

Weeder's Digest

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Happy Canada Day
and
Happy Summer !



The Flower Show held June 12 will be featured in a Special Edition of the Weeder's Digest which will follow in due course.

Message from the President –

Welcome to summer. It is wonderful to feel the warmth after a cool and fairly windy spring. My garden is starting to hit its stride. The containers are filling out and the flowers are now adding lots of color. I wintered over 2 pots of large palms which are now shooting up more new leaves.

Geum is my new flower, and new on the market. It is covered with red rose shaped flowers on stems about 12 inches high. My second one is Lantana, from the Verbena family. The flowers of this plant are very interesting. They are every shade of yellow, orange and red, all on the same plant. I was first introduced to it in my Arizona

garden, so was surprised to see it here. It loves dry heat.

Last year I bought 'Feathered Reed Grass' at our Plant Sale. I had always said I would never grow grass in my garden, but I really like it. It is drought tolerant and self sufficient. We have to experiment with new plants! Our Club has been very busy this last few weeks. We just finished a very successful Plant Sale and moved on to the Flower Show on June 12. The weather was perfect and the flower entries were beautiful with lots of colour and a great variety of containers. Thank you to Rachael Fleming for heading up the committee and many thanks to the committee members for a well planned show. We are sorry that COVID stopped us from letting you all come in and enjoy the viewing, but the health of all concerned is of prime importance!

We are holding Open Gardens all summer and into the fall. The first two were held on Friday, June 18 on the West Side. For those who didn't make it, you missed a very enjoyable experience. Watch for pictures. And watch for announcements of more Open Gardens.

If you would like to open your garden, you will receive a \$25.00 nursery gift certificate from Kelowna Garden Club. Following are the contacts:

Linda Edser – 250-769-6893; email ledser@shaw.ca (West Side)

Darlene Cross – 250-868-8785; email gardenclubdarlene2@yahoo.com (Kelowna & area).

Let us know if you have any questions, tips or topics you would like us to cover. Our next meeting is Tuesday Sept. 7. We hope to hold it live at our regular venue but will keep you updated.

"Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint, and the soil and sky as canvas."

Elizabeth Murray

Marilyn Degraw, President