

Armstrong & District Garden Club

President's message: Hello everyone! So here we are at the beginning of a new year that is starting out very similarly to the previous two with the ongoing pandemic. A club update:

Two members of the club executive are changing roles, Mary Jackson will continue on the executive board while Heather Freeman has volunteered to edit the newsletter. I wish to thank Mary for her years of newsletter production and editing and, thank Heather for volunteering to look after the newsletter.

In 2022, we hope to have regular meetings starting sooner rather than later! First order of business will be planning the May plant sale. One idea is, as a group, painting small clay pots then filling them with succulents such as hens and chicks. Another idea was put forward, that judging by the turnouts of our petunia planting parties for the city planters, as a club we could get more involved with *Community's in Bloom* here in Armstrong, perhaps beautifying a space in town for everyone to enjoy. This would be similar to what the Endorby club does with their Cornerstone Garden.

That's all I've got for now! If you have other ideas, thoughts, criticisms, accolades, please give me a call: Glenn 250-546-9891.

Hope to see us together again soon! Glenn



Kasugai Japanese Garden - 1435 Water St, Kelowna.

BC Gardens: **Kasugai Japanese Garden** is a lovely retreat from the hustle of Kelowna hidden within a walled enclosure in the center of the downtown. A visit can be a wonderful respite from the noise and traffic flowing through the city on the nearby highway. As one visitor noted, “it is like a visit to a miniature Butchart Garden.”

Kasugai Japanese Garden was built as a tribute to the friendship between the Japanese city, Kasugai, and Kelowna . Opened in 1987 “to demonstrate the friendship between these cities, and it has been described as 'is a lovely moment of Zen in the busy city.'”

The Garden features traditional elements, beautiful stonework, mini waterfalls and a pond stocked with colourful Koi fish.” It also includes other features often seen in Japanese gardens such as lanterns and bridges. Japanese garden designs strive to “inspire peaceful thoughtfulness through combining these basic elements “.

Other Japanese gardens in B.C. include **Ikeda Garden** in Penticton; **Heiwa Teien Garden**, New Denver; **Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden** and **Nitobe Memorial Garden**, Vancouver. **Butchart Gardens** in Brentwood Bay also has a Japanese garden.

Hey, it's Canada's Year of the Garden! The benefits of gardens and gardening are being recognized country wide! Municipalities across the country will be celebrating the gardening culture with the support of Communities in Bloom and the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association! It is also the centenary of the Canadian Nursery Association!

