



THE BULLETIN

BRITISH COLUMBIA COUNCIL
OF GARDEN CLUBS

JUNE 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LYNDA PASACRETA

PLEASE FORWARD TO ALL OF YOUR CLUB MEMBERS

"BC Parks Licence Plate Sales Supports Denman Island Butterfly Breeding."

This heading showed up in my social media feed recently! Right in the middle of our Paulik Park volunteers creating a butterfly garden — in the shape of a butterfly, of course.

I am so delighted to see with my own eyes that the \$40 fee hubby and I pay annually to showcase our BC Parks licence plate is going to projects like rescuing an endangered butterfly.

Taylor's checkerspot was found in several areas of southern Vancouver Island, and Helliwell Park on Hornby Island, in the early 1990s, but then disappeared and was thought to be gone from Canada! The species showed up on Denman Island in 2006 and in the Courtenay area in 2018.

With support from the BC licence plate program, captured Taylor's checkerspot larvae were reintroduced to Helliwell Park, with last year being the fourth year that the larvae were reintroduced. The butterflies are now breeding and adult butterflies have been spotted flying around!

The folks behind the Taylor's Checkerspot Recovery Project are praising the BC Parks licence plate program as it has allowed their group to expand habitat restoration areas to help re-establish the butterfly population, and to conduct surveys to monitor their survival.

The BC Parks licence plate sales have generated approximately \$11 million in net revenue, which supports

more than 250 projects and programs in parks throughout BC.

Richmond Garden Club was awarded an environmental grant from the City of Richmond to create and establish a host and nectar garden for our six most common butterflies found in the Paulik Park — Western tiger swallowtail, mourning cloak, painted lady, clodius Parnassian, Lourquin's admiral, and small copper butterflies. Our timing is perfect to contribute to increasing our very valuable pollinators!

Hubby and I have been watching a four-part PBS series, *Bugs That Rule the World*. It investigates insect declines and the impact that has on ecosystems and human life. We need to do everything we can help increase bugs of all types into our gardens.

Paulik Park is a beautiful enriched ecosystem that no doubt is home to so many bugs, which in turn feeds the birds, pollinates our flowers and fruit, enriches our soil, and keeps our community healthy. If we lost our bugs, we would not survive as humans!

To watch *Bugs That Rule the World* visit <https://www.pbs.org/show/bugs-that-rule-the-world/> and spread the word!



Taylor's checkerspot. Photo by Wikimedia Commons.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND NEWS

BETTY GIRARD, SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE CHAIR

We are incredibly grateful for the support the Scholarship Fund has enjoyed already in 2025. Despite the current economic uncertainty we are already over \$1000 ahead of our donations from last year and well on our way to meet our 2025 goal of \$10,000.

We have included a list of the student recipients in 2024 in this issue. Most of the funds that are available for 2025 have been dispersed and will be awarded by the academic institutions throughout the year.

Again, thank you for your support of horticultural students in British Columbia!

BC Council of Garden Club Scholarships

2024 Winners

Congratulations to our 2024 student recipients from 11 programs at 9 academic institutions throughout the province. The students are enrolled in programs from certificates to graduate studies, all advancing horticultural science in B.C. They hold the future of horticulture in their hands!

| Institution | Award | Amount | Recipient |
|---|--|---------|--------------|
| Camosun College | BCCGC Horticulture Award | \$1,000 | Jessica G. |
| Horticulture Centre of the Pacific | BCCGC Award | \$300 | Alevtina J. |
| Kwantlen Polytechnic University | BCCGC Horticulture Award | \$1,200 | Aaron C. |
| Okanagan College Foundation | BCCGC Award Viticulture | \$500 | Nicholas T. |
| Thompson Rivers University | BCCGC Horticulture Award | \$1,000 | Rosemary B. |
| University of British Columbia | BCCGC Rose Bancroft Horticulture Scholarship | \$1,400 | Amy W. |
| University of British Columbia | BCCGC Horticultural Bursary | \$1,800 | Mikhayla R. |
| University of British Columbia | UBC Botanical Garden BCCGC Horticulture Training Program | \$1,000 | Whitney C. |
| University of Northern British Columbia | BCCGC Bursary | \$1,400 | Kasey S. |
| Vancouver Island University | BCCGC Award | \$1,200 | Amber Rae B. |
| Simon Fraser University | BCCGC Mildred Wells Graduate Scholarship | \$1,400 | Not awarded |
| University of the Fraser Valley | BCCGC Scholarship | \$1,000 | Angela C. |



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April 25, 2025

BC Council of Garden Clubs Scholarship Fund
c/o Ms Debbie Mellengers
14447 17 Avenue
Surrey, BC V4A 1T6

Dear Debbie,

I want to thank you and the BC Council of Garden Clubs Scholarship Fund for your continued support of our Horticultural Training Program (HTP). Your increased donation this year is especially appreciated. The generosity of our community makes programs like the HTP possible.

