



THE BULLETIN

BRITISH COLUMBIA COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS

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FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Cindy Tataryn

(Please forward this newsletter to all your club members!)

I hope all of you have a Wonderful New Year!

Here's to happily dreaming of the results of your garden projects — until you can actually get back out in your gardens again. Over the last two weeks I've spent several hours shovelling that fluffy white stuff that falls from the sky! The one nice thing about it is that it covers up all the unfinished projects that I started last year and didn't have time to finish. Oh well – maybe this year. in the meantime...

OH MY GOSH – I fell down the rabbit hole!

I was talking to my uncle about seeds for his garden and where he ordered his seeds from. The next thing I knew I was lost in the internet, checking out seed companies, some I never knew existed. So here is a list of other people's recommendations. I have never ordered seeds before so I cannot vouch for any of them so **please** do your own research.

I also recommend that you have a list of what you need before you end up following me down the rabbit hole too! It's a great way to spend a cold snowy winter day. These seed companies are in no particular order. Have fun!

Park Seed	https://parkseed.com/
Hudson Valley Seeds	https://hudsonvalleyseed.com/
Pinetree Garden Seeds	https://www.superseeds.com/
Johnny's Selected Seeds	https://www.johnnyseeds.com/
Renee's Garden	https://www.reneesgarden.com/
Swallowtail Garden Seeds	https://www.swallowtailgardenseeds.com/
Burpee Seeds	https://www.burpee.com/
Floret Farm	https://www.floretflowers.com/
Botanical Interests	https://www.botanicalinterests.com/
West Coast Seeds	https://www.westcoastseeds.com/
Ontario Seed Company	https://www.oscseeds.com/
Stokes	https://www.stokeseeds.com/
Salt Spring Seeds	https://www.saltspringseeds.com
The Green Witch Seed Company	https://greenwitchseed.ca/
T & T Seeds	https://ttseeds.com/
Territorial Seeds	https://territorialseed.com/
McKenzie Seeds	https://mckenzieseeds.com/
Veseys Seed	https://www.veseys.com/
Incredible Seeds	https://www.incredibleseeds.ca/
The Seed Company	https://theseedcompany.ca/

William Dam Seeds	https://www.damseeds.com/
Annapolis Seeds	https://www.annapolisseeds.com/
W.H. Perron	https://www.dominion-seed-house.com/en/
Annie's Heirloom Seeds	https://www.anniesheirloomseeds.com/
Select Seeds	https://www.selectseeds.com/
Seed Savers Exchange	https://www.seedsavers.org/
Seeds of Change	https://seedsofchange.com/
Fedco Seeds	https://www.fedcoseeds.com/
Nichols Garden Nursery	https://nicholsgardennursery.com/
BC Eco Seed Co-op	https://www.bcecoseedcoop
Seeds from Italy	https://growitalian.com/

Stay safe!

Stay healthy!

Stay engaged, and

Keep on gardening!

Cindy Tataryn

First Vice President, BCCGC

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Upcoming Elections

Our next Annual General Meeting is April 9, 2022. Please **'Save the Date'** and mark your calendar. As at all AGMs there will be an election for Executive positions.

The Executive positions coming up for election for two-year terms are:

- **First Vice President**
- **Treasurer**
- **Communication Coordinator**

We also have a **Scholarship Trust Fund Trustee** position coming vacant, which is a three-year term.

Also, we are still looking for someone to be our Leader. We need a **President!**

If you are interested in any of these positions please contact First Vice President Cindy Tataryn at email 1vicepresident@bcgardenclubs.com.

PRESIDENT:

<https://bcgardenclubs.com/about/exec-board/president-terms-of-reference/>

TERM OF OFFICE:

The President is elected in odd numbered years for a term of two years. The maximum a President can serve is two consecutive two-year terms.

