

## *November!*



As November arrives, the shorter, darker days and the rain do as well. For the 'snowbirds' that escape to the warmer climates, we envy you and hope that you enjoy your winter break.

For the rest of us, November can be a windy, wet month, but there are also days of brilliant sunshine that call us to bundle up and enjoy it while it lasts.

It's also a time to look back at the year, and travels elsewhere, and make new plans for next trip.

Both Janet Hayes and I visited the Maritimes in September, and we share some details of that most beautiful part of our country.

Janet's visit to Newfoundland found her fascinated by the berries. A rugged land, much of the foliage has adapted to the elements, and the berries are no exception. Berries she saw were the Partridgeberry, Cloudberry, Arctic Raspberry, Black Crowberry, Crackerberry, Bunchberry, and Squashberry, to name a few. That's a lot of berries! Many are used to make jelly, and are native to the area. Did you bring any home Janet?

While I didn't visit Newfoundland, I did visit Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, - finishing in Montreal. All so very Canadian, and incredibly beautiful to visit. A few photos are attached.

Thank you Janet for sharing the Newfoundland berries with us!



*~ New Glasgow, PEI*



~ Fall Window Boxes, Old Town, Montreal

If you have anything to share, - stories or pictures, that you think our BRAGS members might enjoy, please send them on! We'd love to see them!

Send to Cheryl Fiddis @ [ecfiddis@telus.net](mailto:ecfiddis@telus.net)

### *Our October Meeting, Photography Tips*

For those of you who missed our October meeting with guest speaker photographer Ron Long, thank you to Rosemarie who took notes to share. Here are the 'rules' for taking the best pictures!

- Use a digital camera.*
- Find the perfect flower.*
- Take lots of pictures so you can choose the best.*
- Fill the frame – don't waste space.*
- Find the picture within the plant – perfect flower – no flaws.*
- A plant picture may be unattractive – look at the flowers.*
- Take time to explore the whole plant.*
- Don't have distractions in the picture, move in closer.*
- You don't have to film the entire plant/flower.*
- Try different angles, may have to go on hands/knees or even your stomach.*
- Lighting can add interest, such as cross or back lighting.*
- Black backgrounds can become tiresome.*
- Blurred backgrounds help make a plant look sharper.*
- You don't want the background to be distracting to the picture.*
- Where you focus is important – focus on the flower closest to the plant.*
- Look for interesting composition within the picture.*

And finally,

*Have Fun!*

### *Welcome Desk, Position Filled!*

Thank You to Judy Wellington who has volunteered to take over our Welcome Desk! We all look forward to you welcoming us!

Our BRAGS AGM is coming up in December, - if any of you are interested in helping out with another position or have questions, please let us know! Volunteers are always welcome in any area.

### **South Burnaby Garden Club Fall Fair 2018**

By Rosemarie Daviduk

The annual fair was held on September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> this year at Bonsor Community Centre. This free event has been held for decades, giving members and others the chance to display the best of their garden harvest.

I look forward to entering and attending the Fall Fair.

It's fun going through my garden prior to the fair to see what I can choose for a category. This year I had the most entries, 7, and obtained 5 - 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbons, 1 - 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and 1 - 3<sup>rd</sup> place. I entered my pole beans, scarlet runner beans, potatoes, annual flowers, sunflower over 6" and also under 6", and my variegated sage plant.

It's always wonderful to enter the auditorium when the fair is officially open to see the beautiful and colorful displays of fruits, vegetables, flowers, plants, canning and baking. The club always has a tea room, and a sale of baking. Tickets for a raffle are available with fabulous donated door prizes from supporters of the club.

I urge everyone to mark their calendar for next September and either enter or come out to enjoy this wonderful Fall Fair!

*(Congratulations and well done Rosemarie!)*





## **BRAGS EXECUTIVE**

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**Refreshments**  
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**Speakers**  
Beth MacLaren

**Website**  
David Forsyth



*~ Rosemarie's Variegated Sage*

## **BRAGS Membership**

Still only \$12 per year, BRAGS members share various gardening interests and enjoy monthly guest speakers, plus are entitled to discounts of regularly priced items at GardenWorks and other garden centres, simply by presenting their membership cards. Monthly meetings (excepting July & August) start at 7 pm at the Burnaby Village Museum, - Main Building, up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Easy to get to with ample free parking and refreshments are served! Please join us!  
\*Reminder: almost time to pay the 2019 dues\*

## **Upcoming Meetings Events/Club News**

### *November 7, 2018 Meeting*

Long time member and friend to many of us, Margot Moser will give a presentation on "Hellebores". We hope to see you at this meeting, as well as past members who may wish to say hello to Margot who comes all the way 'across the pond' to visit us!

### *December 5, 2018 Meeting*

Save the date! This meeting will consist of our AGM, and our annual Christmas 'pot luck' social. Please bring your favorite dish to share, and a friend or significant other, and enjoy an evening with your garden friends to start the festive season!

## **Out & About Etc...**



### *Gardenworks Customer Appreciation Days*

*November 15<sup>th</sup>, December 20<sup>th</sup> 2018*

Be sure to mark the dates for 15% savings all day! Time to decorate for Christmas soon!