



SEPTEMBER 2017

Hello,

It is the season, for harvesting & collecting seeds. Hope that you are enjoying bringing in the harvest from apples to zucchini, canning, pickling, preserving, freezing or just storing to enjoy a taste of summer over the cooler months.

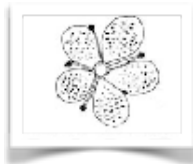
September Blow Soft Till the Fruit's in the Loft

This months newsletter contains:-

- Agenda - **Monday, September 25th, at Shelly Hall, Parksville: 1:p.m.** (doors open 12:30p.m.) **Art and Susan Lightburn** speaking about their trip to the Himalayas. At the meeting there will be:-
 - a. **Plant Sale, Collecting Seeds For October Exchange.**
 - b. **Seedy Saturday Presentation** by Robin Benke
 - c. **Library & Prize Draw.** You are welcome to bring a guest who might be interested in the plant sale (as well as the Art & Susan talk)). No charge at the door but they will have to pay for their draw ticket if they want one.
- **Programme 2017.** (June Strandberg & Valerie Melanson).
- **Review of August 28th Meeting** (Photography courtesy Kirsten Juergensen).
- **Library Report.** (Valerie Melanson).
- **Refreshments.**
- **Note From UBC Botanical Garden.**
- **Notices.**

Don't forget to take a look at the **AGCVI website.**

- Website: <http://alpinegardenersofcvi.wixsite.com/agcvi> (Acknowledgement to Teri Hyde).



Art and Susan in Northeast India

Come and enjoy Part One of the Lightburn's March and April trip to India. Part One covers Kolkata (Calcutta) through West Bengali to Darjeeling, then on to Gangtok in Sikkim and north to the rhododendron growing areas of the Himalayas. Expect to see Susan's great photography, and Art's initial attempts at recording with a video camera.



SEED EXCHANGES 2017

The Seed Exchange is now ready to take your harvested seeds for sharing. For our Society exchange vegetable seeds are now acceptable with any left overs going to Seedy Saturday in Qualicum.

The flower and alpine seeds are used by us first and then the Provincial exchange in Vancouver. By donating to this larger exchange we get access to a huge variety of seeds from around the world. If they are wild collected seeds please include location where collected.

The height of the plant is helpful as well as flower colour.

If you have seeds ready on the **25th of September** meeting date please hand them in to **Mike as he is relieving June of this task this year. Mike needs the seeds by October 16th. If you can contact Mike via email with a list of the seeds that you are donating a.s.a.p. this will enable Mike to make up the list of what is on offer this year.**

Examples:-

Trillium ovatum to 14 inches tall flower white Wild collected near Parksville

Galtonia caudicaus to 4 feet tall, bulbous, flowers white, late summer flowering.

PLANT SALE AT OUR MEETING SEPTEMBER 25th

If you have any plants for our sale please can you drop them off at June's on or before **Thursday September 21st** when we will be pricing them.

If you have any saved seeds ready for **Mike or me** you can drop them off at the same time.

You are welcome to bring a guest who might be interested in the plant sale (as well as the Lightburn Talk). No charge at the door but they will have to pay for their draw ticket if they want one.

We would also like a couple of volunteers to help with selling the plants on Monday 25th at our meeting. Phone or Email June.

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Thank you, June



Seedy Saturday Presentation to the AGCVI.

Robin Benke, Volunteer Seedy Saturday Coordinator, will be attending the **September 25th** Shelly Road meeting to give a brief talk on Seedy Saturday & Volunteer opportunities at the **Seedy Saturday, February 3rd 2018**.

February 3, 2018 will be the 16th year of the Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday. The success of every year is due to the generous support of our volunteers and we need your help to accomplish that success again. The shifts are a short 2 hours long, which leaves lots of time to enjoy the speakers and the rest of the venue.

Please sign up at the meeting or use the link below to access the Volunteer Application.

<https://www.qbseedysaturday.ca/volunteer-application/>

The team is looking forward to working with you.
Robin Benke, Volunteer Coordinator



AGCVI PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE as at September 18th, 2017.

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PLEASE START SAVING YOUR SEEDS FOR AGCVI & AGCBC EXCHANGES .

Any questions Email or speak to **Mike or June.**

Sept. 25th – at **Shelly Hall, Parksville: 1:p.m.** (doors open 12:30p.m.) **Art and Susan Lightburn** speaking about their trip to the Himalayas. **THERE WILL BE A PLANT SALE : PROCEEDS to AGCVI FUNDS.** Please start potting up anything you can spare. We need to top up our plant sale fund as we were short at our main plant sale in April due to adverse weather. Please bring you **saved seeds** - properly labeled or with as much information as you can. These seeds will be for our **own and AGCBC Seed Exchanges.** (See page 3 in Newsletter for information). We hope to distribute our seeds at the **Oct. 30th** meeting. Seed envelopes available from June.

