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Energize Your Gardening Passion Plants, Pruning, and Working the Land

Master Gardener Update, Sunday, March 25, 2007

9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Michael J. Fox Theatre

Burnaby South High School, 5455 Rumble Street, Burnaby

At this year's annual update, we host three keynote speakers and distinguished members of a panel who are changing the way we relate to garden plants and the land we steward. The workshop sessions are as follows:

Taming the Overgrown Garden—**Cass Turnbull**, author of *Cass Turnbull's Guide to Pruning*, founded Plant Amnesty, a private non-profit organization in Seattle that strives to educate the commercial and public sectors on responsible, appropriate pruning and landscape management practices. She will demonstrate how to restore order to an overgrown yard without committing a crime against nature. Discover how to fix the most common well-intentioned but poor pruning mistakes.

Plants Without Problems—**Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott**, landscape architect, ISA-certified arborist, and director of the Master Gardener curriculum for Washington State University, will guide your decision making when selecting and sustaining healthy nursery plants. Well known for exploding horticultural myths, Dr. Chalker-Scott will provide key pointers to assist your next visit to the nursery.

Is Gardening Perennial? A panel discussion on trends in the nursery industry features **John Zaplatynsky**, president of the Garden Works Nursery chain, **Gary Lewis**, owner of Phoenix Perennials and Specialty Plants in Richmond, **Cass Turnbull**, founder of Plant Amnesty in Seattle, and **Gwen Odermatt**, co-owner of Petals and Butterfly Nursery in Langley.

A Journey to the New Frontiers of Agriculture—**Michael Abelman**, author of *Fields of Plenty: A Farmer's Journey in Search of Real Food and the People Who Grow It*, will speak about individuals who work the land, growing healthy food in a sustainable way. Michael, who lives on Saltspring Island with his wife and two sons, feels passionately about choosing a model that honours our traditional relationship with food, the land, and each other.

For more information about the speakers, volunteering, and registration forms, please visit www.bcmastergardeners.org.

—**Barbara Bowers**



2007 Update Committee

We need volunteers, so please give us a call. You will find telephone numbers and email addresses in the master MG list.

Steering committee—

Barbara Bowers, Lynne Christmas, Susan Lazar, Barry Roberts

Registration—

Kathy Shynkaryk
Pat Taylor

Compost sale—

Brian Campbell
Barry Roberts

Educational materials—

Lynne Christmas

Vendors and tables—

Susan Lazar

Floral arrangements—

Nigel Bunning

Plant sale—

Joan Bentley

Public relations—

Janet Fraser

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It is armchair gardening time again. The latest gardening magazines and seed catalogues sit by my chair, ready to help me dream of next year's garden.

The New Year will bring new gardening energy, but also new Council members, a new Basic Training class, and then

new clinics. This year it will also bring a new Overall Clinic Coordinator—Diane Hartley. I will be tackling Jack Grant's position as Chair.

For 2007 clinics, signup will take place by email between February 1 and February 6; then the signup binder will be at the VanDusen Botanical Garden reception desk from February 8 to March 23. It will also be at the February 8 general meeting and at the Update on March 25, the last day for signup.

As in previous years, the signup book is organized into a white binder, with colour-coded territories, a set of calendars, and a nursery location address list. Each clinic has a separate page and shows the number of MGs needed for the clinic. Please print your name and phone number when completing the clinic page. It is important that your name is printed legibly so that the Master List is made up correctly.

When signing up for clinics, please make sure you have your personal calendar with you so you can fill in your clinic choices. Remember that changes can be made in the signup book anytime up to March 23 or at the Update on March 25. The Master List will then be prepared and you will have to notify both the Area Coordinator and the Clinic Coordinator with the name of the MG you have found to replace you at the clinic.

When you receive your copy of the Master List by mail, please review all information and check the clinics where your name is listed to make sure you have recorded the dates on your calendar. Also check if you are listed as the Clinic Coordinator and review the job description for that role.

Watch for more clinic and signup information as signup time gets closer. If you have any ideas or want to request clinics at your garden club, school plant sale, or other events, please send the information to Diane Hartley by January 25, 2007.

I would like to thank everyone for their support over the past few years while I undertook the Overall Clinic Coordinator job. I would ask that you give the same help and support to Diane as she moves into the position. It has been a pleasure.