After servicing two consecutive terms, the President must step down. The former President may stand for another office at any time, and may stand for the position of President at a future date.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

The President of the BC Council of Garden Clubs has the responsibility of:

- Leading and managing the development and implementation of Council strategies and policies.
- Management of its financial resources.
- Efficient and effective execution of the Council's mandate.
- Upholding the current Constitution.
- Supporting Council members.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The President has the responsibility to:

- Act as primary spokesperson for the BC Council of Garden Clubs.
- Direct and monitor the Council's activities.
- Develop and recommend strategic plans to the Council Executive Board for the implementation of the Council's vision and mission.
- Report to the Council Executive Board and Council Members and make recommendations regarding the Council's vision and mission.
- Lead and manage within the parameters established by the Council Executive Board, Council members and Council committees.
- Call and attend Board Executive meetings and provide regular reports to the Council Executive Board.
- Submit an annual budget to the Treasurer for the Annual General Meeting.
- Prepare a report to the Council membership to be presented at each of the Council's meetings.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:

<https://bcgardenclubs.com/about/exec-board/first-vice-president-terms-of-reference/>

TERM OF OFFICE:

The First Vice President is elected in even-numbered years for a two-year term. The First Vice President may stand for multiple terms of office.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

The First Vice President of the BC Council of Garden Clubs has the responsibility to:

- Manage and maintain the Speakers List.
- Contact the people on the Speakers List to verify that their information is current and correct.
- Make note of potential areas of interest for presentations and to note information of potential speakers and presentations.

- Act as the Speaker Coordinator for the Annual General Meeting, and the Fall Meeting.\
- Enlist the help from other Executive members to book speakers for these meetings.
- Ensure that the speakers have the appropriate technical support for their presentations.
- Oversee the production, maintenance and updating of the BC Council of Garden Clubs' Horticulture and Floral Design Judging Manuals, scheduling of Judging Schools and courses as required.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The First Vice President has the responsibility to:

- Report to the Council and make recommendations regarding Council business.
- Act as Executive Board Liaison for the Horticulture Judging Standing Committee and report to the Board regarding the Committee's activities.
- Act as Executive Board Liaison for the Floral Design Judging Standing Committee and report to the Board regarding the Committee's activities.
- Attend Board Executive meetings and provide regular reports to the board.
- Submit an annual budget for the position's activities at the AGM.

TREASURER:

<https://bcgardenclubs.com/about/exec-board/treasurer-terms-of-reference/>

TERM OF OFFICE:

The Treasurer is elected in even numbered years for a two-year term. The Treasurer may stand for multiple terms.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

The Treasurer of the BC Council of Garden Clubs will:

- Maintain the financial accounts of the Council in good standing.
- Prepare an annual budget and ensure approval by the membership.
- Monitor the expenses of the Council to remain within the approved budget.
- Ensure the Council remains in good standing with the insurance provider.
- Participate in the Membership and Liability Insurance Committee.
- Uphold the current Constitution.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Treasurer has the responsibility to:

- Accept and deposit monies received by the Council for membership dues, liability insurance, registration fees and any other fees or payments; and issue receipts as required.
- Ensure liability insurance monies received are remitted to the insurance provider.
- Arrange to pay for approved expenses incurred by the Council in a timely manner.
- Maintain adequate supporting documentation for expenses.
- Reconcile monthly bank statements.
- Make all records available for the annual financial review to be conducted and presented at the Annual General Meeting.
- Request input, as required, from the members of the Executive and chairpersons of Committees for the preparation of financial forecasts and budgets.

- Based on the input received, propose an annual budget for the Council's next year's activities for discussion and acceptance by the Executive, and then submit for review and approval by the membership at the Fall General Meeting.
- Participate in Executive meetings and provide activity reports plus any financial information required in support of the agenda.
- Provide quarterly statements of expenditures to the Executive.
- Monitor Term Deposits and renew in a timely and appropriate manner.
- If the Chairperson of the Membership and Liability Insurance Committee of BCCGC is not a member of the BCCGC Executive, provide oversight of the Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR:

<https://bcgardenclubs.com/about/exec-board/communications-coordinator-terms-of-reference/>

TERM OF OFFICE:

The Communications Coordinator is elected in even-numbered years for a term of two years. The Communications Coordinator may stand for multiple terms.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

The Communications Coordinator of the BC Council of Garden Clubs has the responsibility of:

- Overseeing the compiling and distributing of information and news for publication on the Council's website, Facebook page, Twitter, and Bulletin Express, and other electronic communications platforms.
- Upholding the current Constitution.
- Supporting Council members.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Communications Coordinator has the responsibility to:

