



# South Burnaby Garden Club

## N E W S L E T T E R

February 2018

*Our next meeting will be:*  
**Tuesday February 6, 2018**  
**Bonsor Community Centre**  
**6550 Bonsor Avenue- 2nd floor**

I hope you all had a great holiday season and are enjoying our Non snow winter. It's been a pleasure to be able to get around with just a bit of rain!

I can't make this meeting, but you'll be asked to vote on speakers for 2018 so I can make sure I'm meeting your expectations.

You'll see elsewhere in the bulletin that we are changing everyone's exhibitor numbers and that every family member will get one. We hope to encourage more of you to bring in exhibits. And to that end, our first speaker or 2018 will demonstrate a totally different type of floral art -Ikebana that we can use in displays.

Joan Fairs has been practicing Ikebana for about 35 years. She has always loved flowers and gardening, and the Sangetsu School of Ikebana seemed like a good match for her since it focused on naturalness, and one's love of nature. Joan became an instructor, and in 2013 went to Japan to study at the Sangetsu headquarters and successfully attained the highest level of Professor. Throughout the years, she has taught many students, done numerous demonstrations and displays, and has held the position of President of the Vancouver Ikebana Association three times. She now teaches in South Burnaby.

Have a great 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

# GARDENING

with Mark and Ben

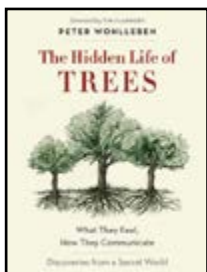
The increasing pace of life is something we can't escape, as every year passes more quickly than the one before it. We become especially aware of this at the beginning of a new year, where we're standing back at the same place - looking back, making resolutions anew - and thinking how recently it feels like we were at this same place.

We hope that you took the opportunity over the holidays to take a pause. If you didn't, we would recommend that you stand at your window and do so - look upon your sleepy January yard and reimagine it full of colour and life. January is a good month to exercise the imagination, and imagination happens best when we stop and breathe.

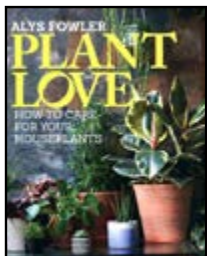
Another great catalyst for the imagination is by taking the opportunity to read, and January is the time of year where we have most opportunity to pick up a book. If you don't already have your reading list laid out, let us make a couple of recommendations:



***The Man Who Made Things out of Trees*** is an exploration of trees and wood by British author Robert Penn. As part of his story, Penn cuts down an Ash tree and remakes it into as many different useful products as he can - he comes up with 44. Along the way he provides a fascinating history of the various ways human history has been shaped by our relationship with trees.



***The Hidden Life of Trees*** by German scientist, forester and tree-lover Peter Wohlleben is another fascinating deep dive into one of our favourite specimens: trees. This best-seller is rich with surprising facts and details the complex interconnectedness of trees to one another and their environments which was previously not understood.



***PLANT LOVE*** by Alys Fowler is a relatively new book on caring for houseplants, which is something we turn more attention towards at this time of year. From Araceae to Zamioculcas zamiifolia ("ZZ Plant"), this book is rich with useful information and photographic inspiration to help you tend to your indoor jungle.



***Harrowsmith Almanac*** is released this time of year and always chock full of useful information for the gardener. Just a hint, you might see some editorial from someone you recognize!

## *And the Winner is...*

A great news to end the year for South Burnaby Garden Club.

Elaine Davis has won the 2017 Crisco Country Fair Baking Contest. For her submission for national contest, she reproduced her recipe by putting the information into a lemon shape with even, beautiful printing. And with her mother Elsie's guidance in baking and Dad Ray's home grown lemon, Elaine put these altogether into winning this contest.

# Bodacious Broccoli Salad (serves 12)

Recipe by: Cassandra Kennedy

Source: allrecipes.com

## Ingredients

- 8 slices bacon
- 2 heads fresh broccoli, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups sharp Cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1/2 large red onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/8 cup white sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- Add all ingredients to list

## Directions

1. Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Drain, and crumble.
2. In a large bowl, combine broccoli, cheese, bacon and onion.
3. Prepare the dressing in a small bowl by whisking together the red wine vinegar, sugar, pepper, salt, mayonnaise and lemon juice. Combine dressing with salad. Cover, and refrigerate until ready to serve.

*\*Make 2 hours ahead to marinate. Great next day too.*





# A Little Christmas Cheer...



We enjoyed a great turn out for our Annual Christmas Party and as promised & predicted, NO SNOW !! A Jolly Good Time was had by all and we would sincerely like to thank “everyone” who made the party the great success that it was. There was many elves at work who helped in many ways. From centerpiece arrangers, prize donators & purchasers, ticket printers, ticket sales, music man, jelly bean counters, games organizer, to a special visitor from the North Pole, etc etc. A special “thank you” to our comedienne “Mavis Pickett” who had us in stitches. We had great food & punch & lots of wonderful door prizes. We would also like to congratulate “Ev Harris” who was the big winner of our 50 -50 draw.



Also, our caterer, Paul Bates is retiring so we will be looking for a new caterer for our next party. If anyone has any suggestions or recommendations, please let a member of our steering committee, or Judy V know.