—Lynne Christmas

Letter from the Chair



Believe it or not, this is my last letter as your Chair. And horrors—I forced myself to reread all seven of the previous ones I had written. (It was like having to swallow seven spoonfuls of oil of oregano!) I also read Doug Courtemanche's final letter and out popped that familiar theme, change. It seems that, concomitant with all the challenges, successes, and disappointments faced by Chairs of our organization, passion to foster change within and without is a major theme. Willingness to support change is the sign of a healthy organization and I look forward with confidence to successive leaders as they carry on embracing and guiding change.

Looking back at the priorities put forward by Council in January 2005, I'm pleased to note progress in a number of areas. Internal communications improved with implementation of changes recommended by an

ad hoc committee. Now we must work on developing a communications strategy for all at outreach activities.

I'm very proud of the work done by the Education Committee, beginning with the January 2006 feedback session and leading to the launch of four continuing education activities throughout the year. Again, much needs to be done as this dedicated group looks to developing an evaluation model for the Basic and Advanced Training programs.

We have received a report by another dedicated group, who looked at the issue of volunteer hours. We dealt with their recommendations initially at the November Annual General Meeting. On another front, a small committee has met several times to look at the future of

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the MGABC as referenced by my last two letters. This group will be presenting some significant changes to the framework of our Association in January specific to the provincial governance structure of the MGABC. As you read this column, the Association will have been presented with a revised proposal for a membership fee that fits with these changes in structure.

As the year comes to an end, the excellent work of the 2006 Council should be noted.

A Members' Skills inventory developed by Barry Roberts will be circulated to all members with the newsletter to give us critical information for future projects and activities.

In the New Year, Jenny Newman will have put together a Members' Handbook, initially aimed at students entering the program but useful to all member.

We are now collaborating with VanDusen Seed Collectors, providing packaging research and information as well as taking over the organization of Seedy Saturday, a long-running event held this year on Saturday, February 24, that will this year produce revenue for the Association. Lynne Christmas has had a major role in this endeavour.

Susan Lazar and Norma Dechene have developed Education Guidelines for new chapters established in BC. They were assisted by Linda Sears, who spearheaded the development of the Summerland chapter of Master Gardeners.

Several Council members headed by Barbara Bowers have jumped into the breach and have plans well underway for the 2007 Update on March 25. These members are doing double duty to make sure that the show indeed goes on. (An alarming



Nancy Dickson (left) and Mary Butterfield of the VanDusen Capital Campaign accept a cheque for \$3,000 from MGABC chair, Jack Grant.

development over the past two years was that no member came forward to chair the Update Committee.)

These projects, as well as the usual multiple responsibilities of Council (Secretary Katie McIntosh and Treasurer Karen Shuster must be mentioned), illustrate how well the membership has been served over the past year. To Council members and to all members who have contributed so much, my heartfelt thanks.

I take leave of the Chair with the confidence that exciting things will continue to happen within our organization and that the usual challenges will be met by those members who have accepted key responsibilities. My two years have motivated me to continue working to achieve some of the objectives I am passionate about. I cannot close without restating my mantra: *Change will occur and it will happen for the good of the organization.* That's 30 for 2006.

—Jack Grant

Report from Vancouver Island



It has again been a busy year for Master Gardeners on Vancouver Island. Members offered 330 clinics at garden centres, plant sales, garden clubs, farmers' markets, and garden tours. We also wrote articles, spoke at garden club meetings, and did research on the internet. Changes in clinic reporting this year allowed Clinic Coordinators to read all questions and answers that students recorded. We also developed forms for documentation of questions, answers, and references.

Behind the scenes

The Executive held a Strategic Planning day to assess the Vancouver Island Master Gardeners Association (VIMGA)'s strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (a SWOT process). Out of this discussion came prioritized goals and objectives that are being tackled slowly but surely.

An Advisory Committee has been struck with Malaspina University in order to address a number of concerns relating to the strength of students going into and coming out of the program. We have had several productive meetings and have just received a counterproposal from Malaspina. A briefing note was circulated at the Fall Annual General Meeting, when feedback was requested. A pilot mentorship program is up and running with the Fall 2006 class in Nanaimo. We have four mentors each working with five or six students.

Several of our goals are to develop more satisfying and relevant clinic opportunities, to enforce uniform procedures and guidelines throughout the Island, and to continue to offer high-quality, in-service opportunities to our members in such areas as Insect and Disease Control and Plant Identification. We have had two very successful workshops with Linda Gilkeson and Andrea Buonassissi.

