

# Sechelt Garden Club Newsletter

September 2008

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**Next Meeting - September 29/08 – SEASIDE CENTRE – 7:30 P.M.**  
(Please Note Date is Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> NOT 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
**Would the set up crew please be at the Centre by 7:00 p.m.**

## **Mini Show - Bobbi Kelly –**

'A Beach corner's Paradise' (try using a piece of driftwood, pebbles, shells)

## **Reports:**

**Secretary/Correspondence:** June sent "thank you cards" to all who hosted the Bowen Island visitors, drivers and Summer Garden Tour hosts and hostesses.

**Membership:** We have 145 members with 8 honorary members; Fees are \$12:00 and \$17.00.

## **News from the Committee**

- a) The AGM will be held at the November meeting. We are looking for volunteers for the positions of: Vice-President, Secretary and director. Please consider giving some of your time to stand for the executive and to help keep the club vibrant and growing.
- b) The BC Council of garden Clubs is meeting October 4<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver. Tickets are \$20 each the guest speaker's topic is on 'Pruning'. June will have registration forms at the next meeting.
- c) The Executive is arranging for a club tour of the new Botanical garden site, a tentative date of October 5<sup>th</sup> has been set aside – more details will follow.
- d) Shorncliffe Project is calling members for a fall clean-up & new planting blitz. Please email Christine if you can help for part of 2 days in late September & early October. More information to follow.
- e) At our meeting in October we will hold our first 'Harvest Fair'. The committee is asking when you collect and dry your seeds, set some aside for this event. We would also encourage members to make extra home made preserves to sell at the Harvest fair.

**Speaker(s)** – Kathy Leishman from Bowen Island will share "Lessons Learned from Mistakes Made in My Garden".

## **OF INTEREST**

Caron Gardens is offering a variety of workshops in October please go to our website to see what is available at [www.secheltgardenclub.blogspot.com](http://www.secheltgardenclub.blogspot.com)

## **Protocols For The Plant Table**

1. All plants to be potted and labeled;
  2. No invasive plants e.g. ivy, periwinkle, loosestrife, ajuga, goutweed;
  3. If the plant that you brought does not sell, take it home at the end of the meeting;
- We will be having the plant table set up in Sept and as we will be starting to split our perennials this fall, your extras would be appreciated.

**Wanted and To Share** - A clipboard is passed around at meetings to note plants wanted and to share. Please be sure to write your name and phone number next to your request.

**Time to:** Split perennials; mulch garden beds; pick fruit for preserving; plant out biennials (wallflowers); plant bulbs for indoor winter flowering; bring in indoor plants; plant spring bulbs outside; take cuttings from geraniums.

### **A Gardener's Glossary**

#### **Pardon My Latin**

This is the first part of a series on botanical Latin. Over time, the series will explain its origins and structure, what use gardeners can make of it and what it can tell us about plants. First though -- why should we care?

Some people won't let the common name for a flower pass their lips -- like a gardening friend who heaped scorn on me when I pointed out the pretty, native 'Starflower' (also known as 'Indian potato'). "You mean *Trientalis latifolia*", she said somewhat scornfully. Others are scornful about using the scientific names, dismissing this as 'elitism'.

Both are wrong in my view. Both common names and Latin names have their value in identifying plants. What's important is clear communication, whether orally or in writing. That's what names are for. For example, it would be silly to speak of the common, perennial woodland poppy as *Meconopsis cambrica*, when 'Welsh Poppy' is a name recognized by all. On the other hand, common names can be ambiguous. What's a 'bluebell'? The name is applied to different plants. What do we mean by 'corn poppy', 'field poppy', 'Flanders poppy' and 'Shirley poppy'? How many plants are listed? Just one actually -- *Papaver rhoas*. And if you say your favourite flower is the geranium, are you referring to the familiar pot plant (common name geranium, Latin name *pelargonium*) or to the race of hardy perennial geraniums (Latin name *geranium*, common name 'cranesbill')?

On plant labels at nurseries and plant sales (including our club's sale!) the best practice is to include both names: e.g. *Primula vulgaris*, English primrose. Then there can be no confusion.

Next month: a note on the structure of botanical Latin.

### **Dates to Remember**

- October 4<sup>th</sup> BC Council of Garden Club meeting in Burnaby - All Day
- October 5<sup>th</sup> SCBGS Tour at Mason Rd at 1:00pm
- November 24 Annual General Meeting
- November 30<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party at the Sunshine Coast Golf Club 12:00 Noon, tickets will be on sale at the next meeting.  
Check on the web-site/Blog Spot for all further information.

Webpage Address:

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