



# South Burnaby Garden Club

September 2017



South Burnaby Garden Club invites  
the Community to help us celebrate the harvest at  
our annual Fall Fair.

When: Saturday - September 9th  
1 PM – 5 PM

Sunday - September 10<sup>th</sup>  
11 AM – 4 PM

Where: Bonsor Complex,  
6550 Bonsor Avenue,  
Burnaby, B.C.

## FREE ADMISSION

[www.southburnabygardenclub.org](http://www.southburnabygardenclub.org)



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**Where has the year gone?** I am sure many of us ask that as time counts down to our Fall Fair. Dan, Daphne and their team is hard at work planning for another great year. We had an excellent meeting in August, where many experienced people shared some of their tips and tricks. Dan also had some written guidelines which this article is based on.

First and foremost, do not judge in the garden, let the judges do that on Saturday morning. If in doubt, bring it in. Even if the entry does not get a first, people will enjoy seeing your hard work. That having been said, here are a few notes about making that entry the most pleasing to the judge:

Be careful when transporting. For fruits and vegetables, consider wrapping them individually in moist paper or tea towels for the trip up to Bonsor. The exception is potatoes, they should not be washed, rather just the dirt gently brushed off.

Remember that when preparing entries that call for multiples (eg: 3 dahlias, 6 berries, 6 beans etc.) up to half their score comes from uniformity. For those entries you may end up not putting the biggest on the table, because the middle sized items can be uniform in size and colour.

Generally, entries should have some of the supporting cast showing. That means beans, peppers and many other vegetables should have some stem, flowers should generally be shown with a few leaves, tap roots should be removed just below the body of the fruit, but still be visible.

If you know the variety, it should be stated on the entry tag. If you don't that is OK too. For many people who have gathered seed or done cuttings over the years, the name of the variety is long lost. This does not prevent you from bringing your entry in.

For baking and canning, the entry will be cut into or opened by the judge. The judge often tastes the entry as well. The inside of the entry is just as important as the outside. Jam should be soft and easy to spread, jelly should be transparent and able to hold its shape.

There will be a copy of the current judging manual at Bonsor on Friday night. If you are in doubt



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about a particular entry you can look it up. Also, if you have questions please send them to [sbgcinfo@telus.net](mailto:sbgcinfo@telus.net) and your question will be answered by one of the show committee members.

Good luck at the show! Betty

## Annual Garden Club Picnic

Special thanks to Martine & Charly who so graciously made their space available for the picnic this year. Thank you especially for all the extra effort in bringing the large dining room table and chairs outside, under the huge cover so that we were protected from the rain.



We had almost 30 people that attended and the weather cleared just in time for us to be able to wander the garden and enjoy our food.

Our hosts did extras as always with the punch, hot coffee and more.

Their garden was gorgeous that day with so many plants in their prime for colour as you will see from Lily's quality pictures

For those of you who did not attend I can only hope you will be able to come next year as this is definitely one of the highlights on our garden club calendar. Syl



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## POTLUCK DINNER and SILENT AUCTION– October 3, 2017 6 P.M.

**\*\*\*\*Potluck signup deadline is September 25, 2017.\*\*\*\***

Please phone Lily AuYeung at 604-433-6188 or email: [lauyeung0610@gmail.com](mailto: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/person

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 Carole Graves & Elizabeth Beer are overseeing the auction.

Please contact Carole with any auction questions.



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## ELECTION INFORMATION...NOV 2, 2017

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 BLACK 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 meetings.**

**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.

## **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!!!

Len Gross – Elections Official 2017





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## Sunshine



Get Well cards sent to  
Lorna Herchenson & Jean Murray.  
Sympathy card to Judy Vander for  
the passing of her brother.

## Garden Photos

Remember to take pictures for our  
November photo garden tour. This is a great  
time to catch the gardens in full production  
with the vegetables and start of fruiting  
season. You can enter photos in the  
photography portion of our Fall Fair too.

## Next Steering Committee Meeting

Dan Oldroyd is Chair

Tuesday, October 24 @ 7:00

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: [sbginfo@telus.net](mailto:sbginfo@telus.net)



Deadline for October bulletin is  
September 21, 2017





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## 2017 Calendar

### **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

### **December 5**

Christmas Dinner

Rotating Chair: Elizabeth Beer



## 2017 Steering Committee

### **September Rotating Chair :**

Dan Oldroyd

### **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