Our focus is generally on strengthening the quality of our members and the advice they give in the face of the very quick growth we have experienced here on the Island.

Most interesting question

Demonstrating the truism that "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing," a visitor to our table at the Nanaimo Community Gardens had these questions for us: "What do you think about growing fall rye?" We of course gave

her the prescribed answer. She went on to say: "A friend said that if I grow fall rye she won't come to my garden because the ergot fungus that grows on rye is associated with witchcraft and makes people crazy, even die." We were asked: "What do you know about ergot?"

A Google search revealed the hypothesis that the Salem witchcraft trials in the late 1600s could have resulted from ergot poisoning. The ergot fungus, of the genus *Claviceps*, exists on grain, some breads, peanuts, and in the soil. Remember the song, "Found a peanut, it was rotten, ate it anyway, died, and went to heaven"? I think it was written about ergot.

—Gael Ackroyd and Eleanor Voysey

Advanced Training Graduates

Congratulations to the 16 new graduates of the MG Advanced Training program. At the September 2006 meeting, pins and certificates were awarded to the following members of the Advanced Training class of 2005: Anne Ayre, Miriam Brownlow, Lorri Espeseth, Jeannette Gamble, Diane Hartley, Heather Hyde, Libby Kelley, Penny Koch, Colleen Martin, William McCarthy, Ruth Patrick, Kathy Shynkaryk, Kelly Smith, Eleanor Smyth, and Lynda Taylor, as well as Carol Wong of the class of 2003. These graduates bring to 118 the number of MGs who have completed the core Advanced Training program and at least three of the seven electives.

The core program (12 Tuesdays from September through December) consists of advanced classes in the major areas of Botany, Taxonomy, Right Place/Right Plant, IPM, and Soils and Fertilizers. In addition, three electives must be completed (15 hours each, consisting of three five-hour classes) from among the following: Entomology, Landscape Design, Native Plants, Plant Disease Diagnosing, Plant Propagation, Shrubs, and Trees. Reading in texts or other provided material is required in addition to research papers for each area.

The next Advanced Training core program may be offered in September 2007, with information available in January 2007. All MGs who have completed the regular MG program two or more years previously are eligible for the Advanced Training program.

—June Pierson

Consider a Community Project

A Great Way to Earn Volunteer Hours

As the growing season draws to a close, Master Gardeners can feel proud of their achievements in 14 community projects scattered across the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley. Eighty-seven certified Master Gardeners and students contributed an amazing 1,850 hours. At each site, the volunteers offered service to the community while educating participants in the satisfaction of gardening and protecting the Earth. The benefits, of course, went both ways, as participants came to understand more about the natural world around them and the gardeners honed their skills while enjoying participation in a community.

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One new volunteer at Queen Alexandra School Garden commented: "Working in a garden with children seemed a great way to earn my hours, but little did I suspect what was actually in store ... The first group of children came out and I was hooked!" The coordinator of the Northeast Mental Health Unit adds: "The contribution of the Master Gardener was invaluable to the success of the group." While the coordinator of the KidSafe project echoes this sentiment: "Thanks for helping us out and providing two great volunteers. We are very grateful."

Not only are the projects geographically diverse, but the types of situations and participants also vary. Two projects are set in schools and work with children. Another two are set in correctional institutions and help participants to learn new skills and gain self-esteem. One project assists women who have sought refuge in a home for abused women and their children. Three

others contribute to the quality of life of long-term residents in hospital locations, while at a mental health residence, participants learn new skills and appreciation for gardening. A hospice project offers solace to patients and their families and friends. Parks are the location for two more projects and various Evergreen events are staffed by Master Gardeners. Finally, the healing garden project operates at several sites where gardens have become part of the strategy for ameliorating the violence and harms of the past.

The following are brief descriptions of the projects.

Alouette Correctional Centre for Women

Coordinator: Barb Collis

Located in Maple Ridge, this is a provincial correctional centre for low and medium risk women. In the garden, more than 30 raised beds were constructed this year and the produce harvested from them was distributed to all of the residents and staff whose nutrition was greatly enhanced. Not only do the women find the work empowering but they also learn skills that are transferable to the community after their release. Master Gardeners help with educational aspects of the project as well as the planning of new gardens and projects. In addition, the population of the site will be expanding so that there will be a need for more help. This is a very large project that has the opportunity to grow so all volunteers are welcome.

