

LADYSMITH SALTAIR GARDEN CLUB

Minutes - March 15, 2018

The February monthly meeting of the Garden Club was held in the Lower Meeting Room at the Ladysmith Community Health Centre, 7:00 pm. 32 members in attendance.

Guest speaker - Barbara Ann Kohlman, Master Gardener and Certified Horticulture Technician from the Pacific Horticulture College. Barbara's presentation topic - "In A Spring Garden". Members enjoyed a wonderful power point presentation along with Barbara's expertise on plants, soil, etc. to achieve a beautiful garden in the spring.

Following a coffee break with goodies provided by member Sue M. the business portion of the meeting began at 8:35 p.m.

Executive in attendance, Carol H. Chairperson, Shamim R. Vice-President, Donna F. Secretary.

Minutes of previous meeting in February posted on the blog and at the meeting - approved.

Treasurer's report - Financial report provided by Michele C. reviewed and accepted.

Correspondence - E-mail from the Victoria Master Gardener Association announcing the up-coming seminar "Mixing It Up in the Urban Garden 2019 - Beauty & the Beast", February 2, 2019. Details to follow.

Committee reports -

LIBRARY - Sue M. - Currently nothing new has been added and members with books to donate are asked to bring them to the next meeting, April 19th, at which time Sue will sort them for either keeping in the Library or donating to the Plant Sale in May. If large quantity, leave them in your car and Sue will transfer them to her car to take home to sort.

WORKSHOPS - Small group formed to assemble "Mother's Day" baskets on Saturday, May 5th. Club approved plant purchases to be covered by the club.

SPEAKER COMMITTEE - The topic for the April meeting will be "Succulents and Cacti". Details to follow in the April meeting announcement.

QUEEN'S PARK - Jennifer F. and Joanne A., cleanup continues. There is always an open invitation for members to help most Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m for 1 1/2 hours and sometimes then on to the small garden at the museum for 1/2 hour.

TRIPS - Members encouraged to come up with a fabulous idea for a trip.

PLANT SALE - Volunteers, Gail W., Joanne A., Diana G., Shamim R., Donna F., under the direction of Carol H., will meet on Thursday, March 22 to go over details.

Posters to advertise the sale will be the same as last year designed by Jeanette R.

Joanne A., will organize the raffle. Members encouraged to donate items.

Plant Sale cont'd -

Soil is once again available at Jennifers, 375 Chemainus Road, under the "famous ugly blue tarp", bring your own container.

One gallon and a few 2 gallon pots are needed and may be dropped at this same address and if members need pots, you may be able to get them here. Request for wire wreath frames from Shamim R., please bring to the next meeting.

Plant guidelines for potting up for the sale -

- please no invasive plants.
- plants need to be labeled with name, and if possible also the species, growing conditions, season, and colour.
- gently experienced tools and garden related items.
- sign-up sheet circulated for help in the different areas for the sale.

Set up, pricing, cashiers, tally people (to speed things up at the cashier), and clean up. More help needed and the list will be available at the April meeting.

Old Business - Membership has been confirmed with the Horticultural Centre of the Pacific for 2018.

Online blog contact - Executive seeking assistance in setting up and providing an email contact to be included in the Club's blog.

New Business - Elections for the 2018/2019 executive will take place at the May 17th monthly meeting. The following have agreed to continue on for one more year. All positions open for nominees.

Carol H., currently chairperson, will accept President
Shamim R., will agree to one more year, Vice-President.
Michele C., will agree to one more year, Treasurer.
Secretary - position is open.

Upcoming Events - Plant up, pot up - PLANT SALE, SATURDAY, MAY 12.
- Members asked to consider opening their garden to host the annual Pot Luck dinner in June. Please let Carol know.

Refreshment volunteers - April - Jennifer & Gail
May - Bennye & Susan B.

Meeting concluded 9:00 pm with the draw for door prizes.

