
RICHMOND GARDEN CLUB

Annual General Meeting | Photo Contest | Seed Exchange

November Photo Contest

Bring your photos (4x6 inches is fine) to our November 23rd meeting for our annual photo contest. Categories include:

- ✦ Birds
- ✦ Flowers
- ✦ Colours of fall

Be sure to put your name on the back of the photo. Prizes will be awarded.

November Seed Exchange

Let's trade favourite seeds, bulbs, and plant cuttings at our November 23rd meeting! Thank you Kate Herring and Jennifer Morgan

Paulik Park presentation, November 23

Jill Wright will be showcasing the stunning beauty of Paulik Park through the seasons. New member Visnja photos of Paulik Park will be the highlight!



Randy and Claire McMorran's blueberry farm

I'm melting.....

Remember the Wizard of Oz? That is the theme for this month's newsletter. Our weather changed so suddenly that, this October, we went from summer drought to autumn weather in a day! Our plants reacted quickly, as did how quickly folks responded to request for photos. I hope you enjoy the images included from our members in this month's newsletter.

The heat wave and subsequent drought conditions delayed much of our typical fall projects. Planting of bulbs, winter



James Denner

Fall pruning~yay or nay?

Well there is lots of nay and a little bit of yay. Year after year, our trees, shrubs, and plants continue to grow and can become overcrowded. Fall season is a great time to right-size plants, shrubs, and trees in your garden. The window to prune deciduous trees and shrubs is mid-November into late February. Brian Minter's advise about fall pruning is to follow the rules of Mother Nature.

- Aborescens hydrangeas - "Annabelle" can be pruned late fall and winter. PeeGee hydrangeas, with big cone-shaped flowers can be pruned in the fall or early spring. **YAY!**
- Winter-flowering shrubs - viburnum 'Pink Dawn', evergreen and deciduous azaleas, rhododendrons, witch hazels, camellias, forsythias, flowering quinces, daphnes, kerrias, flowering currents, lilacs. **NAY!**

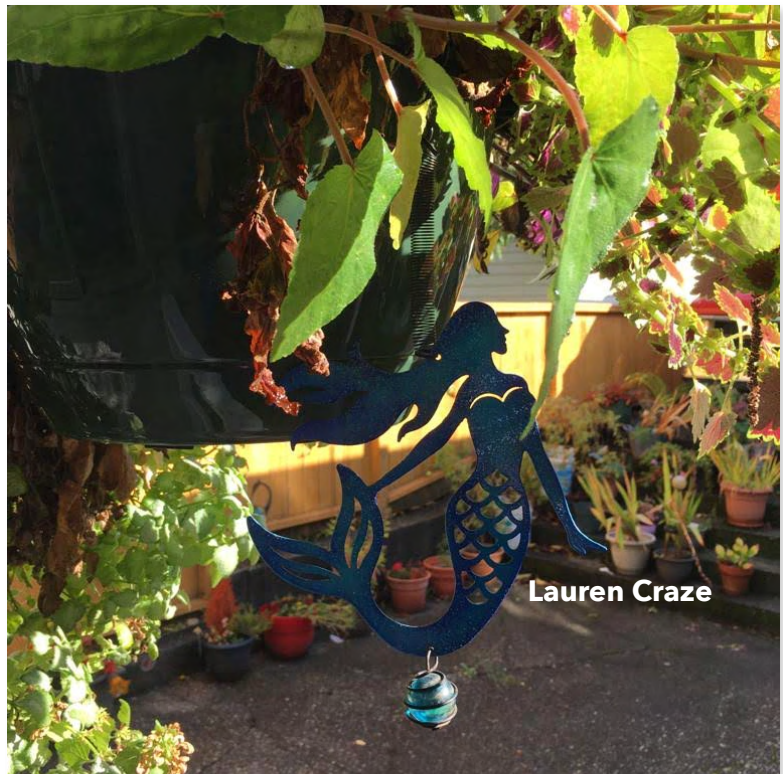
crops, adding mulch, and other important cooler weather gardening chores had to be delayed until the weather cooled and became wetter.

