

SEEDERS AND WEEDERS NEWSLETTER



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Armstrong & District Garden Club

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Directors - Heather Freeman

Brenda Hobbs

Judi Cogan

Sunshine - Dianne Lockton and heather Hayes

GENERAL MEETING

First Tuesday of month Sep to Jun in Oddfellows Hall, Armstrong except Jan

EXECUTIVE MEETING

November 23 at 3:00 PM at 3435 Warner Ave,(Brenda Hobbs) New volunteers are welcome to come

Executive Report

There were 12 members out at the last meeting so hope to see more for the December Potluck Social

Jaimie from Blue Mountain Nursery talked about manure, wintering pots and answering questions on winter care.

Elections were held and we are currently in need of either a President or a Secretary to take meeting minutes. Carolyn will take on the Presidency if a secretary comes forward. Currently the vacancy means that Carolyn and Sue along with the directors will work to keep the club operating. PLEASE GIVE SERIOUS THOUGHT TO TAKING ONE OF THE TWO OPEN POSITIONS. We will still be looking for volunteers to undertake tasks over the year or events may not occur.

A huge thank you to Glen and Mary J for all the work they have put in over the past few years. If you see them say thanks as we all like to be appreciated.

Remember you need to renew you Garden Club membership for 2023. See Chris Williams at a meeting.

Sue, Carolyn, Heather F, Judi and Glen

MANURE, WINTERING POTS AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON WINTER CARE.

Jaimie, from Blue mountain Nursery provided valuable insights into manure. Rabbit, Goat, and Alpaca can be used right away in the garden. Sheep manure needs at least 10 years of composting. Cow and horse manure needs 5-7 years. Chicken manure remains hot for over 10 years and burns anything planted in the area..

She suggested that rototilling is not necessary. Manure can be just place on top. Hay will compost down over the winter. Big bales of last years haylage rolled outworked well. You need to leave around a five to six inch whole around seeds. Leaves except maple work well as long as they do not have seeds. Grass clippings will also help to cook fresh manure. In the spring you need to rake the material that is not rotted to a compost corner. She also advised that not to put too much soil coverage. She advised to not get too crazy with multiple layers of cardboard. One layer breaks apart and lets bugs and worms through to work on the mulch above. Compost is available in the spring from the A/S landfill.

Pots require a wrapping or other protection such as burying in the garden or putting into the garage. Heavy moisture followed by freezing in pots is deadly to anything in the pot. In a garage put it on top of a layer of wood to keep it all off the cold cement. Stop watering over the winter to allow pot plants to rest. Tarping is also a good idea. Once the spring temperatures level off to above zero remove the tarp.

Hibiscus and Rose of Sharon are becoming more popular and seem to be surviving in our area. People from the coast are planting many of these because they are familiar with them.

Creating a Perennial Garden contributed by Judi Cogan

Perennials add colour, fragrance and texture to your yard. First determine what you want by asking yourself some questions. Do you want one big garden or perhaps a few smaller beds? How much time do you want to spend tending the garden? Do you want colour the whole season or one big show? Are you looking to have cut flowers? Do you want a colour theme or a riot of colour? What style of garden appeals to you?

Next, determine your landscape needs. There are many uses for gardens. Do you want to hide a bare foundation, soften a wall or fence, surround a patio, deck or pool, beautify a lamp post, create a boundary, create an outdoor room or a quiet place to sit or maybe hide an unattractive view?

Then you will need to do a site assessment - what is there already? There could be fences, walls, hedges, pathways, sidewalks, a driveway, water feature, entertainment areas, sheds, garage, existing plantings, trees, land features such as low areas, slopes or woodland areas.

Fitting the garden to the yard and house is important. Look at the size and style of both to determine what would look good. A small garden can have a big impact in a small yard but may be lost in a large one. If you don't want to have a big garden you can try using bold colours in your plantings to make more impact in smaller beds. The best looking gardens fit the contours of the land as if they have evolved naturally. Consider where you

will view the garden from and the space that will surround your garden when planning the size and shape.

There are many styles of perennial gardens. They can be formal, wild and crazy or anything in between. Gardening is art so do what appeals to you. Incorporating natural materials such as stone, driftwood, rustic fence posts, benches, arbours or garden art can all add interest to your garden.

Taking the time to plan your garden will go a long way in helping you get the right garden for you.





PRESENTATIONS

Thanks to Glen and Mary Jackson for organizing the presentations of the Garden Club monies from the Garden Sale.

Can you name the folks in the pictures? One of the questions at the social.

MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022, 7:00 PM
ODDFELLOW'S HALL

Jaimie from Blue Mountain talked on "MANURE, WINTERING POTS AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON WINTER CARE"

1. Call to Order

President, Glen Gytenbeek called the meeting to order at 8:10 PM with 12 members present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Brenda Hobbs moved approval of the agenda as circulated. CARRIED

3. Approval of October minutes

Dianne Lockton moved approval of the minutes as circulated. CARRIED

4. Correspondence - Museum Festival of Gingerbread Houses

Brenda and Heather will work with anyone else interested.

Thank yous were received from Community Gardens and Good Food Box.

5. Treasurer's Report

The club is in good financial shape.

Janet Crich moved to receive the Treasurer's report. CARRIED

6. Old Business

a. Funds Distribution was completed and pictures were taken of the presentations will be put in the newsletters

7. New Business

a. SIHA dissolution

SIHA meeting was held in Enderby on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Glen reported on club activities. As no one stepped up for the executive the organization has dissolved. Enderby and Salmon Arm are asking if it would be possible to hold some joint meetings or events with us. Vernon may also be interested. Communication on dates will help all. The bank balance will go to the BC Gardener Scholarship fund.

b. December Meeting - Appetizer and Dessert potluck social. Bring your significant other if you wish.

c. Communities In Bloom - Shirley invited any Garden Club member to their windup luncheon to celebrate the efforts to work together over the past year. Everyone buys their own lunch. Just RSVP to Shirley

d. Elections

The following were acclaimed:

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Treasurer - Sue Wiebe

Directors - Heather Freeman, Brenda Hobbs, Judi Cogan

Membership - Christine Williams

Sunshine - Dianne Lockton and Heather Hayes

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PR - Shirley will look after getting articles for Your Country News

8. Adjournment and next meeting

The meeting thanked Glen for all his time and effort. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Next meeting Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at Oddfellow's Hall at 7:00 PM.

The Executive will meet on Wednesday, November 23 at 1:00 PM at Brenda Hobbs 3435 Warner Ave

THANK YOU

Thank you to Jan Macleod and Dianne Lockton for the goodies and tea/coffee at the meeting.

Member Discounts

Members of the Armstrong & District Garden Club receive discounts at a number of local garden centres:

- **Shepherd's Home Hardware Outdoor Living** in Armstrong: **15% Discount** on Regularly-Priced Garden Plants
- **Blue Mountain Nursery** in Armstrong: **10% Discount** on all products
- **Swan Lake Market & Garden** in Spallumcheen: **10% Discount** on all products
- **Nicholas Alexander Nursery** in Vernon: 10%-15% Discount on Regularly-Priced Garden Plants

Show your membership card at the till before the cashier rings up the total and kindly request your membership discount.