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Sept 2017 Newsletter

Meeting will be at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, June 21st, in upper level of Heritage House, 100 Lorne St. Guests are always welcome.

Message from the President: As the acting President of the Kamloops Garden Club for the last 10 years, it is time for me to move on. As of the October meeting I will not sit as the President. The club is very strong, dating back to 1950. I would like to thank the club for having the opportunity to have been your President.

Rae Wilson

Someone has to step forward, and I will not take the job, I am maxed out volunteering in various places. *Judy Villeneuve*

Speaker: We will not have a speaker at this meeting as we will have our Fall Harvest auction of fruits, vegetables, jam, jelly, pickles, pies, anything that comes from our gardens, so please bring cash in small dominations, loonies, toonies, maybe \$5s, so Carolyn does not have to make change.

Thank you to Dave Williams biology professor emeritus of TRU who did power point on trees at Thompson Rivers University, which there are 1675 in total, are valued at 15 to 20 million dollars by Greg Houghton city tree arborist. They have some really huge ones at TRU, and if you are interested in viewing them, there are tours in the summer from May through August on Wednesday evening at 6:30

starting from the house 10 near the greenhouses off University Ave., (Nice place to go for a walk anytime). The schedule is posted on their website www.trufog.org

Thank you to Camilla Drake who did a great job on getting garden tours and to the people who offered their lovely yards for our viewing.

Don't forget Grocery Receipts from Independent Foods which we exchange for gift certificates that pay for our turkeys and rib roasts, and give them to Mary Bianco as we should buy the Christmas turkeys now while they are on sale for thanksgiving.

Thank you for last month's goodies brought Lorna McMillan. This month's goodies will be brought by Joan Campbell and Guiliana D'Agnolo.

Gardening Hints: From Growing for Flavor by James Wong;

For the mildest most tender **salad leaves, harvest in the cool of the morning**, when plants moisture levels are at their highest which dilutes any bitter or spicy chemicals. **Fruit and root crops should be harvested late afternoon**, especially on a dry day, where they have lost some of their water content which can dilute flavor.

Crops that should not be stored in the fridge, because chilly temperatures halt flavor production in them, strawberries, pears, tomatoes, onions, melons, sweet potatoes and squash, unripe peaches especially, as they go mealy.

Watering: for sweeter fruits and vegetables water less before harvest to concentrate flavors and sugars, for leaf crops like lettuce and spinach and herbs, water more to reduce bitterness.

Purple Majesty potatoes: I read that these potatoes have the highest anti-oxidant level of any other, so I planted them in June. They got big tops, lots of foliage but when dug up, no more than what I had planted, a terrible crop, waste of time. If anyone out there has had better success with these please let me know. Besides they are like a russet, dry, which I don't like, I much prefer Red waxy type potatoes.



Hyacinth Ruby Moon Beans: The seeds as they can be toxic even though they are edible if cooked properly, are sold beside regular beans, so be careful, and read package instructions, when you buy beans for eating. A very vigorous annual vine that can grow up to 20'. The dark purple against the green leaves makes a great colour combination for the garden. Wait as long as possible in the Fall to harvest the beans for the seeds. An indication the pod is ready to pick for seed saving is when the bean gets fatter inside.



Dahlias: I stored them wrapped in newspaper as Bonnie VanDerLaan told me to, and they came out the best out of any other method I have tried, they were perfect.

This one "Painted Madam" had some solid red flowers in the mix, so this year when I separated the roots and planted them in 2 different places I got one plant with streaks in it and the other plant had only red flowers.



This fountain is for sale for \$300 (it cost over \$1000) because the owner wants to put something else in its place. Mary & Dave Hayward can be reached at 250-578-0254. It will take a truck and 3 strong men to move it.



Judy Villeneuve