- Compile, distribute, and ensure timely publication of Council news and information in the various electronic platforms used by the Council including but not limited to the Council website, Facebook page, and Twitter, by:
 - including regular reports from Board Executives and their committees;
 - promoting Council events and members' events;
 - soliciting articles and reports from member clubs;
 - recruiting volunteers to support and provide services for the various electronic platforms;
 - if appropriate, soliciting and managing sponsored content, promotions and ads.
- Ensure that publication on electronic platforms is consistent and timely.
- Attend Board Executive meetings and provide regular reports to the board.
- Submit an annual budget to the Treasurer for the Annual General Meeting.
- Submit a Communications area annual budget to the Treasurer for the Annual General Meeting.
- Provide a report to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND TRUSTEE:

<https://bcgardenclubs.com/about/exec-board/scholarship-trust-committee-terms-of-reference/>

TERM OF OFFICE:

One member of the committee is elected each year for a three-year term. Members may stand for multiple terms.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

The Scholarship Fund Committee of the BC Council of Garden Clubs has the responsibility of:

- Overseeing the disbursements of funds from the BC Council of Garden Clubs Scholarship Fund held and administered by VanCity Community Foundation
- Promoting the scholarship fund and increase awareness of the fund with member clubs
- Searching for additional educational institutions providing the horticulture courses of study that meet the criteria of the Committee
- Upholding the current Constitution.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Scholarship Fund Committee has the responsibility to:

- Oversee the annual disbursement of scholarship funds by Vancity Community Foundation.
- Ensure that educational institutes are awarding the funds as per the criteria set by the Committee.
- Promote the fund to the member clubs, encourage donations, and participate in fundraising activities on behalf of the Fund, including organizing and coordinating vendor tables at the Council's AGM and Fall meetings.
- Provide a report to the member clubs at the Annual General Meeting and the Fall Meeting.
- Provide regular reports to the BC Council of Garden Clubs Executive Board by the Chair of the Committee, who is also a member of the Executive.
- Submit a budget for committee activities at the AGM.
- Committee Chair to attend Board Executive meetings and provide regular reports to the board.

Scholarship Fund News

By Shonagh MacCrae, Scholarship Committee

Supporting the Future of BC's Forestry Sector

Our recent scholarship recipient, Adrian Duncan, has a passion for our forests. At the University of Northern British Columbia, Adrian is studying the ecology of our forests and how to manage them. This is an essential field in a province that relies on forests to support both our economy and our environment. Congratulations Adrian!

Dear Donor,

As the recipient of the BC Council of Garden Clubs Bursary, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the financial assistance this award has provided me.

I recently completed my third year of the Forest Ecology and Management program at UNBC and I am fortunate to be working in Prince George for DWB Consulting Services where I am gaining lots of field experience and forestry knowledge. So far my favourite part of the job has been helping to lay out roads and boundary in the different blocks. I enjoy seeing the development of each block from the first "boots on the ground" perspective to when the block is finished and ready to be submitted.



I am originally from Penticton BC where I grew up hunting, fishing, hiking and camping. Because of my love for the outdoors, choosing a career in forestry was an easy decision for me. After receiving my degree, I plan to become an RPF and continue working in the North. I am considering a career as a Consulting Forester but Silviculture also interests me. I'm looking forward to gaining more experience in all of the forestry sectors before making my decision.

I was pleased to receive an award from the Council of Garden Clubs because I became interested in gardening last season when the pandemic began. Potatoes are my specialty!

Again, I would like to thank you for your generosity, as it will be extremely valuable in helping me to achieve my goals.

Sincerely,

Adrian Duncan

How to Donate to the BCCGC Scholarship Fund

If you wish to make a donation by cheque please send it to:

BC Council of Garden Clubs Scholarship Fund
c/o: BC Council of Garden Clubs
10952 McAdam Road
North Delta, BC V4C 3E8

Please ensure that the cheques are made out to the "Vancity Community Foundation" and the memo field shows "BC Council of Garden Clubs." If the person or organization that the donation is from does not clearly show on the cheque, please include a brief note with the cheque indicating who the donation is from and a return address (so that an income tax receipt can be issued).

