

South Surrey Garden Club
Minutes of General Meeting
27 September 2017 St. Mark's Anglican Church

Welcome and Announcements

President Lee Bolton welcomed members back to the club after a summer of glorious weather. She reported that several members, including Jean Budworth, had passed away over the summer and others were unable to continue their membership due to their health. She asked members to please let Vice President Karen Ewing know of any member who could use a sunshine card.

New members present were particularly welcomed.

Free seed packets were available at the back of the hall which is where the membership table is now located.

The library has added 25 new books.

The new policy on commercial content is now on the website under "Club Administration."

The March meeting will be held on the 21st of March due to Holy Week in the church.

The Club has acquired a locker at Sunnyside Storage, located at 15553 24 Avenue. On Saturday 30 September from 10 am until noon, Lee and Claude Hewitt, Logistics Chair, will be present there. Members were asked to bring any club property in their possession to the locker at that time.

The new executive was introduced and a photograph was taken.

Newsletter

Editor Linda Stanley Wilson wished to thank the members of the newsletter team beginning with Marilyn Bryson who attends executive meetings on Linda's behalf. Pam Robertson is responsible for proofreading and Rosamund Goldberg pitches in as needed. Lucina Perkin is responsible for mailing out the newsletter to those who don't have internet.

Linda reminded members that the newsletter can be mailed to those who need to receive hard copies. Just write your name on a piece of paper and give it to her or Lucina at a club meeting or give one of them a call. If anyone needs help in accessing the newsletter on the website contact Linda and she will come over and instruct, if offered tea and scones!

Program

Gillian Davis let us know that the Program Committee had been working hard all summer to ensure an excellent line-up of speakers. In October there will be two speakers from Botanus and a sale of bulbs (cash only).

If any members wish to show their Fall garden they should contact Kathy Starke.

The committee is looking into a Christmas trip to see the lights at Van Dusen Gardens, with a “social” to follow.

Volunteers

Carol Wong presented members with two opportunities to volunteer. The Darts Hill weeders are affiliated with SSGC. The club has a garden bed which the weeders maintain. Weeding sessions are held on a weekly basis during the growing season and the group holds a pot luck lunch at the opening and closing of the season. Helpers are free to participate as much or as little as they are able.

Sunshine Gardeners is a group that helps out by weeding and doing yard cleanup for club members who are incapacitated. This is not an ongoing service and is meant to help temporarily.

Please contact Carol if you wish to help with either of these groups.

Darts Hill

Lorna Fraser explained that she is the club’s representative on the Darts Hill Garden Conservancy Trust Society, a three year position. This year the garden has been open on a much more frequent basis. On Friday, 29 September and 20 October there are Director’s Tours from 1:15 to 3:30 pm. On Saturday, 30 September and 21 October there are Garden Strolls from 11 am until 3 pm. Sunday 15 October is Member’s Day from 11 am until 3 pm. Thursday 19 October there is a work party for native plants from 9 to 12. So there are many opportunities to visit the garden which are all displayed on the Darts Hill website. Additionally, there is a golf cart available for visitors who need it and people can arrange for their own tour for a small fee.

From the Garden

Information from Anna Burian’s presentation will be available in the next newsletter.

Speaker

Following the refreshment break Gail Robertson introduced this evening’s speaker, **Michael Lascelle**, from Amsterdam Greenhouses in Pitt Meadows. Michael thrives on pushing the limits of what we can grow in the Lower Mainland. He spoke about the Rare Fruit Revolution which is the topic of his soon to be released book, Extraordinary Ornamental Edibles. His talk was complete with slides and tasty samples. Following thanks from Gail, Michael answered questions.

Following the draw for door prizes the meeting was declared closed.

