

# LADYSMITH SALTAIR GARDEN CLUB

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Minutes of February 18, 2016 meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladysmith Saltair Garden Club was held at the St. John's Anglican Church Hall, Ladysmith, starting at 7 pm.

The meeting began with President Diane Gregory introducing our guest speaker, Joy Story and her delightful, humorous and most informative presentation on `Timing Is Everything` focusing on winter gardening including taking questions from members.

The business portion of the meeting was called to order by Diane at 8:20 pm. Executive present were Diane Gregory, President, Carroll McLaurin, Treasurer and Donna Ferguson, Secretary - Gail Wiseman Reid, Vice-President was absent.

New members and guests were welcomed by President, Diane Gregory.

Diane chaired an open discussion on changing the format of the business meeting. In future, minutes will be sent to members by email, thus eliminating the need to read them aloud at the following monthly meeting. The minutes will be sent first to the executive for proof reading and will then be forwarded to all members. The minutes will be approved and seconded at the next monthly meeting. There will always be a printed copy of the minutes available at the following meeting to accommodate any member that does not have access to email.

It was also agreed that the financial report will only be reported orally 2 - 3 times per year but will be available at every meeting should a member wish to peruse it.

Jeanette Rawek, Coordinator of the annual Plant Sale spoke to members encouraging everyone to remember the Garden Club when in their gardens getting it ready for Spring, to divide and pot up plants and to start seedlings. We were reminded that the profits from the plant sale enables the club to offer a bursary to a graduating student and also helps pay operating costs of the club. Jeanette also reminded members of the profits that were made resulting from our member Susan McWhirter, setting up a plant rescue group from a friend`s garden that was being down sized. Members were asked to be on the alert for such a garden and if you do find one, to contact Joanne Armstrong with the details and she will put the notice out for member volunteers. A date and time convenient to owner is important, allowing members to mark their calendars and be available.

A sign-up sheet will be made available at our next meeting, in March, for positions available at the Plant Sale to be held at Aggie Hall, Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

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It was also noted that a *Master Gardener* table will be available this year.

Pam Fraser reported that there was no trips currently planned but possibly a trip to the *Rhodo Gardens*, *South Shawnigan Lake* to coordinate with our guest speaker *Chris Southwick* in *March*.

Diane announced that member *Rose McCulley* has *Mason Bee* cocoons and supplies with her available for sale. *Rose* will be doing a free workshop on *February 20<sup>th</sup>* at *Green Thumb Nursery* in *Nanaimo*.

*Rose* has a *raspberry* patch that she is downsizing and members can come and dig as many as they want. If they wish to dig, pot up and donate to the plant sale they are free, but if wanting for their own gardens the cost is \$20.

A discussion was held regarding the availability of the church hall for our meetings for the upcoming year. *Shamim Rampuri* offered to check out cost, etc. of the *South Oyster School* which is now the *Saltair Community Centre*. The possibility of meeting at the *Ladysmith Senior Secondary School* was also mentioned.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm followed by a Q & A period amongst members.

*David Mitchell* announced that he will be at the *March* meeting offering 40% discounted memberships to *Milner Gardens*.

If you feel there are any errors or omissions please email me at -

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Donna Ferguson, Secretary