



THE BULLETIN

BRITISH COLUMBIA COUNCIL
OF GARDEN CLUBS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LYNDA PASACRETA

PLEASE FORWARD TO ALL OF YOUR CLUB MEMBERS

In the March issue of *The Bulletin* I asked for photos of your birdhouses because as we all know a healthy garden attracts our feathered friends.

Hubby and I have thoroughly enjoyed this winter with entertainment offered to us by funny flying chickadees (they look like they are dancing to a favourite song), brilliant red finches as they toss sunflower seeds as far as they can, cheeky dark-eyed juncos working hard in the gardens cleaning up the seeds flung by the finches, tiny, tiny bushtits who fly in en masse to tell everyone where they have been, stunning downy woodpeckers who stop us in our tracks when they show up, and our little upside-down birds, the nuthatches, who make us giggle. Of course, in amongst all the feathers and bird songs is our favourite couple — the Anna's hummingbirds.

I must admit that we do offer sunflower seeds and suet to our little gang of birds and sugar water to our hummingbirds during the winter. But we are strict with keeping everything clean and healthy. Everything was taken

down, cleaned, and stored at the end of March.

We have also cleaned out our little birdhouse to get it ready for a new family to move in.

A friend of ours made a delightful little mid-century modern camper birdhouse for us to hang in our garden. We had a nuthatch family raise a couple of broods during the summer. They were so clean. They would constantly take out bird waste from inside the little house and drop it in different places in our garden.

Between the hummingbirds and the nuthatches dive bombing us while we sat out on our lovely patio, it was a delightful season for us.

We have our fingers crossed that the avian population (and all the other pollinators) continue to live in our gardens.

Home of Mr. and Mrs. Nuthatch.
Photo by Lynda Pasacreta,
Richmond Garden Club



SCHOLARSHIP FUND NEWS

ANITA IRANI, OUTGOING SCHOLARSHIP FUND CHAIR

It is not often, in life, that one has opportunities to combine one's passions and interests.

Serving on the Scholarship Fund Committee for these past three years has enabled me to further enrich a lifelong passion for education through another lens — the fascinating field of gardening and cultivation. Connecting with students pursuing a variety of horticulture-related fields, and learning about their experiences, dreams and goals, has truly been an enlightening and rewarding experience. I am truly grateful to the BCCGC, in particular to president Lynda Pasacreta, for this opportunity.

As I come to the end of my term, I wish to thank all members of the SFC, past and present, for their collegiality and support. Our present SFC members, Debbie Mellenger and Betty Girard, have been incredibly supportive and wonderful to work with. Betty Girard will be the next chair of the Scholarship Fund Committee and will continue to bring her expertise, depth of knowledge, competence, and vision to the committee — not to mention her sense of humour! I would like to take this opportunity, if I

may, to recognize Betty's dedication to the Scholarship Fund not only as a member of the committee, but as a strong supporter of the fund over the years. Her contributions have significantly influenced the success of the fund.

Finally, I would like to express thanks and gratitude to all those — both organizations and individuals — who have contributed to the Scholarship Fund. While the committee endeavours to keep the community informed about student award recipients, donors will never know the full extent to which their contributions have positively impacted the lives of students. Your donations have truly made a difference.

The Scholarship Fund will continue to thrive with the support of our members and will benefit many students in the years to come.

Women's Horticultural College,
Waterperry House, Oxfordshire, 1943.
Cecil Beaton Photographs. Wikimedia
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SCHOLARSHIP FUND NEWS

DEBBIE MELLENGER, SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE

Mikhayla Roht – Recipient of the BC Council of Garden Clubs’ Horticultural Bursary

I grew up between Toronto and the interior of B.C. After earning my undergraduate degree in photography from Emily Carr University, I spent many years working in the floral industry, which deepened my interest in design. This, along with a growing curiosity about what it means to care for the land, led me to pursue a Master's in Landscape Architecture.

I am interested in hands-on learning and exploring design strategies that promote resilient landscapes and strengthen community connections. I grew up with a large garden and have been lucky enough to be a part of community gardens in British Columbia and England for the past few years. I have been inspired by the way these spaces foster community learning and support. I moved back to Vancouver from Vancouver Island to pursue my graduate degree last year. Receiving this award has really helped to make the transition back to Vancouver a lot easier and allowed me to focus more on my studies and skill development.

