

South Surrey Garden Club
Minutes of General Meeting
Wednesday 25 July 2018 St. Mark's Anglican Church

Following the AGM and the break the General Meeting resumed with Karen Ewing at the helm. There was an announcement that the scouts and scout parents who do the clean-up and pack-up of the hall following the meeting wish to start their job at 9 pm promptly. Members are able to continue chatting but should please vacate the chairs and stay out of the way of the packing up.

Program

Gillian Davis announced that there were still spaces available for the tour of West Coast Seeds on 15 August. On 11 October there will be a tour of Dr. Sun Yat Sen Garden in historic Chinatown. Additionally, a dim sum lunch in a restaurant will be arranged for us. The speaker at the September meeting will be Janice Matson of Kwantlen University who will speak on "Favourite Plants to Enhance Your Garden."

Membership

Dale Kastansis, Membership Chairperson for the past two years, explained that membership sign up will be different this year.

IF you filled in the membership form last year, ticked your desired privacy options and have nothing to change then you do not need to fill in the form again.

Last year some people chose not to have their personal information available to other members.

IF you would like to alter this then you must fill in the form again and tick the boxes that allow other members to access your personal information.

IF you are joining again after an absence then you must fill in the membership form and tick off the privacy options.

Dale explained that there is an option to alter your own personal information online if you wish, for example to change what you volunteer for. You can also print the form off from the website, fill it in again and submit it to the membership chairperson.

Panel Discussion

Lorna Fraser introduced the panel:

Roger Phillips: Mason bees and fruit trees

Christine Deagle: Japanese Beetle (handouts distributed)

Derry Walsh: berries and fruit trees

Stan Romanowski: vegetable gardening and container gardening (brugmansia)

There were many interesting questions and answers on fig trees, blueberries, summer pruning of fruit trees, mason bees, Japanese beetles, brugmansia, ornamental cherry trees etc.

Following the draw for door prizes the meeting closed at 9 pm.