Planting garlic

You can still plant garlic but get it planted quickly. Usually garlic is planted in September but it is best to plant when the weather is cooler and wetter as it is now. Rule of thumb is plant when the soil is cool and thoroughly dampened.

Plant cloves 4 to 8 inches apart and 2 inches deep in the upright position. Plant in rows 6 to 12 inches apart.

Cover with mulch (leaves, straw, or shredded plant material) to protect from winter rains damaging the soil's texture and the leaching of nutrients from the soil.



Lauren Craze

"I'm melting" photo story by Visnja Gasparic Vojvodic



City of Richmond Inaugural Tree Sale

City of Richmond recently announced that residents of Richmond can now purchase a tree online from Tuesday, October 25 through Friday, November 18, 2022.

There is a limit of one tree per household at a cost of \$10. The trees will range from 3 to 6 feet tall and will come in 5-gallon pots. These are the trees the City is offering for sale:

- ◆ Eastern red bud - native to North America
- ◆ Japanese tee lilac - non-native
- ◆ Nootka cypress - native
- ◆ Paperbark maple - non-native
- ◆ Vine maple - native

Remember to research how large the tree of your choice will get to make sure that it will be a great addition to your landscape.

Visit <https://www.richmond.ca/discover/events/tree-sale.htm> for more information and to place your order.





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Richmond Garden Club Annual General Meeting, November 23

At our November meeting, we will be approving our financials and voting for our 2023 executive and committee members. We do need some enthusiastic folks to help us out in a couple of the positions. Please email me at lyndap@shaw.ca if you can help out.

RGC EXECUTIVE	RGC COMMITTEE MEMBERS
President - Lynda Pasacreta	Speakers - Vidyut Aklujkar
Vice President - vacant	Parlour show - Pat Walach/Joan Nielsen
Treasurer - Janice Lake	Plant sale - Kate Herring, Jennifer Morgan, vacant x 2
Secretary - Margaret Sherwood	Raffle/door prizes - Joyce Novick/Brenda Burtnick
Membership - vacant	Website/social media - Gary Lake, Lynda Pasacreta
	Coffee break - Maria Silva
	Rooftop garden - Ruth Henderson, Lorraine Dowdall, Donna Morin, Janis Woolford
	Paulik Park - Jill Wright
	Steveston Boardwalk - Karen Hakansson, Sharon Calvert, May Yesaki, Ruby Hayashi, Lynda Walsh, Liz Newcombe, Suzanne Barclay
	Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Store garden - Kate Herring, Karen Hakansson, Liz Newcombe, Jenny Toone, Lauren Craze
	Member garden tour - Joyce Novick, Gail Stoltz, Lynda Pasacreta, Jill Wright

