

LADYSMITH SALTAIR GARDEN CLUB

Minutes of March 17, 2016 meeting.

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

The meeting began with our guest speaker, Chris Southwick's presentation 'The Rhododendron Beauty, Diversity & Culture'. Chris shared a wealth of knowledge on rhododendrons along with a slide presentation. Chris also brought with her three different rhododendrons/azaleas for our raffle.

The business portion of the meeting was called to order by Diane at 8:35 pm. Executive present were Diane Gregory, President, Gail Wiseman Reed, Vice-president, Carol Henderson, Past President, Carroll McLaurin, Treasurer and Donna Ferguson, Secretary.

New members and guests were welcomed by President, Diane Gregory. 46 members in attendance, including guests.

The minutes of the February meeting were adopted.

No correspondence.

Committee reports -

Plant Sale, Jeanette Rawek, coordinator -

Jeanette requested that all members to please start planting those seeds and dividing and potting up plants in your garden for the upcoming sale on Saturday, May 14th to be held at Aggie Hall. The signup sheet will be circulated next month for volunteers in all aspects of the sale. Members were also asked to consider any thing that you may wish to donate to the raffle, held in conjunction with the plant sale.

Jennifer Forrest is once again 'thank you Jennifer' providing potting soil for those requiring extra `dirt`. It is available for pick up under the beautiful blue tarp in her driveway at 375 Chemainus Road. David Mitchell will also be dropping off empty pots at Jennifers for members if needed.

Field Trips - Pam Fraser, absent.

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Diane announced that the rhodo tour that was in the plans, has been cancelled. The owners have cancelled all tours this year and will hopefully be able to host tours again next spring.

New Business -

The Blog - Diane announced that Iris Churcher will no longer be able to manage the blog as she is moving on to other interests. Diane will be meeting with Iris and asked for volunteers needed to help organize, create and maintain the Blog or perhaps create a website for the club. Ideally 2 - 3 members would work best.

A request was received from member Malcolm Ho-You. Malcolm, Vice-President of the Iris Society will be hosting a group visiting from the mainland and they are looking for gardens to tour during their stay.

June Pot Luck get-together will be hosted this year by Diane Gregory at her home in Yellow Point. It will be held on Thursday, June 16th. Details to follow.

Guest speaker next month - Brenda Beckwith: Native Habitats: Hedgerows & Salish Meadows.

Upcoming events -

April 2, Port Alberni Seedy Saturday

April 9, Cowichan Valley Plant Sale at St. Johns Church, 486 Jubilee St. Duncan

April 23rd & 24th, Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary, Saanich - Native Plant Sale. Great directions on their website on how to get there.

May 1, Nanaimo Rhododendron Society Annual Plant Sale - 9:30 am - 2:00 pm, Centennial Bldg., Nanaimo Exhibition Grounds off Bowen Road

A very informative and interactive question and answer portion had great participation by members. Everything from planting and growing asparagus to where to get lama droppings for the garden.

Meeting adjourned 9:10 pm, followed by the raffle draw.

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

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