

WEED ALL ABOUT US

Your Kamloops Garden Club Newsletter

JUNE 2026

Next meeting: Wednesday June 26, 2026



Heritage House (Upper level)
100 Lorne St Kamloops (Riverside Park)
Doors open at 6:30 pm, meeting starts at 7:00 pm

SPECIAL!! This is a very full newsletter!

We have two Speakers for the June meeting! Trevor Mader of Elemental Landscape Designs will show how to set up a small water bowl feature in your backyard or condo. After coffee and brief meeting Shauna Pezzot will present the annual slideshow! Thank you to everyone who has sent her pictures, She has been patiently gathering our members photos of plants, flowers and gardens to create a show for us before we break for summer.

Thank you to our **May meeting Speakers** Maura Allen and Liv Sallows who instructed us in the preparation and presentation of entries for the June Community Rose & Flower Show & Tea. Very informative!

Thank you Roni Sue for taking pictures!



Dictamnus albus is a species of flowering plant in the family Rutaceae. It is also known as burning bush, dittany, gas plant or fraxinella. Thank you Maura for bringing it in.

A FEW REMINDERS:

- ★ For everyone's comfort the meetings and events are Scent-free, thank you.
- ★ Please park and display your pink parking pass even if the Heritage House parking area is full.
- ★ Please bring your own coffee cup.

We need someone to take care of the coffee and tea going forward.
Thank you. Not a big commitment, but greatly appreciated by everyone at each meeting. Please let us know if you will help going forward!

Shirley Bryant is bringing the snack this month. Thank you Shirley!

- ★ **For speakers: Let us know your interests- What do you want to learn about? What would you want to see more of from guests?** If you have someone in mind who would like to share their passion, knowledge, expertise...Please email Carol, at cwozencroft@gmail.com or 250-319-5451. Please 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.

- ★ We have started our 2026 **Garden Tours** strongly with Tricia Sullivan and Jay Ackerly's gardens at the end of May.
- ★ Early June we were able to visit across the street from Liv's house- her neighbours were away, but we got to see their beautiful yard, fruit trees and variety of plants.
- ★ June 18, we visited the Ritcey's yard with much going on and a few bouquets too! These were very appreciated by all who attended!

Let us know if you are willing to allow us to ooh and ahhhh over your beauties, or if you know of a garden you enjoy – let Roni Sue know at thekamloopsgardenclub@gmail.com!

Tours are usually about an hour, we ask nothing from the homeowner except to let us enjoy, and are usually a Thursday evening but we can accommodate changes.

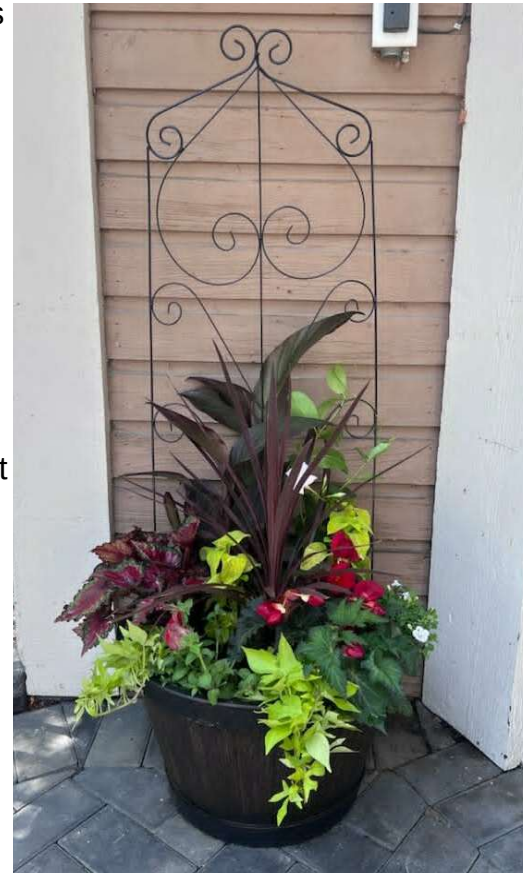
If you know of a garden and would like an ice-breaker, we have these cards available:



Dawn House put this colourful planter together for the residents of Overlander Long Term Care on Southill St, with compliments of Kamloops Garden Club:

Carol Allen, our new Member at Large, painted, designed and created this beautiful chair and table for our lovely Judy Villeneuve who was a long standing member of the Garden Club, who acted as a director, and was a passionate, generous driving force about the whole Club and events like the Rose and Flower show and the plant sale.

