

# Penticton Garden Club Bulletin

April, 2014



**Note: Membership was due and payable at the February meeting. If you have not paid your 2014/15 membership, this will be the last Bulletin you will be receiving. See you at the meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>.**



## *Club Events*

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** - Seedy Saturday - at Penticton Legion on Martin Street

**April 10<sup>th</sup>** - Jan Higgins yard sale.

**April 12<sup>th</sup>** - SIHA meeting in Vernon

**April 17<sup>th</sup>** - 7:30pm - Garden Club mtg. with Eva Antonijevic, the Community Program Director for Friends of Summerland Gardens Will be speaking on the topic "Xeriscape is not Zeroscape" How to improve your low maintenance, low water garden.

Note the New Date! May 1<sup>st</sup> - 11am Executive mtg.

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** - 8:30am - 1pm Plant Sale at the Farmers Market

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** - 7:30 pm - Garden Club mtg. Catherine Combres - from Can't Wait to Decorate will be speaking on "What Makes A Patio Function"

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>** - 9:30 am. - Nursery tour to Oliver.

**June 19<sup>th</sup>** - 7:30pm - Scott Austin of Knapp's Garden Centre will be reading from his new book "Sun, Sand, and Sagebrush.

**July 17<sup>th</sup>** - 5:30pm Summer Social at Linden Gardens

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**Along the Garden Path** . . . . . Just a few ponderings about our club...the grow and show seems to have run it's course as it is....what are your thoughts or how can it be improved to tweek your interest.

Remember our **Garden Club Plant Sale on May 10th**. As you clean, prune and divide your plants - take some of the divisions and pot them up for the sale. Make sure you mark each plant with the plants name, flower habit and price. Water them the day before so they aren't dripping all over on Saturday. We begin our sale at 8:30 meaning your plants need to be dropped off by 7:30 or arrange for someone to gather your contribution along with theirs to eliminate congestion at the market. More info at the April meeting.

We have changed the date of our executive meetings to Thursday's. May 1<sup>st</sup> is the next one at 11am for those involved.

**Would you like to go on a tour?** I am organizing a road trip to Oliver for May 22 to Sagebrush Demonstration Gardens (dry-land plantings) and three garden centers and lunch. Meeting at the IGA in Okanagan Falls (9:30am) we can carpool from there

Looking forward to a few **open gardens** with our own members this summer. Let me know when you want a group to come and I will email the members to come visit.

The **Festival of Flowers** schedule has been sent along with the Bulletin this month! Theresa and Jan have done a fantastic job of creating interesting classes and they will explain what is expected especially in the Floral Art Classes. Exciting to show your beautiful roses etc for the public. The first time I entered I felt my flowers were not good enough and to my surprise I won the best in Border plants that year! Also if you have a friend who loves to garden get them to enter as well. This is open to the public not just Garden Club members.

Mark your calendars for our **Summer Social at Linden Gardens** - Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. We always enjoy our evening at Linden Gardens - with the potluck, recognition to those who won placement at the Festival of Flowers and a tour of the gardens. The gardens are a gem to the Okanagan Valley and be sure to take your summer guests out for a tour and lunch. Margaret has an amazing lunch menu - what to choose?????

Wishing you all a **Happy Easter** with family and friends. We are so blessed to have warm sunny spring days here in the Okanagan to be able to get out for a walk, hike or just a great picnic and enjoy all the spring blossoms.



## GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

### GARAGE SALE- Jan Higgins Home

425 TENNIS ST. THURSDAY, APRIL 10th from 1- 7pm

I am moving to a Condo and have Garden Furniture, equipment, yard decor, pots, vases and perhaps some cuttings. PRICED TO LEAVE MY GARDEN



### Looking for yards this summer.

Instead of an organized summer garden tour we encourage you to open your yards this summer whenever your yard is amazing, when your Roses are incredible, when your grasses shine, or when your dahlias are showing off.

Email Diane and she will contact everyone with the times you want members to drop by.

Summerland Ornamental Gardens will be holding their annual spring plant sale one day only this year!

Annual Spring Plant Sale  
Sunday, May 4, 2014

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush.

Quote from Doug Larson.

**MOSQUITO CONTROL**  
by Rob Sproule

salisbury GREENHOUSE

Recommended container size: 10 cm across

- A Citronella geranium
- B Marigold 'Lemon Gem'
- C Lemon grass
- D Catnip
- E Ageratum 'Artist Purple'
- F Lemon thyme

From Bob Sproule at Salisbury Greenhouse, Sherwood Park, Alberta.



**West Coast Seeds**  
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Kamloops: May 4 - Oct 8 156 days  
Kelowna: May 1 - Oct 5 156 days  
Nelson: May 4 - Oct 13 159 days

### Vegetable Planting Chart for Okanagan Valley

Vegetables	LEGEND											
	WINTER			SPRING			SUMMER			FALL		
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Artichoke			.....			**						
Asparagus		.....	.....			***						
Arugula				—————	—————	—————	—————	—————	—————			
Broad beans			—————	—————	—————				—————	—————		
Soya beans					—————	—————						
Beans bush & pole					—————	—————						
Beets					—————	—————						
Broccoli				.....	—————	—————						
Broccoli overwinter				.....	—————	—————						
Brussels Sprouts					.....		**					
Cabbage				.....	—————	—————						
Cabbage overwinter					—————	—————						
Carrots					—————	—————						
Cauliflower				.....	**							
Cauliflower overwinter						...	**					
Celery/celeriac				.....	—————	—————	**					
Corn						—————	—————					
Corn salad				—————	—————				—————			
Cucumbers					...	—————						
Eggplant				.....		———**						
Endive/Radicchio				—————	—————	—————						
Fennel				.....	—————	—————						
Garlic									—————	—————		
Kale & Collards				—————	—————	—————						
Kohlrabi					—————	—————						
Leeks			.....	—————	—————							
Lettuce				.....	—————	—————			———**			
Melon					..	***						
Onions sweet			.....		**							
Onions storage			.....		**							
Onions overwinter							—————					
Onions scallions				—————	—————	—————	—————	—————				
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Parsley		.....		—————	—————							
Parsnips				—————	—————	—————						
Peas				—————	—————	—————	—————					
Peppers		.....				———**						
Pumpkin					.....	—————						
Radishes				———	—————	—————			—————			
Rutabagas						—————						
Spinach				———	—————	—————		—————				
Squash					.....	—————						
Swiss chard				—————	—————	—————						
Tomatoes			.....			———**						
Turnips				—————	—————	—————						



# April Grow and Show

## Bench Classes

1. Flowering Branch - not more than 30 inches long
2. five daffodils from your garden
3. a tray or pot of bedding plants you have started, lettuce, tomatoes, marigolds etc.

## Floral Arts Classes

4. a thimble (small vase) of violets
5. An Easter Basket arrangement in a basket. Flowers should not obstruct handle of the basket. Flowers may be purchased
6. an Easter Wreath for your door
7. a display of hand colored Easter Eggs that you have created

## Photography Classes

8. A Spring Garden - not necessarily your own

## Anything else

9. Any item that does not fit in the above classes, Plants, Flowers, Arrangements or Photographs



A friend of ours lives at Gardener Mines, Cape Breton. He is an avid gardener and this year when he returned from his winter away he started enjoying fresh spinach (March 21) He uses a row cover method with very excellent results. Eliot Coleman from Maine, U.S. has many excellent books about winter gardening, building inexpensive row covers and you too could enjoy spinach lasagna in March! Google him and listen to his videos. Eliot Coleman - Year Round Vegetable Gardening. This is not a new idea - during the 1800's they used this technique in France-.