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Master Gardener volunteers Jill Ley and Esther Donnelly work with children and teachers to plant a wide variety of vegetables and flowers at Queen Alexandra School.

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Banfield Extended Care Pavilion

Coordinator: Shelagh Smith

Banfield Pavilion is the Extended Care Unit at Vancouver General Hospital. Under the direction of a horticultural therapist, Master Gardener volunteers provide gardening assistance and instruction to residents and other volunteers. Since this is a horticultural therapy program, Master Gardeners help to individualize programs and to introduce their particular areas of interest and expertise to patients.

Burnaby Nature House

Coordinator: Judy Wellington

Burnaby Butterfly Garden is located next to the Nature House on Burnaby Lake. It is meant to inform visitors about butterflies, their habitat, and food source. Master Gardener volunteers give advice and information to visitors and reorganize the plant material of the garden to be more “butterfly friendly”. They also assist with education for children who attend programs in the Nature House. This year the garden gained a new area. The GVRD is very supportive of the project and wants it to be larger. This project has room to grow.

Burnaby Youth Custody Services

Coordinator: Barbara Warner

Volunteers work in both the secure and open units at the Burnaby Youth Custody services on Willingdon Avenue opposite BCIT. Master Gardeners teach residents basic gardening skills, plant identification, and an appreciation of growing flowers and vegetables. Volunteers participate each week during the residents’ educational time and they note the growth in confidence and self-esteem among the youth. The produce from the gardens is used in the cooking program.

Evergreen

Coordinator: Alyssa Semczyszyn

Evergreen is a national non-profit organization that brings communities and nature together for mutual benefit. Master Gardener volunteers provide leadership, guidance, and education at events. These occur around the Lower Mainland and are one-day programs concerned with habitat restoration on publicly owned lands. Master Gardeners run training sessions for those who participate in events and they help to run the programs. Volunteer work occurs only during public restoration events.

The Healing Garden Committee

Coordinator: Judy Zipursky

This committee researches, catalogues, and develops materials relating to “Healing Gardens”. It also offers advice on the establishment and maintenance of healing gardens in the community. The committee is involved in several sites that are developing healing gardens and Master Gardeners offer help with the practical aspects of creating such gardens as well as the restorative benefits to be derived from them. The committee has been very busy this year responding to several requests for information and installation of gardens. In addition, the volunteers spend time in self-education as well as offering their expertise to the community.

KidSafe Project

Coordinator: Catherine Homenchuk

The KidSafe Project helps create safe havens at times when schools are closed. The project serves at-risk students living in poverty who are enrolled at Vancouver inner-city elementary schools. KidSafe ensures that children are protected for 12 months of the year and encourages increased awareness of smart and nutritious local food. The school gardens act as a focus for activity and as a place to learn about gardening. Volunteers also help to design and manage new gardens, since KidSafe is attempting to expand the number of schools that have gardens.

Marguerite Dixon Transition House and Second Stage Units

Coordinator: Helen Tsepnopoulos

This is a horticultural therapy program that assists staff and residents of facilities for abused women. The coordinator of the project organizes gardening activities for the project on various days throughout the season. On some of these days, Master Gardeners direct United Way volunteers who come to work in the garden and to complete new installations.

Native Demonstration Garden, Mahon Park, City of North Vancouver

Coordinator: Joanna Clark

The Native Demonstration Garden was part of an extensive restoration of Mahon Park in the City of North Vancouver. Master Gardener volunteers provide information on native plants. In addition, they coordinate

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community work parties. This is a project that occurs primarily during community events and working sessions. Master Gardeners participated in and directed over 2,000 hours of community work in the park.

North East Mental Health Team Gardening Group

Coordinator: Tom Heah

The North East Team is one of several in the Lower Mainland area. The team serves children, adults, and older adults with serious mental illness, using an interdisciplinary approach. The rehab department is quite active and offers a variety of group activities, including gardening. This offers new leisure and educational opportunities to participants. Master Gardeners provide gardening expertise to the project.

The Pearson Gardens

Coordinator: Judith Howard

Pearson Hospital is a long-term residence for disabled patients. The gardens help to improve the quality of life for the residents and involve them in the planning, and where possible, alterations to the garden. It is also hoped that, in the future, the project will involve area residents in the enhancement of the site.

