

Sechelt Garden Club Newsletter

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Next Meeting SEASIDE CENTRE – JANUARY 27, 2009 – Doors open at 7:00; Meeting time 7:30

Reports:

Secretary: June will do the secretary duties for January the position will again be put before the members at the January 26th meeting for someone to be Secretary. The Secretary Responsibilities have been revised.

Membership – Renew this month if you haven't done so already. Fees are \$12.00 per person and \$17.00 per couple. **Remember your Name Tag. To be eligible to win a door prize you must be wearing your name tag.** Mary Rowles and Charmaine Harris will take over membership.

Christmas Luncheon: Another successful event! The date can now be placed on your Calendar – Sunday 29th November, 2009, at the Sunshine Golf and Country Club.

Speaker: Kathleen Dean will talk about her personalized journey in "Sunny South Africa." This informative, visual presentation will let us experience the remarkable landscape, architecture, and the Kirsten Bosch Gardens.

Want and Share: – The clipboard will be passed around at meetings.

Plants to Share:

Large white Hydrangea Bernice Twemlow,

Plants Wanted:

Black Iris Pauline Smith,

Tips:

1. Keep holiday poinsettias in a sunny, cool location with high humidity.
2. Use this month to check your houseplants: divide and re-pot any pot-bound plants. Prune judiciously to create a compact, attractive specimen.
3. Succulents – jade, hoyo, sansevieria, may be reluctant to bloom in the house, grow them in a small pot and hold back the water, this may persuade them to flower.
4. Start a Garden Record Chart now allowing space to record the dates of First Frost; Last Frost; Sowing Seeds; Planting Trans-planting; Time of Bloom; First Fruits; Problems with pest; Other Information.
5. Make a careful study this month of three important garden subjects: fertilizers, spraying and best seed varieties, remember to stay planet friendly.
6. Prune fruit trees now, the prunes can be gathered up into bundles to be used for kindling after they've dried.
7. Trim shrubs and hedges broken by snow; finish all pruning of trees before the sap starts.
8. Start some annual flowers at the end of this month, ie marigolds, sweet peas, impatiens, petunias and snapdragons. **Remember to plant some for the Plant Sale.**
9. Organize, clean, oil, and sharpen garden tools. A splash of bright paint on tool handles will make them easier to spot out in the yard.

Pardon My Latin

A plant's scientific name always packs a byte of information, such as where the plant is from or who found it. More often, the species name describes a distinctive feature. Colour, for example: *alba/us/um* (depending on whether the plant is feminine, masculine or neuter) is white. *Lutea* is yellow, *rubra* red, *niger* black, *caerulea* blue, *viride* green and so on. Usually, the colour will describe a plant part. Hence *albiflora* (white-flowered), *rubrifolia* (red-leaved). In the case of *Helleborus niger*, the Christmas Rose, it's the roots that are black.

Or size may be described. *Acer macrophyllum* (our native big-leaf Maple). Just to make things complicated, the Greek word for leaf (*phyllon*) is used here. *Acer* is a Latin word meaning hard or sharp -- maple wood once having been used for writing tablets. *Geranium macrorrhizum* (large-rooted). *Micro* small, *nana* tiny, *minimus*, *maximus*, *Lilium giganteum* (the giant lily, now known as *Cardiocrinum*). You get the idea.

There are words for shape, very often applied to leaves: *longifolia* (long-leaved), *lancifolia*, (lance-shaped leaves) *rotundifolia* (rounded). The familiar, dainty, hardy *Cyclamen hederifolium* has leaves shaped like ivy (*hedera*, the ancient Latin name). Or words referring to number: *uniflora*, *multiflora*, *bifolia*, *trifolia*, *floribunda* (many-flowered). Or fragrance: *odorus* (sweet-smelling), *foetidus* (foul-smelling). As you become familiar with the meaning of these words, it all begins to make sense and botanical Latin starts to become interesting -- and even useful!

Bill Terry

Dates to Remember

1. Sat. January 31st, S.C. Botannical Garden Society's "Grow the Garden Gala Dinner" **Sold Out.**
2. Sat. Feb. 14th, Valentine's Day Lecture BOTSOC Thomas Hoobs – guest speaker.
3. Monday February 23rd, "Roses" by Brad Jalbert, further information to follow.
4. BC Master Gardeners Association is holding its Spring Seminar on Sunday March 8th 2009 at Michael J. Fox Theatre in Burnaby. Members of the general public are invited to participate. These seminars are always very informative with first rate speakers. For further information on registration and information on the guest speakers go to www.bcmastergardeners.org and click on the members page.
5. **Plant Sale:** Will be held at the Seaside Centre on Sunday May 10, 'Mother's Day'. Please call or email Rayann if you are interested in volunteering. (*This year we'll make it even better*).

Garden Club Tours:

Dates and times to be announced

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