastal Sun Nursery, who shared his knowledge of growing and transplanting vegetables on the Coast

In March we experienced the expertise of our own Jon Bell, on Raising Tropicals Outdoors

April saw Denise Legasse of the Sunshine Coast Seed Collective give our members some advice on harvesting and saving seeds

Our May meeting topic, Carnivorous Plants, was a unique presentation by Biochemist Kryss Chamelia

President Report cont'd

During the summer months we organized a tour of the Sunshine Coast Botanical Gardens, and a Garden Party was hosted by Past President Ann Booth at her home. We enjoyed Wednesday evening "Drop-in Tours" to four gardens in July...three individual gardens and the Cascade Green Butterflyway Garden in West Sechelt. Another new Butterflyway Garden was introduced on the SPCA site by member Linda Reha-Krantz.

In May of this year, a donation was made to SD 46 to assist the elementary schools that had established a garden program...West Sechelt, Kinnickinnick and Davis Bay Schools. They were recipients of \$250.00 each, as voted on by members in the spring. Two of the schools needed funding for water catchment, and one for funding towards an equipment shed.

Our first Garden Club Meeting of the fall season was on September 27, and included a Plant Sale. Drought anxiety was experienced by the organizing committee, very capably chaired by Marg Acton and Dora McNeal. That evening was the end to the summer drought, and the sale was indoors due to the downpour!



Angela Koop and her Christmas gnome

Our fall speakers:

September's presentation featured Dr. Rand Rudland, who shared his photography and his team's experiences on their June 2023 adventure with slides and a talk on "The Biodiversity of Borneo"

October 30 saw a change of meeting venue to the Sechelt Senior's Activity Centre, when Author Gary Lewis, owner of "Phoenix Perennials", gave a great overview of groundcovers, stressing many very suitable to our Coast climate with increasingly dry summers. The club spent funds on advertising for this presentation, both in the Coast Reporter and on posters distributed at a few venues.

Our November 27 meeting saw Angela Koop of Deluxe Landscaping bring her creativity with holiday greenery, and leave us with a delightful Holiday Gnome!

We wish our members a safe and happy Holiday Season in December 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerri Randall

President



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Angela Koop demonstration (from p.1)

Angela made a tomato cage garden gnome using an inverted tomato cage and boughs of white pine, douglas fir and cedar. The boughs were layered around the tomato cage, stem end up and attached with florist wire - twist ties can be used. A few boughs were sprayed with florist paint (white) to represent a beard and attached at the front.

Sechelt Garden Club 2024**Executive and Directors**

We would like to thank Muguette McDonald, our out-going treasurer, for her hard work managing our money, and her management of zoom meetings during the pandemic. She has been an important team member.

We welcome Dora McNeal who has agreed to step in the Treasurer role. Thank you Dora!

Communications except for the newsletter, will be handled by Brenda Hawkings, our membership director.

We are looking for a Social director to assist in organizing some of our events. If anyone wants to join our fun executive its a great way to get to know members and pick up hot garden tips

Next meeting
Monday, Jan 29, 2024 7:00
Seniors Activity Centre
Speaker
Kathleen Suddes
about Bees

Angela cont'd

You could also use spray snow or lighter foliage. A long red Santa hat covered the top wires of the inverted tomato cage and tops of the bough branches, and a large red bobble was used as a nose. The bobble was attached by removing the hangar insert and sticking a small branch into the hole to use as a placement stick - then wired on. Small gloves (dollar store decorations or you could use real gloves) were also attached by adding to the end of branches and wiring to the cage. You can be as creative as you like, and use windfall branches or prunings and clip to size. The main consideration is to make sure it doesn't blow over, so wedging it over an inverted plant pot, or staking it down using garden stakes is a good idea. You could use mahonia, pieris or any other garden foliage for different effects - make a whole family of gnomes!

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Go Native!

Hardhack *Spiraea douglasii*



Rand Rudland photo

Spiraea douglasii is a BC native offering very showy spires of pink fuzzy flowers that are popular with pollinators. A sweet-smelling deciduous shrub and a member of the rose family, it is most often found near streams, bogs and swamps but will tolerate drier conditions.

It has dark green, oval-shaped leaves with pale, wooly undersides. Ranging in height from 0.5 - 2.5 m it is a vigorous spreader through rhizomes and often forms dense colonies. It can quickly become the dominant species in a wetland habitat.

Sometimes browsed by Black-tailed deer, it is fire smart, bear smart and provides cover for birds.

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