Mikhayla Roht



LONG TIME BCCGC SCHOLARSHIP FUND CHAMPION, MARIE BENSLEY

Marie Bensley passed away on February 20. She is survived by her husband Jim of 67 years, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Marie was a respected and treasured member of the gardening world. She was the president of the BC Council of Garden Clubs and a founder of the Scholarship Fund. She spoke of how the plan for a scholarship fund was hatched around her kitchen table. In 1970 she, her husband Jim, and Bill Tindale (BC Fuchsia and Begonia Society) got the ball rolling with the support of the South Burnaby Garden Club and the New Westminster Horticultural Society with their first fundraising event, a Christmas show at the Royal Towers in New Westminster.

The first awards went to students at UBC and BCIT in 1971. Since then over \$250,000 has been awarded to students at 14 different institutions in BC.

Marie leaves a legacy of support for horticultural students in British Columbia that continues to this day with \$14,000 in awards being distributed in 2025. We are forever grateful for the foresight Marie and the other BCCGC members had in creating this lasting legacy of support for horticultural students in BC.



Marie Bensley

For the attention of Betty Girard

Good afternoon Betty,

On behalf of UFV's Relationship and Fund Development department, please accept our heartfelt condolences. We were saddened to read about the passing of Phyllis Marie Bensley in the Vancouver Sun. Her kindness and warmth touched many lives, and we can imagine how much she meant to you and your family.

Again, we send you and your family our deepest sympathy during this difficult time.

With deepest sympathy,

Sonia

For and on behalf of the Relationship and Fund Development Team

Sonia Harding, Pg DMS Management

Senior Officer, Relationship and Fund Development
University of the Fraser Valley

HOW TO DONATE TO THE BCCGC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

If you wish to make a donation by cheque please send it to:

BC Council of Garden Clubs
Scholarship Fund, c/o: BC Council of
Garden Clubs

10952 McAdam Road

North Delta, BC, V4C 3E8

Please ensure that the cheques are made out to the "Vancity Community Foundation" and the memo field shows "BC Council of Garden Clubs." If the person or organization that the donation is from does not clearly show on the cheque, please include a brief note with the cheque indicating who the donation is from and a return address (so that an income tax receipt can be issued).

If you wish to donate online with a credit card:

Go to
www.vancitycommunityfoundation.ca.

Click the "Funds" button on the top right side of the home page.

Locate the BC Council of Garden Clubs Scholarship Fund, either by scrolling through the list or searching "garden clubs" in the search bar.

Once on the BCCGC Scholarship Fund page, click "Give to this Fund" and complete the form.

OR

Go to www.bcgardenclubs.com.

Go to the "Scholarship Fund" on the top bar and click on the "Donate" page below.

Scroll down to the link to Vancity Community Foundation and click on it. This will take you to the BCCGC Scholarship Fund page.

Click on "Give to this Fund" and complete the form.

Thank You!

Thank you New Westminster Horticultural Society for your recent donation. We are now at 20% of our annual target thanks to your group's generosity!

DONATE TODAY!





TREE TOURS & WALKS

The Riverview Horticultural Society INVITE you to a tree tour of a significant and beautiful part of the Lower Mainland, the historic Riverview Lands Arboretum

Follow **EVENT PARKING SIGNAGE** for available parking.

April 13, 2025	Sunday	1 pm – 3pm	TREE TOUR
May 25, 2025	Sunday	1 pm – 3pm	TREE TOUR
June 22, 2025	Sunday	1 pm - 3pm	TREE TOUR
July 20, 2025	Sunday	1 pm – 3pm	TREE TOUR
August 17, 2025	Sunday	1 pm - 3 pm	TREE TOUR
September 14, 2025	Sunday	1 pm - 3 pm	TREE TOUR
October 19, 2025	Sunday	1 pm – 3 pm	Last TREE TOUR of 2025

Please check our website for any last-minute changes, due to unforeseen circumstances.

Come out and enjoy the sumiqwuelu/Riverview Lands.

We will be meeting at our usual location, at Serenity Gardens, by the Henry Esson Young Building (HEY) which is located approximately in the centre of the Riverview grounds.

For those unfamiliar, here are some directions.

- Enter Riverview at either the Colony Farm Road traffic light or Holly Drive off the Lougheed Hwy in between the two new buildings.
- Follow Holly Drive through the grounds until reaching Oak Crescent, then turn uphill and then turn right on Kalmia Drive which is where the HEY building and start of the tour is located close by.

