Sechelt Garden Club – Annual General Meeting 2024

Date: Monday, November 25, 20243. Directors' Reports

Co-President: Gerri Randall Community Services Food challenge this year, members and Directors were thanked; more than $1,300. to donate and 800 pounds of produce. Thanks to Pat Kolterman for her leadership on this initiative, and Vanessa Choo for her assistance from the Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden. Chris Hergesheimer is away, will arrange a time to present the cheque, photo op and article for Coast Reporter in December.

April Plant and Bake sale was a successful fundraiser. Thanks to those who helped with baking and plants.

June garden tours, Gibsons Garden Club of Parkgate; Selma Park, gardens in The Big Maple, and Halfmoon Bay. Plan garden tours for the future.

Annual Strawberry Social at the Sunshine Coast Botanical Gardens Pavillion. Booked for 2025. Will be a price for guests next year. Will help recover costs so not an expense to the Club. Recommendations for upcoming socials.

The Executive were thanked for their work, good friendships are formed, comradery and assistance.

Co-President: Lee Tidmarsh Successful year of activities, fundraising and tours. Thank the Executive and Gerri for her leadership role. Encourage people to participate on the Executive.

Treasurer: Dora McNeal October Treasurer Report

For period ending October 31, 2024. The October meeting was successful financially. The craft sale hosted that evening raised $295. towards the food challenge for a total of $1,359.38. Thank you for your overwhelming support for this cause. $300. was raised in the bulb sale towards general revenue. Memberships in the month totaled $250.

Operating account was $5,300.10. Holding $1,690.13 between Cascade Garden funds and the food project which leaves $4,609.97 actual operating.

Year-end is December 31, 2024. A final report and the 2025 proposed budget will be presented at the January general meeting.

Membership and Communications: Brenda Hawkings There were 24 people in attendance (no guests or new members) including two attendees on Zoom. Membership is 110 regular members including 7 Lifetime members. 27 new members joined between September 2023 to April 2024. Fees remain the same. Credit card transactions incur a service fee. Post Office box has been removed. Email address has changed, growsgc@gmail.com updated on the website. Surveys for new members and speaker feedback. Nomination for lifetime membership (20 consecutive years) to Jon Bell.

A variety of communications are sent out to the members, to include reminders to renew memberships.

Speaker Program: Phill Murray Opportunities for learning. Lots of behind the scenes work to coordinate. Potential to have learning on screen during the socializing time.

2025 speaker topics to include Japanese Gardens, dried flower arranging, hanging baskets, potting up and soil building; and the Fraser Valley Rose Farm. Fire smart presentation will be rescheduled. Information on the Master Gardener program.

Website: Ellen Heale A transition was made to a new website coordinator. Thanks to Dianne Tarris for her encouragement and support. Forms were updated, including online payment for membership fees and donations. The website is updated on a minimum monthly basis with additions including events, minutes and newsletters. A section called Administration was added for use by the Executive for storing procedures and documents. A new section was added for General Meeting Minutes, password is Tulip. The Club's email address was changed to growsgc@gmail.com

Community Projects: Marg Acton, Pat Kolterman Busy year for community projects. 20 planters in downtown Sechelt that the Club maintains. Weeding of the rock wall behind the Aquatic Centre, maintenance of the Butterfly Garden (Gerri Randall has agreed to coordinate the garden with helpers), Totem Lodge maintenance. Totem will be repurposed as a mental health facility. Food challenge, thank members and community for donating, watering and harvesting.