

Armstrong & District Garden Club Newsletter – April 2022
Club founded 1927



Notes from Glenn's yard:

So the first day of spring was a month ago now, it seems to be very reluctant to get on with it and warm up already!

*Our pond has been ice covered the past 3-4 mornings, the plants we have been potting up the past few days have frozen overnight. We have many pots of grasses, rhubarb, hens and chicks, phloxes, and other odds and sods in the backyard just itching to put on a good show for the **plant sale only three weeks away**.*

Now I'm headed outside to move some plants to the sunny side of the house to give them more encouragement to wake up.

*Hope to see you at the **May 3 meeting**, and **May 7 plant sale**. Bring a friend!*

Glenn

ARMSTRONG AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

MEETING Minutes

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022, 7:00 PM

ODDFELLOW'S HALL, ARMSTRONG

1. Call to Order
2. Agenda
3. Previous meeting minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Treasurer's Report

Glenn called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approved by attendees.

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No correspondence.

Club remains in a strong financial position.

Motion – moved by Sue W. and Rea S. to receive the

Treasurer's report.

CARRIED.

6. Old Business

a. City Planters

-168 wave petunias ordered: 4 per planter.

-Glenn circulated schedule for volunteers to check on planters throughout the season. **Contact Shirley Fowler** if there are any concerns **(250) 546-3732** (for instance lack of water)

b. Meetings

First Tuesday of the month; Odd Fellows' Hall (Bridge Street);

c. Jobs Needing Volunteers

Meetings – speakers and prizes - No volunteers at meeting. Anyone interested please *contact Glenn 250-546-9891.*

Vice President, Directors, Organizing Parlour Shows and spreading a little [or a lot of] Sunshine.

Garden Tours – Thanks to Tammy who will organize garden tours and tours of members' gardens. (Members can sign up to offer tours of their gardens). Shirley/Tammy will plan a visit to Purple Springs Nursery.

Plant sale - Glenn will co-ordinate this year's plant sale.

Sale is May 7th, 8 am to noon at the Armstrong Farmer's Market

Members encouraged to pot as many plants as possible. Label with plant name, maximum mature height, sun/shade preference, and bloom colour.

2 pallets of Black Diamond for sale.

Members encouraged to bring gently used garden paraphernalia to sell.

Volunteer sign-up sheets were available for various plant sale duties.

Sue W. will prepare a plant sale poster.

Pricing will be discussed at next meeting, but preferably most done prior to the sale.

* Enlist Heather H, Judi C.?

Pots Glenn and team (Judi C., Sue W., Heather F., Chris, Janet) will sort/inventory pots at Sue L.'s. Work party organized for Tuesday at 1 pm, April 12th. Some larger pots will be for sale at the plant sale.

d. Partnering with *Communities in Bloom*

Shirley Fowler spoke about the "*Adoptive Parent*" program where teams of 2 maintain 26 public spaces in Armstrong. Work includes spring and fall cleanup and seasonal maintenance. There are still 2 or 3 sites available. Program is supported by Public Works and some materials are provided.

-*Communities in Bloom* (CIB) is open to synergies with the ADGC

- Armstrong is getting involved in CIB again after lapse due to COVID
- 6 themes of CIB are: Community Appearance, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry, Landscape and Floral Displays
- One option for the ADGC to adopt a bed is in front of Monashee Outdoors
- Both organizations are working on a bookmark (sample handed around)
- CIB will be at our plant sale with a free activity for families to paint a pot

e. **Bursary** - Judy W. updated club on selection of bursary recipient for this year. No communication to date from last year's recipient.

-Rea S. volunteered to take over this position as Judy is moving. Ken and Diane L. offered to remain on Committee.

-Glenn has delivered cheque to PVSS

-next step is to meet the candidate; PVSS will invite

7. New Business

SIHA Spring meeting: will be on April 23 from 11 am to 3 pm. in West Kelowna.

Guest Speaker will talk about succulents. Glenn has more details if interested in attending.

8. Adjournment - 8:15 p.m. after members had an opportunity to share their garden stories from the last few years. Ideas for preventing deer from accessing gardens; the best type of manures, etc. were discussed.

Next meeting Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at Oddfellow's Hall at 7 pm.

Theme: SHARING OF GARDENING ADVENTURES DURING COVID.

Please remember your name tag and sign attendance book.

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Discounts as an Armstrong & District Garden Club Member (must show current year Armstrong & District Garden Club name tag 😊)

Home Hardware Outdoor Store (Armstrong): 10% on plants to be 'dug in'

Buckerfields (Salmon Arm): 10% on gardening related items

Blue Mountain Nursery: 10%