If you wish to donate online with a credit card:

1. Go to www.vancitycommunityfoundation.ca
2. Click the "Funds" button on the top right side of the home page
3. Locate the BC Council of Garden Clubs Scholarship Fund, either by scrolling through the list or searching "garden clubs" in the search bar
4. Once on the BCCGC Scholarship Fund page, click "Give to this Fund" and complete the form

OR

1. Go to www.bcgardenclubs.com.
2. Go to the "Scholarship Fund" on the top bar and click on the "Donate" page below
3. Scroll down to the link to Vancity Community Foundation and click on it. This will take you to the BCCGC Scholarship Trust Fund page
4. Click on "Give to this Fund" and complete the form

Thank You





Year of the Garden 2022

The BC Council of Garden Clubs has partnered with the Canadian Garden Council to help celebrate Year of the Garden 2022.

From January 1 to December 31, 2022, here in British Columbia, we will be celebrating a centennial of Canada's rich garden heritage, celebrate our vibrant garden culture, and create important legacies for a sustainable future.

A message from Michel Gauthier, Executive Director, Canadian Garden Council:

The Garden Life is a healthy life, environmentally friendly life, an inclusive life that contributes to quality of life for those living it and for their community. To 'Live the Garden Life' is to include plants in your life at home, at work, at school, in your community and even on holidays.

Municipal Year of the Garden 2022 Proclamations

Has your municipality proclaimed 2022 the Year of the Garden? If not, maybe you could invite them to do it, to demonstrate their support for their garden community and all the benefits that gardens and gardening bring to their communities. Visit <https://www.communitiesinbloom.ca/year-of-the-garden-2022/> to get the invitation to municipalities, a proclamation template, and a presentation for municipalities on the Year of the Garden 2022. Send this to your councillor or the mayor with why you feel your municipality should celebrate the Year of the Garden 2022, National Garden Day and be a Garden-Friendly City.

'Live the Garden Life' Call-to-Action Program

The 'Live the Garden Life' call-to-action program will be rolled out on a monthly and weekly basis and invite Canadians to engage with the Year of the Garden 2022. Again, this will be your opportunity to invite your members, your clients, and your social media followers to 'Live the Garden Life'.

Michel Gauthier

Executive Director/Directeur général

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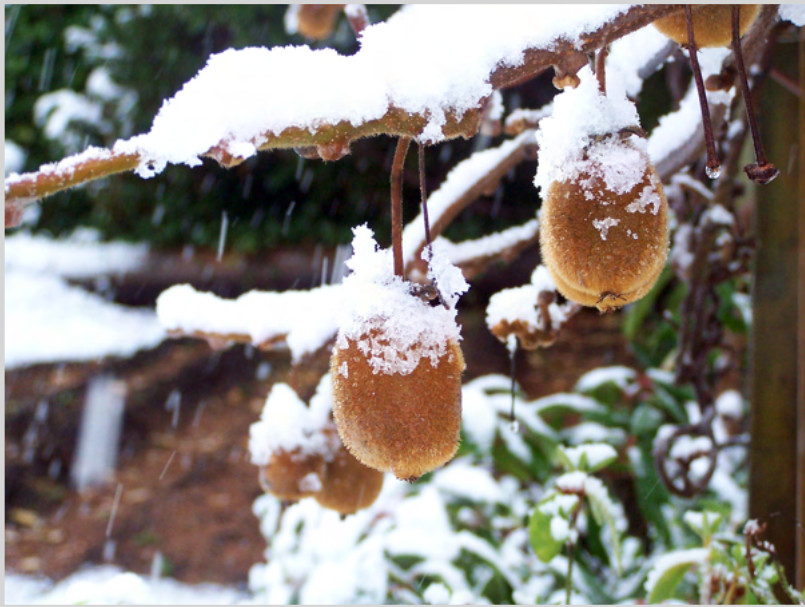
(Editor's note: Richmond Garden Club is approaching the City of Richmond to ask them to proclaim 2022 the Year of the Garden.)

Nature Frozen in Time

Lynda Pasacreta, Richmond Garden Club

Not often we have much snow in the Lower Mainland, especially in December. We were blessed with a lovely snowfall for Christmas and it continues. Some years, we may get some of the white stuff for a few days and then our automatic snow remover takes over (west coast rain).

Richmond Garden Club decided to have a photo contest of nature frozen in snow. Here are some of the beautiful photos taken by club members.





Photos by: Elsie Chan, (kiwis), Noni Mildenberger (witch hazel), Janet Cullis (chairs), Vidyut Aklujkar (Paulik Park), David England, (*Callicarpa* or beautyberry)

It is not surprising that gardeners are quite beautiful photographers also. We hope you enjoy our works of art!!

