

WEED ALL ABOUT US

Your Kamloops Garden Club Newsletter



Next meeting: Wednesday OCT 28, 2026

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



THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

There will be no speaker this month, but we invite members to get festive and creative and create an Autumn / Halloween Floral display! There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes. Roni Sue has games for us to have some fun with too!

This month we will be talking about roles on the board that will open up for new people to take on. Think about becoming involved on the Board of Directors!

The board is elected by you! Yes, more talk of elections. October and November are regular meetings, December is the Christmas Potluck and January is elections.

Membership Registration creation on the Website is being worked on- we are trying to make things easier for you and us. Dianne wants to demo this for you at the November meeting. So, if you want to avoid the crowds, in January you will be able to register on the website and pay via e-transfer. You will still have to come to the meeting to pick up your membership card, parking pass etc. If you want to pay cash or cheque you can still do this at the meeting.

Remember to read up on the **Website!** Some great recent **articles:**

- * Getting Your Christmas Cactus to Bloom for the Holidays
- * Tip for Bringing Outdoor Plants Indoors for the Winter

Recipes, Access to previous **Newsletters**, comments, **Gardening Tips**, and the newest addition to the Website; **Garden News and Views** (check it out).



NOTES:

- ★ For everyone's comfort the meetings and events are Scent-free, thank you.
- ★ **LOST:** Left at the Brian Minter evening: Stainless water bottle. Is in club storage.
- ★ Treasurer Reports, Meeting Reports, Garden Tours and other club business are emailed to members
- ★ Please park and display your pink parking pass even if the Permitted Heritage House parking area is full

★ **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.

★ **GARDEN TOURS:** Roni Sue has works hard to beg, borrow, steal, repeat, and solicit where ever she can to visit gardens throughout the summer!

If you need these introduction cards, send an email, Kiera or Myles will get them to you, please see us at the meeting! These have been responsible for us being able to see some new gardens!

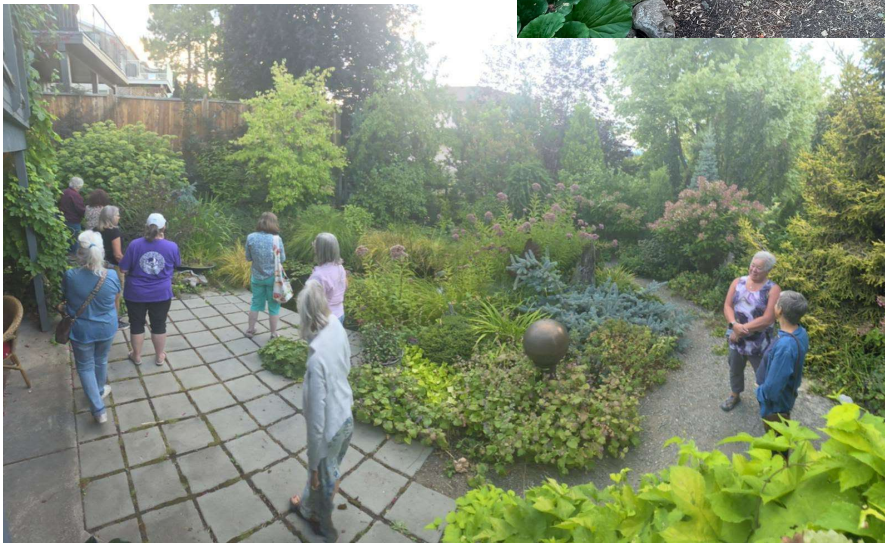
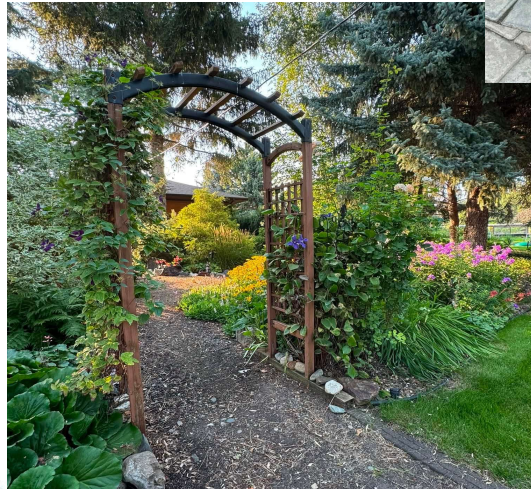
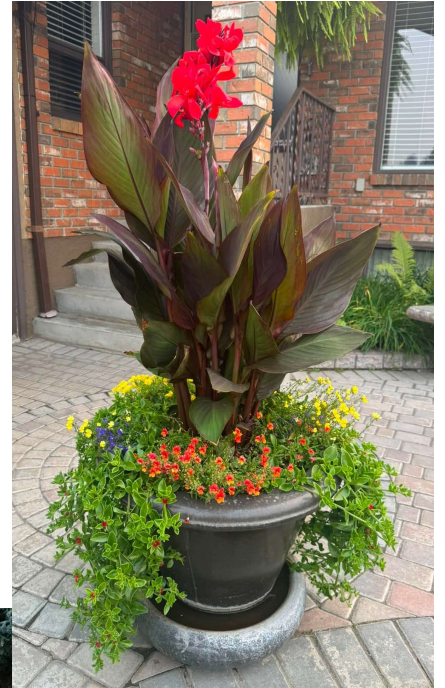
Let Roni Sue know at thekamloopsgardenclub@gmail.com!

