



October 2017

Hello,

The nights are drawing in and early November will see the clocks going back. There may even be a sprinkling of frost in some parts locally. October is a busy month in the garden as we plant spring bulbs, clear borders and pot up winter containers.

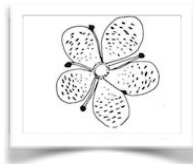
*Old saying:- Wait until any possibility of an Indian Summer is over to plant tulip bulbs.*

This months newsletter contains:-

- **Agenda - Monday, October 30th**, at Lions Room, Nanoose Place: **1:p.m.** (doors open 12:30p.m.) **Bulb & Seed Workshop.**
- **List of Equipment** that you **need** to bring for the Monday Meeting. (June Strandberg).
- **Plant Sale Review.** (June Strandberg).
- **September Meeting recap & Show what you Grow.** (Photography Courtesy Kirsten Juergensen).
- **Programme 2017.** ( June Strandberg & Valerie Melanson).
- **Membership 2018 Renewal Memo.** (Margot).
- **Seedy Saturday Note** from Robin Benke.
- **Library Report.** (Valerie Melanson).
- **Refreshments.**
- **Notices.**

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

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



## **BULB WORKSHOP: 30th October 2017.**

You will be sowing seeds and potting a few bulbs. Pots, soil and grit will be provided.

### **You need to bring:**

Small sieve.

Labels.

Marker.

Note book.

Pen.

Small tray or box for carrying your pots home.

Gloves optional.

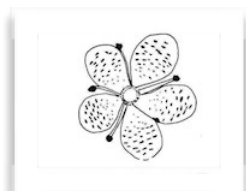
Please stay and help clean up if possible.

## **PLANT SALE REVIEW: 25th September 2017.**

We made **\$289.10** - this brings our sales for the year up to **\$1267.20**

**A Big Thank You to All** who donated plants, helped price, sell, set up tables and clean up afterwards.

And, of course, to those who bought plants - we couldn't do without you!



## 25th September Meeting recap.

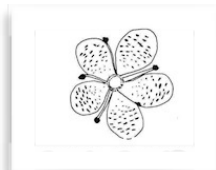
Many thanks to Susan & Art Lightburn who brought the colourful sights and sounds of India from Kolkata to Sikkim in the North, part of Eastern Himalaya. Home of 36 species of rhododendrons, not surprising the State flower is the Rhododendron.



## Show what you Grow.



*Mini Garden 2006.*  
*Tsuga Canadensis.*  
*Dianthus - Berlin Snow.*  
*Saxifraga Cuneifolia.*  
*Cyclamen Purpurae.*  
*Ceterach Officinarium -*  
*Rust Backed Fern.*

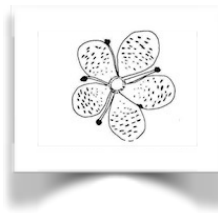




*(photographs courtesy of Kirsten Juergensen).*

*“In October dung your field and your land, it’s wealth shall yield.”*

*Motto.*



## **AGCVI PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE as of October 2017.**

### **2017**

**Oct. 30th** – Lions Room, Nanoose Place: Bulb Workshop.

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

### **2018**

**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”

### **AGCVI 2018 Membership Renewal.**

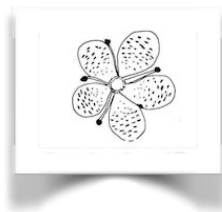
A message from Margot.

Our October 30<sup>th</sup> meeting at Nanoose Place would be an excellent time for you to renew your membership for **2018** – a bargain at only **\$10**.

I will be set up by **12:30pm** if you want to come a little early.

See you then.

Margot.



## Seedy Saturday February 3rd 2018.

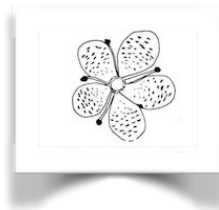
Robin Benke, Volunteer Seedy Saturday Coordinator. Following on from last month's brief talk from Robin, she has kindly requested us to bring it to your attention this month. **Seedy Saturday, February 3rd 2018. See link below enabling you to sign up for a shift online.**

"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



## **Library Report:- Valerie Melanson.**

The Library will be at the **October 30th** meeting at Nanoose Place.