Queen Alexandra School Gardening Program

Coordinator: Sharon Hanna

The award-winning project at Queen Alexandra School works with K-to-7 students in a 10,000 square foot garden—growing food, weeding, watering, and sometimes preparing food. In addition, gardening information is integrated into the academic curriculum. Activities occur every week and volunteers must participate on a regular basis. Last year over 620 volunteer hours were clocked.

St. James's Cottage Hospice

Coordinator: Pascale Powell

“Cottage” is a beautiful 10-bed facility for terminally ill adults. Master Gardener volunteers work with residents when possible and with their families and friends. Volunteers create garden beds, troubleshoot pests and diseases, and advise on plant selection, location, and maintenance. Hours are flexible once volunteers are introduced to the project's requirements.

Yaletown House

Coordinator: Shelagh Smith

Yaletown House is located in the heart of Vancouver's Yaletown district. Under the direction of a horticultural therapist, Master Gardener volunteers provide gardening assistance and instruction to residents.

How the Projects Work

Each project has its own coordinator who sets up the schedule of activities and keeps track of volunteer hours. She or he contacts people to discuss the specific details of the project and provides an orientation to the goals and needs of the program. The schedules vary depending on the needs of the site. Some require work every week while others occur less frequently. Regardless, as with clinics, a commitment to a project must be honoured, since programs depend on Master Gardeners.

Starting a Project

If you know of or work at a site that combines community service with gardening educational opportunities and you think that it might become a community project, please contact the Community Project Coordinators, Alice Kilian (akilian@shaw.ca) or Andrea Lebowitz (lebowitz@sfu.ca) for more information. They will visit the site and discuss it with you as a potential project. As stated above, a project will only be considered if there is an on-site coordinator willing to take responsibility for the administration of the project. This person need not be Master Gardener. If there is a coordinator and the project includes both education and service, the coordinator in consultation with Alice and Andrea will design a description of the project and set it up for inclusion in the roster of projects that will be presented to volunteers in the spring.

A Final Word

Community projects count toward a Master Gardener's or student's required hours. But more than that, they are a satisfying and enjoyable way to contribute to the well-being of those around you.

—Alice Kilian and Andrea Lebowitz

Summerland Report

At the time of writing, only half the volunteer hours sheets for 2006 have been submitted, but the trend for the Interior is clear: our Master Gardeners have been spending only about 45 percent of their time giving advice to local gardeners at garden centres. The remaining time is spent on research, self-education courses and lectures, writing gardening columns, and volunteering at other venues such as community projects, plant sales, care centres, garden tours, judging for Communities in Bloom, and at the Interior Provincial Exhibition in Armstrong (a wonderful agricultural venue that includes prize-sized squash and dahlias on display, along with animals of every ilk). The bulk of the administrative hours accrue from the Program Coordinator and Area Clinic Coordinator (Janis Thompson), who will be sharing some of their responsibilities with our MGs in future.

Although garden centre clinics serve as great internships for students, they are not our ultimate goal, which is to become educators for the region. Fortunately, this philosophy seems to align with that of the provincial Association, so we will be endeavouring to establish a Master Gardener presence at our home base, the Summerland Ornamental Gardens, to provide answers, advice, workshops, demonstrations, and tours for the gardening public as well as visitors to the region.

In February 2007, the Basic Program teaching session for Summerland Master Gardeners will be coordinated by the Continuing Studies department of the Okanagan

College in Penticton. As this is a new initiative, it is too early to report on how this will knit with our group, but we are hopeful that many of those who take the training will elect to continue with the Master Gardeners. The concept of mentoring, as is being considered by the Vancouver Island group, will be kept in mind as a sensible introduction for the Master Gardener students at OK College.

Our members live from Osoyoos in the south to Kamloops in the north. A large area, but with one common factor: at some point during the summer months, there will be dryness verging on drought conditions. Native, drought-tolerant species are a smart choice, and we all wince when we see brown, dead, or dying underwatered cedar windbreaks in this area when much better species are available.

At our Fall Update in September, we heard two local experts talk about honouring our native soils by keeping them organic and pure, and by choosing species that want to do well here—by making xeriscape choices. It was an informative day for all who attended.

