

South Surrey Garden Club
Minutes of the General Meeting
September 26, 2018 – St. Mark's Anglican Church

Welcome

President Karen Ewing called the meeting to order at 7:00 and welcomed everyone back after the summer break. She then introduced herself and the rest of the new executive, noting that Cindy still needs a co-chair for the Flower and Garden Show. Karen also described the club's Sunshine Cards program – if anyone knows of someone who needs a little sunshine, just be in touch with Linda Stanley Wilson.

Announcements

After a round of “who's in the room,” showing how many new members, 10+ year members and master gardeners were on hand, Karen made a couple of announcements:

- The SSGC website is under re-development due to the high cost of the current website provider. Yearly cost of the current site is \$1,200 USD. The new website will include a better view when accessing via a cell phone. However, with the new website, the current member directory feature will no longer be available. The executive are working on an alternative to the member directory, while also ensuring any new method complies with privacy laws.
- Feedback is always welcome! Please be in touch with anyone on the club's executive with any comments you would like to share.

Program Committee

On behalf of the program committee, Karen noted that there was a sign-up table on hand for the Sun Yat-Sen Garden outing on October 11, and that our speaker in October will be Dianne Gaines from Van Noort Bulbs, on the topic of Spring Bulbs. (She will be selling bulbs too!)

Newsletter

Newsletter editor Linda Stanley Wilson noted that the Sept./Oct. newsletter just came out and is also available on our website, as are past newsletters. The next deadline, for contributions to the Nov. /Dec. issue, is Nov. 1st. She especially would like photos from SSGC events, like garden tours and the Sun Yat-Sen outing, for both the newsletter and to use while promoting the club on Facebook and elsewhere.

Plant Sale

On behalf of Carol Wong, Linda described the plans underway for the Plant Sale next May. A good committee has come together to get the Plant Sale organized, although Carol still needs a co-chair, and they also still need someone to coordinate the used tool section. As for propagation, Gwen from the propagation team advises that this time of year isn't the best time to do it – the exception being peonies. And if anyone has plants that they want to give away, please contact the plant sale committee and they will arrange for them to be collected.

Scholarship Fund

Gillian Roberts has a collections pot for donations towards the Kwantlen scholarship the club supports each year, and it will be at the door prize table during our meetings. Karen noted that

we will keep track of funds raised on a thermometer sign that we'll have at meetings and also on our website.

Succulents and Propagation Demonstration / Tips and Show and Tell

Joan Galloway demonstrated how easy it is to propagate succulents by breaking off the pups or chicks – even sometimes just the leaves – and planting them in soil. She noted that they are not usually hardy so in winter they should be brought in to a greenhouse or an unheated garage, by a window, and kept quite dry. Joan also showed off some of her recent plant finds.

Break

Speaker: Janis Matson from Kwantlen College, on Fall Design

Janis's energetic presentation, "Designing with Autumn in Mind," which included numerous photographs, took us through all the factors Janis considers when she is designing a garden so that the change of seasons from summer to fall is highlighted. A copy of her notes, including a list of all of the plants she covered, is posted on the SSGC website. [If you click on the Sept. meeting on the calendar a link to the pdf will appear.]

Door Prize Draw

Names were drawn for 10 door prizes.

Meeting Adjourned

Karen wished everyone a good night at 8:54.