Should you have any further questions about the impact of your giving or the HTP, please contact Sarah Doran-Coelho at sarah.dorancoelho@ubc.ca or 604-827-3536.

Sincerely,

Dee Ann Benard
Director
E: deeann.benard@ubc.ca



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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!

Congratulations BC Council of Garden Club's members — we have reached 70% of our goal.

DONATE TODAY!



JOURNEYS TO THE NEARBY: A GARDENER DISCOVERS THE GENTLE ART OF UNTRAVELLING

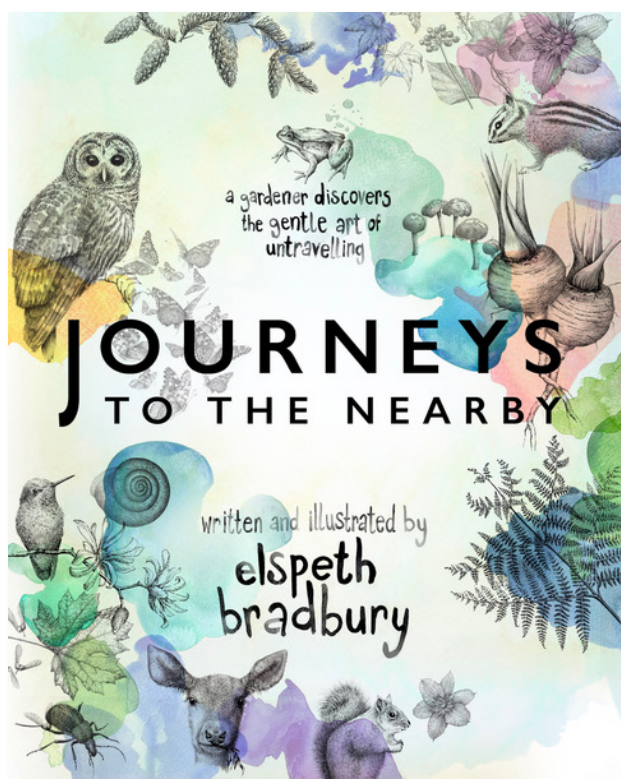
BY ELSPETH BRADBURY, CAPILANO GARDEN CLUB MEMBER, MASTER GARDENER

Journeys to the Nearby: A Gardener Discovers the Gentle Art of Untravelling. Published by Ronsdale Press, has been on the BC bestsellers list for a number of weeks and was well-reviewed in the centrefold of *BC Bookworld*.

Elsbeth has been a member of the Capilano Garden Club since its inception and volunteered as a Master Gardener as well as garden Gguide at VanDusen gardens for more than ten years. For more than twenty years she has been active in the Lighthouse Park Preservation Society. Her previous publications include *The Garden Letters* and *The Real Garden Road Trip*.

In *Journeys to the Nearby* she describe her attempts to slow down, stay put, and enjoy the world as it exists in her own garden. Pen and ink drawings illustrate weekly reports on her progress. The conclusion to *BC Bookworld's* review describes them – probably better than she can!

"Read it to understand more about birds, mulch, ferns, fungi and rain, to grasp the resilience, adaptability, and the signs of suffering emitted by both flora and fauna. Also read it to laugh well and often as when Bradbury's Scottish thriftiness is undone by the sight of original Gaston paving stones. They can be read at random, these short lyrical essays, or read from start to finish, good to the last generous drop, bursting with colours, shapes, smells, history, literature and memories of children playing outdoors, creating whole other worlds with leaves and flowers and cones. Highly recommended!"



South Burnaby Garden Club



'Most successful sale to date!'

South Surrey Garden Club. Photo by Joanie Webster.



'Master puppy. Trained to dig holes!'

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR BC COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS MEMBERS PLANT SALES, CONT'D



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Mission Garden Club. Photo by Susan, Chilliwack.



White Rock Garden Club. Photo by Margrit
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Photos by Ellen Heale



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CONT'D

Dunbar Garden Club. Photo by Geoff Peters.



'Much anticipated
neighbourhood event.'

Kamloops Garden Club. Photo by Roni Sue.



'Carol and coleus.'

Victoria Horticultural Society. Photo by Jayne Huntley.



