



MGABC Provincial 2014 AGM

**Okanagan College,
1000 KLO Road Kelowna, BC
Sunday, September 21, 2014**

- 10:00** **Registration, Coffee, Socialize**
- 11:00** **Speaker: Gwen Steele, 'Plants that Shine'**
- 12:00** **Lunch**
- 1:00** **Annual General Meeting**
 Welcome and Introductions
 President's Address: Lynne Christmas
 Minutes of 2013 AGM - Attached
 Treasurer's Report
 Nominations for 2015 Council – Ginny Dournovo
 Recognition – Lynne Christmas
- 2:00** **Speaker: Danielle Toperczer, ISCBC Ambassador Program**
- 3:00** **Speaker: Debbie MacMillan, 'Flower Power Garden Tour'**
- 4:00** **Close of Meeting**

Thank you for coming and celebrating with us today.

SPEAKERS

Gwen Steele - 'Plants that Shine'

With vivid photos, Okanagan xeriscape expert Gwen Steele shares her passion for lush, water-wise plants. To be in this presentation of her favourites, plants must be easy-maintenance and have three seasons of interest. Xeriscaping is gardening with nature. Gwen is passionate about gardening with nature as a way to restore and preserve natural systems and to bring peace and good health to individuals.

Biography:

Gwen Steele has gardened in Kelowna since early childhood. She was the co-founder and owner of the first xeriscape plant nursery in the Okanagan. Many plants were trialed for drought tolerance in the ½ acre demonstration gardens.

For over 20 years Gwen has studied, practiced and taught xeriscaping. She feels this is the most simple, cost effective, and rewarding method of gardening. The Principles of Xeriscape can be used to create almost any style of garden.

Gwen is currently the executive director of the Okanagan Xeriscape Association (a not-for-profit organization) which she co-founded in 2009. It was formed to bring water-wise gardening education to Okanagan Valley residents.

Danielle Toperczer - 'ISC Plantwise Ambassador Program'

Danielle has worked with the Council since 2010, and manages large ISC projects and fund development. Her past work experience includes fisheries surveys, range management and not-for-profit work. She is a Professional Agrologist and lives in Coldstream where she enjoys hiking, camping and gardening with her husband and children. As an ISCBC Manager, Danielle is excellent speaker and is more than qualified to give this presentation as she is the one who helped create the program back in 2012/2013.

Debbie MacMillan – 'Flower Power Garden Tour'

A look at the Flower Power garden tour, Kelowna's legacy community event: where it has been, where it is today and where it is going.

Biography

Debbie MacMillan is an independent consultant whose area of expertise is event organization and management. Previously, she worked as a Training and Methods Analyst for Bank of Montreal travelling throughout Western Canada. Active in the community, Debbie has volunteered her time with various organizations including the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Rotary Centre for the Arts, Mission Creek Greenway and the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors of British Columbia's Knowledge Network and a member of the Okanagan Chefs Association.