



EXECUTIVE

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Flower Show Director Liv Sallows

Feb. 2017 Newsletter

Meeting will be at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, Feb 22nd, in upper level of Heritage House, 100 Lorne St. Guests are always welcome.

Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Kenwall from the Arthritis Society who will speak about arthritis and nutrition.

Or Joey Bernard from BC brewing & distillery who has a large hop farm in the mission flats.

Thank you to Dawn Christie who is Community Resource Manager for Interior Community Services for the City of Kamloops, who oversees the meals on wheels program to 85 recipients delivered by 8 volunteers, and the community garden program co-ordinated by Shannon Gourlay who manages the 8 community Gardens in Kamloops. The gardens have 330 to 350 plots which are mostly 8' X 16' offered for \$40 per year with a \$30 damage deposit on a first come basis. Food grown in these plots must not be for profit.

Thank you for last month's goodies brought by Ruth Lunn and Brenda Blatchford. this month's goodies will be brought by Lynn Littlejohns and me.

Christmas and January Pot Luck dinners were a great success each attended by approx. 40 people. The food was as always fabulous and Rae Wilson would like to thank all those who came, supported the events, brought the wonderful food and participated in the silent auction. Also we need to thank Marty Kolowsky for playing the piano at Christmas and Frank Dwyer for the very interesting slide show of our June flower show and their trip to Greece.

Annual memberships are due this month, \$15 each or couples \$20, cash or check.

Annual general Meeting and Elections: which means any changes to the executive need to be voted on, therefore if anyone wishes to volunteer for any of the executive positions please come forward. We should rotate the directors' positions every year and need 5 new volunteers to fill in. It is the easiest volunteer job in the club. The position requires that the head executive calls for a meeting whenever ideas come up to make changes to the club, most often this is only 3 or 4 per year. It is just a coffee meeting for 2 hours in a location and time that is agreed upon by the directors and executive. **Rae Wilson** has also stated that he would like to step down as president and **Ruth Lunn** would like to step down as secretary, so those 2 positions need to be filled. This club only runs on volunteers so it is time for others to step forward and take a turn. Rae has said he will continue to organize the silent auction as that is not part of the president's job.

Tour coordinator also needed, if no-one steps forward we will not have any garden tours Thursday evenings through the summer.

Local charity selection and voting will take place at this meeting also.

Plant sale: Will be on Saturday May 6th, at St. Andrews on the square, 159 Seymour St., from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Flower Show: Saturday June 17th at Heritage house. Entries are accepted from 8:00 am to 10:15 am. Doors open to the public at 2:00 pm.

Need Planting Pots for Hospice plant sale, not really small ones, minimum 4" and up especially 1, 2, 3,4,5 gallon ones. Please if you can access some and bring to the meeting in a garbage bag, I would really appreciate that. If you have too many then I can pick them up at your house, 250-374-4181 or judyricher@shaw.ca

Moss: I have been trying all kinds of moss control for years, I have had it suffocate small plants like Heuchera, small new Clematis, and Fern leaf bleeding heart, until Joan Campbell told me to fertilize it. Works like magic and best solution for your plants, may have to be done every year if you have poor wet soil.

Best early spring Perennials: When the snow melts are green, not really invasive, spread slowly, don't reseed all over. (I have zero tolerance for invasive plants).

Aubretia, "Kitte" the shortest one, 4"High, Purple or bluish purple, blooms early and long, cut back to the ground when finished and will form new fresh matte of green. Other varieties are taller, can get leggy but cascade beautifully over walls.



Herniaria Glabra "Sea Foam" 2-3" high, forms a tap root so is drought tolerant, tiny yellow flowers almost invisible, forms a solid matte weeds find hard to penetrate.

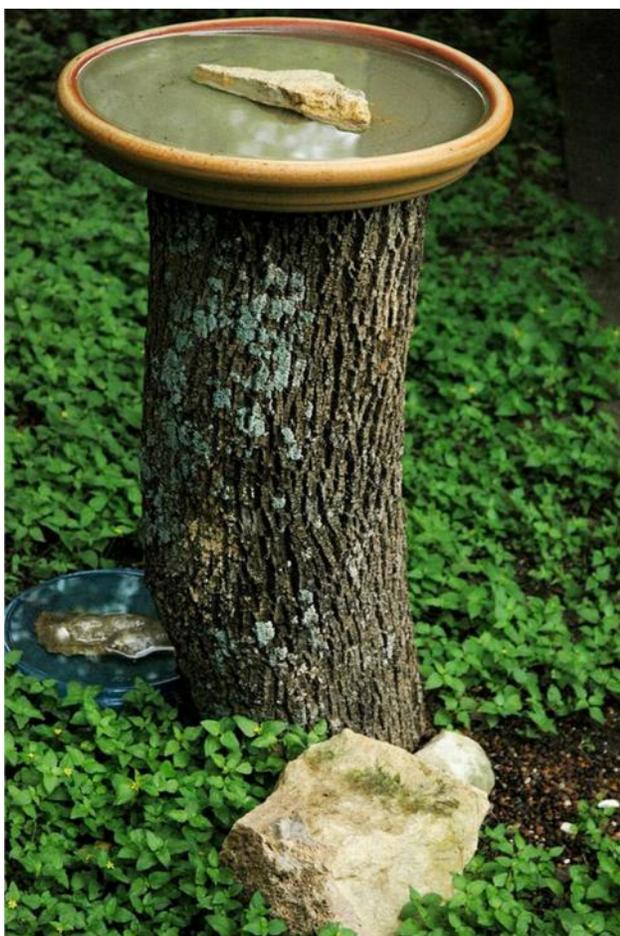


From “A Dictionary for Weed Pullers” by Beard and McKie

Hydrangea: Strange behavior observed in gardeners during periods of heavy rainfall (*or after long winter that won't end*). Symptoms include excessive tool care, irrational mail order purchases, the neurotic sorting of seed packets, and buying of alcoholic beverages by the case.

Brochures and Catalogues: Forms of entertaining fiction published by nurseries, seeds-men, and tool manufacturers.

If you need to cut down a tree this year keep in mind some of the following ideas to use the stump instead of having to dig it out.





Judy Villeneuve

