



July 2016 Newsletter

Hello,

Summer days are marching on with a mixture sun and rain. Hope that everyone is enjoying the season of the garden.

Thank you to Judy, Mary & Margot for sharing their wonderful green spaces last month. Enjoyed by all.

This months newsletter contains:-

- Agenda for **Monday July 25th Trough Planting Workshop** 1:pm at June's 1980 Island Highway Tel: 250 752 0401 See Images & Information Below. Courtesy June Strandberg.
 - **Proposal for Membership Fee Increase** (2017)
 - **Latest Programme Calendar 2016 & beyond.** Acknowledgement Valerie Melanson
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TROUGH PLANTING WORKSHOP

Monday, July 25th 1.00 pm at June's. 1980 Island Highway, QB 250-752-0401

To Bring:

- Container you will be able to carry home with you when it is filled with soil, rock and plants.
- Labels and marker
- Pen & Paper
- Tamper to press soil down firmly between crevices (i.e small board)
- Trowel
- Gloves
- Dibber, pencil or some such tool to help with planting
- Spray bottle

Your coffee mug, chair and a snack. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Optional: Plants, rocks, soil of your choice.

We only have slate so if you want to use rocks you will have to bring your own. We will provide slate, soil, perlite and grit topping at cost.

Sand, pathway chippings and peat will be available for a donation to the Speakers' Fund.

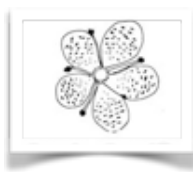
Plants will also be available, money going to same fund. At \$1 or \$2 per plant.

Unless you want a lot of plants \$10.00, in change, should cover it.

We will mix the soil here – ratio is half dirt and half rock. Or go with the latest and use more sand.

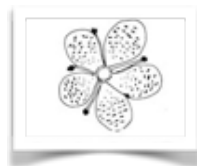
All soils, peat and coir count as dirt. Grit, sand, chippings and perlite count as rock.

We will also have the Draw so don't forget your \$3 for that.



PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE (2017)

The Board has discussed and recommended a proposal for a fee increase to **\$10.00** next year and a membership perk of a \$5.00 entrance to the big programs where general public will pay \$10.00. This will be voted on at the AGM in January. If members would like to add input before that the Board would appreciate their comments.



AGCVI Programme Calendar 2016-2017

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July 25 – Workshop on Filling and Planting Dish Gardens/Troughs. For details please see full details in this Newsletter.

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

Sept 12 - Guest Speaker: Mike Kintgen from Denver Botanic Gardens – Great Rock Gardens of Europe. QBCC East Hall, \$10 at door including coffee & Prize Draw. Also Members to turn in seed for seed exchange. Member Plant Sale with 20% to Speaker fund.

Oct 31 – Round Robin of 3 stations. Shelly Road – Watch the Newsletter for more details. Also distribution of Seed Exchange Seed. Prize Draw.

Nov 28 – Christmas Lunch at Shady Rest

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Jan 30 – Our AGM & Bernie Guyader – topic TBC – maybe Small Rhododendrons for the Rock Garden - Shelly Road. Library, Prize Draw.

Feb 27 - Speaker TBA - Shelly Road. Library, Prize Draw.

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

April 24 – David Sellars – Topic TBA. QB Civic Centre. Prize Draw. David will take orders for his plants in advance.

April 29th - Our Club Fundraiser Plant Sale, at Louise Cotterill's.

May 8 – Alan McMurtrie of reticulatas.com – he will speak on his work breeding Iris reticulata cultivars. Possibly speaking to VIRAGS on May 9, definitely speaking to AGC-BC on May 10th.

May 29 – Road Trip or Seminar, TBA

June 12 or 19 date TBC – Jiri Papousek, Alpine Parrot, from Czech Republic. Part of tour of AGC-BC, VIRAGS and other groups. More details to follow.

