

**KAMLOOPS GARDEN CLUB
SUMMER SPECIAL EDITION 2026**

WEED ALL ABOUT US

Your Kamloops Garden Club Newsletter SUMMER 2026

Next meeting: Wednesday Sept 23, 2026



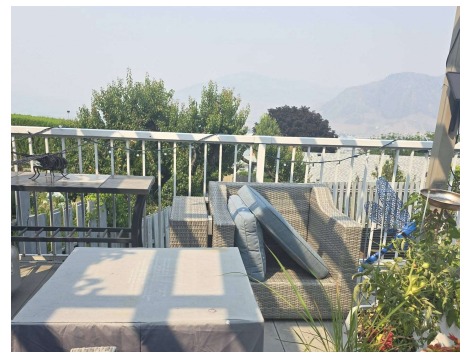
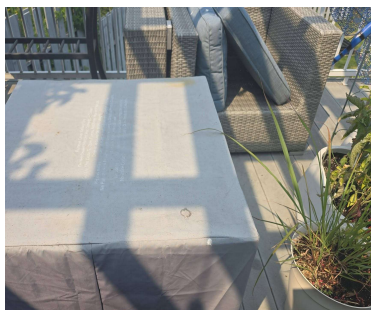
Heritage House (Upper level)
100 Lorne St Kamloops (Riverside Park)
Doors open at 6:30 pm, meeting starts at 7:00 pm

I should be wishing you a summer of walks in gardens of flowers, trees, greens and vegetables with friends and family, but instead, I want to wish everyone the safest of summers, and hugs to all those who are affected or know someone impacted by the fires around the province. As we watch the news, or like me, crawl back into Covid-mode and avoid the outside without a mask, we have to make a point of honouring the good, the growth and the beauty that is still around us within the smoky, sky-less days. Check on each other, and do nice things for yourself and others.

On a serious note regarding wildfires. Firesmart is not just a program for those living in Interface or woodland areas, or with much vegetation on their property. The principles and practices of property protection are valid for every property. I had an "Oh-shit!" moment: The first picture is a burn mark, on the top of our propane fire pit, on our deck. I brushed the cold ember off when I was cleaning a layer of ash off the deck.

We were out of town, beginning of July, watching the news of a fire, and the heavy orange skies, from fire off Shuswap Rd in Kamloops and the early days of the Boston Bar fire. I'm not sure where on the Shuswap Rd it was, but I have to presume that the weather carried the ember across the valley, to Lower Sahali, to my deck.

FORTUNATELY, it's a burn mark only. However, the "what could have beens" are pretty real. Pictures pull back to show the fire pit -ember mark lower right- and Peter and Paul in the smoke - other side of the river, where Shuswap Rd run East West. That ember was carried over miles by air currents pushed by heat from a fire underneath it. I was feeling pretty cozy and safe in my cityhouse, bad for everyone displaced or evac'd. But, these days... These conditions...The drought...So easy to ignite anything.



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Remember to read up on the **Website!** We've had some great **articles** so far:

- * Drought Resistant Plants for Kamloops
- * Update on the Japanese Beetle in Kamloops
- * August in the Garden
- * Deadheading Basics- Why it matters and when to do it
- * Lifting and Dividing Irises
- * Caring for Hanging Baskets and Planters, Parts 1 & 2
- * Beating the Odds: Planing During a Heat Wave
- * July in the Garden
- * Caring for Peonies After they Bloom



Recipes such as: Raspberry Streusel, Lilac Simple Syrop, Florentine's and more!

Access to previous **Newsletters**, comments, **Gardening Tips**, and the newest addition to the **Website, Garden News and Views**: A fresh companion to the Kamloops Garden Club website, Garden News & Views is where we share other garden club newsletters, quick garden notes, and snapshots from gardens across our community.

We had two Speakers for the June meeting!

Trevor Mader of Elemental Landscape Designs will showed how to set up a water bowl and fountain feature in your backyard or condo, or on your deck.

<https://www.elementaldesign.biz/>

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After coffee and brief meeting Shauna Pezzot will presented the annual slideshow! It was a great reminder of all the fun things we did, places we went, gardens and plants we visited, and the gardeners that we all are! A great group of people.

Thank you to everyone who has sent her pictures, She has been patiently gathering our members photos of plants, flowers and gardens, taking pictures and stealing them from our Facebook pages... to create a show for us before we break for summer.

A FEW REMINDERS:

- ★ For everyone's comfort the meetings and events are Scent-free, thank you.
- ★ Treasurer Reports, Meeting Reports, Garden Tours and other club business is emailed to members
- ★ Please park and display your pink parking pass even if the Heritage House parking area is full
- ★ Please bring your own coffee/tea cup.

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★ **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 2026 **Garden Tours!** Roni Sue has been working hard to beg, borrow, steal, repeat, and solicit where ever she can to visit garden filled yard this summer!
If you need these introduction cards, send an email, Kiera or Myles will get them to you!

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, beginning at 7 pm**, but we can accommodate changes.

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



Watch your email inbox for times, and addresses or changes to garden tours. Hope to see you at the Garden Tours set below! A couple of these are from members dropping the above card to people!