- **We go Rain or Shine.**
- **Tours/Walks** are led by a volunteer arborist, **highlighting the magnificent trees & unique features of these lands.**
- No advance reservations are necessary.
- An outdoor event the whole family will enjoy.
- Dress for the weather & wear comfy shoes or boots.
- On-site PARKING.
- Dogs must be on leash.
- Washroom available for your convenience.
- **Walks & Tours are open to the Public & are FREE.**
- You are **Invited to Join the Riverview society.**
- Or make a tax-deductible Donation if you wish.
- **Take a refreshing tree 'bath' under century old trees!**
- **This is the 30-year anniversary of RHCS continuing to strive for the preservation of this magnificent park land.**

For further information, phone our answering service to leave a message at **604-290-9910**, or visit website at www.rhcs.org

We can't help ourselves. We are addicted to applying for grants. Surprisingly, most times we are successful. Probably because of the work we are doing improving the environment and educating the community on how important gardening is to creating biodiversity and offering important solutions to climate change.

Every year we apply for environmental grants from the City of Richmond with the majority of the funds going into creating habitat, increasing biodiversity, and educating the community.

The education piece is probably the most important. The more our neighbours understand how important it is to take care of our wildlife, our soil, and our environment through demonstrations in our key projects in Richmond, the healthier our community!

We have been awarded almost \$2,200 from the city to create a butterfly garden that will be located right beside the children's playground in Paulik Park, our signature project for Richmond Garden Club. We have chosen six common butterflies and we will create a large demonstration garden that will grow and identify identify host and nectar plants needed by the six butterflies we will be supporting. The grant also includes money for an art piece so we have hired Visnja Gasparic Vojvodic (Richmond Garden Club photographer, artist, and volunteer at Paulik Park) to design a butterfly pole that will be placed in the garden with six large beautiful butterfly images (see attached photos) she has created for the garden. Each wooden board measures 12 inches x 13 inches.

We have also applied for a TD Parks Grant, which we hope to hear that we were successful in obtaining in April sometime. This grant focuses on educating the community and connecting cultures through gardening. Four acres with over 40 perennial garden beds already supports that connection, so it made sense to apply. We had to commit to a number educational activities in the park to be eligible.

We also applied to Steveston Harbour Authority to continue our work on the Steveston boardwalk. Currently we have planted and maintain a dozen concrete containers on the boardwalk right at the fishing boats location. Plants have to enjoy full sun, plenty of wind, and the odd cigarette butt. Steveston Harbour Authority asked us to bid on planting up 10 more containers with the majority native plants. Who could turn that down?

We were successful in securing enough money for new plantings, soil, additional tools, and an educational component — Small Space Gardening? Container Gardening? Native Planting in Containers?

And finally we were approached by city to host community events in Paulik Park through Earth Week where plants/supplies were taken care of by the city.

BC Council of Garden Clubs members — tell us what grants you have applied for in your community! newsletter@bcgardenclubs.com.

Lorquin's admiral



Parnassius clodius



ONE WOMAN'S CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE THE REPUTATION OF GROUND ELDER

LYNDA PASACRETA

When an article in defence of ground elder popped up in Scribehound, written by Jane Perrone, a well-known gardening podcaster in Britain, I had to read it.

Ms. Perrone equates the popularity of ground elder (*Aegopodium podagraria*) to 'a fart in a lift.'

We spend hours in our beloved Paulik Park in Richmond removing this pervasive weed (definitely a thug). In fact, we were the ones that created this outbreak of ground elder spreading amongst our 40+ garden beds when we gleefully divided plants and moved them all over the place without checking the root system of the main plant properly.

Jane Perrone calls ground elder an ancient Roman potherb! Ground elder is not native to Britain but hails from Eurasia. Most likely people brought this plant when immigrating to new countries to continue to enjoy eating ground elder and to use it as medicine.

When ground elder first showed up in her garden, she immediately picked the young leaves to see if it was a possible food source. She actually used everything and nothing of the plant was left at the end of the season!

She found some of the variegated ground elder and planted it into her garden. She is quick to

mention that the pollinators do love the nectar and pollen offered by the flowers.

She also enjoys the ease of growing ground elder as it does not require much work once established.

And of course, like a lot of our pervasive plants, they offer medicinal treatments. Ground elder's common name is goutweed and it was used by the Romans to treat gout!