We hold space, an empty chair, to remember those who are not with us:



We remember Moe Granger:



COMMUNITY ROSE & FLOWER SHOW & TEA REVIEW

WOW!! What a great day!! So many entries, and great displays of creativity were judged and 18 prizes given- some folks with multiple entries won several prizes too! Raffle prizes were won and smiles. Congratulations to all the ribbon and prize and raffle winners! Thank you for everyone who entered your beauties! With out entries, there is no show!

Many volunteered- set up, registration, runners, placers, kitchen lunch and baking organization (Lorna just got her Food Safe Certificate for this event) and baking, coffee and tea servers, entry tables, membership tables, raffle table, clean up and miscellaneous made for a fantastic day. We created a different floor layout that seemed to flow very well for viewing the tables of flowers and plants, and for enjoying tea and dainties (made by more volunteers! And mmm YUM!) 2 new members signed up! Everybody looked lovely and there were lots of smiles.

We have to thank everyone who supported this day, it is the biggest event we do in the year, and a lot of pieces get put together:

- Liv Sallows has been a tireless organizer of this for years and is handing over the reigns to the rest of us, so we've tried to pay attention to what has to be done.
- Brad, her son, for setting up tables and putting up with the new plan as we figured it out!
- Cheri for making the signs for the sandwich boards for the parking lot entrances.
- Roni Sue for putting together the Raffle Table.
- Muriel McIlwain set all the pretty tables for the Tea.
- Barbra Froment arranged all the bud vases for the tables.
- Cathy Crosbie and Leanne Mohle, from Salmon Arm, judged this year's event.
- A new supporter this year, was Chartwell's Ridgepointe Retirement Residence. They offered information, and a door prize and sponsored one of the raffle prizes- a dinner for 4 by their chefs, and they brought a group of residents to the Tea. We thank them for coming and hope to see them again next year!
- For many years Art Knapp has been donating \$300 for us to use for plants and flowers for awards.
- Martin and Martin Lawyers, Cheryl and Max Martin and friend Keyfer Gibson, have been donating their time on the day of, and printing material for several years.
- Freshco and Safeway donated gift cards.
- Canadian Tire donated hanging baskets.
- Dave Sallows, and members Loretta Buckingham, Carol Wozencroft and Dawn House donated raffle items!
- Everyone from the community and membership who came out to have tea and baked items, enjoy the show, offer to help and be present!
- If I have missed anyone, please let me know, I will thank them via Facebook.

Enjoy the day through the pictures if you were not able to be there!

Rose & Flower Show and Tea category Winners:

- 1. Best Arrangement
- 2. Best Collection
- 3. Best Potted Outdoor Plant
- 4. Best Rose
- 5. Best Lily
- 6. Best Perennial
- 7. Best Annual
- 8. Best Peony
- 9. Best Iris
- 10. Best Clematis
- 11. Best Flowering Shrub
- 12. Best Foliage
- 13. Best Potted House Plant
- 14. Best Dried Arrangement
- 15. Just for Fun
- 16. Children- teens (Jr)
- 17. Best in Show

- 1. Dawn Brodie
- 2. Barb McLay
- 3. Sally Oerlemans
- 4. Joan Campbell
- 5. Gail Austin
- 6. Gail Austin
- 7. Barb McLay
- 8. No Winner
- 9. Gail Austin
- 10. Roberta Marshall
- 11. Joan Campbell
- 12. Maura Allen
- 13. Gail Austin
- 14. Sally Oerlemans
- 15. Brodie's Bounty- Dawn Brodie
- 16. Brin Smith
- 17. Barb McLay





Cheri, Roz, and Myles serving tea, coffee and dainties.
The Awards table from Art Knapp.
Raffle table.