Winter Birds **Karen Ewing, North Surrey Horticultural Society**

During these cold and light-shortened days, I find myself drawn to watching the flurry of activity at my various bird feeders from the warmth of my kitchen window. It is delightful to watch the northern flicker attempt to get seeds out of the bird feeders, as due to their size, it is quite an awkward manoeuvre!

Not sure if it's because of the extremely cold weather recently, but we have seen an abundance of varied thrushes visiting our yard. These beauties are NOT good at sharing. The only bird that seems to hold dominance over them are the family of crows that comes to visit us multiple times per day. Of course, these visits are engineered thanks to the copious amounts of dried dog food that gets left for the crows on the fence railing multiple times per day. The crow family even follows me home from my daily strolls with the dog, expecting a treat when I arrive. They fly from lamp post to lamp post until they finally alight on my neighbour's roof, where they await their treats.

The Anna's hummingbirds also provide lots of visual delights, but unfortunately, and like the varied thrush, their territorial nature limits the number of hummers that get to feed. We have one very vigilant hummer that stays on the swing that is mounted between each feeder, ensuring any rivals are quickly encouraged to vacate immediately!

Today was a particularly busy day, with three varied thrushes, a northern flicker, a Steller's jay, multiple house and purple finches, dark-eyed juncos, black-capped chickadees, and, of course, the crow family — which resulted in several trips to the bird feeders to keep them filled!

I hope you also have many feathered creatures visiting your yards and providing similar amusements!



Northern flicker



Varied thrush

Invasive Species Council of British Columbia Community Science Network Launch

Lesley Douglas, Engagement Manager, ISCBC

The Invasive Species Council of British Columbia (ISCBC) is looking for individuals to join our Community Science Network! We are the largest provincial invasive species charity in Canada focusing on protecting biodiversity and taking responsible action towards invasive species management. We promote behaviour change in communities, organizations, governments and industry to help protect our healthy habitats from invasive species. British Columbia is the most biodiverse province in Canada and escaped horticultural plants (including garden, pond and aquarium plants) can seriously impact biological diversity in wild habitats that have detrimental impacts on our economy and environment. The Community Science Network has opportunities for everyone to get involved and take action to protect the places we live, work and play.

Learn - Our Community Science Network aims to educate as many people as possible through our free *Community Science Course*. Check out this three-level course to deepen your knowledge about habitat protection and invasive species management. Explore our [learning centre](#) library of educational resources and take courses that you are passionate about and want to grow your knowledge in.

Report - [Download](#) the iNaturalist and ReportInvasivesBC mobile apps to observe and report the biodiversity of native and invasive species everywhere you go. Join our iNaturalist project "I Spy and Identify" to automatically add your observations to our Community Science Network. By reporting invasive species early, you can make a significant difference to stopping their spread.

Take Action - Check out ways you can [volunteer](#) in your community and become a steward for your favorite nature spot. Connect with the [Regional Invasive Species Organizations](#) in your area. Find out how you and your family can make a difference by following our behaviour change programs such as [PlantWise](#) to prevent the spread of invasive species and protect biodiversity.

There are so many ways to get involved with our Community Science Network. Follow us on our social media platforms for the latest news, upcoming contests, reporting challenges, events and more!

Click [here](#) to join the Community Science Network.

Sincerely,



**Invasive Species
Council of BC**

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🌐 <https://bcinvasives.ca/take-action/community-science/>

The Invasive Species Council of BC gratefully acknowledges the territories of the Indigenous Peoples of BC where we live and work to maintain healthy ecosystems for all.

[Donate](#) or [join as a member](#). Charity Registration #: 856131578RR0001



NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

We would love to feature your club or community garden in the newsletter. Tell us about some of the projects your club or community garden are involved in. You are invited to submit an article at any time (please include photos). Photos should be high resolution and you should include the name of the photographer if possible. Articles should be in the range of 300–500 words. If you have an idea for a longer piece, connect with the newsletter editor in advance to discuss your idea.

Articles are due on the 15th of the month preceding publication. If they are submitted after that date, they will be held for the next issue. **The next due date is January 15 for February 1.** Submissions/inquiries: newsletter@bcgardenclubs.com.

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