Ms. Perrone also loves to eat ground elder, claiming it has a 'slightly lemony and aromatic' flavour. She suggests using only the young leaves that can be chopped up and added to soups and casseroles. This is her tried and true method to keep ground elder in check.

So guess what? I will be sitting on my little gardening chair this spring in Paulik Park removing the tender leaves of ground elder and bringing them home to add to all sorts of recipes (after a good washing of course).



My favourite chair. Photo by Dan Pasacreta

My friend Roger Phillips trilliums are out of control! They keep popping up in new locations in his garden without so much as a please, a thank-you, or a by your leave.

Here is Roger's story: "When the treed lots on 20th Ave between 128th and the elementary school were slated for redevelopment, I salvaged some wild trillium before the site preparation began. They struggled for years in the front of our house and threatened again when we had to replace the house drains in the fall of 2002. So, I rescued them a second time and replanted them in a protected place close to a big rhododendron. They must have thought they'd found heaven because the following year we had the first flowers and the patch grew steadily larger year by year. Once they were established and happy, that's when we noticed new specimens popping up in different locations in the garden quite far from the main group. One plant had established itself in my rose bed near the house, over 40 metres away!"

Why is this happening? How do those trilliums move so far? The answer might surprise you — ants!

Ants don't actually do that much in our gardens — they are benign creatures, whose main role if they have one at all, is to aid with decomposition. There are lots of other organisms in your garden who do this as well, and do it better: bacteria, fungi, slugs and snails, worms.

Ants' interactions with other insects in our gardens is a bit of a mixed blessing. On the plus side, have you ever noticed ants on peony buds? The buds secrete sweet nectar to attract ants to come and feed. While the ants are feeding on the nectar, they protect their food source (and the peony) from other insects that come to feed on the flower buds. This is an example of "mutualism." Both parties gain from the exchange.

However, ants also like to eat the sweet honeydew secreted by aphids, and will actually protect and encourage aphids to prosper and multiply in your garden. Like I said, it's a mixed blessing.

If you are keen to know more about ants, I suggest you check out antwiki.org (yes, it really exists, no, I am not making it up).

For the trillium it's all about reproduction. That's why they make the lovely flowers we all enjoy so much. The flowers attract bumblebees, moths, and beetles, who fertilize the plants, and seeds are the result.

Once a seed has developed, plants need to send it out into the world to grow somewhere else. Plants have evolved many different ways of dispersing their seeds. The most obvious one is to encase their seeds with yummy fruit, so that birds and mammals will ingest the fruit and "deposit" the seed elsewhere. Other ways to spread seed include tucking them into something sticky like a bur, floating seeds in water, flying them through the air, and flinging them through the air by means of a controlled explosion.

Roger's trilliums have evolved an ingenious method of seed dispersal. Trillium seeds come with a little extra package of scrumptious fat, called an elaiosome. The ants gather the seeds, take them back to their colonies, chow down on the fatty bit, and throw the seeds out in the garbage. In short, Roger's new trilliums are growing in an ant landfill, fertilized by ant frass and ant carcasses. And since we are learning new botanic nerd-words today, seed dispersal by ants is called myrmecochory.

Trilliums aren't the only plants whose seeds have elaiosomes. There are at least 11,000 and perhaps as many as 23,000 species of plants with elaiosomes, including *Dicentra*, *Corydalis*, hyacinth, and viola. The seeds and elaiosomes of our native *Dicentra formosa* are particularly easy to spot when you are in the forest on a midsummer's day.

What's cool is that the elaiosome evolved in different ways in different plants. It has evolved from seed, fruit, ovary, and other plant tissues.

ROGER'S ROVING TRILLIUMS, CONT'D

This is called convergent evolution, where species with no relationship to one another evolve similar structures — like wings on birds, insects, squirrel, foxes, and bats. Thorns, spines, and prickles are another example of convergent evolution in plants, as are aerial roots.

Writing this article got me wondering about a patch of *Asarum canadense* that I found growing weirdly far away from where it was meant to be. “How did it get way over here?” Sure enough, *Asarum* seeds have elaiosomes too. So, the next time a new plant pops up in an unexpected place in your garden, ants just might be doing your gardening for you too.



Trillium recurvatum seeds.

Photo: Douglas W. Jones, Wikimedia Commons

Fun Facts!

- There are 20 quadrillion ants on Earth – that's 2.5 million ants for every human.
- There are 12,000 known species of ants.
- Ants are present everywhere on earth except Antarctica (ironically), Greenland, and Iceland.



