

Richmond Garden Club

"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old" Laurence Binyon

Mark your calendars

November 11:

Remembrance Day

Wednesday, November 28:

RGC meeting, photo contest and annual general meeting!
7pm Richmond Cultural Centre, 7700 Minoru Gate

Saturday, December 1:

Christmas Rose Wreath Making Workshop, Phoenix Perennials, 10am to 12pm, \$60. To register www.phoenixperennials.com or phone 604.4133.

Wednesday, December 5:

RGC Christmas party, Felicos Restaurant, 6pm. more details to follow.

Saturday, December 8:

December Bird Walk, VanDusen Botanical Gardens, 10am. No reservations required. For more info www.vandusengarden.org



President's Message

The folks at Richmond News asked me to write an article for their Remembrance Day issue. The task was to relate gardening to supporting the war effort in Richmond.

It wasn't hard to come up with a topic. Our very own Paulik Park has so much history tucked away in all its corners.

We were blessed to have Wally Paulik attend one of our meetings in 2016 and give us a history lesson on the Paulik family's farm life back in the early days. He shared his presentation with us and it is available on our website at www.richmondgardenclub.ca/paulikpark.

During World War 2, Richmond, along with other communities were dealing with food and other goods shortages and labour shortages. Labour shortages were significant due to many community members serving in the



Papaver Rhoeas

Brian Minter, Minter Nurseries, wrote an excellent article about the symbol of the red poppy to remember all those Canadian soldiers who died in wars protecting our freedom.

He focused on the Papaver rhoeas, in his article. You can imagine a field of poppies growing in battlefields as mentioned in the famous poem, In Flanders Fields, written by Canadian, Lt. Col. John McCrae, during World War One, just after the death of a fellow soldier.

Brian is promoting that we choose a sunny spot in a garden and mass plant these beautiful graceful flowers to honour our dead.

You can order a free seed packet from BC Veterans Commemorative Association. According to Brian, the one seed packet contains approximately 200,000 seeds. We will be planting our packet in Paulik Park. Go to bcveterans.org to order yours.

Armed Forces at the time and interment of approximately 2,500 Japanese Canadians! The Paulik family was blessed to have a very productive farm but dealt with the labour shortages.

The constant erosion of our farmland today with the development of mega mansions may have serious issues for us in the long term. Even though the horse is out of the barn, it is good to see that the new council has taken the steps to limit the size of homes built on our very valuable farmland.

Annual Photo Contest

Our focus this year is to take photos of **"beauty and decay"**! We are so excited to see what will be submitted. Remember that our members Alice Jensen-Stanley and Dan Pasacreta will be judging this contest.

You will have an opportunity to win a prize, either first, second or third.

There is no limit on how many photos you submit. The best size for the judges is an 8x10 photo or second best, 5x7.

Election of 2019 Board of Directors

Our November 28th meeting is our Annual General Meeting. We will share with you all of our 2018 successes and present a slate of directors for approval by the members.

I am happy to run again as your president if the members are fine with me carrying on. I am enjoying my role and appreciate the support from you all.

All the work the executive and committee members have put in this year making our Club fun, entertaining and educational should be applauded by us all!

Proposed 2019 Slate of Directors

Executive Position	Name	Committees	Name
President	Lynda Pasacreta	Rooftop Garden Team	Ruth Henderson, Lorraine Dowdall, Donna Morin, Janis Woolford
Vice President	Jasmine Chou	Speakers	Vidyut Aklujkar
Treasurer	Janice Lake	Parlour Show Team	Pat Walach, Joan Nielsen
Secretary	Margaret Sherwood	Door Prizes Team	Brenda Burtnick, Joyce Novick, <i>vacant-1 position</i>
Membership	Angela Beckman/ Margaret Comyn	Communications/Social Media	Gary Lake, Lynda Pasacreta
		Mothers Day Plant Sale	<i>Vacant-2 positions</i>
		Meet and Greet	Debbie McFadden, Jill Wright
		Paulik Park	Jill Wright
		Coffee Break	Maria Silva
		Advertising Sales	Maria Braungart
		Members Garden Tour/ Tea	Jill Wright, Debbie McFadden, Lynda Pasacreta/Gail Stoltz



Ginkgo biloba, winter interest in Paulik Park

One of our most favourite trees in Paulik Park, the ginkgo tree or the maidenhair tree, is the only living species in the division Ginkgophyta, with all others being extinct. The leaves of our ginkgo can be found in fossils dating back 270 million years.

The ginkgo in Paulik can be found at the farthest north section of the Park on the Heather Street side. The brilliant yellow leaves are just about finished and have left a gold carpet on the garden bed below it. A combination of insect resistant wood and disease resistance make ginkgo long-lived, some specimens claimed to be over 2,500 years old.

Our ginkgo may be as high as 60 feet now. It can reach a height of 115 feet. Its branches extend well beyond the garden bed like giant arms reaching out to find some friends. Even bare of leaves the tree structure looks fabulous in the winter.

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Top garden jobs this month

My job staring at me in the face is to move my tender plants back indoors for the winter. I am always reluctant because they are so much happier outdoors. With temperatures dipping to 3 degrees at night, the time has come. Other chores ahead of us this month include:

- * Start indoor narcissus, amaryllis, hyacinth bulbs to be ready for Christmas
- * Cut back rose bushes by a third to prevent winter damage
- * Stop winter moth damage and other insects by using grease bands around the trunk
- * Plant garlic (up until November 15), shallots and over-wintering onions in full sun areas of your garden
- * Run the lawn mower over leaves 2 to 3 times to add to the soil structure on the lawn

- * Protect compost piles from heavy rainfall with a tarp. Rain will cause a loss of nutrients into the groundwater

Pick a sunny day and get some vitamin D while you are at it.



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