

2023

Annual Report



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Campbell River Garden Club

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Our Purpose:

We gather and share local and expert gardening knowledge and materials through regular meetings, visits to gardens and nurseries, special projects, and associated social events.

Our Vision:

We aspire to grow and generously share local knowledge, and the pleasures and rewards of gardening

President's Report

2022-23 was a year like no other in the garden club. December saw the club's first Christmas potluck since Covid thanks to Erika, Anita and Jason for organizing. We enjoyed great food, Santa visited and we had a secret Santa gift exchange.



In January William and Mary Young of Campbell River donated two Floralign grow light systems with the request that they be gifted to someone in our club. An expression of interest process was used to award them and the recipients were Fern Peterson in support of her role with Sandowne Elementary School's garden program; and Kathy Plato in support of her start-up costs for a flower farm and roadside farm stand.

Subsequently, the Youngs decided to donate their entire gardening collection with the request that we disperse them to our club members. On February 19th, the club held a volunteer appreciation event, thanks to Judy Ridgway for hosting and organizing. Members who had been past club volunteers were invited, and a draw took place to award the second batch of donated items to club volunteers. At the May 3rd club meeting, we held a draw for the final group of donations. William and Mary Young were thanked with a hand-stitched notebook handmade and donated by Katherine DeWitte (my daughter). Members who were recipients of the Youngs' generosity wrote personal thank-you's in the notebook. As well, the Youngs were made honorary lifetime members.

Other highlights this year were: website upgrade to modernize and enhance the members-only section. The website now displays correctly on a mobile device. We also made a donation to the BC Council of Garden Clubs for their scholarship program which helps horticultural students in British Columbia.

I wish to acknowledge the executive committee for their leadership in making it possible.

2023 Executive:

President – Elizabeth deMunck

Vice President – Joyce Robison (Feb. 2023)

Secretary – Bev Birce

Treasurer – Irene Huntley / Anita Stjernberg (Sept 2023)

Membership – June Spelay

Program Director – vacant

Membership Report

The club membership as at September 31, 2023 was 132 members. We have had 39 new members in the past year.

Annual Financial Statement

January – December 2022

2022-01-01		Credit Union	\$5,646.90
		Petty Cash	\$90.00
Revenue			
Draws	203.00		
Guests	13.00		
Membership	2060.00		
Opportunity	0.00		
Plant Sale	1787.50		
Interest	0.00		
Expenses			
Advertising	533.06		
AGM	72.10		
BC Council	117.43		
Draws	82.05		
Field Trips	690.60		
Membership	93.30		
Miscellaneous	20.00		
Office Supplies	28.82		
Plant Sale	174.28		
Program	1182.50		
Travel Expense for Speakers	175.00		
Rent	100.00		
Social	38.82		
Volunteer Appreciation	150.00		
Web Site	181.66		
2022-12-31		Credit Union	\$6,091.66
		Petty Cash	\$90.00

Club Activities

December	Christmas Potluck
January	Planning meeting for 2023 programs
February	Seedy Café (members-only seed exchange) Fig Pruning hands-on demonstration Gardening Giveaway
March	Mason Bees, Gordon Cyr
April	Raincoast Farms tour followed by The McLoughlin Gardens visit York Road Daffodil tour Members-only Spring garden tours
May	Yoga for the Gardener Plant Sale Innisfree Farm & Botanical Gardens tour Gardening Giveaway Members-only garden tours
June	Fantastic Food Forests at the hospital food forest with Chuck DeSorcy Members-only garden tours Seedling sharing at the general meeting
July	Members-only garden tours
August	Summer Potluck and Members-only garden tours
September	no activities
October	General business meeting
November	AGM with keynote speaker Jane Kerr “Compost, leaves & mulches”

Acknowledgements

For offering discounts to members:

Eternal Seeds	Campbell River Garden Centre
Paradise Plants Garden Centre	Hygro Gardening Supplies
Sticks ‘n Stones Nursery	Shar-Kare Feeds
Willows Market	

For providing free or discounted services to the club:

Scott, McMahon, CPA for tax advice
Nick Murray, Mountain Air Web: website upgrade
Campbell River Recreation, facilities grant

Plant Sale Volunteers:

Birce, Bev, Team Leader	Raven, Cathalina
Bruce, Kathy	Ridgway, Judy
Cawdell, Cindy	Robison, Joyce, Team Leader
deMunck, Elizabeth	Rodgers, Sheila
Elbi, Colette	Sharp, Ross
Hall, Sue	Smith, Vicki
Hopkins, Tom	Smyth, Leith
Johnstone, Pat	Smyth, Alen
Kowalko, Esther	Spelay, June, Team Leader
Mael, Trevor, Team Leader	Tait, Sherri
Mael, Emelita	Taylor, Pam
McKittrick, Donna	Temple, Catherine
Morris, Leslie, Team Leader	Trehearne, Chris
Olsen, Jan	Trehearne, Terry
Paterson, Marian	Van Bergen, Rita
Peter, John, Team Leader	

Members-only Garden Tours

Many thanks to the following members who hosted a garden tour of their property:

April 23: Elizabeth deMunck and Heather Robb
May 27: Rita Van Bergen and Erika Anderson & Jason Hutchinson
June 10: Kathy Plato and Carol Xu
June 24: Pat Johnstone and her daughter Melissa
July 8: Cathy & Bob Greer
Aug. 12: Judy Ridgway

Organizing club social activities, guest speakers and field trips

Pat Johnstone: field trips and guest speaker
Kathy Plato: daffodil field trip
Judy Ridgway: members-only garden tours
Bill & Sheila Rogers: summer potluck
Marion Schnurr, summer potluck
Jason Hutchinson, Erika Anderson and Anita Stjernberg: Christmas potluck and for hosting the fig pruning presentation at their place
Elizabeth deMunck for giving a fig pruning presentation
Bev Birce and Marion Paterson: yoga for gardeners

Gardening Giveaway: A bouquet of thanks to the following volunteers, as well as William and Mary Young for their generous donation to the club:

Judy Ridgway	Donna McKittrick
Marion Paterson	Joyce Robison
June Spelay	