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



## **Refreshments:-**

Thank you to **Vel** for arranging the refreshments & the cookie donors this month, **Loraine Wilhelm and Gladys Kinsman**. Please don't forget to "**Lug a Mug**."



## Notices:-

### Qualicum Beach Garden Club.

Tuesday, **November 14th** 2017.

**7:P.M. Start.** Qualicum Beach Civic Centre.

**Festive Seasonal Focus..**4 speed tables:-

Seasonal Floral Arrangements.

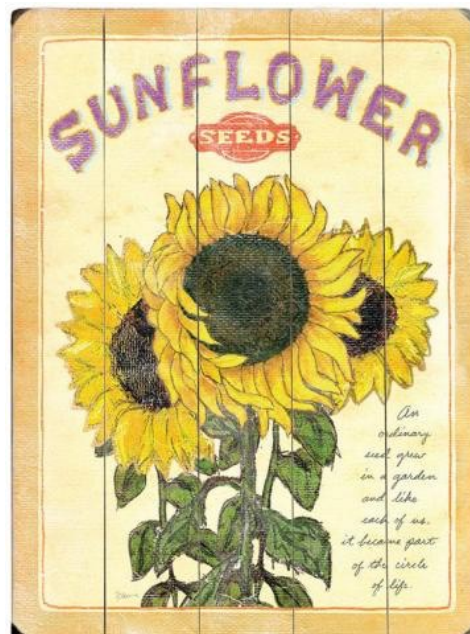
Gifts from the Garden.

Forcing Bulbs.

Seasonal Wreaths.

Guests \$3.00 at the door.

### The Vancouver Island Master Gardeners Association. Sunday, November 5th 2017.

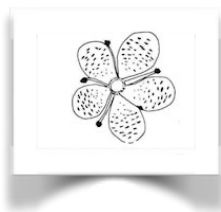


The Vancouver Island Master Gardeners Association welcomes members of the public to attend their fall education session on **Sunday, November 5th** starting promptly at **10:30 am** until **2:45**. There will be three speakers starting promptly at **10:45 am**. They will speak around the theme of “Garden Layers”. Cost is \$15 for the three sessions. Please bring your own bag lunch. Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided. Venue is Departure Bay Activity Centre, Nanaimo at 1415 Wingrove.

Joan Wynden – Practical Permaculture  
Jo Canning – Woodland Garden Design  
Dr. Kem Luther – Mycorrhizas, Mushrooms, and Plants

Kem will be speaking about fungi – perfect timing for mushroom season! You can check him out at the following link: [www.stegnon.com](http://www.stegnon.com) which focuses on his recently published book, “Boundary Layer”.

We are encouraging folks interested particularly in wild mushrooms to bring samples (picked that morning or the day before and stored in a paper bag in the fridge) so that Kem can identify them. There will be a mushroom walk following his talk at 2:45 but the spaces are limited. Community members are asked to register for a) the three programs and/or b) the mushroom walk by emailing Chris Southwick : [csouthwick@shaw.ca](mailto:csouthwick@shaw.ca) or by texting Chris at: [\(250\)616-2742](tel:2506162742).





**Vancouver Island Master Gardeners  
Present**

# Garden Layers

**Kem Luther, MSc, PhD**



## **Mycorrhizas, Mushrooms, and Plants**

Slide presentation on the role and science of mycorrhizal mushrooms and some common BC mushrooms

**ALSO!** Joan Wynden, Master Gardener:

**“Practical Permaculture”**

**AND** Jo Canning, Master Gardener:

**“Woodland Garden Design”**

**SPECIAL!** Mushroom walk with Dr. Luther, 3:00 pm

*Nov. 5, 2017, 10:30 am - 3:00 pm*

*Departure Bay Activity Centre, 1415 Wingrove, Nanaimo*

*Space limited, register (seminar & tour) by 6:00 pm November. 3*

*[csouthwick@shaw.ca](mailto:csouthwick@shaw.ca) or text (250)616-2742*

*\$15.00 cash or cheque at door*



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