

## LADYSMITH SALTAIR GARDEN CLUB

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Minutes of February 16, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Garden Club was held in the Library of Ladysmith Senior Secondary School, 710 - 6th Avenue, Ladysmith, starting at 7 p.m. 26 members present including the executive and 5 guests.

The meeting, chaired by Carol H., began with a welcome to returning members, new members and guests.

Sue M. introduced guest speaker, Diana Walker on Clematis. The program consisted of a power point presentation, excellent information and hand out sheets were also available for members which cover everything you would want to know about the plant. Diana also answered many questions from the members and guests.

The business portion of the evening began at 8:20 following coffee break.

Minutes of the January meeting were posted on the blog. One amendment - Jeanette R. had recommended that the club promote the meetings more, along with the guest speaker information. This would bring in more guests and ultimately more members.

Treasurers report - Caroll McL., adopted as read by Shamim R., seconded by Jill M.

Correspondence. - Reminder upcoming Seedy Saturday's (and Sundays) are posted on the Garden Club Blog.  
- Annual Spring Show & Sale, V.I. Rock and Alpine Garden Society, March 17/18 - Cadboro Bay United Church, 2625 Arbutus Road, Victoria. Admission by donation.

Old business - Soil testing - Due to our February weather conditions, the soil testing will be done in March. Print-outs available re cost and how-to collect samples.  
- Survey forms - Good response at the last meeting. Forms available for those absent in January.

New business - Venue - A new venue for our meetings. Beginning in March, the meetings will be held in the lower meeting room at the Frank Jamieson Recreation Centre.  
The School Board has been notified that the Library was not ideal for several reasons and they will likely be cutting a cheque for a refund.

Refreshments - A sign-up sheet circulated for volunteers (2 per meeting) to provide refreshments.

Committee reports - Plant Sale - Carol H. - Several members had volunteered on the survey sheets. Carol will contact them and organize a committee meeting.

Members reminded to keep the Plant Sale in mind when cleaning up their yards for spring, to divide and pot-up for the sale. Also, anyone hearing of a "Rescue Garden" (someone wanting to downsize their garden) the Club would be most happy to get a work party together and pot up for the sale.

Reminder - No invasive plants.

Jeanette R. has the poster ready to go.

- Trips - Pam F. circulated a list for those members interested in attending the V.I. Rock & Alpine Society Show and Sale, Saturday, March 19th. Denman Island Garden Tour, more info to come re possibility of a trip in early June.
- Queens Park - No report, garden hibernating.
- Speakers - Sue M. March speaker will be Karen Cameron, "Unusual Perennials".
- Projects - Pam F. brought along a pair of "Garden Pants" that she will be happy to assist members with using old pants and drapery fabric. Details to follow.

Meeting concluded 9:30 p.m. with the draw for door prizes.