

**PLANT SALE:** You are probably familiar with our sale. It is huge!!—and our financial life-line. Its success is totally dependent on the participation of many, many of our club members over a 2-3 month stretch of time. Sale day is only the culmination of days of preparation. If you do not feel confident to volunteer for the sale itself, help with the plant preparation! No expertise is needed and, as a "learn on the job" opportunity, it cannot be beat. It's also a great way to meet other members one-on-one. Keep tuned for our spring "Plant Sale Extravaganza" newsletters for details. Sale date for 2007 is SUNDAY, May 6th, one week before Mother's Day. Location: the gymnasium of Glenbrook Middle School. We pledge the sale to be European Chafer free.

**GARDEN TOUR & PICNIC:** On Saturday July 14th (for 2007), 5 or 6 members open their gardens for the rest of us to view. It is a great way to get new ideas. And, if you want an incentive to "get that job done", there is none better than volunteering your garden for the tour. The following picnic, in a member's garden, is pot -luck and probably one of our most laid-back, enjoyable social events of the year.

**B.C. COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS:** This is the umbrella organization of all garden clubs in B.C. Many of our members know it for its meetings in March and October. For a nominal fee, these meetings are considered to be in the "best deal" category. For socializing, they cannot be beat. The Council's Scholarship Trust Fund annually gives several scholarships to help horticultural students in B.C. Our club annually contributes to this fund. Every two months, The BC Council newsletter, "The Bulletin" is published. Keep your eye on our bulletin boards for our copy. Or, you might want to subscribe to get it mailed to you.

**CLUB DISCOUNTS:** Some nurseries offer members a 10% discount. Your membership card must be presented before your bill is rung up. Politely ask if they give garden clubs a discount. If they say "yes", thank them. If they say "no", be gracious. *This is not a right, it's a privilege being extended entirely on their part.* If you find a new generous vendor, please report it to the executive.

## YOUR 2007 NWHS EXECUTIVE

The following is the list of the hard working group who have volunteered to lead the club for 2007.

They are open to your suggestions and willing to answer your questions. If one person cannot answer your question, she will direct you to the one who can. Feel free to call them. Out of courtesy and respect for their private lives, *please refrain from calling after 8 pm.* They are very good at returning calls.

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Horticultural Society  
membership.

## WELCOME TO THE NEW WESTMINSTER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Just attending the meetings is only part of belonging.

It is by getting to know the other members—becoming friends with that common interest, gardening, that you can really benefit from the club.

You may notice an emphasis on sharing—that's what friends do.

Read on, and take part...

**THE MEETING:** The meeting offers more than just listening to a speaker. Wander around the room during tea and you will discover many facets of the club.

**The Foyer:** As you enter the foyer, pick up your name tag, the newsletters and other handouts of interest—and *please* sign the attendance sheets. On the Bulletin Boards, you will find announcements which the club has received. Check them out. If we have a lot of information on one theme, there may be auxiliary posting on the walls within the main hall. Also in the foyer is the Free Table including the Seed Exchange. One person's discards become another's treasures. If you have gardening items (e.g. magazines, plants, dried materials, pots, tools, seeds) you would like to give away, bring them and put them on the table. If you have gathered seeds for the exchange, please clean them as much as possible before dropping them off in bulk. They will be packaged and labeled for the next meeting. Obviously, detailed labeling of donated seeds is invaluable.

*To make our meetings enjoyable to all our members, we strive to be SCENT FREE. Please refrain from using scented personal care products. Thank You.*

**The Head Table:** Want to sign up for an outing or activity?—this is where the sign-up sheets are—or if they are not, this is where to find their location. It is a perfect place to have questions answered. The club president generally hangs out here. Posters for upcoming events and often copies of past newsletters and handouts are available here to be picked up. If a speaker brings in materials for display or sale, they are on the head table.

**The Treasurer's Tables:** The treasurer handles all membership matters at this table such as renewals and new member registration. If you change your address, phone number or e-mail (or there is a mistake on the roster), please tell them here. If the club is selling items (eg. T-shirts, books, plants), this is the site. It is also where any fees for outings are collected. It is preferred that members do not conduct private sales at meetings. You are welcome to post notices on the boards if you have a gardening related item or items you would like to sell.

**The Raffle:** Everyone loves the raffle! The tickets are cheap (2/\$1), the prizes are great! The club purchases prizes but others are donated by members. Try your luck!

**The Kitchen and Tea Tables:** The array of goodies is courtesy of your fellow club members. Each month, donators for upcoming months are solicited. Please come forward. It is another way to share with your fellow members. Fantastic home baking is not a prerequisite. The club supplies the beverages. There is no fee to enjoy these offerings.

**The Library:** Borrowing a book is simple. The books are available to members on one month loans. See the librarian to sign one out this meeting. Please return it the next. There is no charge. Donations of good gardening books are welcome.

**"Bring to Share":** At our April and Sept meetings, tables are arranged around the perimeter of the room. Members are urged to bring in something to share and put it on display. It can be a plant, an idea, or even a gardening question. The possibilities are endless. During tea, check out what has been brought in and offer feedback. It's a great way to exchange ideas.

**COMPETITIONS:** Throughout the year members are urged to take part in the fun of competing.

**June In-Club Show:** This is a judged show for members only. The schedule is distributed at the May meeting. Ribbons are awarded in each category. Two "Best of Show" awards ("Cut Materials" and "Floral Art") are determined by popular choice.

**Queensborough's Urban Farmer's Fall Fair:**

The formal judged competition section of this great family-oriented event offers chances to exhibit in cooking and arts and crafts as well as horticultural categories. The club urges its members to compete. In fact, it picks up the tab for all entry fees for club members. The schedule is generally available in the summer.

**Photo Contest:** At the Oct meeting, members submit their photos taken throughout the year. The entries in the three categories are judged by an accredited expert. Awards are presented at our Dec festivities.

**Container Contest:** Take photos of your container creations when they are at their prime. At the Oct Meeting, submit the photos and your plant list. At the Nov meeting, all in attendance, get to vote for the container deemed the best. At the Dec party, the presentation is made to the winner. See the final page of your club roster or the website for complete Photo and Container Contest rules.

**OUTINGS:** Our many outings and trips offer venues for socializing with other members while, in most cases, sharing horticultural experiences. We try to offer variety. Although we aim to give at least one month's notice before an outing, sometimes a "not to be missed" opportunity falls into our lap at the last moment. Usually there is no monetary charge—however there are sign-up sheets. If you plan to partake, please sign-up. If you change your mind, contact the president. This enables us to advise the location we are visiting of the numbers to expect. Also, we can contact you if there is a last minute change in timing or routing. Most sign-up sheets are at the head table except those requiring money to be collected. Where money is involved, the sheet is with the treasurer. Generally speaking, members are invited to bring guests along on the outings. If a restriction applies, members will be notified.