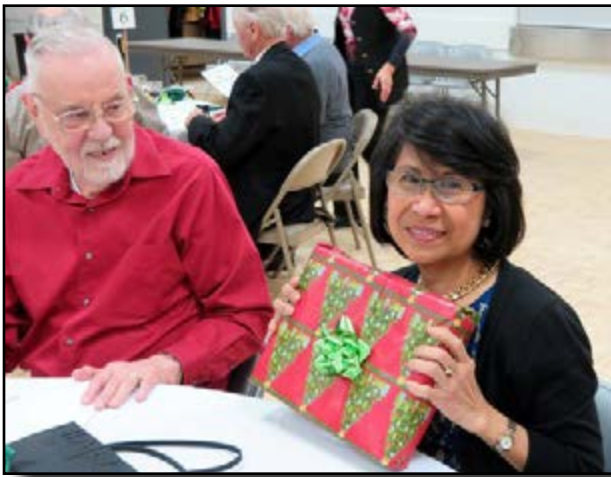
Thank you.

- Judy



***Our Steering Committee would also like to extend a big “THANK YOU” to Judy for organizing the party.***





# Show Bench Schedule

Welcome Guest Judge: Jennifer Zuk

Decorative: *THEME* ---- Spring Celebrations

1. Valentine's Day: A design incorporating red flower(s)
2. Family Day: A mass arrangement
3. Easter: A design of your own interpretation
4. May Day: A vertical design incorporating ribbon(s)

## Show Bench:

Fruit, flowers and vegetable section must be from the members gardens not borrowed or purchased.

5. 3 cuts flower branches
6. 1 house plant (foliage)
7. 1 house plant in bloom
8. 1 cactus or succulent
9. 1 container bulbs in bloom
10. 1 plate (3) stored fruit or vegetable
11. Any potted orchid (in bloom)
12. Vase of 3 Hellebore Blooms with foliage
13. Vase of 5 snowdrops (Galanthus) with foliage
14. Anything Else Not Listed Above



## New Show Bench numbers for 2018

I expect some of you may have become attached to your show bench exhibitor numbers. We had some confusion, though, about numbers, at our last Fall Fair. So we have decided to re-do our list with 0-100 assigned to members in alphabetical order (matching our membership listing- every family member will get a number to encourage more exhibitors) and we will assign any non-member exhibitors who put in entries for Fall Fair numbers over 100. Please check the new listing at the February meeting so we can start with the new numbers for the first exhibits of the year. Thanks everyone for your understanding in giving up perhaps some numbers you've had for a long time.

- Lucette



# Speaker Topic suggestions for 2018:

At our November meeting we discussed topics for speakers for 2018. There were members missing at this meeting so we held over the decision till the February meeting.

1. New plant introductions (Spring – Mandeville)
2. Photography (Martin Cooper offered )
3. Mason Bees (Joe Sadowski)
4. Soils, Fertilizers, Organic enrichment
5. Planters, hanging baskets (Claude Ledoux-may be very expensive )
6. Edible Flowers & Weeds (ex. Purslane)
7. Members Show & Tell
8. Round Table Tips – members
9. International Garden Tours
10. Mutiple Speakers with 10 min. each
11. BioChar- charcoal as soil conditioner (10 min.)

## BC Council of Garden Clubs

*Save The Date!*

**Annual General Meeting  
Saturday, March 10, 2018**

*Speakers, Vendors, & More Will Be Announced Soon.*

# SUNSHINE

A get well card was sent in November to Maz Tanizawa, And in December



we learned that Maz had passed away following a brief illness. Although not a member of our club, Maz was a former Show Bench & Fall Fair judge. Our club has always been very grateful for the expertise he has shared with us over the many years.

## 2018 Calendar

### **February 6**

SBGC Meeting - AGM

Chair: Syl

### **March 6**

SBGC meeting

Chair: Syl

### **April 3**

SBGC meeting

Chair: Betty

### **May 1**

SBGC meeting

Chair: Lucette

### **June 5**

SBGC meeting

Chair: Lucette

## A Note From The Kitchen

We need some baking for our February meeting. We only need a few donations , so if you are able to bring some goodies please call Joanne K. 604 298 4736. Thank you, they would be greatly appreciated.

## Next Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday Feb. 13 @ 7:00 at Syl's home  
Members are welcome to attend the Executive Meetings as observers.  
Please contact Syl (sylviadavis@shaw.ca) ahead of time if you wish to attend.  
If you would like to attend please email the Committee at: [sbgcinfo@telus.net](mailto:sbgcinfo@telus.net)

## IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Membership expires on March 31/18.  
Membership forms are available at meetings or on our website.  
Dues are \$17 for a single member or \$20 for a family. Cheques should be made out to "South Burnaby Garden Club".

## 2018 Steering Committee

### **Treasurer:**

Elizabeth Beer

### **Secretary:**

Betty Girard

### **Newsletter Editor:**

Branko Matkovic

### **Speaker Convener:**

Lucette Wesley

### **Bonsor Liaison & Membership:**

Syl Davis

### **Sunshine:**

Judy Vander

### **Fall Fair Co-Chairs:**

Dan Oldroyd & Daphne Sinclair

**Deadline for March bulletin is  
Februray 18, 2018**

## PLANT SALE REMINDER

Our plant sale is confirmed for May 5 at  
All Saints Anglican Church  
7405 Royal Oak Ave.