



## EXECUTIVE

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## April 26 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:** Deb McDougall from the Arthritis Society who will talk about living with arthritis.

**Thank you** to Tom Broad of Broad Spectrum who spoke about roof rats in our yards eating vegetables in the garden, destroying fruit in trees, that they are nocturnal, that you should set out traps in the evening and always put them in the same place as they are wary of new thing, but once they are used to something they will venture in to take the bait (peanut butter works well). One of the best traps to use is the large snap trap because it is easy to set, and once trapped you need not touch the rat to dispose of it.



**Thank you** for last month's goodies brought Mary Granger and Donna Henderson, this month's will be brought by Chris Sherwood and Roberta Marshall. A few people commented on the matrimonial squares brought by Donna Henderson, how they were so good. She said it was because she was down south and brought home fresh dates from the USA.

**Directors:** Thank you so much to Camilla Drake who has volunteered to be our 5<sup>th</sup> director and Tour Co-ordinator, so let's help her out with some of our own, or friends, family or neighbors tours. We pass a signup sheet around.

**Annual memberships** are still due, \$15 each or couples \$20, cash or check. If you haven't paid please do so ASAP, so I can update the list and distribute it.

**Plant sale is just 2 weeks away:** Saturday May 6th, at St. Andrews on the square, 159 Seymour St., from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. So please have your plants there before 7:45 so they can be placed. We need to have the area clean and be gone by 2:00. There is always free parking at the parkade at 240 Seymour St, so you can unload your plants next to the church and then go park at the parkade. Hopefully you are dividing your perennials and potting them up already, because if you wait till just before they will droop and look terrible at the sale. It is best to give them a good soaking with some water soluble instant fertilizer 15-30-15 to get them to perk up after potting up, it will them a good growing start. Please label them in large enough letters to read without reading glasses, the name, color, height, and use a sun or blacked out sun for shade plants. Or write sun or shade.



Also if you have gardening books, magazines, nice pots, garden décor, tools that you don't want anymore, very **CLEAN** bring them to Mary Bianco who will price them. Last year they sold very well. We do need a few strong men to help set up tables at the church in the morning.

I will not be at the plant sale but I will be at the Friends of the Garden TRU plant sale handing out a small flyer of our plant sale to all those gardeners as they leave, so they will hopefully come to ours.

**Deer deterrent** Soak a lot of chilli powder in warm water for several hours, strain and spray on plants, and garlic won't deter them, a friend told me they ate the tops off his garlic plants, now eating hostas, heuchera, mum flowers, and daylilies.

**Tour in Ireland** may 20<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup> 14 days, if you are interested early bird price for the 1<sup>st</sup> 10 persons to sign up is \$555 off.

visit website <http://www.okinhealth.com/events/details.aspx?eventID=1921>

I was fortunate enough to find some lovely geraniums at the Dogwood nursery in Kelowna, I will pass on the information to the wholesale nursery in Knutsford so perhaps they can start some for our plant sale next spring.

Geranium Maverick "Violet Picotee"



Maverick Scarlet Picotee



Also at our plant sale we will have some small sprouts of the new Heuchera Forever Purple which looks a bit like Black currant with darker veins, but this one holds it's intense color right through the season, it does not turn greyish into the fall. The only ones I found last fall were \$20 and \$24, and large.



I cannot find a picture on the internet that shows its true intense color.

A nice website of all heuchera, <http://heucheras.com/>

And we will have some purple millet that works great in pots, and they are not over ripe as you find them in the nurseries where they are large, expensive and often past their prime, so the heads are close to going to seed already, these are younger so you will have time to enjoy their purple black seed heads.



Petunias how to buy the right kind check out this website to know.

<https://www.thespruce.com/how-to-choose-right-petunias-1402928>

See you at the meeting

Judy Villeneuve





