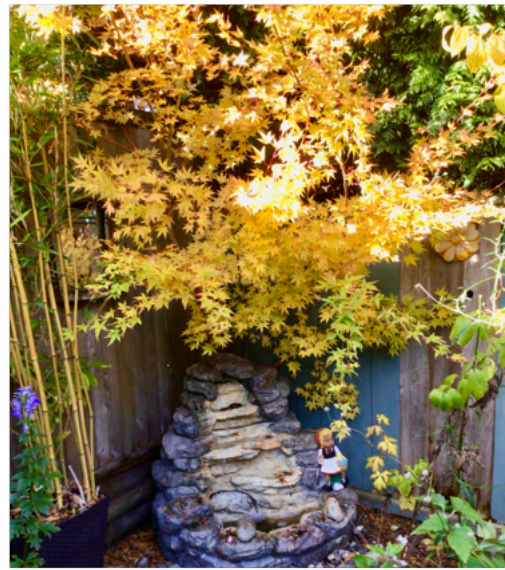




FALL GENERAL MEETING SUPPLEMENT

BRITISH COLUMBIA COUNCIL
OF GARDEN CLUBS

NOVEMBER 2024



Lynda Pasacreta, Richmond Garden Club

BC COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS FALL GENERAL MEETING 2024

We had approximately 100 people attend the fall general meeting held at Bonsor Recreation Complex in Burnaby.

We were pleased to have Amanda Smith, Langley Environmental Partners Society, speak about winter gardening with a particular focus on soil health, and Manii Sidhu, from Arts Nursery, talk about xeriscape plants for gardens. Both presentations will be available on our website, www.bcgardenclubs.com.

We also enjoyed a presentation from the BC Council of Garden Clubs scholarship fund committee about the new opportunities with Kwantlen Polytechnic's Richmond Farm School.

All motions were passed at the meeting and are included in this supplement.

We collected feedback from the meeting — as there is always room for improvement. Stay tuned! We have included a summary of the feedback in this supplement.

The floral design show was brilliant with colour and design and we hope to be even bigger and better next time. We are hoping to see at least 16 entries at our spring meeting April 5, 2025. The attendees

absolutely love the floral design component of our in-person meetings. There has been a category introduced for novices so don't be shy, get your floral design ideas ready for next spring!

While folks were enjoying meeting with fellow garden club/community garden members we had a presentation of the Communities in Bloom Pantone colour of the year — 'peach fuzz' — which is also available on our website www.bcgardenclubs.com.

We had time in the meeting to have some introductions from different clubs about what is happening in their area. It was so great to hear from everybody.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our vendors: Growers Delight, Front Yard Farms, My Father's Garden, Fraser Valley Rose Farms, Kelpman, and a new entry, Li's Garden. All monies paid for vendor tables went to the BC Council of Garden Clubs scholarship fund.

Just a reminder to everyone that we subsidize the meeting costs. Any monies raised at the event — through the draw table prizes and the vendor table registration — are passed to the scholarship fund directly. Thank you all for your support!



SCHOLARSHIP FUND NEWS

KPU RICHMOND FARM SCHOOL, KPU INSTITUTE OF SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

BETTY GIRARD, SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE

We have had a record year for donations in 2024. Thank you for your support! We are now looking forward to next year and we shared our goals for 2025 at the fall meeting.

The scholarship committee has had the KPU Richmond Farm School on our radar for the last three years. We support 12 different horticultural programs, from graduate studies to certificates, but we have not added a new program since 2018.

The committee had an opportunity to tour the Richmond KPU Farm School in October and we were

very impressed with the students, the faculty, and the goals of the program. It is a 10-month 'hands on' program that shows participants how to succeed in small scale organic agriculture. Mentorship is a cornerstone of this program.

Our goal is to support the KPU Farm School in 2025 and beyond if funds allow. We estimate that our fund would need to grow by **\$10,000 in 2025** to sustainably support a new scholarship moving forward.

Please consider a donation to the BC Council of Garden Clubs Scholarship Fund in 2025 and make a new scholarship to the KPU Richmond Farm School a reality!



2025



\$10,000



HOW TO DONATE TO THE BCCGC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

If you wish to make a donation by cheque please send it to:

BC Council of Garden Clubs
Scholarship Fund, c/o: BC Council of
Garden Clubs

10952 McAdam Road

North Delta, BC, V4C 3E8

Please ensure that the cheques are made out to the "Vancity Community Foundation" and the memo field shows "BC Council of Garden Clubs." If the person or organization that the donation is from does not clearly show on the cheque, please include a brief note with the cheque indicating who the donation is from and a return address (so that an income tax receipt can be issued).

If you wish to donate online with a credit card:

Go to
www.vancitycommunityfoundation.ca.

Click the "Funds" button on the top right side of the home page.

Locate the BC Council of Garden Clubs Scholarship Fund, either by scrolling through the list or searching "garden clubs" in the search bar.

Once on the BCCGC Scholarship Fund page, click "Give to this Fund" and complete the form.

OR

Go to www.bcgardenclubs.com.

Go to the "Scholarship Fund" on the top bar and click on the "Donate" page below.

Scroll down to the link to Vancity Community Foundation and click on it. This will take you to the BCCGC Scholarship Fund page.

Click on "Give to this Fund" and complete the form.

Thank You!

Wow! Thank you everyone! Your support of horticultural students is amazing!

