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## April 2018 Newsletter

**Meeting** will be at 7:00 pm, Wed, April 25<sup>th</sup> in upper level of Heritage House, 100 Lorne St. Guests are always welcome. Our meetings are always the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month.

**Speaker:** Our member Liv Sallows will talk about the flower show, how to enter, condition flowers etc. and Frank Dwyer will have a rolling slides of past flower shows entries. And his photographic skills are so awesome, you cannot help but be amazed at how beautiful it all is. This is particularly important for new members, or anyone who has not brought entries into the flower show, so they can see how easy it is to do. Our show has been diminishing in size as older members are not bringing entries, so we need new persons to participate. It really is a lot of fun, and we will have ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, as well as 2 prizes of \$50 for Most Points, and Best in Show, which means you can have one perfect flower, a rose, a peony, a lily etc., which can win you \$50. It looks like Art Knapp's will sponsor us with \$300 in prizes, we just don't have the final word on it yet. If you have any trophies form last June please bring them to this meeting, so Liv can have them early as she will be away in June till just before the show.

If any of you know Jim Jamieson the Orchid grower who we had as a speaker a couple of years ago, could you let Sharon Green know or Liv Sallows or myself so we could invite him to enter our Flower show, as Orchids are now allowed under the new category of potted plants.

**Thank you to last month's speaker:** Rob Higgins, on invasive insects. It was quite alarming to hear that fire ants have moved into Vancouver and there is no way of eradicating them, so people are buying artificial grass so they can use their yards.

Reminder that our meetings are scent free, no perfumes or colognes please as a couple members are very allergic to scents.

**Memberships** for 2018 are due now, \$15 a person, \$20 a couple, cash or check.

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. They can be from any year and there is no deadline as there was from Coopers.

The club voted to donate \$200 to Salvation Army, so Carolyn our treasurer took care of that.

**Goodies**, sorry we did not have any goodies last month because Juliana was away and I did not have John Olynick's email address, so this month Mary Granger, and Donna Edwards will be bringing them.

**Repeat: Plant/Garage Sale** will be on Saturday May 19 at the home of Greg Koll and John Olynick, at 837 Lolo St. Phone number 250-376-2516. You may contact John and Greg if you wish to drop off things before the sale as they said they have a large shed. Items such as tools, dishes, knick-knacks, small appliances still working, clothing, glass or stone pots, garden tools, anything you would normally have at your own garage sale, **items must be clean**, and priced (masking tape works). Please pot up your perennials now so they will be bright and perky for the sale, add a little 15-30-15 so they bounce back quickly and boost their growth. The Hospice plant sale is the week before and we will donate our leftover plants to the Garden Club sale.

**Welcome new members:** Karla Kolida, and Margaret Abbott. Long time members please strike up a conversation with our new members at coffee break, asking what kind of gardening they like and what part of town they live in, because it takes a while to get to know people when we only have 8 meetings a year.

**Door Prize table:** It would be very nice if some of you could bring a few flowers that are blooming from your garden for door prizes, (I will bring some pink Hellebores), put them in a soup can or jar if you don't want to give away a vase.

## Gardening Hints from Growing for Flavor by James Wong

Shopping for tomato plants? some recommended by James Wong:

**Pink Brandywine...** "is famously one of the best flavored tomatoes, producing truly giant, almost seedless fruit with a gutsy, old fashioned tomato flavor and meaty texture...yet incredibly prone to cracking. Its sheer monster size means its thin skins often just can't contain the fragrant flesh. One bite of a thick, juicy slice in a homemade burger...and I promise you will forgive it this one failing."

**San Marzano;** "Best for sauces, its low water content gives it a spongy on most foamy texture when raw, but which magically transforms into rich silkiness after the briefest simmering..., it has that slightly spicy aroma and rich depth".

**Corazon:** "Swift and tangy in equal to measure. One of the best candidates for simmering down into soups, sauces and stews. This tomato's dryer flesh and lower acid content guarantee silky smoothness without biting sourness".

**Sweet tomatoes;** Flamingo (baby plum type) is the sweetest of the all, other sugar heavyweights are Russian Rose, (12 oz size), Sweet cherry tomatoes: Green Envy, Sungold, and Yellow Pear which has a sweet tropical flavor.

He also recommends to ditch regular fertilizers and add garden molasses which is a great source of minerals, with its sugars helping boost the growth of friendly bacteria and fungi . Dilute at 450 gm (1 lb) into 2 gallons of water, and sprinkle into the soil every 2 weeks.

Sharon Green will be passing around a signup sheet for garden tours throughout the summer, starting May 17th through to September 6th, so please look around your neighborhood for possibilities, compliment the owners and ask for permission for the Kamloops Garden Club to come and admire their talents. And of course consider your own lovely property to share with us all.

Purity Feed Garden Center will now be open 7 days a week, and they have a lot of vegetables and herbs ready to go in the garden, from their organic supplier in Ashcroft. Carol Wozencroft is donating 3 prizes for our Flower show, and has given a carload of stuff to Greg Koll for our plant, garage sale. Thank you Carol.

City Hall now has tree coupons valued at \$20 or \$50 depending on the cost of the tree you are buying.

Art Knapp's new plants:

Left to right: Echinacea Lakota Santa Fe, Dianthus Cherry Vanilla (rebloomer), Betula Cesky Gold, is extremely hardy so it will be a great plant for all regions of BC. The new growth is yellow with reds and oranges, the leaves will mature into a chartreuse for the rest of the summer. It will grow to be about 4 feet but adapts to pruning and shaping so it can even be grown as a small hedge



ACER PALMATUM HUBBS RED WILLOW Zone 5-6 This willow has long narrow purple/red leaves and is a compact grower with a bamboo like appearance, and fiery red/orange fall colour. and HEMEROCALLIS RAINBOW RHYTHM