'Driveway plant sale'

Penticton and District Garden Club. Photo by
Marion Kozier.

'All monies raised
went to the BCCGC
Scholarship Fund.'



SOUTH DELTA GARDEN CLUB



GARDEN TOUR 2025

Sunday
June 22th
10am - 4pm

Self Guided Tour of Ten
Private and Distinct Gardens
In Ladner and Tsawwassen

Tickets Available May 9th:

Harris Nurseryland
Phoenix Perennials
Sunnyside Nurseries
Vandula Farms
West Coast Gardens
West Coast Seeds

(cash only please)

Advance Tickets \$30

(\$40 on Tour Day - Harris Nurseryland only)

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MOTIONS PASSED AT BC COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

APRIL 5, 2025, CORRECTION

1. Motion to accept the agenda for the annual general meeting by Susan Lilholt, South Delta Garden Club, seconded by Gaitri Yapa, Port Coquitlam Garden Club. Motion passed.
2. Motion to accept the amended minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held April 6, 2024 by Victor Froese, Floral Artists of the Fraser Valley, seconded by Anna Camporese, BC Floral Art Society. Motion passed.
3. Motion to accept the nominations and elections as recorded by **Shawn O'Neill, North Surrey Horticultural Society**, seconded by Lorna Cloutier, New Westminster Horticultural Society. Motion passed.
4. Motion to end the business portion of the BC Council of Garden Clubs 2025 Annual General Meeting by Anna Camporese, BC Floral Art Society, seconded by Andrea Maudsley, Dogwood Garden Club. Motion passed.
5. Motion to adjourn the BC Council of Garden Clubs 2025 Spring/Annual General Meeting by Janet Bennie, Gibsons Garden Club, seconded by Jennifer Zuk, Vancouver Dahlia Society. Motion passed.

DEUTZIA x HYBRIDA 'MAGICIEN'

STEPHANIE MAK, VANCOUVER MASTER GARDENER

The *Deutzia* in Paulik Park, Richmond, has just flowered! The showy flowers have a short season, so I encourage you to seek it out. It has small, bell-shaped flowers (to 3/4") that are pink with white edging and fringed edges. The Missouri Botanical Garden describes it as having "a rather unkempt appearance" when not in flower but you may disagree.

Deutzia is an uncommon (no common name) deciduous shrub that is part of the Hydrangeaceae family. It prefers full sun to light shade, and once established can be drought tolerant. It is fairly low

maintenance, with no serious insect or disease problems. However, pruning is recommended right after flowering. The genus is named after the 18th century Dutch patron of botany, Johann van der Deutz. Johann financed the Asian travels of the Swedish botanist Carl Peter Thunberg (who subsequently named this genus after him). Make sure you don't miss this one!



North American Lily Society (NALS) Show and Symposium July 9 to 13, 2025 Sidney BC

The Victoria Lily Society is hosting the 75th International North American Lily Society (NALS) Show and Symposium July 9 to 13, 2025 at the [Mary Winspear Centre](#) in Sidney BC. The show, plant sale, and Saturday guest speaker segments are open to the public as follows.

- The show is Friday 1:00 to 5:00 pm, Saturday 9:30 am to 5:00 pm, and Sunday 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Admission is by donation.
- The plant sale is Saturday from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm and features potted lilies, and some local specialty growers will be selling a variety of plants. On Sunday, at 3:15 pm (show ends at 3:00 pm) a limited number of cut lily stems from the show will be for sale.
- The guest speaker presentations are on Saturday starting at 1:30 pm with Dr. Colin Tamboline speaking about "Lilies – Summer Splendor". At 2:45 pm Ms. Barrie Agar will speak about "Stalwarts In The Perennial Garden - A Personal And Subjective Look At Top Performers In Perennial And Mixed Gardens". The cost for both sessions is \$5.00, and tickets are available at the show desk.

For more details, please visit the NALS 2025 website at <https://nals2025.lilies.org/index.html>.



75th Annual International Lily Show

July 11 – 13

Mary Winspear Centre
2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney, BC
Friday 1:00 - 5:00 / Saturday 9:30 - 5:00 / Sunday 9:30 - 3:00

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Judged exhibits
Admission by donation
Wheelchair accessible
Lots of Free Parking

Lily and Plant Sale
Local Specialty Growers
Saturday 9:30 – 3:30

Lily Stem Sale
Sunday 3:15

nals2025.lilies.org

Presented by The Victoria Lily Society & North American Lily Society

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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.

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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 June 15 for July 1**. Submissions/inquiries: newsletter@bcgardenclubs.com

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