MEMBERSHIP

Thank you and welcome to all the new members! We are about 75 members now, and that's fantastic! To keep up with the rising costs of venue rent, insurance, guest speakers, and our various club events, we have made the decision to implement a \$5 Drop-In fee for non-members attending our meetings. This change will take effect starting with the March meeting and will continue in the future. We appreciate your ongoing support and understanding as we work to maintain the quality of our club's programming. Fees are \$20 per person/year for membership.

Becoming a member of the **Kamloops Garden Club** gives you:

- **A supportive community** of gardeners who enjoy sharing knowledge, plants, and inspiration
 - **Participation in club activities**, including garden tours, workshops, special events, hands-on learning opportunities, wreath-making, and our annual potluck Christmas dinner
 - **Monthly meetings** with engaging speakers and practical gardening topics, held on the **4th Wednesday of the month** (no meetings in July, August, or December)
 - **The *Weed All About Us* newsletter**, emailed monthly before the monthly meeting to current members with club news, event updates, and seasonal gardening tips
 - **Garden centre discounts** at participating local retailers when you show your membership card
 - **Voting rights** on initiatives that shape club projects and goals
 - **Opportunities to get involved**, including joining the Executive Team by running for a Director position
- Whether you're new to gardening or have years of experience, you'll find a warm, welcoming group of people who share your enthusiasm for growing, learning, and connecting.

Annual membership: \$20 per person

Non-member meeting drop-in: \$5

Membership runs on a **calendar year (January–December)**. Renewals are due each January/February.

To keep our records current, **a membership form must be completed each year** along with your annual fee.

Vendors in Kamloops Garden Club that support our efforts!

These preferred companies have offered us a discount for Members. Your Membership Card Must be shown to access the discount. Ask staff what the discount applies to! We may have other vendors later and will keep you posted. Some products or services may be excluded

<p>Agri Supply 10% 782 D Tagish St Kamloops</p> <p>Lyons Garden Centre 20% <i>Garden centre only, no seeds or services</i> 11271 Salish Rd Kamloops</p>	<p>Ollek Nurseries 10% 2530 Knutsford Hills Dr Knutsford</p> <p>Purity Feed 15% <i>Plant material & decor</i> 471 Okanagan Way Kamloops</p>
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**Creating a Kamloops Xeriscape:** <https://www.kamloops.ca/sites/default/files/brochure-createxeriscape.pdf>

**Kamloops Noxious weeds & Invasive plants:**  
<https://www.kamloops.ca/our-community/environment-sustainability/healthy-landscapes/integrated-pest-management/noxious>

**BC Invasives:** <https://bcinvasives.ca/take-action/identify/>

**FIRESMART For your home and property:** <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prepare/firesmart> and <https://firesmartbc.ca/>

**KAMLOOPS FIRE ZONE Prohibitions and Restrictions:**

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/fire-bans-and-restrictions/kamloops-fire-centre-bans>

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Board of Directors

Volunteer Spots / Committee Opportunities

President	Carol Wozencroft	Flower Show and Tea	Carol & Roni Sue (Liv retires) & Volunteers THANK YOU!
Vice Pres	Roni-Sue Coulter	Annual Plant Sale	2027: Volunteers, thank you!
Secretary	Cheri-Dawn Witwiky	Garden Tours	Roni Sue C
Treasurer	Lorna McMillan	Sign in Desk	Annie T & Joyce R
Membership	Myles Huble	Door Greeter	Ruth L
Facilities Liaison	Dianne Smith	Wreath Workshop	You?
Social Media	Kiera McLellan	Coffee and Snacks	Coffee& Tea at Break: You? Snacks: Shirley Bryant June
Member at Large	Carol Allen	Potluck Dinner Food Planning	Sally O
Website	Dianne Smith	Potluck Dinner Set Up	Volunteers
Speakers	Carol W	Newsletter	Kiera M

Follow and contribute your ideas and pictures and knowledge here:

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2602102930005297> Kamloops Garden Club GROUP Facebook Page

<https://kamloopsgardenclub.com/>

Kamloops Garden Club Website



WISHING YOU AN AMAZING SUMMER WITH HANDS IN THE SOIL, DIRT UNDER YOUR FINGERNAILS, AND COOL WALKS THROUGH SHADE WITH FLOWERS EVERYWHERE YOU GO!

Take lots of pictures!!

See you September 23, 2026!!