YTD 2023: \$10,530

YTD 2024: \$15,686

Thank you for your prize donations and to New Westminster Horticultural Society for hosting!

| Club or Vendor | Donation |
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| New Westminster Horticultural Society | Oil & vinegar marinade gift set |
| BC Floral Arts Society | Basket of spring bulbs |
| South Surrey Garden Club | \$25 gift certificate for Art Knapp |
| North Surrey Horticultural Society | Garden tools kit |
| Richmond Garden Club | Crepe myrtle plant and a Richmond banner textile bag |
| Dogwood Garden Club | Birdhouse |
| Growers Delight | Soil activator & pen |
| Fraser Valley Rose Farm | Abbaye de Cluny rose |
| Marie Bensley | Wood slab for floral art design |
| Dunbar Garden Club | Book - <i>The Layered Edible Garden</i> |
| Lorna Herchenson | Anthurium plant |
| Floral Artists of the Fraser Valley | Photo book - <i>Browne Creek Wetlands & Trail</i> (X2) |
| Burnaby Rhododendron & Gardens Society | Basket of ceramic fruit |
| South Burnaby Garden Club | Basket of garden tools and other items |
| Evelyn Rawcliffe (member of Comox Garden Club) | Strawberry grow bag |
| South Delta Garden Club | Winter pansy basket, 2 garden books (2 prizes) |
| BC Fuchsia & Begonia Society | Wall hanging hummingbird feeder & fuchsias |
| Capilano Garden Club | Blown glass vessel, set of mugs, garden brush (3 prizes) |
| Vancouver Rose Society | Small flower arrangement & \$25 gift card to Renzullo Deli |
| Park & Tillford Garden | Roll of knotty twine |
| Vancouver Dahlia Society | \$30 gift certificate - April 2025 tuber sale |
| Upper Lonsdale Garden Club | Book - <i>The Side Gardener</i> |
| POCO Garden Club | Terrarium |
| Li's Garden | Bromeliad |
| Vancouver Shade Garden Society | Fern |
| Darts Hill Garden Society | Coulter pine cone & guest passes |
| Vernon and District Garden Club | Gardening apron |
| UBC Botanical Garden | Apples from UBC Apple Fest (4 varieties) |
| Pitt Meadows Garden Club | Succulent planter (in gourd) |
| Gibsons Garden Club | Hand-made chocolates |
| Maple Ridge Garden Club | Succulent planter (in gourd) |
| White Rock & District Garden Club | Cape Cod weeder |
| Grandview Garden Club | Bulbs (crocus) |
| My Father's Garden | Cranberry raspberry preserve |
| Total raised for BCCGC Scholarship Fund | \$602.00 |

DRAW PRIZE TABLE DONATIONS! THANK YOU!



Photos by Pam Robertson, Secretary, BC Council of Garden Clubs

MOTIONS PASSED AT THE BC COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS FALL GENERAL MEETING

1. **Motion to approve Minutes from 2023 Fall General Meeting:**

Motion to approve the minutes of the Fall General Meeting by Patty Molnar, North Surrey Horticultural Society, seconded by Janet Bennie, Gibsons Garden Club. Passed.

2. **Motion to accept the Proposed Budget for 2025:**

Motion to approve the Proposed Budget for 2025 by Janet Bennie, Gibsons Garden Club, seconded by Karen Griffiths, Dogwood Garden Club. Passed.

3. **Motion to adjourn the business portion of the Fall General Meeting:**

Motion to adjourn the Fall General Meeting by Karen Griffiths, Dogwood Garden Club, seconded by Victori Froese, Floral Artists of the Fraser Valley. Passed.

4. **Motion to adjourn the Fall General Meeting:**

Motion to adjourn the Fall General Meeting at 3:00 pm by Ann Peters, BC Floral Arts Society. Passed.



Save the date for the BC Council of Garden Clubs
Spring Meeting, Saturday, April 5, 2025.

FLORAL ART DESIGN ENTRIES, FALL GENERAL MEETING

Congratulations to the Best in Show winner, Sherri Summers, for her entry 'Contortionism,' an all foliage design.

Best in Judges group went to Gerri Willms for her entry 'Dizzy Spell.'

Very Highly Commended was given to Elaine Turner, Class 4 'African Sunset,' and Highly Commended was given to Betty Girard for her entry in Class 3 'Golden Compass.'



All floral design entry photos by Pam Robertson, Secretary, BC Council of Garden Clubs

FLORAL ART DESIGN ENTRIES, CONT'D



THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!

We are always listening for suggestions and advice from our in-person meetings. There are certainly some things we can change or add to our events. We are a small group of volunteers working with a tight budget but big hearts!

We will be introducing a 'green' side to our next event, thanks in part to your comments. Some of the feedback we received is as follows:

- 🌱 Provide name tags to all attendees to help us better network and meet people.
- 🌱 Bring your own coffee/tea cups and water bottles — there is a water bottle filling station just outside the meeting room.
- 🌱 Tongs were needed to pick up food from the trays at lunch. And no toothpicks holding sandwiches together. Vegetarian options were not clear enough. (We are unable to offer vegan options at this time.)
- 🌱 Announce at the beginning of the meeting to turn off cell phones.
- 🌱 Consider having one speaker for the event and then having some folks from the membership who can share information about professional development in our garden clubs/community gardens.
- 🌱 Opportunity to have round table discussion with different topics and present to the rest of the attendees. Capture ideas on white boards/paper.
- 🌱 Have every club introduce themselves and talk about their clubs.

We are very thankful for all of the suggestions we received and your new ideas also.

