



# South Burnaby Garden Club

May 2017

## NEWSLETTER

Our next meeting will be:

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Bonsor Community Centre

6550 Bonsor Avenue- 2nd floor

### CLUB AGENDA

**7:30 - 8:00 PM - Club Business**

**8:00 - 9:00 PM -Guest Speaker**

**9:00 - 9:20 PM -Show Bench**



Our next meeting will be about new products on the market that you may not have heard about before.

When we were at Mandeville last month we met with Kevin from Hop Compost and were impressed with his product which has 7.6x more organic nutrients than standard compost. Dave is the Vancouver Batchmaker for Hop Compost and he will tell us all about their product.

I'm exploring a few other new products that we can view at our meeting. By the time we have our next meeting Syl and I will have presented at the Burnaby Library on growing vegetables in pots. If there's time we'll fill you in on that event too.

See you all at the next meeting.

Lucette



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## Vinegar as an organic weed killer?

Vinegar is a non-selective herbicide, like most commercial products that kill weeds. This means that it can kill desirable plants like flowers. Vinegar, however, poses no risk to people, animals or the environment, unlike many commercial products. Five percent vinegar is strong enough to kill weeds, although it may take more than one application to kill stubborn weeds.

The major issue vinegar has is that it has no residual action to prevent new weeds from popping up in the future. While permanent removal may not be important in many circumstances, it may be desirable in others. Using a mixture of one cup of salt inside a gallon of vinegar can help permanently kill weeds in gravel paths or on concrete walkways or driveways. Adding a tablespoon of liquid dish washing soap to the mixture will help it to better stick to weeds when applied.

The weed killer can be funneled into a plastic spray bottle for easy application. It should be used on a dry, sunny day. Coating all surfaces of the weed in this solution will kill it in a few days. After use, the mixture can be stored in a cool, dark place until it is needed again.

Source: [www.reference.com](http://www.reference.com)

“The single greatest lesson the garden teaches is that our relationship to the planet need not be zero-sum, and that as long as the sun still shines and people still can plan and plant, think and do, we can, if we bother to try, find ways to provide for ourselves without diminishing the world. ”

— Michael Pollan, *The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals*



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## Fall Fair News

Dan will be selling seed potatoes for the potato in a pot contest and there will be a limited supply of dahlia tubers for the distinct dahlia category. This year's distinct dahlia is "AC Golden Nickels".



Thanks for the great photos  
Martine & Betty.

## In The Kitchen

### Co-Captains

Margaret Matovich  
Shirley Bailey

### Goodies





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## Sunshine

Get well cards were sent to Eugene Kozier & Ray Luporini.

A sunshine card was sent to Pat Humphrey.

## Next Steering Committee Meeting

Leanna Hawkins is Chair

Tuesday May 16 @ 7:00

at Dan's home

Members are welcome to attend Steering Committee meetings as observers.

If you would like to attend please email the Committee at: [sbgcinfo@telus.net](mailto:sbgcinfo@telus.net)



## Garden Tours

I'm thinking I might show my yard this year (Lucette) so if you live close by in the south slope area, perhaps you could open your garden on the same day and we could make an afternoon of touring. Call me if you'd like to discuss.

## Garden Photos

You are now seeing the spring flowers poking out of the ground so don't forget to start taking pictures for our November photo garden tour. This is a great time to catch the back yard birds looking for birdhouses to nest in and the furry friends hunting down your bulbs to enter in the photography portion of our Fall Fair too.

Deadline for June bulletin is  
May 25, 20/17





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## Show Bench Schedule

Welcome Guest Judge: Donna Lawson

### Decorative: THEME . . . Forces of Nature

1. **Avalanche** - A design with white predominating
2. **Flood** - A design showing water
3. **Wind** - A Hogarth curve arrangement
4. **Earthquake** - A design incorporating rock(s)



### Show Bench

5. Tulips, single, CVA 3 blooms
6. Tulips, double, CVA 3 blooms
7. Tulips, Lily-flowered 3 blooms
8. Tulips, Multi-headed 1 stem
9. Narcissus CVA any type allowed
10. Pansies, CVA 3 cuts or stems
11. Violas, CVA 3 cuts or stems
12. Lilly of the Valley 3 stems
13. Muscari (grape hyacinth) 5 stems
14. Primula 3 stems
15. Rhododendron 1 truss
16. Flowering branch 1 branch
17. Potted indoor plant 1 plant per pot
18. Potted indoor fern 1 plant per pot
19. Asparagus 3 spears (plate)t
20. Head of lettuce (plate)
21. Rhubarb 3 stalks (plate)
- 22.. Radish 2 (plate)
23. Herb - any variety
24. Anything not listed above





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## 2017 Calendar

### May 2

SBGC Meeting

Rotating Chair: Lucette Wesley

### June 6

SBGC Meeting

Rotating Chair: Leanna Hawkins

### July 4

SBGC Meeting

Rotating Chair: Syl Davis

### August 1

SBGC Meeting

Rotating Chair: Leanna Hawkins

### September 9 & 10

Fall Fair

Rotating Chair: Dan Oldroyd

### October 3

Potluck & Auction

Rotating Chair: Dan Oldroyd

### November 7

SBGC Meeting

Rotating Chair: Elizabeth Beer

### December 5

Christmas Dinner

Rotating Chair: Elizabeth Beer

## 2017 Steering Committee

### **May Rotating Chair :**

Lucette Wesley

### **Treasurer :**

Elizabeth Beer

### **Secretary:**

Betty Girard

### **Newsletter Editor:**

Leanna Hawkins

### **Speaker Convener:**

Lucette Wesley

### **Bonsor Liaison & Membership:**

Syl Davis

### **Sunshine:**

Joan Burnstad

### **Fall Fair Co-Chairs:**

Dan Oldroyd & Daphne Sinclair

