



South Burnaby Garden Club

September 2016

NEWSLETTER

South Burnaby Garden Club

invites you to help celebrate the harvest at our
Annual Fall Fair.

**When: Saturday, September 10th
1 PM - 5 PM**

**Sunday, September 11th
11 AM - 4 PM**

**Where: Bonsor Complex,
6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby**

FREE ADMISSION



www.southburnabygardenclub.org



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Fall Fair Reflections

Ten years ago I was a newbie SBGC member and when I first heard the words "Fall Fair" I wondered what all of the excitement was about. A few months later I attended my first Fall Fair. Wow, what a display! It amazed me that my fellow club members not only grew and harvested such a huge variety of vegetables and flowers; many were also skilled bakers, canners and crafters too!

Next thing I knew I was a Fall Fair Committee member and like so many other club members became excited when the words "Fall Fair" were uttered. As a Fall Fair Committee Member I reasoned that although it felt extremely intimidating to submit Fall Fair entries, I really needed to show my support and submit an entry or two.

My first entries were submitted with trepidation and doubt about how they would be perceived by the judges and by my fellow gardeners. To my delight some of my entries won ribbons and the judge's comments on my entries without ribbons were positive. What was even better than winning the ribbons were the discussions and sharing of knowledge that ensued with other gardeners, bakers, canners, and crafters.

Although this is my tenth Fall Fair, for me it never gets old, it's always a new and enriching experience. I would encourage those of you who have not yet tried submitting a Fall Fair entry to give it a go. You will be amazed by the support, discussions and camaraderie the simple act of submitting an entry will bring.





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POTLUCK DINNER and SILENT AUCTION– October 4, 2016 6 P.M.

******Potluck contribution deadline is *September 28, 2016.*******

Please phone Lily AuYeung at 604-433-6188 or email: lauyeung0610@gmail.com

- If you have not signed up for the Potluck Dinner;
- If you have not indicated what you plan to bring, or you are making a cash donation \$10;

Let's try to make this our best ever year for food variety and attendance.

REMINDERS:

- Bring serving utensils for your dish.
- Bring your own plate, cutlery and glass/cup.
- Make a label on what your dish contains.
- To avoid confusion at the end of the evening, please write your name on a piece of masking tape and stick it to the bottom of your container or utensils.
- Be at Bonsor Hall by 6:00 pm.
- Bring money for Silent Auction

Suggested Auction Donations:

(Please bring donations along the day of the Potluck & Auction)

- Handmade crafts: Knitting, Crocheting, Sewing, Clothing, Jewelry, etc.
- Re-gift your unused/unwanted gifts
- Books in good condition, especially gardening books
- Household, Gardening and seasonal items
- Buy a gift or gift card and donate to the auction

Any used items must be in excellent condition.

This year Katherine Raadsheer, Elizabeth Beer & Leanna Hawkins are overseeing the auction.
Please contact Leanna with any auction questions.



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ELECTION INFORMATION...NOV 1, 2016

We are always looking for new faces, new ideas and new volunteers to fill the positions that steer the SBGC throughout each year. This will give you just a smidgen of an idea of what each participant offers the Club....

MAYBE YOU WILL HELP FILL A POSITION???

President - Oversees and guides the events of the Club

Vice President - Gives a helping hand to the President, and fills that position when President is absent

Treasurer - Takes care of our finances/money and ensures accuracy

Secretary - Records Executive Minutes monthly; updates RED BOOK regularly

Bulletin Editor - Receives & processes info to post in Monthly Bulletin

Speaker Convener - Contacts/arranges for people with info of general interest to present to Club members at monthly general meetings

Fall Fair Chair/Co-Chair - These two volunteers organize & prepare other members for annual event, including soliciting volunteers to help with leg work

Director-at-Large - Fills in & helps when, or where, necessary

Bonsor Liaison - Liaises with Bonsor to ensure set up of meetings and events run smoothly

Sunshine - Sends cards to members who may be ill; sympathy cards when necessary; congratulation cards if fitting; thank you cards when needed, etc

These volunteers constitute the members who steer our Club during BOTH our General, administrative and monthly meetings throughout the year.