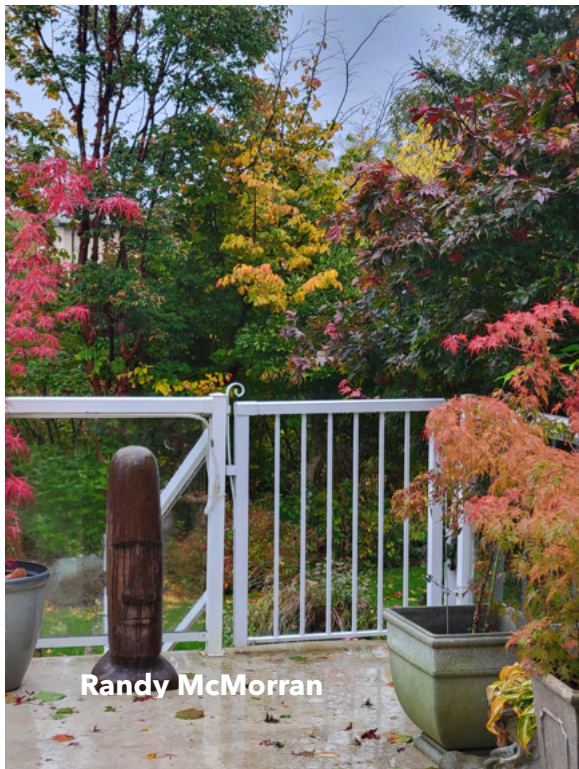
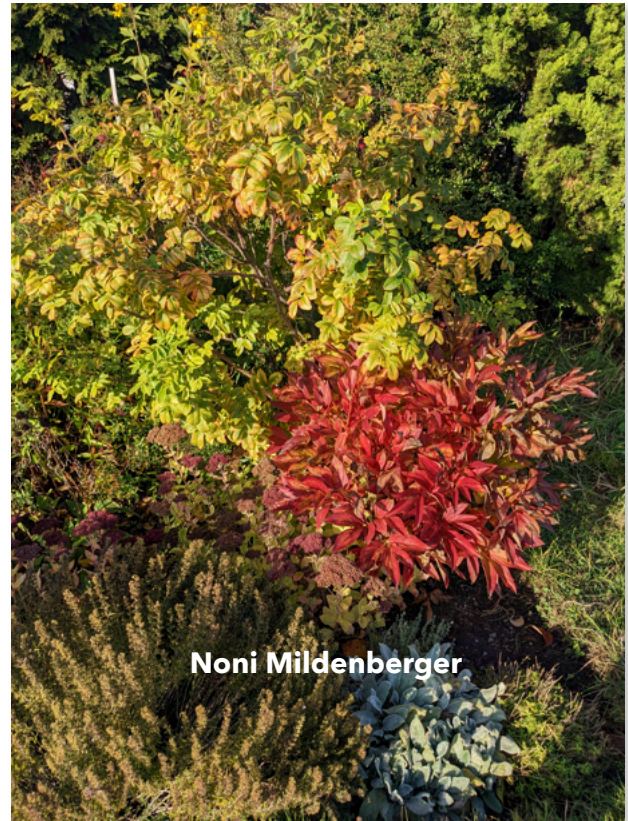
Vacant positions:

1. Vice President - assists the president on setting up for meetings; leading meetings from time to time.
2. Membership - collect payments from members at year end meetings; meet and greet members
3. Plant sale - assist seasoned plant sale team in arranging, setting up and managing annual plant sale.

Join us at Richmond Cultural Centre, Wednesday, November 23, 6:30pm to 8:30pm! (Note new time)

November garden chores:

- ✦ Rake up leaves from lawns and in ponds. Add as mulch to your garden beds.
- ✦ Plant tulip, daffodils, crocus bulbs. *Canadian Garden Council is continuing with their focus on national garden activities - 2023 will be the year of **purple flower/foliage gardens! Plant purple bulbs this fall!***
- ✦ Prune roses to prevent wind damage
- ✦ Ideal time to plant roses, trees, and shrubs.
- ✦ Prevent winter insect damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks
- ✦ Do not compost any infected leaves such as black spot on roses, scabs on apples and pears.
- ✦ Lightly prune deciduous trees and shrubs - remove any branches that have a sign of disease or are crossing other branches



Composting idea by Dwight Young, Growers Delight

Dwight has come up with a compost solution in his own garden. He added his green bean, chayote leaf materials, and buried them for composting.