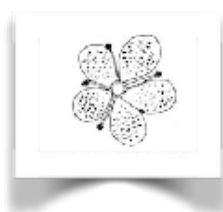
Oct. 30th – Lions Room, Nanoose Place: Bulb Workshop – more details to follow.

Nov. 27th – CHRISTMAS LUNCH at the Bayside – more details to follow.

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Jan. 29th – Shelly Hall, Parksville - AGM & Judy Millicheap on her botanical trip to Iran – more details to follow.

Feb. 26th – Shelly Hall, Parksville - Margot Moser on “Native Plant Beauties for Small Garden Spaces”



Review of August 28th Meeting (Troughs) at June's



June's Handiwork

Photographs Courtesy of Kirsten

Mike's planters below





*Kirsten's Handiwork
next to Mike's hat.*



*Bernie brought up some
plants for sale*



Trough in progress

Library Report:- Valerie Melanson.

The Library will be at the **September 25th** meeting at Shelly Hall & the **October 30th** meeting at Nanoose Place.

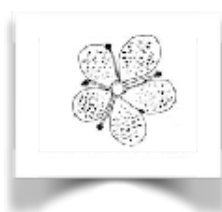
If you have any books out, could you please return them, or renew at the **September** or **October meeting**. If there is anything you would like to sign out in the meantime, let me know at melanson.valerie@gmail.com.



Refreshments:-

Thank you to **Vel** for arranging the refreshments & the cookie donors this month, **Joanne Nemeth and Karen Unruh**.

Please don't forget to "**Lug a Mug**."



UBC Botanical Garden.

Received an eblast from Phoenix Perennials with the subject line: PLEASE READ: Invasive Japanese Beetle Found in Vancouver

This is the text of the message:

Hello Fellow Gardeners,

I'm alarmed to be sending this email to you but I think it is important that we spread the word so gardeners can be on the look out for the presence of Japanese beetle in their gardens.

Japanese beetle is an invasive species that can do considerable harm to a wide range of garden plants. My horticultural colleagues in eastern North America speak of gardens ravaged by this hungry pest. Japanese beetle is about the size of the nail on your index finger and can be shiny green or shiny black. It has invaded eastern North America but is not yet on the West Coast. Until now.

Japanese beetle has recently been detected by CFIA in the False Creek area of Vancouver. It is not known how Japanese beetle arrived in Vancouver. It could have come in on infected nursery stock or soil or adults could have hitched a ride on trains or cars traveling from the east.

If you live in Vancouver, please familiarize yourself with the information below and follow the links for more discussion.

Please also share this email with your gardening friends in the city. If infested debris or soil is transported out of False Creek, Japanese beetle could pop up in other neighbourhoods.

I think it also wise for gardeners elsewhere in the Lower Mainland and BC to be aware of Japanese beetle so please have a look and also forward to your gardening friends and neighbours so you can be on the look out.

We do not want this pest in BC! On the off chance that you were to ever discover a beetle that looks like Japanese beetle in your garden or in a park, please contact CFIA immediately!

Cheers, Gary and the Phoenicians

Here is a link to the notice from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) <http://files.constantcontact.com/ec63e494101/e0b87655-f1d2-4d2d-81ee-bf229d287285.pdf>

The CFIA website page, with a link for reporting sightings, is [Japanese Beetle – Popillia japonica \(Newman\) - Plants - Canadian Food Inspection Agency](#)

And the beetle, from the email I received.

Have You Seen this Insect?



It might be useful to point out that Japanese Beetles look similar to the European Chafer Beetles that have proliferated in the Vancouver area. The main difference is the colour of the thorax, which is green in Japanese Beetles and brown in Chafer Beetles. Both have brown wing covers, and the Chafer Beetles have a narrower body.



Notices:-

Qualicum Beach Garden Club.

Tuesday, October **10th** 2017.

7:30p.m. (door open at 7:P.M.) Qualicum Beach Civic Centre.

Speaker - Amy Robson.

Topic - Putting Your Garden To Bed.

Guests \$3.00 at the door.

Eaglecrest Garden Club.

Wednesday, October **18th** 2017.

7:p.m.Qualicum Beach Civic Centre.

Speaker -Barbara Ebell from Nanoose Edibles.

Topic - Planning year round Home Garden, watering woes, pollinators & food sustainability.

Guests \$3.00 at the door.

For more info. Jenny 250 954 3888.

