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March 2017 Newsletter

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

Guest Speaker Tom Broad of Broad Spectrum will talk about roof rats in our yards eating vegetables in the garden, destroying fruit in trees, has become a very fast, serious problem in Kamloops.

Thank you for last month's goodies brought by Lynn Littlejohns and me, this month's will be brought by Mary Granger and Donna Henderson.

Thank you so much to Roberta Marshall for donating a worm composter which was won by Jiuliana D'agnolo.

Elections: No one offered to take over the president's position or secretary, so things stay as they are until further notice.

Directors: Roberta Marshall and I have stepped down, and thank you to Bonnie VanDerLaan who has volunteered to step in. So we still would like one more person to have 5 directors for this year.

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

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

Charity selected is the Salvation Army so Carolyn Demers has sent them a check for \$200, and the club also gave them a \$100 donation in the name of Marty Kolowsky our piano player at the Christmas party.

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. So as you are cleaning up and dividing your plants please pot some up for the plant sale. I found an excellent felt pen at Staples that is best for withstanding the elements is

“Sharpie Extreme”, comes in a pack of 4 colors or plain black.

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.

Now that you all have new calendars circle all the meetings, the 4th Wednesday of each month except July and August, the plant sale and flower show.

Rae tells me that pansies can withstand -5 degrees, so if your Christmas-winter baskets are looking shabby, now is a good time to switch them up with pansies and or primroses. They are all available at Art Knapps right now, but I would harden them off for 3-4 days before putting them out, 2 good spillers which may be dug out and added to the edges are Lamium or Creeping Jenny.

Pansies and sticks and



Clematis breeder Raymond Evison has come out with some new shorter, and longer lasting flowering varieties, and can be more expensive. So here are a few selections with the longest flowering times. In our climate it is best to buy those that bloom on new wood, because those that bloom on second year wood are susceptible to die off during a hard winter. Clematis starts with C (3), group C blooms on new wood.

Abilene 3-4' May- Oct



Edda 3-4' May to Oct



Endelion 3-4' May to Oct.



Parisienne 3-4- May – Oct



Picardy 3-4' May – Oct



Sally 3-4' May – Oct



Versailles 3-4' May- Oct.



Zara 3-4' May to Oct.



Some books will tell you to plant Clematis very deeply, but I found that to be a bad idea, there is no water there. My plants all grow their roots at ground level the same as other plants. They also prefer somewhat alkaline soil, so no peat moss.

Judy Villeneuve