At that time, we graduated 10 new Master Gardeners, which brings us to 27 active members in this region. Their interest and enthusiasm serve as a motivator to continue with our rewarding gardening work in this area.

—Linda Sears
Program Coordinator
Summerland Master Gardeners

Our New Computer

As I sit here at my old clunker of a computer I can reflect back on the hours spent tapping away during two years as MGABC secretary. I have enjoyed the opportunity to become part of a hardworking group on Council, getting to know more members and understanding the great diversity of this organization. However, I will not miss hauling to meetings my wheelie desk, containing giant binders and other paraphernalia required to do my job.



My successor will have the great pleasure of using the brand-new HP Pavilion laptop computer that was recently purchased for the use of the secretary and other members of Council.

The laptop computer has a clear 14.4-inch screen and a huge 120-Gbyte hard-disk memory, which should enable

us to securely save all Association communications, minutes of meetings, emails, constitution, and so on. It also has a DVD+RW/R and CD-RW combo drive, meaning that we could store and maintain the membership database on the laptop. And we have the memory space available to build a library of digital photos.

Software includes Microsoft Windows XP Professional operating system and Windows Office, which provides Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint. Further items still to be purchased include a scanner/fax/printer.

Thanks to Lynne and Barry for researching suitable computers and especially to Barry, who put together this package with the necessary software. We can look forward to using this computer for many years to come.

—Katie McIntosh

Building a Picture Library

Looking for something to do during the wet and cold winter months ahead? Consider sorting slides and photos for the MGABC picture library. A collection of photos such as this would help support further development of the MG website and could be used in all Association publications, including the newsletter, advertising brochures, magazine articles, books, and any other form of printed or online, electric, or digital publishing the Association undertakes in future.

So look through your personal collection of photos for suitable pictures. Then categorize your selections (by correct botanical plant name, general garden and landscape, Association activities, and so on) and include a caption or explanation, along with the name of the photographer. We are in particular need of photographs of our special projects, community projects, and workshops.

Save your photos on CD or email them to roberts_bn@yahoo.ca. Slides are also welcome and can be brought to our general meetings.

We will protect the interests of the Association and our members by signing an ownership and copyright agreement with everyone who submits photos.

I welcome all comments and suggestions from our members about the picture library. More details will be available at our January general meeting.

—Barry Roberts



UBC Botanical Garden's David Tarrant welcomes MGs to the garden on September 21, 2006.

Membership Skills Survey

We have many new members, as well as many longstanding members, with great expertise and experience that could be of value to the MGABC, if only we knew about it!

Please complete and return the Skills Survey that accompanies printed copies of the December newsletter or download a copy via the MG website at www.bcmastergardeners.org. The survey will also be sent by email from MG Admin.

Please return the survey by post, email, or by hand delivery to the reception desk at VanDusen Botanical Gardens. Full details are explained in the accompanying Skills Survey.

—Barry Roberts



Come Join the Fun!

Master Gardeners Association of BC
Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.

Floral Hall
VanDusen Botanical Garden



Bring along your favourite dessert.





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Mission Statement

The Mission of the Master Gardeners' Association of British Columbia is to provide information about gardening to the community and to educate people about environmentally responsible gardening practices.

Please send all **contact information changes** to Kathy Shynkaryk, membership chair.

All other **newsletter correspondence** can be sent to the editor, Ann-Marie Metten, at ametten@telus.net.

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MG Calendar

Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.

MGABC Christmas party
Please bring your favourite dessert, finger foods only. Tour the Festival of Lights 5 to 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 9, 7:30 p.m.

General meeting, Andrea Lebowitz
Community Projects for Master Gardeners with Melita Thornhill of the Emerging Hope project.

This meeting includes the annual MG book and magazine sale, so bring along garden and plant books and magazines you no longer need.

Thursday, February 8, 9:30 a.m.

General meeting
Chris Woods
An Introduction to VanDusen Botanical Gardens' New Executive Director and His Ideas for the Garden
This is a meeting held jointly with VanDusen Guides.

**Saturday, February 24,
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

18th Annual Seedy Saturday
Featuring Heritage Seed Swap and Great Bean Count.
Admission by donation.

February 28

Registration deadline
Gardens of England Tour
May 24 to June 4, 2007
ruralbritaintours.com

No monthly meeting in March

Sunday, March 25, 9:00 a.m.

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Please refer to your current MG member list for full contact information, including phone numbers and email addresses.

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