13-Aug	439 Laurier Drive
20-Aug	680 Dairy Road-come and go from 4pm on-please park in driveway, it holds 10 cars
27-Aug	748 Laurier Drive
3-Sep	Indigenous Plant walk @ Peterson Creek w/ Trudi
10-Sep	680 Dairy Road-come and go from 4pm on-please park in driveway, it holds 10 cars

DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA'S TOTALLY **Un**OFFICIAL GUIDE TO

North America's Pollinating Bees

Bumblebees

- Defies the laws of physics (shouldn't be able to fly)
- Works 8 times harder than the honeybee
- Super messy but efficient pollinator
- Vibrates to pollinate
- Can fly higher than the peak of Everest



Mason Bees

- More than 150 different types of them
- Won't sting you unless you squeeze them (so, you know, don't squeeze them)
- Every female is a queen bee

Sweat Bees

- Will swarm sweaty people (they love the smell of them)
- Recognized by their green metallic colour
- Digs vertically
- Total loners



Cuckoo Bees

- Steals nests instead of building their own
- Kills other bee's eggs to lay their own
- Will kill each other to get food
- Not even good pollinators

Carpenter Bees

- Has a super long lifespan (3 years!)
- Lives like the Kardashians (mom and daughters share a nest)
- Males can't sting you; females don't want to



Leafcutter Bees

- Line their homes with pieces of leaves
- 1 leafcutter can pollinate as well as 20 honeybees
- Eggs are laid with food (the young don't dig their way out – they eat their way out!)

Digger Bees

- Very fast flying
- More than 900 species of them
- Has two stomachs – one for eating and one for storage



Yellowjacket Wasps

- Technically not a bee (but we needed one more to make this look even)
- Transports pollen by accident
- Super aggressive
- Will fight you for the Coke you're drinking



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**GARDEN SUPPLIERS AND NURSERIES AND
GARDEN CENTRES IN THE REGION**

• Okanoganxeriscape.org • sagebrushnursery.com Oliver • wildbloomnursery.com Kelowna • https://www.countrygardenherbs.ca/ Monte Lake • Boleangardens.com • https://ollek.ca/ Knusford • https://artknappkamloops.ca Kamloops • https://www.lyonslandscaping.com/ Kamloops • https://www.agrisupplykamloops.ca/ farm supply Kamloops • https://metroreload.com/topsoil/ Kamloops • http://www.bluemountainnursery.ca/ Armstrong	• https://www.thepondcountrymarket.com/Barnhartvale • https://www.tru.ca/conferencecentre/facilities-venues/horticulture-gardens.html • https://www.horselakegardencentre.com/ Lone Bute • https://psnursery.com/ Armstrong • https://www.meadowbrae.ca/ Salmon Arm • https://www.nicosnurseryland.com/ Blind Bay • Sorrento Nurseries Ltd • https://www.nicosnurseryland.com/ Salmon Arm • https://purityfeed.ca/ Kamloops
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Vendors in Kamloops that support our club!

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, such as, sale items.

Agri Supply 10% 782 D Tagish St Kamloops	Ollek Nurseries 10% 2530 Knutsford Hills Dr Knutsford
Lyons Garden Centre 20% <i>Garden centre only, no seeds or services</i> 11271 Salish Rd Kamloops	Purity Feed 15% <i>Plant material & decor</i> 471 Okanagan Way Kamloops

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HELPFUL AND INFORMATIVE SITES

Public emergency preparation and recovery

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/preparedbc>

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>

For gardening programs, seniors services, food access, vouchers for the Farmers Market (Low Income) and the SEED BANK!

<https://www.mountpaulcommunityfoodcentre.com/service>

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MEMBERSHIP

Thank you and welcome to all the new members! We are about 75 members now, and that's fantastic!

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 to December, and**

*** RENEWALS ARE DUE IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY OF THE NEW YEAR.**

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

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**Follow. Like, Share** and Contribute your ideas and pictures and knowledge here:

Kamloops Garden **Club Facebook Page**

<https://www.facebook.com/KamloopsGardenClub>

Kamloops Garden Club **GROUP Facebook Page**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2602102930005297>

Kamloops Garden Club **Website**

<https://kamloopsgardenclub.com/>

**Our Email:** [thekamloopsgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:thekamloopsgardenclub@gmail.com)



### Board of Directors

### Volunteer Spots / Committee Opportunities

|                           |                    |                                     |                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>President</b>          | Carol Wozencroft   | <b>Flower Show and Tea</b>          | Carol & Roni Sue<br><b>Volunteers, thank you!</b>                                                                                   |
| <b>Vice Pres</b>          | Roni-Sue Coulter   | <b>Annual Plant Sale</b>            | 2027:<br><b>Volunteers, thank you!</b>                                                                                              |
| <b>Secretary</b>          | Cheri-Dawn Witwiky | <b>Garden Tours</b>                 | Roni Sue C                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Treasurer</b>          | Lorna McMillan     | <b>Sign in Desk</b>                 | Annie T & Joyce R                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Membership</b>         | Myles Huble        | <b>Door Greeter</b>                 | Ruth L                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Facilities Liaison</b> | Dianne Smith       | <b>Wreath Workshop</b>              | Jude Kneale                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Social Media</b>       | Kiera McLellan     | <b>Coffee and Snacks</b>            | Coffee& Tea at Break: Donna Mattice and Shirley Bryant!<br>Thank you!<br>Snacks: Lorna M /SEPT<br>Gail A /OCT<br>Roz & Chris H /NOV |
| <b>Member at Large</b>    | Carol Allen        | <b>Potluck Dinner Food Planning</b> | Sally O                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Website</b>            | Dianne Smith       | <b>Potluck Dinner Set Up</b>        | <b>Volunteers</b>                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Speakers</b>           | Carol W            | <b>Newsletter</b>                   | Kiera M                                                                                                                             |

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**SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!**