



Think Shade!

The Newsletter of the Vancouver Shade Garden Society

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President's Message

And we come again to the end of another year! I think I can safely say it's been a very good year for us - a fantastic and well attended Annual Show, great special events (UBC and Phoenix Perennial tours, garage sale, Burnaby Rhodo Festival), as well as interesting and very educational presentations at our meetings on a wide variety of shade plants. I hope everyone got as much out of this year as I have. I've put a summary of everything that we've done as a club this year on the fifth page of this issue. The summary will also go on our website so it's available to everyone on the Internet.

The Executive will soon be appointing a chair of the Nominating Committee. The members of the Committee are responsible for canvassing the membership to see who would like to run for positions on our Executive that have terms completing at the end of this year. The Committee will then present to the membership at our February 2006 Annual General Meeting the names of those members who have agreed to stand for election to the Executive. The terms for the President's and one Director's positions will be ending and must be filled at the February 2006 meeting. The Committee will also present a written report (outlining the nominees for election) to the membership in the January/February newsletter issue and at our 2006 Annual General Meeting. If you'd like to serve on or Chair the Committee, please let an Executive member know.

Also, Sue Girling and I have made an extensive review of our Constitution and Bylaws and have discovered some areas that require updating. The Executive has reviewed these proposed revisions and approved that they be presented to the membership for voting and approval at our November Pot Luck Dinner (it should be the only item of business at the meeting). The proposed revisions are published in full on page 4 of this issue for your review. If you have any questions or would like some clarification prior to November's meeting, please call either myself or Sue.

Please note that the date for our November meeting was incorrectly listed in October's issue as November 19 (which is a Saturday). The meeting will actually be held on Friday, November 18 at 7:00pm (see below for more details).

Finally, I want to thank everyone on the Executive, and the membership as a whole, for making my job as President an enjoyable one for me this year. It's because of everyone's collective efforts this year that our club is where it is today, and you deserve credit for that.

I hope to see everyone at our Pot Luck Dinner on November 18. *Chris Jennings*

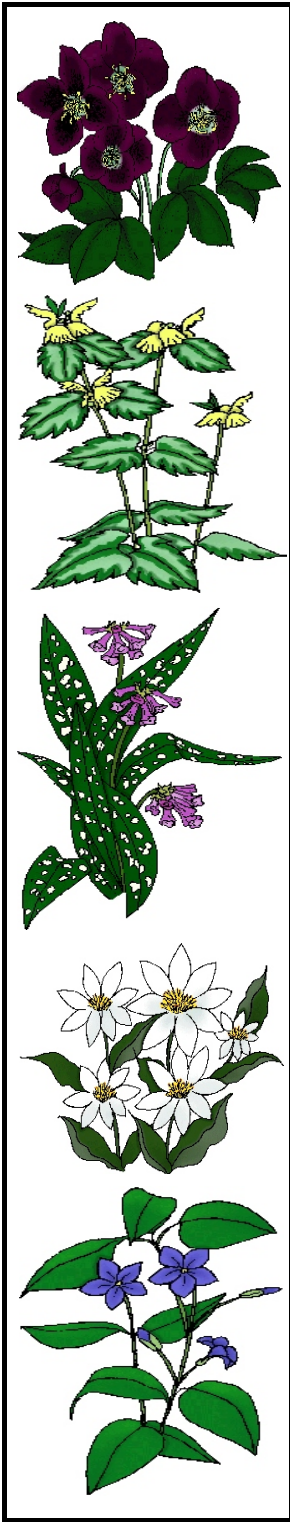
News and Activities

November Meeting - Pot Luck Dinner/Bake Sale

Our November meeting will be a Pot Luck Dinner/Bake Sale and will be held on **Friday, November 18 at 7:00pm in the Cedar Room of the Floral Hall at VanDusen**. Sue Girling, our Refreshments Coordinator, and Brigid Chisnall, one of our Directors, are in charge of organising the dinner. All members will be contacted by phone to see if they will be coming and what they would like to contribute for the Dinner or the bake sale. Please feel free to bring a guest if you like. There's no need to bring plates or cutlery - they'll all be provided there. But please bring some extra serving spoons or utensils.