Over the past couple years, because we have not had a president or vice-president, the treasurer, secretary, bulletin editor, speaker convener, fall fair chair and director-at-large have rotated the duties of hosting and organizing the monthly meetings – ensuring stability throughout the year.

This Club would be in serious trouble should we not have these dedicated members to carry on the business of making sure this Club continues with its mission.

Everyone donates more time and effort to the Club business than just ‘owning’ the tasks required of their particular position.....



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It's a lot of fun and friendships continue to blossom due to the camaraderie of this wide and varied group of people with one common interest: GARDENING

The following positions are not 'elected' volunteers but are equally as important to the Club --- bonus feature: these participants are not required to attend monthly Executive,

Refreshment Co-Ordinator ensures 'baked goodies' are supplied by members and kitchen helpers are available for break period during general meetings

Club Photographer attends all functions--taking photos to ensure we are 'archiving' our activities

Show Bench Judge judges show bench member entries monthly – praising or gently critiquing

Show Bench Helpers set up, & un-set, tables where entries placed to be judged

Show Bench Recorder ensures entries have member number recorded for points accumulation

Draw Ticket Sellers bring & sell both the tickets for raffle prizes, and the prizes, to each general meeting

Floral Art Designers make/supply floral arrangements for Club when requested

Membership Coordinator controls/updates list of members; keeps membership kits available for new members

Volunteer Coordinator makes available sign-up sheets at each meeting for whatever event/function requires members to supply extra help.

Annual Event Coordinators needed for:

Garden tour(s) Coordinator - Spring Plant Sale Coordinators - Summer MEMBERS ONLY picnic host

October Silent Auction - October Potluck dinner - November Election - Christmas Dinner Party

So as you can see – it takes **MANY MANY MEMBERS** to make this Club work in the organized fashion we have become so accustomed to being part of.

PLEASE seriously consider offering some of your time, ideas and help to our Club so we can continue to enjoy all the benefits we receive from belonging to this special gardening group.

THANK YOU FOR INDULGING ME BY READING THIS LONG MESSAGE!!!

Rose Jorgenson-Mills – Elections Official 2016

You can contact me with nominations for any position, or questions, and I would welcome hearing from anyone who wants to take over any one of the positions. Email: grandmarose@shaw.ca OR: 604-437-7606



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FREE WASP NEST REMOVAL SERVICE

I was wondering if you could pass this along to your members, it's a free wasp nest removal service that also helps SFU scientists study wasps.

Allison Cornell
PhD Candidate
Department of Biological Sciences
Simon Fraser University

<http://aecornell.wix.com/cornell>





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Sunshine

No cards were sent this month.

Next Steering Committee Meeting

Dan is Chair

Tuesday, September 20

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

Garden Tours

If you would like to show your garden please contact Lucette Wesley.

Remember to keep taking those pictures of your garden so we can have our annual Photo Garden Tour at the November meeting.

Deadline for October Newsletter is September 22, 2016



Thanks for the great pictures LILY





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2016 Calendar

September 10 & 11

Fall Fair

Rotating Chair: Dan Oldroyd

October 4

Potluck & Auction

Rotating Chair: Dan Oldroyd

November 1

SBGC meeting election & Photo Garden Tour

Rotating chair: Betty Girard

December 6

Christmas Dinner

Rotating Chair: Betty Girard



Almost any garden if you see it at the right moment can be confused with paradise.

-Henry Mitchel

2016 Steering Committee

September Rotating Chair:

Dan Oldroyd

Treasurer:

Elizabeth Beer

Secretary:

Betty Girard

Newsletter Editor:

Leanna Hawkins

Speaker Convener:

Lucette Wesley

Director At Large:

Judy Vander

Bonsor Liaison & Membership:

Syl Davis

Sunshine:

Pat Humphrey

Fall Fair Co-Chairs:

Dan Oldroyd & Daphne Sinclair