



## **WHITE ROCK & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB**

### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 10, 2020

1. **CALL to Order & Welcome** @ 2:00 pm by President, Mary
2. **GUEST SPEAKER:** Margrit introduced our Guest Speaker, Randal Atkinson from West Coast Gardens who spoke on “ORNAMENTAL GRASSES & THEIR CARE”.
3. **TEA BREAK & BROWSE** – Bernice provided a beautifully laid out table of treats to celebrate St. Patrick's and most members were wearing green.

Joyce and Judy invited members to the Plants Plus Irish theme.

AND SIGNING UP ON THE 5 DIFFERENT Sign-Up Sheets:

Volunteering for the Plant Sale,  
Gelderman Farms Pig Compost,  
May Centrepiece workshop,  
Website Learning,  
Volunteer on a Committee

4. **Introduction of New Members & Guests** – 4 of the club members present were originally from Ireland.
5. **Minutes of February General Meeting** – Motion for Approval – Marilyn; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Donna; Approved.

#### 6. **REPORTS:**

**PRESIDENT**– (Mary) All members will now sign in at each meeting. Guests will be required to pay a \$5.00 Attendance Fee, which can be applied to annual membership dues should they wish to join. Tim provided sign-in sheets for the greeters.

**TREASURER**- (Lorna) gave the Treasurer`s Report

**VICE PRESIDENT:** (Diane) No report

**MEMBERSHIP:** (Tim) We have 71 members. Attendance: 42 members & 2 guests

**PROGRAMS:** (Margrit) Sign-up sheets will be circulated in April for the June 19<sup>th</sup> Day Trip to Victoria. A suggestion of visiting the “TULIP FESTIVAL” in the Valley for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April was mentioned with 6 members showing interest.

**NEWSLETTER:** (John) is always looking for articles

**PUBLICITY:** (Collene) Brochures have been circulated to 3 local libraries. Plant Sale Flyers will be distributed closer to the Plant Sale. SEED LIBRARY is starting up – March 21 at the Ocean Park Library @ 12:30 pm.

**PLANT SALE & PLANTS PLUS:** (Terry) Last day for Jewelry today – remaining items will be donated to a Women`s Shelter. Eileen has volunteer sign-up list so make sure you sign up. Mary has printed posters with tear-off trips to be given out at the April meeting to be distributed in the community. Linda has letters to give to businesses to ask for donations. Please check with Linda before you solicit donations so there will be no overlap. Please see Joyce for pots. Call for card tables – Diane, Collene & Mary volunteered theirs. Please make sure your name is on any item you want back after the plant sale. Mary brought in tags for plants, in groups of 10 that were distributed. Joyce and Terry are collecting flats from the liquor store and we still need your plastic flats. Committee Heads will be contacting members about shifts and help required. Terry brought succulent displays for ideas for us for the plant sale. Terry demo`ed how to separate Hostas and hints for growing them and provided a Hosta handout .Terry suggested using Osmacote (a slow release fertilizer) sprinkled around the crowns at the beginning of the season. Diane and Bev are digging helpers. Please call them if you need help digging up plants for the plant sale.

**TROPHIES:** (Darlene)Challenge for the Fall – The Sweet Pea Trophy will be awarded again so start growing.

**WEBSITE:** (Bev) We are now #1 for White Rock Garden Club searches. 2 people have contacted us regarding their products that would benefit gardeners and have been referred to newsletter advertising. It is \$10. to advertise in our newsletter and \$5. if you are a member, and free if you are donating. Marie and Judy, thank you for your tips. Plans underway for training.

**OTHER:** Remember we get discounts at Nurseries: POTTER`S - 10%; ART KNAPP`S – 15%; WEST COAST – ??? 50% ??? – not really, Randal will check for us.

**SUNSHINE:** (Rosemary) Card sent to Jan Zimmerman's family

**PLANT OF THE MONTH:** (Iris) Pericallis, originally from the Canary Islands. Iris brought 2 plants and they were won by Claire Muirhead and Lorna Bury.

**50/50 DRAW:** (Claire) \$44.00, won by Terry

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Diane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Patty, motion passed.