



# WELCOME TO THE COWICHAN VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

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[www.cowichanvalleygardenclub.com](http://www.cowichanvalleygardenclub.com)



**Meetings** are held on the second Wednesday of the month, except July and August, at St. John's Church Hall, 486 Jubilee Street, Duncan.

The business part of the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. but most people arrive early to shop at the plant table, buy raffle tickets, borrow library books and socialise.

Each month there is a guest speaker (suggestions welcome), often with slides. At the December meeting, members show slides and there is a Christmas gift exchange. The best tea table on Vancouver Island accompanies the social time after the formal part of the meeting.

#### **Web Site**

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Go to the club's web site for up-to-date information re: Newsletter, Agenda, Gardening Tips, Upcoming Events, Articles of interest, Library, Photo Gallery. There is also a **secure members section** re: Team Lists with phone numbers, Open Gardens, Club Minutes.

**New Members** to request a user name and a password to get into the members section of the website, email contact:

[info@cowichanvalleygardenclub.com](mailto:info@cowichanvalleygardenclub.com)

**Name Tags** can be purchased at the registration desk. Wear your name tag and you are eligible for a free raffle ticket!

**Parlour Show** – a mini Flower Show each month. Everyone is encouraged to participate and there are classes in season for everything from a plate of potatoes to Christmas wreaths. It is an excellent way to display the products of our gardens. The committee has a list of classes available at the front table and you can ask them questions before the meeting at the Parlour Show tables. Judges are chosen from the members present, and remember – you learn by doing.

Have you grown something especially lovely, unusual or unknown? Bring it to the **Any Thing Goes Table!** Points are awarded for entries to the **Any Thing Goes Table** and Parlour Show – prizes are given in December of each year.

#### **ANNUAL TROPHIES & PRIZES:**

1. Overall aggregate points in parlour show.  
First Prize: Gooding Memorial Trophy
2. Overall aggregate points in flower arranging.  
First Prize: Irma Burrows Bowl
3. Annual vegetable and flower growing contest.  
First Prize: \$5.00

The **Club Library** is excellent and improving every month as our librarian invests in books to educate and tempt every gardener. Members may borrow books for one month. There is a late charge of \$1.00 per month.

At the **Plant Table**, you can find plants at a good price. They are brought by members and proceeds go to the Club to be used on such things as bus tours.

At the **Raffle Table**, you can buy tickets for a very reasonable price. There is always a valuable prize to be won.

The Club arranges **Tours** to members' gardens and to interesting gardens in other areas.

The Convenor, Committee and helpers for the Flower Division of the *Cowichan Exhibition* in September, are volunteers from the Club and many members enter classes.

The Club holds a **Spring Flower Show, Plant Sale and Tea** in the alternating months of April and May of each year. It is open to the public and enjoyed by all.

The members of the Cowichan Valley Garden Club are divided into 10 teams, each with a Team Leader.

#### **TEAM DUTIES**

**Team Leaders** phone/email the team members to remind them about meetings and co-ordinate them in their two "duty months" of the year.

**First month of duties:** Set up the tables and chairs, bring plants and run the plant stall, set up the raffle table and sell tickets, and stay to clean up the hall after the meeting.

**Second month of duties:** Make sandwiches and bake sweets. Make and serve tea and clean up the kitchen after the meeting.

The Cowichan Valley Garden Club is a large group of diverse, interesting people, happy and busy, united by their love of gardening. We are pleased that you have decided to join us.

**Annual fees** \$20.00 per person or \$40.00 per couple.

**Name Tags** can be purchased at a cost of \$7.30.

Application for membership can be found on the club's web site. Please complete and bring to meeting or if unable to attend, send to

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