



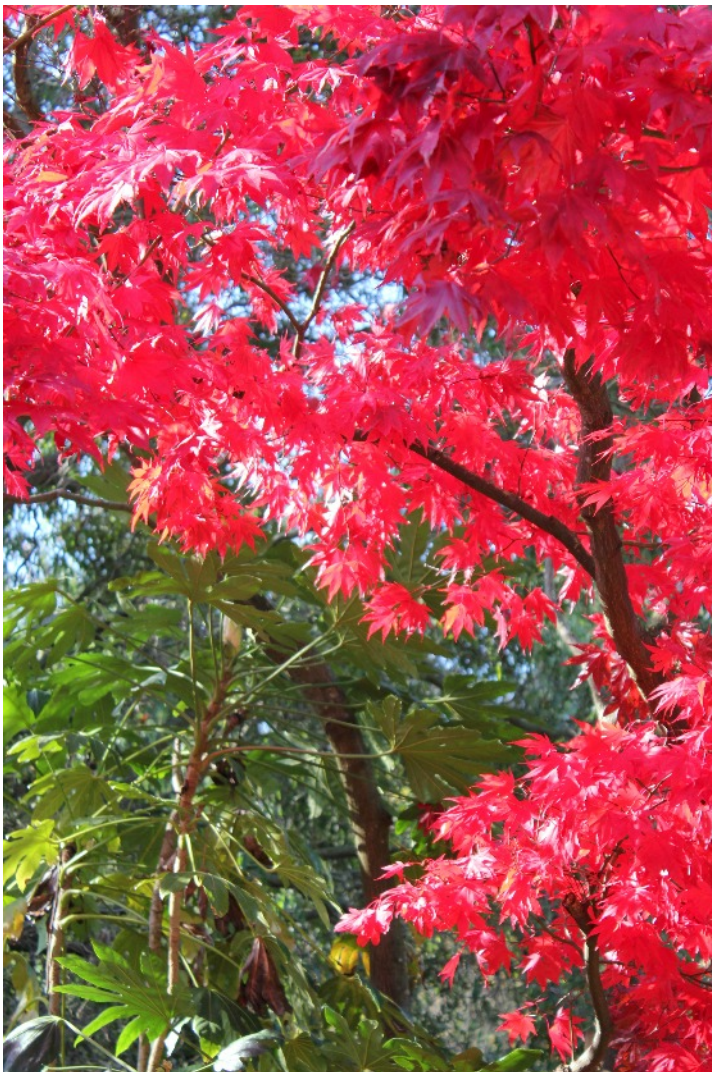
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NEWSLETTER

**Our next meeting will be:
Tuesday, Nov 7, 2017
7:30 PM**

**Bonsor Community Centre
6550 Bonsor Avenue- 2nd floor**



As I write this they're predicting 15 degrees and sunshine for the next few days....what a lovely start to the Fall season. I'm working on our tours of each other's gardens by photo so get ready for a great showing of flowers.

It's our election night too so hopefully you're considering what positions you might be interested in trying out. There are many different roles you could take on so please do consider these interesting opportunities.

I'll be asking you for suggestions for speakers for 2018 at this meeting so think about what you'd like to see for next year and come prepared with a few ideas. How about Ikebana arrangements, or attracting birds to our yards or ???????

Lucette

*Autumn is a second
spring where every leaf
is a flower.*

Albert Camus



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POT LUCK & SILENT AUCTION

We would all like to thank the coordinators of the POTLUCK & SILENT AUCTION Lily Auyeung, ELizabeth Beer and Carole Graves as well as all their wonderful, dedicated helpers who did such a wonderful job. TALENTED POTLUCK CHEFS who wowed us with their delicious offerings which were devoured with " gusto " and also to all the donors & buyers of the auction items that contributed to the significant sales for our club... we are extremely GRATEFUL.

A big thank you to Betty Girard for her generous donation of the stunningly beautiful dahlias for the centerpieces that graced our dinner tables which were created by Judy & Martine. It was a very fun evening & enjoyed by all in attendance.

Judy





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HOW TO MAKE LEAF MOLD HOW TO TURN FALLEN LEAVES INTO GARDENER'S GOLD

Fallen leaves can be time-consuming to deal with, so don't waste all that hard work by throwing them out. Use them to make precious leaf mold instead.

WHAT IS LEAF MOLD?