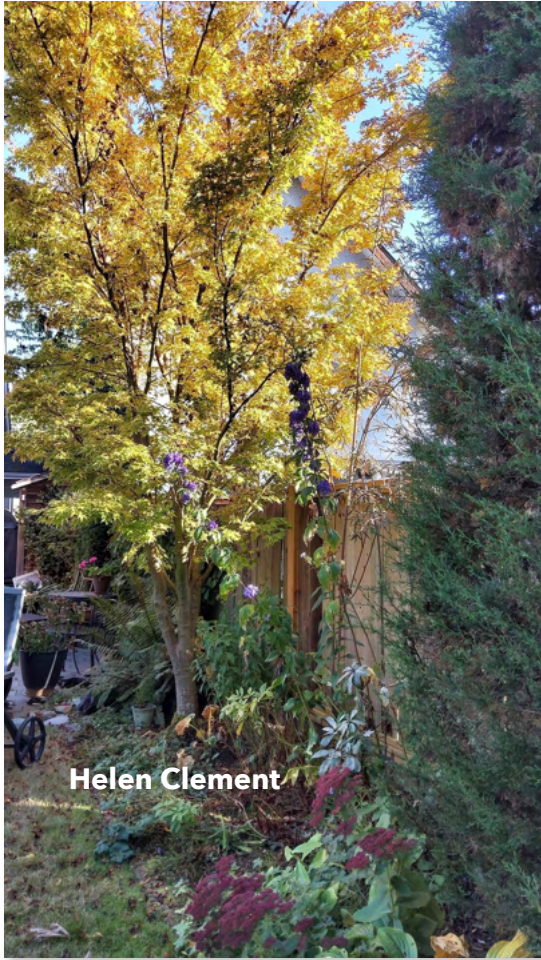
This is a 50 square foot area broken down into three sections for easier burials. He dug down over one foot and added leaf, covered with soil, then added 2-1/2 cups of Growers Delight soil activator to help the green to break down.

The humic acid in Growers Delight, is a natural soil conditioner that acts as an organic chelation and microbial stimulator. It has a unique matrix which includes a high concentration of trace minerals and organic acids, which enhances the plants ability to take in essential nutrients and improve the soil structure. To order: <https://organicdirtsupplements.ca/>. Use code BCCG12 for special discounts. (Photos: Dwight Young)

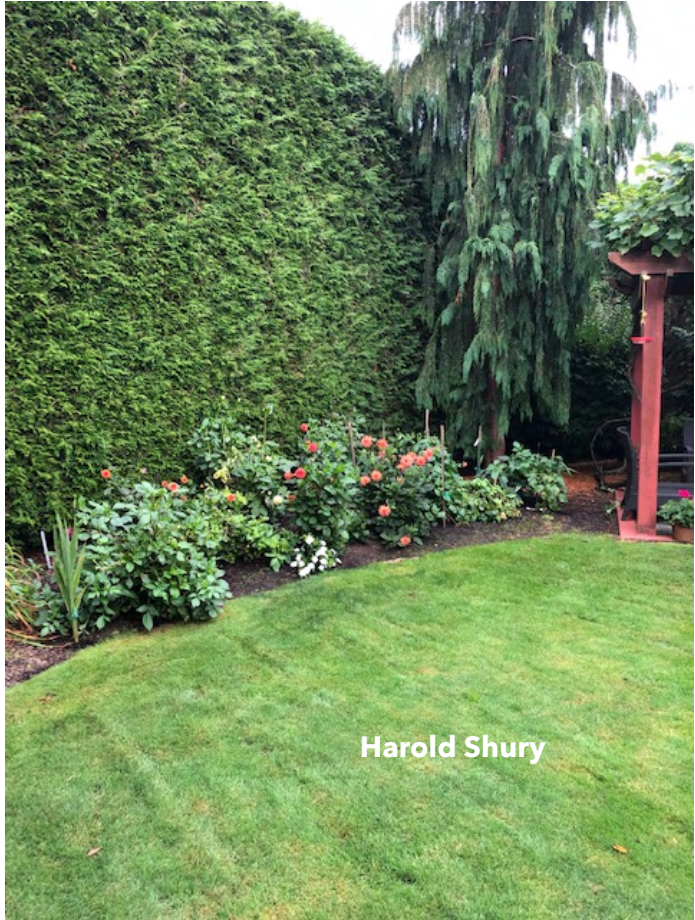


"I'm melting" photos!





Helen Clement



Harold Shury



Sharon Calvert



Richmond Garden Club 2023 Meetings **Richmond Cultural Centre, 6:30pm to 8:30pm**

Wednesday, January 25

Wednesday, February 22 - Gary Lewis, Phoenix Perennials, Groundcovers

Wednesday, March 22

Wednesday, April 26

Wednesday, May 24

Wednesday, June 28

Wednesday, September 27

Wednesday, October 25

Wednesday, November 22