These trilliums are ready to roam. Photo: Roger Phillips



How do we like it over here? Photo: Roger Phillips



Asarum canadense. (Canadian wild ginger).

Photo: Wasp32, Wikimedia Commons



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ALGERIAN IRIS

RICHARD HEBDA, BC IRIS SOCIETY

On the mild BC coast, irises bloom as early as January. Algerian irises start this cavalcade of colour! With their cheerful blue and even white flowers borne above slender evergreen leaves, they bring anticipation and cheer to the winter garden. Clumps take two to three years to settle in before having strong blooms.

Gail Wilson of Esquimalt, Vancouver Island planted her clumps six years ago in full sun about 1.5 m south of a laurel hedge in acidic clay soil improved with organic matter. The bed is mulched in the fall and it gets water in the summer. Gail does not fertilize them or pamper them in any way, yet she gets flowers from fall until April in this mild setting.

Algerian irises are hardy to USDA zone 7, which is about zone 6 in Canada. In BC this includes the coast and the Okanagan from Kelowna southward.



A clump of Algerian irises in Gail Wilson's garden.
Photo by Gail Wilson

Algerian iris. Wikimedia
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Diane Whitehead's white-flowered Algerian iris from
seed. Photo by Diane Whitehead





Healthy Soil for a Healthy You

Are you a community garden leader/member looking to revitalize your soil? Learn practical, field-tested composting techniques to improve soil health and boost plant vitality.

What You'll Learn

- How to assemble and manage high-quality compost piles for maximum biological activity.
- The key differences between liquid bio-blends (compost teas and extracts)—and how to apply them effectively.
- Proven methods to maintain compost quality throughout the process.
- Hands-on techniques for creating and using liquid bio-blends (compost teas & extracts).
- The long-term benefits of composting for soil structure, fertility, and plant resilience.

This workshop is designed for both beginners and experienced growers looking to take their composting to the next level.

Upcoming Workshop Dates

- March 30, 2025 (Sunday)
- April 26, 2025 (Saturday)
- May 31, 2025 (Saturday)

Time: 9 AM – 3 PM

Fee: \$75.00 per person

Registration Link: <https://www.burnabyccce.ca/courses/restoring-soil-health/>

CORRECTION! FROM MARCH ISSUE OF *THE BULLETIN*.



Apologies to Visnja Gasparic Vojvodic, Richmond Garden Club. We had her name spelled wrong and the bird is a ruby-crowned kinglet, not a bushtit.

THE VICTORIA FLORAL ARTISTS GUILD PRESENTS



A DEMONSTRATION BY SUSANNE LAW

Susanne Law (AFT) is a seasoned floral designer and educator who holds the European Master Certificate. With an emphasis on art concepts and linear structure, she will share her floral design skills developed during more than two decades in the industry.

\$20 for visitors

Date: May 13, 2025

Location: Guild House Society
813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria

Time: 1pm to 3pm

URL: <https://victoriafloralartists.ca>

Bank of BC Birds! Photo
by Celia Owen, View
Royal Garden Club,
Victoria



TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR FOOD SUPPLY: GROWING THE MOST FOOD IN THE SMALLEST SPACES

ANDRIA SCANLAN, PH.D, MANAGER, CLIMATE COACH AND EDUCATION, TRANSITION SALT SPRING

Securing a steady year-round vegetable supply has become more crucial than ever as we navigate uncertain times. Join renowned BC gardening expert and bestselling author Linda Gilkeson in an exclusive workshop designed for coastal gardeners seeking to enhance their food security through expert-led practices.

In this dynamic 2 1/2 hour session, Linda will delve into essential topics tailored to the unique challenges and opportunities of coastal gardening. Participants can expect invaluable insights into optimizing garden beds, enhancing soil fertility, and meticulous planting schedules to ensure a continuous harvest throughout the year. Linda will share her expertise on intensive planting techniques that maximize production in limited space, empowering attendees to make the most of their garden's potential.

Moreover, Linda will address critical aspects of coastal gardening management, including effective shading strategies, mulching techniques for moisture retention, and best practices for watering to sustain thriving crops. She will also cover essential tips for winter protection and handling extreme weather conditions, ensuring your garden remains productive and resilient year-round.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn directly from Linda Gilkeson, whose passion and knowledge have inspired gardeners across the Pacific Northwest. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just beginning your journey to sustainable food production, this workshop promises practical guidance and expert advice that can transform your approach to year-round gardening.