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.



KAMLOOPS GARDEN CLUB October 2026

**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO LET US VISIT
THEIR FANTASTIC GARDEN SPACES THIS SUMMER!!**



KAMLOOPS GARDEN CLUB October 2026

We thank the iconic **Brian Minter** for coming to Kamloops for the evening of September 23 to speak to us about New, Exciting & Resilient Plants for our Gardens! He touched on the changes in plant breeders making changes to adapt to the climate changing to warmer and drier. Several of the plants he mentioned that we would consider for shaded areas like Heuchera and Bergenia are being developed to tolerate and thrive in hot sun. He visits many nurseries throughout the US and Canada to learn what's new, but currently, due to the dollar exchange and cost to ship, there's no point in bringing things in from the US. He showed us Sedums being developed by Chris Hansen that change colour when temperatures drop, and using foliage to make beautiful winter container arrangements.

He spoke quickly and effectively and covered a ton of information in the hour he spoke about the plants he brought with him (primarily for ~zone 5), from his Country Gardens in Chilliwack. He talked about several of the nurseries he visits that trial new plants and shared many of them on his slide show. Attendees snapped up most of his plants after a short Q&A, and took pictures with Brian. We had a good number of members and non-members attend, and it was a fun experience for all.

There were three winners of a 3 month membership:

Nancy Mackinnon, Audrey Baier, and Michelle Berezowski! Welcome!



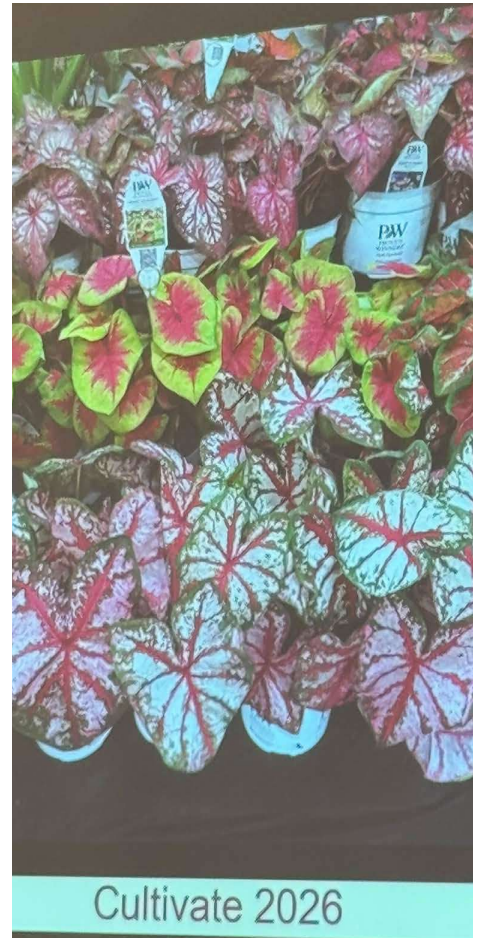
You can see more of the photos from the evening on Facebook.



Box Honeysuckle, trailing shrubby foliage



Golden Oriental Spruce- a soft, narrow leafed spruce

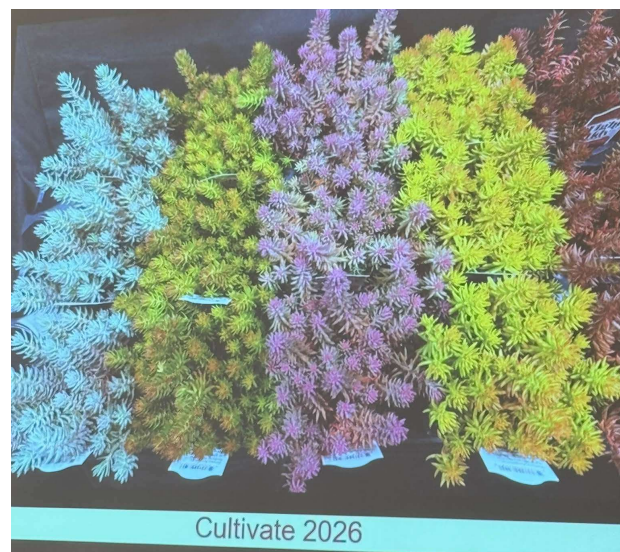


Cultivate 2026

Caladuims



Coleus and Japanese Purple Feather grass with creeping Jenny



Multicoloured Sedums

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you and welcome to all the new members! We are over 85 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
- Summer **garden tours** throughout the city
- **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 and garden tour 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. Please have your Vehicle Licence Plate number ready.

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>

Kamloops Garden Club CONTACT INFORMATION

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



<https://www.nancy-straughan.com/blog/2018/7/25/relaxed-and-natural-halloween-display-ideas>

Board of Director Opportunities

Volunteer Spots / Committees

President	Carol Wozencroft	Flower Show and Tea	Carol & Roni Sue Volunteers
Vice Pres	Roni-Sue Coulter	Annual Plant Sale	2027: Volunteers
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	Jude Kneale
Social Media	Kiera McLellan	Coffee and Snacks	Coffee& Tea at Break: Donna Mattice and Shirley Bryant! Snacks: Gail A /OCT Roz & Chris H /NOV
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

<https://www.newwestminsterflorist.ca/halloween/cat1080007>