Leaf mold is incredibly useful in the garden, and can be used to improve soil, suppress weeds, or as a component in your own potting soil mix. Leaf mold is made from the leaves of deciduous trees and shrubs (that's one that drops its leaves in winter). Thicker deciduous leaves and evergreen leaves take longer to rot down, so they should be added to your main compost heap where they'll rot down faster due to higher temperatures. Some leaves should not be used for leaf Mold, as they release chemicals that can stunt plant growth. These include black walnut, eucalyptus, camphor laurel and cherry laurel.



HOW TO COLLECT LEAVES FOR LEAF MOLD

Collect leaves from almost anywhere they fall, but don't collect leaves from busy roads as they may contain pollutants that could harm your plants. Using a spring-tine rake or a leaf blower, collect leaves into piles then scoop them up by hand or using improvised grabbers.

A quicker method is to mow them with a lawnmower on its highest height setting. The blades will chop the leaves into small pieces that will turn into leaf mold faster than whole leaves. If you're collecting the leaves as you mow them be aware that the collection bag can become heavy quickly, particularly if the leaves are damp, so you'll need to empty the bag often.

HOW TO MAKE LEAF MOLD

Leaf mold is simple to make. First construct a leaf mold cage to contain your leaves while allowing plenty of air to reach them. Hammer four corner posts into the ground, then staple chicken wire or mesh to the posts. It will normally take about two years for leaves to rot down into leaf mold.



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An even simpler solution, for small amounts of leaves, is to stuff them into sturdy garbage sacks. Squash the leaves right down into the sack, tie it shut, and puncture it several times with a garden fork. Pop the sacks somewhere out of the way where they will remain undisturbed for a couple of years.

HOW TO USE LEAF MOLD

1. Improve soil. Within two to three years, your leaves should have rotted down into dark, crumbly leaf mold. Spread it thickly on the soil surface and lightly fork it in. Beneficial soil organisms will then incorporate it fully into the soil. Leaf mold will enhance any soil type, improving drainage in heavy clay soils and helping to retain moisture in light, sandy soils.
2. Mulch. Leaf mold that is between one and two years old will only be partially broken down, but at this stage it can be spread as a mulch to suppress weeds and gradually improve your soil. Lay it 1-2 inches thick around fruit trees and bushes or other perennial plants.
3. Potting soil mixes. Sieve finished leaf mold to remove any lumps and debris. Mix the fine sieved leaf mold with compost and weed-free topsoil, and use it for growing crops in containers or when transplanting young plants.

Source: <https://www.almanac.com/content/preparing-your-garden-winter>





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ELECTION INFORMATION...NOVEMBER 7, 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 RED 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 and administrative 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.....

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.



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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

Refreshment Coordinator 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 Arts Group: make/supply floral arrangements for Club when requested

Membership controls/updates list of members; keeps membership kits available for new members

Annual Event Coordinators needed for:

Garden tour(s)

October Potluck Dinner

Spring Plant Sale

November Election

Summer MEMBERS ONLY picnic host

Christmas Dinner Party

October Silent Auction

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.

You can contact me with nominations for any position, or questions, and I would welcome hearing from anyone who wants to take over any one of the positions.

Len Gross – Elections Official 2017

Please excuse any 'definition' that may not exactly fit the named position...I tried my best to describe.



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Sunshine

No cards were sent.

**Reminder---- November is
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION
night.**

VOLUNTEERS—this is YOUR night !

Please join us in supporting our very important “ Elections Night “ & enjoy the wonderful Garden Video tour Lucette has put together for your enjoyment and then partake in some delicious cake ! There will be prizes to be won and lots of fun !

We look forward to seeing you there !

Next Steering Committee Meeting

Elizabeth is Chair

Tuesday November 14 - 7 PM
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: sbgcinfo@telus.net

CHRISTMAS PARTY NEWS !!



Please remember TICKETS for our XMAS PARTY on DECEMBER 5TH will be on sale at our NOV 7th meeting.. Please buy your tickets at our November meeting to save time at the December meeting for our volunteer staff and so that we can have an accurate count for the caterer. If you are planning to attend the Xmas Party but are not able to buy at November meeting, please phone Elizabeth or Judy to let them know so you will be counted in. We also would appreciate it if any winners of the centerpieces at the October meeting would care to recycle their containers to please bring to Nov meeting and pass on to Judy or Martine. We would be pleased to re use them for our Xmas Party centerpieces. Thank

Deadline for December/January Newsletter is

November 23, 2017



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2017 Calendar

November 7

SBGC Elections & Photo Garden Tour

Rotating Chair: Elizabeth Beer

December 5

Christmas Dinner

Rotating Chair: Elizabeth Beer



2017 Steering Committee

November Rotating Chair:

Betty Girard

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