Secure your spot now and embark on a journey towards greater food security and sustainable living with Linda Gilkeson's expert guidance. Join us in cultivating resilience through coastal gardening practices that nurture both your garden and your community's well-being.

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/GrowYearRound>

We invite you to sign up for more FREE access to Lighter Living content at <https://tinyurl.com/Lighter-Living>. Learn how to take low-effort actions that feel good, benefit our community, and help the planet.





Special Invite to Garden Clubs - Showcase a Place or Project

Get provincial recognition for community enhancing projects and acknowledge your volunteer groups.

DETAILS:

- Submit a Showcase Entry with 3 photos and a 250-word description with \$50 fee.
- All entries will be featured in the BC CiB Growing Together Newsletter, website and social media as they are received.
- Entries will receive recognition and a frameable certificate if submitted before the deadline.
- **Last year we awarded three prizes one for each: Group or Business, Municipal and Garden Club**
- Photos must be from the 2025 season.
- Submit 3 of your best photos with full rights in high resolution (a minimum of 300dpi at print size or a minimum weight of 800kb). These photos will be used by BC Communities in Bloom for the promotion of your group and the BC CiB Program.

PROJECT NAME:	
Name of Club or Group	Contact Person
City and Postal Code	
Phone	Email (required)
Social Media/Facebook	Website
Please supply a Description (250 words Maximum) and three JPEG or TIFF photos (Ideally 1MB each)	
2025 Showcase Fee: \$50 for Garden Club or BC Council of Garden Club Member	
Email with form: c.kennedy@telus.net or Mail: Attn: Catherine, BC Communities in Bloom, 4451 212 St. Langley, BC V3A 7Z8	
To be recognized in this year's BC CiB Provincial Awards PowerPoint, please enter before Sept 5	



Check out our website [2024 Results](#) for all Showcase Entries.

PHOTO: VERNON AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB – Showcase entry featured the North Okanagan Hospice House Rose Garden in our August Newsletter 2024.

THE GARDEN CLUB OF VANCOUVER – Showcase entry featured Garden Volunteers at the Vancouver Hospice in the September Newsletter.

KELOWNA GARDEN CLUB – 100 years and the Gardening into the Future Event. Showcase featured a write-up and photo collages in our June Newsletter. (Winner 2nd Place - Equinox Planter Set)

The Shop in the Garden and Garden Centre is pleased to offer your garden club members 10% off*

The Shop in the Garden

We offer a carefully curated selection of locally sourced products that align with the Garden's mission, including the finest horticulture-themed books, garden-collected seeds, dried flowers gathered by our volunteers, a range of children's items, sunhats, gardening tools, First Nations giftware, and beautiful decor pieces.

Garden Centre

Our FOG volunteers propagate perennials and shrubs from private and botanical garden collections, while our nursery horticulturist grows rare and unusual selections. We focus on resilient native and non-native plants that thrive in the changing climates of today. Because our operations are primarily volunteer run, we are able to keep our prices competitive, offering you quality plants without the premium cost.

How it works

To enjoy 10% off, simply show your Club membership at the time of purchase. Instead of the 10% off, you can join our Loyalty Program! You will earn one stamp for every \$30 spent on full-priced items. Collect 10 stamps and receive \$50 off your entire purchase. This offer applies to one order only and is one-time use.

Why we're special

The Shop & Garden Centre is jointly operated by the volunteer Friends of the Garden and the Garden administration. Every purchase in the Shop & Garden Centre supports world class research to combat climate change; loss of plant biodiversity and promotes and encourages the planning and planting of climate ready gardens.

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Please refer to our website for the most up-to-date hours



NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

We would **love** to feature your club or community garden in the newsletter.

Tell us about some of the projects your club or community garden is involved in.

You are invited to submit an article at any time (please include photos and name of author). Photos should be high resolution and you should include the name of the photographer if possible. Articles should be in the range of 300–500 words. If you have an idea for a

longer piece, connect with the newsletter editor in advance to discuss your idea.

Articles are due on the 15th of the month preceding publication. If they are submitted after that date, they will be held for the next issue.

The **next due date is April 15 for May 1**. Submissions/inquiries: newsletter@bcgardenclubs.com

Lynda Pasacreta, Editor

Pam Robertson, Copy Editor

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