



South Burnaby Garden Club

July 2017

NEWSLETTER

Our next meeting will be:

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

Bonsor Community Centre

6550 Bonsor Avenue- 2nd floor



Canada will be 150 years old when we have our next meeting. Most of us probably remember the 100th anniversary. Where did those 50 years go???? Our picnic this year at Martine and Charly's will be themed for this occasion. See details elsewhere in the bulletin.

Ever wondered what's involved in creating and maintaining the Sun Yet Sen gardens? Bob Wilmott and another garden member will show us a 45 min. presentation on Pruning a Ming Style Classical Chinese Garden.

This should be a treat. Come with your questions.

See you all at the next meeting.

Lucette

CLUB AGENDA

7:30 - 8:00 PM - Club Business

8:00 - 9:00 PM -Guest Speaker

9:00 - 9:20 PM -Show Bench

A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.

Doug Larson



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Garden Club Picnic - Saturday July 22

Martine and Charly are holding the picnic at their home and in honor of Canada's 150th they will be hosting with a red and white theme. Also because of this special year, they asked the executive if we would consider setting a budget to bring in food for the picnic so that everyone can just come and enjoy. This needs a vote, so at our July 4 meeting we will ask our members in attendance to vote on a budget for the picnic, and we will also need to know how many people will be coming to order the right amount of food. So if you are not planning to attend the July meeting but want to come to the picnic, please let one of us know so we can count you in.

This will be a rain or shine event, but there will be room inside should it rain. We hope to have games this year. So bring your bocci set if you have one; there is room to play.

I hope we will see you there.

Lucette

Fond Reflections

I marvel and give thanks for the many blessings that being a SBGC member has provided to me. When I joined the club eleven years ago I had no idea how it would change my life. After a couple of months as a member the late Pete Greenway sweet talked me into joining the Fall Fair Committee. Next thing I knew I was knee deep and then waist deep in other SBGC ventures; some challenging and all worthwhile.

Expanding my gardening skills was a given and I'm looking forward to continuing practicing those skills in my new garden in Langley. (Watch out Paul Vander I'll be back at the Fall Fair in 2018!) However, the blessing that I am most thankful for is the gift of friendship. Gardeners are indeed awesome and competitive people. My thanks to all of you for being the lovely people you are.

Leanna



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How To Eradicate Weeds From Your Garden

Weeds can be a frustrating enemy of the vegetable gardener. Not only can they make the garden look unsightly, but they wreak havoc on the health of vegetable plants. Weeds compete for the same nutrients and water vegetable plants need for healthy growth. The real question is how can it be done without spending hour upon hour of backbreaking effort weeding the garden.

Well, first off – it can be. And surprising as it may seem, it can be done quite easily! How? By following a few simple practices that keep weeds from ever becoming established in the first place.

The 3 Keys To Eradicate Weeds From Overtaking The Garden

#1 Stop Disturbing The Soil

That's right. Amazing as it may sound, doing a little less can go a long way in helping to eradicate weeds. The single, most effective way to stop weeds from taking over your garden is to stop tilling, hoeing, raking and working your soil so much.

Every time the soil is disturbed, hundreds, if not thousands of weed seeds are replanted. No matter what we as gardeners do, weed seeds will always find a way into the garden. Whether from drifting in from the wind, or from birds and other wildlife replanting them as they visit.

The key is to never help those weeds get established.

Tilling and hoeing the entire garden simply takes all of the weed seeds laying on the surface, where they may never germinate, and plants them into the soil. Tilling is actually a prime reason that weeds continue to multiply. The less you disturb your soil, the less weeds you will have!

#2 Mulch Like You Have Never Mulched Before

Mulch is and will always be the answer to a simple, low maintenance, weed-free garden. Never, ever, leave soil bare.

Instead of tilling and hoeing, use mulch to suppress and keep weeds from ever becoming established. Not only does it eliminate hours of work, it actually is more helpful to the health of your garden.



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To keep costs at a minimum, you can use different mulches in different areas.

We use a heavy 4" to 6" layer of shredded bark / wood chips in all of the walking rows of our garden. It is an inexpensive by-product of local sawmills and tree trimmers. It can usually be sourced locally for as little as \$20 a truckload, or even free from local tree trimmers and landscapers.

Wood mulch breaks down slowly and keeps weeds completely out of the walking rows of our garden. It makes it completely unnecessary to maintain any of the walking row areas of your garden by tilling or hoeing. That cuts your weeding chores in half right off the bat! We reapply as needed in our walking rows to keep them completely weed free.