The Executive will be providing a cooked ham as the main dinner course. And, as usual, we'll be holding a "pre-Christmas 50/50 draw". We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Note for your calendars: Our first meeting of 2006 (which will also be our Annual General Meeting) will be held on Friday, February 17, 2006 at 8:00pm in the Cedar Room of the Floral Hall at VanDusen.



2005: The Year in Summary

Editor's Note: I'd like to present a summary of our meetings and events for 2005 as a way of showing what we've enjoyed and accomplished this year. I hope I haven't forgotten anything.

- In early February, our Society was promoted at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show in Seattle by members of the Pacific Northwest Judges Council, who kindly asked us to contribute items such as bookmarks and sample newsletter copies, in order to advertise our Society.
- At our February 18, 2005 meeting, our Annual General Meeting was held. Appointments of members to various appointed positions were announced; meeting dates for 2005 were confirmed; the Scrutinizer's report on our finances for 2004 was presented and accepted; a budget for 2005 was presented and accepted; the Nominating Committee's report was presented and elections were held to fill certain Executive positions.
- Also in February, our member Ray Moon gave an informative and often very humorous presentation on houseplants.
- At our March 18, 2005 meeting, Chris Jennings gave a detailed presentation on the growth and care of tuberous begonias. A colourful handout was distributed to supplement the presentation and begonia tubers were also distributed to members.
- Representatives of our Club participated in the Pacific Northwest Judges Council meeting on March 12, 2005 and the B.C. Council of Garden Clubs' Annual General Meeting on March 19, 2005.
- At our April 15, 2005 meeting, Chris Jennings gave an informative presentation on the growth, care and maintenance of fuchsias. A useful handout was also distributed and fuchsia plants were available for purchase by the members.
- On April 23, 2005, our members were given a tour of Phoenix Perennials by the owner, Gary Lewis. Gary also gave us detailed descriptions of many unique shade plants available at his nursery.
- Our Club participated in the Burnaby Rhododendron Festival on Sunday, May 1, 2005 and had a very successful display and sale.
- On May 14, 2005, our members went on a very interesting "walkabout" tour of UBC Botanical Gardens.
- At our May 20, 2005 meeting, Chris Jennings presented information on two families of shade plants, impatiens and coleus, complete with descriptive handouts and plants available for the members.
- At our June 17, 2005 meeting, Norm Dorosh gave us a presentation on the growth, care and maintenance of certain types of orchids.
- At our July 15, 2005 meeting, Pat Dredge and Chris Jennings gave us a talk on preparing your plants for show. A contest was also held and a prize awarded for the best grown tuberous begonia plant.
- On July 29, 2005, Steve Whysall did a writeup about our Society and its upcoming Show in his Gardening column of the Vancouver Sun. This publicity resulted in a huge spike in the number of hits on our club's website over that weekend and undoubtedly increased our visibility in the local gardening scene.
- Our Annual Show was held on August 7, 2005 at VanDusen Botanical Gardens and was an outstanding success.
- At our August 19, 2005 meeting, we held an informal "Show and Tell", with various members bringing in their plants and discussing how to grow and care for them.
- Our Garage Sale was held on August 27, 2005 and was a great success.
- At our September 16, 2005 meeting, William Bischoff gave us an interesting presentation on cyclamen.
- Representatives of our Club participated in the Pacific Northwest Judges Council meeting on September 24, 2005.
- Representatives of our Club participated in the Fall meeting of the B.C. Council of Garden Clubs on October 15, 2005.
- At our October 21, 2005 meeting, Mike Lascelle gave us a very informative presentation on ferns.
- Finally, at our November 18, 2005 meeting, a scrumptious and enjoyable pot luck dinner and pre-Christmas Bake Sale will be held to close out our year. It's been a great year!

