

LADYSMITH SALTAIR GARDEN CLUB

Minutes - April 19, 2018

The April monthly meeting of the Garden Club was held in the Lower Meeting Room at the Ladysmith Community Health Centre, 7:00 pm. 44 members in attendance.

David M., lifetime member of the club, was introduced and David offered memberships to Milner Gardens at a reduced rate for members. David also mentioned that a new "Rhodo Species Garden" has been planted at Milner Gardens and worthy of a visit.

Guest speaker - Jamey Lauinger of Valley Succulent, Specialty Nursery Comox. Members enjoyed a slide presentation by Jamey of cacti and succulents, many of which he has available in his greenhouses in Comox. Many plants were also available for sale at the meeting. The slide show was followed by a Q & A.

Following a coffee break with goodies provided by members Jennifer & Gail, the meeting resumed at 8:40 p.m.

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

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

Treasurer's report - Financial report provided by Michele C. reviewed and accepted.
Membership has been renewed with the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific.

Correspondence - See information in upcoming events.

Committee reports -

LIBRARY - Sue M. - Several copies of the BBC Gardener's World has been received and are available to members, no need to sign them out.

WORKSHOPS - Small group formed to assemble "Mother's Day" baskets on Saturday, May 5th.

SPEAKER COMMITTEE - May meeting will be a "Memorable Garden Visits" slide show by member, Pam Fraser.

QUEEN'S PARK - Jennifer F. and Joanne A. Jennifer reported they received a load of good compost from the town which has been spread. 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 - No report.

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PLANT SALE - Soil is still available at Jennifers, 375 Chemainus Road, under the "famous ugly blue tarp", bring your own container.
- 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 completed for help in the different areas for the sale.
- Joanne A., will organize the raffle. Members encouraged to donate items. Please let Joanne know if you are able to donate an item for the raffle.
- Set up - the hall will open at 4 pm Friday 11th for table setup, and will reopen at 6:30 for the plants to be brought in for setup and pricing.
An email will follow for members with times, etc. for Saturday.

Old Business - 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.
Volunteer positions - The following members have agreed to continue for one more year -
Librarian - Sue M.
Greeter - Lise P.
A.V. Technician - Don P.
Membership - Bennye M.
Coffee - Barb & Mi
Queen's Park - Jennifer F. & Joanne A.
Blog - Diane G.

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.
- Suggestions for summer garden visits - Nanoose Edibles & Chemainus Gardens.
- Alpine Gardeners of Central Vancouver Island will be presenting Jim Jermyn, speaking on "The Challenge of Growing European Alpines, May 7, 2018 1- 3 pm Qualicum Beach Civic Centre, 747 Jones, Qualicum Beach

Refreshments volunteers - May - Bennye & Susan B.
Meeting concluded at 9:20 with the draw for door prizes.