In the growing rows, we use a combination of shredded leaves, straw and compost right up around plants. It suppresses weeds seeds from ever becoming established, and also gives back valuable nutrients to the soil as it decomposes. Use at least a two-inch to 3" thick layer to be effective, and reapply as necessary.

#3 Cover Crop In The Fall

This fall, as your garden season comes to a close, plant a cover crop. They are the most incredible, inexpensive, weed-stopping crop in the world. Our favorite is annual rye, which grows thick and green, and fast!

Cover crops help eradicate weeds by protecting bare soil over the late fall, winter and early spring months. They form a thick, lush barrier that keeps blowing seeds from ever finding their way into the soil. They also build tremendous vitality into your growing rows.

Source: <https://oldworldgardenfarms.com/2017/06/04/eradicate-weeds/>





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Sunshine



A get well card was sent to
Dan Oldroyd

Fall Fair News

*Fall Fair ticket books will be available at the July and August meetings as well as at the Fall Fair.

**2017 Fall Fair Schedule is available on our club website. Click on the "Fall Fair" button on your right.

<http://southburnabygardenclub.org>

**Volunteer sign up sheets will be available during the meeting at the back table.

Next Steering Committee Meeting

Syl Davis is Chair

Tuesday July 18 @ 7:00

at Syl's home

Members are welcome to attend Steering Committee meetings as observers.

If you would like to attend please email the Committee at: sbginfo@telus.net

Garden Photos

Remember to take pictures for our November photo garden tour. This is a great time to catch the back yard birds, humming birds, squirrels, and I even caught a raccoon in broad daylight looking for food and hunting down my bulbs. You can enter photos in the photography portion of our Fall Fair too.

Garden Tours

I'm (Lucette) still hoping to hear from someone else in the south slope area, to show their garden when I show mine. We could do it on the same day and just walk over. Call me if you'd like to discuss. We have a couple more tours that we'll set up shortly too. Stay tuned.

Deadline for August bulletin is
July 20, 2017



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Show Bench Schedule

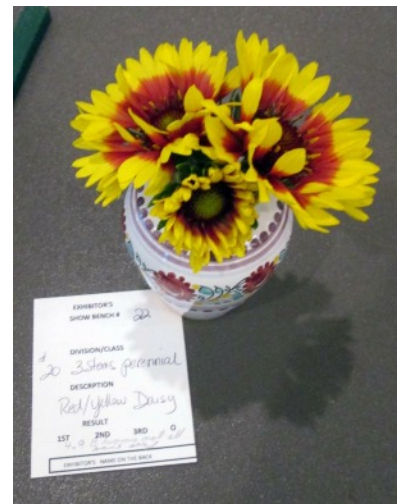
Welcome Guest Judge: Mas Tanizawa

Decorative: THEME . . . Celebrating Canada's 150th

1. **O Canada** - A design of your own interpretation
2. **Prince Edward Island** - A petite arrangement not to exceed 9 inches in any direction
3. **The Rockies** - A design with a natural element such as rocks or wood.
4. **The Arctic** - A design incorporating white flowers

Show Bench: Fruit, flowers and vegetable section must be from the members gardens not borrowed

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| 5. 1 specimen bloom Hybrid Tea Rose | 16. 1 vase of annuals |
| 6. 1 spray Floribunda Rose | 17. 1 vase of perennials |
| 7. 1 spray of Miniature Rose | 18. 3 Hosta leaves |
| 8. 1 decorative bloom of Miniature Rose | 19. 3 radishes |
| 9. 1 stem of Old Garden Rose | 20. 1 head of lettuce |
| 10. 1 bloom any other type of rose | 21. 5 Spring onion |
| 11. 1 spike Delphinium | 22. 5 pods of peas |
| 12. 1 stem Iris | 23. AOV lettuce |
| 13. 3 stems of Sweet Pea | 24. AOV vegetable |
| 14. 3 stems Astilbe | 25. 5 strawberries |
| 15. 1 stem of Lily | 26. 10 raspberries |
| | 27. Anything not listed above |





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2017 Calendar

July 4

SBGC Meeting

Rotating Chair: Lucette Wesley

July 22

SBGC Members Picnic

August 1

SBGC Meeting

Rotating Chair: Syl Davis

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

2017 Steering Committee

July 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





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