

White Rock & District Garden Club

General meeting, Feb. 11, 2020

Called to Order @ 2:03 pm by President, Mary Openshaw

PRESIDENT`S REMARKS - Welcome, read amusing Valentine Card, 4 guests

MINUTES - Motion to adopt as circulated with the Newsletter - Moved by Louise Long, 2nd by Iris Peacosh, Approved.

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR VOLUNTEERING - 3 sign-up sheets: Plant Sale, Club Committees, & Website Training. Please add your name for volunteering in one or more categories.

Free Catalogues and handouts on Gardening Basics + Planting Charts donated by West Coast Seeds and delivered by Louise Long.

Thanks for Valentine Goodies and Donations to Plants Plus

TREASURER`S REPORT- Lorna Bury reported our expenditures and profit and thanked Linda Bradley for her excellent auditing of our books.

VICE PRESIDENT - Diane's remarks: "Happy Valentine`s Day"

MEMBERSHIP - Tim reported 61 paid up members. Please pick up your new membership card. Membership dues for 2020 are due.

LOGO - Our new digital Logo has been altered to WHITE ROCK & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

PROGRAMS - Margrit advises: March meeting - Randall from West Coast Seeds speaking about "Grasses and their care". At the April meeting there will be a sign-up sheet for - bus trip to The Gardens @ Horticulture Centre of the Pacific

NEWSLETTER - John - "Happy Valentine`s Day" - A current Members list will be sent out with the next Newsletter

PUBLICITY - Collene Ford - New guest answered the Peninsula Times News ad. Brochures to be circulated in the libraries. Sat. Feb. 15th, the Seed Library opens @ the Ocean Park Library - 10:30 - 3:30.

PLANT SALE COMMITTEE - Terry Haight is the spokesperson for the group. She demoed plant labeling/tagging for the plant sale. Clean and bring pots to the next meeting. Plants will be priced as follows: 1 Gallon - \$5; 6" - \$3; 4" - \$2; 2" - \$1. Sheets on propagating succulents were printed for us. Tim suggested gathering black plastic flats to use at the sale.

Pat Yorke has already potted 50 plants for our sale in May!!!!

PLANTS PLUS - Judy Froelich & Joyce O'Brien were selling Valentine-themed merchandise including jewelry, books. March theme is Green in keeping with St. Patrick's.

SHOW DIRECTOR - Donna Lawson showed us the club's T-Shirts with the Logo. They are "Carolina Blue" in colour, Short Sleeved, Ultra Cotton. Our price will depend on quantity ordered. 9-12 @ \$21.22 13-24 @ \$19.15. There will be T-shirts to TRY ON at the March meeting. Prepay & cash only when ordering. Other items available are Badges and Bags. Prices to be confirmed. The FLORAL CIRCLE is doing floral arrangements for a "Celebration of Life" for Shirley Rines on February 29th. On April 5th they are also doing floral arrangements for a Seniors' Tea. The Show Schedules for the year will soon be posted on the website.

TROPHIES - Darlene Chamberlain is making a list of all club properties being stored by members. If you have any club items, please send Darlene a list with pictures.

WEBSITE - Bev Sass - Website - HVD - She will be doing Website/Social Media Training. Sign up if you are interested and date TBA. She will also do home visits for Computer help. Not much activity on the website: events on the Calendar. Members Only has newsletters and minutes of general meetings for now. Marilyn Murphy will coordinate the information for the site. We are encouraging everyone to visit the website. whiterockgardenclub.ca

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE - Rosemary Milstead has sent out 4 cards in January. A bit thank you for the lovely hand crafted card donations from Pat Catton.

PLANT OF THE MONTH - Iris Peacosh Anthurium - Red - Flowers and leaves are heart-shaped, easy to care for. Cut existing blooms and put in a vase to encourage new growth. Draw won by Diane Kew. A Chinese Money Plant (pileapeperomiodes), donated by Carole, who was our guest, was won by Yvonne Pont.

50/50 DRAW - \$65.50 won by Claire Muirhead.

Break for Valentine Snacks amidst a lovely table setting by Bernice and crew.

GUEST SPEAKER - Marilyn Holt...Her computer broke down so she will need to rebook.

Q & A - In place of the Speaker, we had a question and answer session.

Witch Hazel - no fragrance? Some don't

Tulip Bulbs - Any coming up? Yes

Alliums - Too late to plant? No, put them in.

Tomatoes - When to start? Indoors in March. Add eggshells (baked at 200 degrees for 15 mins., then crushed) around your plants as well as epsom salts.

Prune Roses - When? - Rule of thumb -when Forsythia is in bloom (now)

Sweet peas - Who grows great ones? Grow inside, in newspaper lined gutters, using miracle grow potting soil & mushroom manure mix. When ready, slide into garden trench.

Greenhouses - Temperature? Not too hot, don't let get above 85 degrees.

Peonies - Not Blooming? Probably planted too deep

Hostas - Right time to separate? Now, dig up, divide in 4 with shovel, plant 2, pot 2 for plant sale

DRAW - beautiful floral arrangement donated by Donna Lawson, won by Marita Browning

MEETING ADJOURNED - 3:40 pm- 1st Claire Muirhead, 2nd Linda Bradley.