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Your Kamloops Garden Club Newsletter

June, 2025

Next meeting: Wednesday June 25, 2025

Heritage House (Upper level)

100 Lorne St. Kamloops

(Riverside Park)

Doors open at 6:30 pm, meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Our Presentation this month

Speaker. Megan Blackmore, Coordinator, Learning, Invasive Species BC

Megan will give us an update and presentation on the Japanese Beetle in Kamloops . There will be a Q and A after her presentation, bring your questions.

Reminder: for the June meeting, doors open at 7pm as Kamloops Ambassadors are booked until 7pm

May Agenda:

Welcome from Carol W. , president

Introduction of speaker, Megan Blackmore

Coffee Break

Secretary Report, Cheri

Treasurer Report, Lorna

Old Business:

Liv will give us a quick overview on the June Flower Show and Tea

Lorna, update on the Summerland Bus Trip, REMINDER that ALL members are free on the bus trip.

Non-members pay \$65.00

2 beautiful floral arrangements that were donated by Sarah F, floral presenter from the May meeting were WON by members Myles and Margaret.

Thank You to Mary Bianco and daughter Nina for donating all the beautiful pots to the May Plant sale.

REMINDERS:

-if the Heritage House parking area is full, please park and display your pink parking pass

-please keep taking photos of your gardens for Shauna to put in the February potluck Slideshow

- when signing in for the meeting to collect your NEW membership name tag and to please sign the NEW membership information cards for Lorna and Judy

New Business:

- July and August are garden tours , please sign up if you would like to put your garden on tour or know someone who would like to .

- No meetings for July and August

- any guest speakers please email Carol W.

we now take E-Transfer for memberships to thekamloopsgardenclub@gmail.com;

Winners of the 2025 Flower Show

Flower Show Winners

Best Collection	Moira Allen
Best Clematis	Moira Allen
Best Lily	Lorna Mc Millan
Best Annual	Trudy Van der Veld
Best Live Arrangement	Trudy Van der Veld
Best Potted Outdoor Plant	Trudy Van der Veld
Best Potted Houseplant	Trudy Van der Veld
Most Points	Trudy Van der Veld
Best Flowering Shrub	Joan Campbell
Best Foliage	Joan Campbell
Best Perennial/Biennial	Joan Campbell
Children & Teens	Bryn Smith
Best Rose	Barb McLay
Best in Show	Barb McLay

Article from Simple Garden Life

[How To Prune Young Pepper Plants - Removing Flowers & Fruit!](#)

One of the best ways to set your young pepper plants up for big success and a big harvest this summer to prune them right from the start – and that includes pruning off the plant's first blooms and fruit! But as tempting as it is to let those early blooms and fruit continue to grow, it's actually one of the worst things you can do for your pepper plants in the long run. As it turns out, removing those early flowers and any developing fruit is one of the most important tasks for growing strong, productive pepper plants.

Pepper plants need to build a strong set of main stems and a thick layer of foliage. The early flowers take away from all of that. Instead of putting energy into expanding its roots and stems, the plant begins to use its limited resources to support blossoms and the first fruits.

the first fruits that form take the longest to ripen. Even worse, they take up a lot of energy – energy the plant desperately needs to grow larger and stronger.

All blossoms and fruit that appear within the first four weeks after planting should be removed. This helps direct the plant's energy back into growth, not fruit production. A stronger plant early on is able to support a much heavier load of peppers later in the season. One thing is for sure – the difference it makes is dramatic!

This process should continue for the first four full weeks after transplanting. By the end of week four or five, your plant should have developed to a point where it can begin to support flowering and fruit production without sacrificing its overall health.

After this point, you can let the flowers bloom and begin setting fruit. You'll be amazed at how much more productive and vigorous your plants will be by the middle and end of summer.

What Vegetable Plants Really Need – More Phosphorus and Potassium

From Simple Garden life

This problem happens most often when gardeners use all-purpose fertilizers or basic “plant food” products that are heavily nitrogen-based. Many of these fertilizers have N-P-K ratios like 15-15-15 or even 20-20-20. When fertilizing vegetable plants to flower and set fruit, they need more phosphorus and potassium than nitrogen, and are the key to powering blooms and fruit in plants.

Phosphorus (the middle number in the N-P-K ratio) supports root development and flower formation. Potassium (the third number) helps the plant with overall strength, including disease resistance and fruit development. That’s why the best fertilizers for a vegetable garden will have a nutrient ratio with more phosphorus and potassium compared to nitrogen. For example, a good garden fertilizer might be something in the range of 3-8-7 to 3-15-15.

The Best Way To Use Fertilizer – Small Amounts, More Often

When it comes to how you apply fertilizer, liquid fertilizers are often the better choice for vegetable gardens. That’s because they work fast and can be absorbed both through the roots and the leaves.

Although granular types will work for fertilizing vegetable plants, they take more time to help. Liquid fertilizers work almost immediately.

Liquid fertilizers are especially useful in containers or raised beds where nutrients can wash out of the soil faster. In these cases, the faster release and easier control of liquids helps keep plants on a consistent feeding schedule. And with their limited root space, potted vegetables often show faster results with liquid feedings. Another big bonus is that you can apply liquid fertilizer to both the soil and the plant’s foliage at the same time. This two-way feeding gets nutrients into the plant quickly, helping it recover from stress or take off with blooming and fruiting.

Most commercial liquid fertilizers list a recommended strength and feeding schedule on the label. But for vegetable plants, especially once they are growing strong and blooming, it’s better to use the fertilizer at half the recommended strength and apply it every 10 to 14 days.

Parking Passes: please see Myles Huble for 2025 free parking passes which you put on your dash, and park in the front row of Heritage House

Memberships are due every Jan \$20/person, \$25/couple and paid to treasurer Lorna McMillan
Cash or checks only please.

Lorna will be updating us all on the Summerland Ornamental Gardens bus trip **Saturday July 5, 2025**. If you have not registered to attend please email Lorna at the kamloopsgardenclub@gmail.com Attention Lorna

All members must be paid up for the year by the May meeting and to attend the bus trip as well. We now accept E-Transfer to: thekamloopsgardenclub@gmail.com; **Members who have not paid their membership by the May meeting will not receive any more newsletters.**

Remember to check out the Kamloops Garden Club Facebook page for lots of information, thanks to Kiera McLellan.

Any members who have anything to contribute to the monthly newsletter please email to Judy Villeneuve judyricher@shaw.ca; we have a wealth of plant knowledge in this club and would love to hear from you.

For speakers please email Carol at cwozencroft@gmail.com or 250-319-5451 with your suggestions. and tell anyone who might like to speak at our meetings that we pay them \$100 for a ½ to ¾ hour presentation. We can provide a laptop & projector if necessary.



**The garden club is a scent and
smoke free zone**



**June snacks will be brought by
Judy Kneal & Diane Smith**

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