



June 2016 Newsletter

Hello,

Hope that you have been enjoying your time outside this month, despite the vagaries of the summer weather.

There were no minutes taken at the May meeting. The meeting presentation by David Sellers "Pyrenees Flora In Perspective & Photographing Alpine Plants" A stellar presentation on the variation & wonders of Alpine flora to be found from the wetter western side of the Pyrenees to the more arid east. Enjoyed by all attendees - along with the many wonderful plants for sale. A useful website that David mentioned re Photography was

www.dpreview.com

This months newsletter contains:-

- Agenda for **Monday June 27th Open Garden Tour**. Three Gardens to tour. A treat awaits. **See Images & Info. Below. Courtesy Judy & Margot**

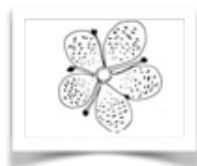
Everyone to meet at 1 pm and travel as cavalcade -

- start at Judy Millicheap's at 541 Pioneer Crescent, PV.
- Then onto Mary Taylor's at 2454 Glenn Place, NB.
- Margot Moser at 2403 Arbutus Crescent W, NB.
- We will end with a short meeting and break at Eswyn's Alpine Garden, Nanoose Place. Bring your own chair and your own snack and drink. We will have a plant prize draw.
- **Latest Programme Calendar 2016 & beyond**. Acknowledgement Valerie Melanson
- **AGCVI Seed Exchange Information**



Judy's Lovely Garden .

Awaits Your Visit Monday June 27th.



Garden of Margot & Gary Moser

2403 Arbutus Crescent, Nanoose Bay

Nanoose Bay

Whenever I think I'm making no progress in my garden, I look at this picture and others, taken 10 years ago, to remind myself that things have definitely improved. There must have been some sort of garden roughed in when our house was built about 45 years ago but it was totally neglected by the time my husband and I arrived. I spent the first three years unearthing layers of plastic and river rock, taking down broken electric fencing and hauling away loads of debris in my pickup truck.

Now that most of the back-breaking work is done and a deer fence constructed, I'm starting to have fun. There is still so much to do . . . I'll never live long enough to realize the garden potential of this beautiful 1-acre property but just being outside puttering is reward enough. Weeding has always been my favourite job in the garden.

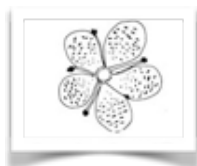
I grow close to 500 different species and cultivars, not including dozens in the compost pile. This isn't the easiest place to establish new plants but you have to keep trying. Many have found their 'forever homes' while others are still looking. After the shock of last summer's drought, I plan to grow more plants in large containers to make sure water reaches their roots.



My long-time love of native plants persuades me to give them first rights when choosing new specimens for specific locations. They grow very happily amongst my collection of 50 or so rhododendrons. Now that I have been seduced by alpine plants, I am particularly interested in native BC alpines and rock garden plants. It is very inspiring to have new interests in the garden and I look

forward to many adventures and discoveries as I put the finishing touches on my little piece of paradise.

- Margot



AGCVI Programme Calendar as of June 22, 2016

June 27 – Mini Garden Tour – Parksville and Nanoose – We have 3 gardens to visit:

July 25 – Workshop on Filling and Planting Dish Gardens/Troughs. Venue: June Strandberg's. Bring own dish, rock and plants. Or there will be slate, soil mix and some plants for sale. Prize Plant Draw. More details to follow in July Newsletter.

August 29 – Frank Hovenden, powerpoint & samples on Alpines & Bonsai. Nanoose Place, room on left, inside front door. Prize Plant Draw

Sept 12 - Guest Speaker: Mike Kintgen from Denver Botanic Topic – **Great Rock Gardens of Europe**. QBCC East Hall booked for 12:00-3:30. \$10 at door including coffee & draw. Members to turn in seed for our seed exchange. Also opportunity of Member Plant Sale with 20% to Speaker fund

Oct 31 – Round Robin of 3 stations. Shelly Road. Stations: Bulbs, Sowing Seed that needs to overwinter, Dividing Plants / Cuttings. Also distribution of Seed Exchange Seed. Prize Plant Draw.

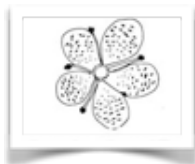
Nov 28 – Christmas Lunch – at Shady Rest

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Jan 30 – AGM & ??– Shelly Road, Library, Prize Draw

Feb 27 – ?? - Shelly Road, Library, Prize Draw

March 27 – Linda Derkach – Topic TBA, Shelly Road, Library, Prize Draw



AGCVI Seed Exchange:

Marion Summerer has once again purchased glassine seed envelopes for the Seed Exchange. They are available for purchase at the next meeting, June 27th.

Deadline for seed submissions is Monday, September 12th, after which a list will be distributed to members from which they can order seed, to be distributed at the October 31st meeting.

