



January 2020

The Strathcona Gardener

Growing with the Community

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President's Message

Welcome to a new decade, Strathcona Garden Club members! May 2020 be a wonderful year for growing all those flowers and vegetables!

Let me begin by saying that it was wonderful to have so many of you attend our November Christmas Potluck at the Log Cabin. I have to admit that my favorite part of the evening was greeting those of you who attended, but very close to my favorite was feasting on all the incredible food. I was pretty well the last to fill my plate, but there was very much to choose from, even at that point. Linda and Terry, I loved your baked peroghe, and used your combination of ingredients twice during the Christmas season for my family and friends. They were a definite hit! Thank you to all of you for bringing all those delicious salads and potatoes and desserts. Leesa, I did not manage to get one of your Christmas mousses, so prettily presented in the small covered jars, because there weren't any left when I went looking for dessert! I hope you were able to retrieve most of your jars? If any of you snuck one to enjoy at home (I am thinking **Andrew** here!), please feel free to bring the empty jar to our January garden club meeting. Thank you to all of you who purchased raffle tickets for all the raffle prizes. Because of your generosity, we were able to present a cheque for \$300 to the Strathcona County Food Bank. And thank you to all who contributed prizes for the raffle. The raffle was a great success. I know we had many, many pounds of items for the food bank, as well. Thank you to Richard and Katherine and Darryl for offering to drop these off at the food bank the next morning. Also, thank you to all who helped set up for the event and then helped stack chairs and tables at the close. And finally I have to thank my fellow board members who contributed and supported so that we could have this great party! And especially, Brenda, who not only roasted the two turkeys and made gravy, but brought all the decorations and all the table cloths, then went home and washed and ironed all those table cloths. Thank you! Oh...I forgot to mention two last things. It was wonderful to have Sylvia's two adorable grandchildren join us for dinner, but I am sure they would have enjoyed themselves more if there were other kids for them to play with? And, what a pleasure it was to listen to Marlene's talented grandson play the piano as we all tidied up at the end of the evening. A lovely evening it was.

I just have to share with you a Christmas gift that my husband presented me this last Christmas. The gift is this lovely book, one that I didn't even know I wanted: ***The Dirty Life: A Memoir of Farming, Food, and Love***, written by Kristin Kimball. At 31, Kristin lived in New York City in a tiny apartment and was a freelance writer. She described herself as hedonistic. Then on a writing assignment, she met Mark and somehow she became entranced with Mark who wanted nothing more but to grow and raise food without the use of herbicides and pesticides, to plow his fields with draught horses, and to share with others the beauty and flavor of good food. His passion was to develop a CSA – Community Supported Agriculture farm, and by the end of year two, they were producing enough food: dairy, beef, pork, chickens, grains, maple syrup, vegetables, and some fruit to feed 200 people who bought shares in their endeavor and were supplied food for the full year. All on 500 acres. Kristin writes with great passion and humor and does not gloss

over the incredible amount of work required. If anyone is interested in reading this amazing book, I will bring it to our January meeting, and I will be happy to lend it to you. Finally, to our January guest speakers. From the Edmonton Native Plant Society, Liz DeLeeuw and Kate Spenser will be speaking on their experiences with the society and growing native plants. According to the Edmonton Native Plant Society website, the society was formed by a group of people “who like to grow native plants and promote their use in gardening and landscaping to a wider public”. Until this last year, ENPG grew native plants at the Oldman Creek nursery. Sadly, they had to uproot and move. Not only are they known for their Thistle Patrol at Mill Creek Ravine which requires pulling out the infamous Canada Thistle by hand, but they also rescue and transplant native plants and prairie sod that need new homes. And they also grow and sell native plants. In fact, I have bought and planted at least five kinds of native plants in my front yard to replace sod we dug up. The blossoms were plentiful last summer and fall, and this winter our front yard is filled with rabbit tracks and trails. I would like to invite you all to our first meeting of 2020. If you have not registered for the 2020 membership, Pat and Pat will be thrilled to help you register. I hope to see you all.
Donna Reimche

Next Meeting

January 9
7 – 9 pm
Council Chambers

Liz De Leeuw and Kate Spencer
Edmonton Native Plant Society
“Society Projects and Gardening with Native Plants”

The Edmonton Native Plant Group is an informal group of people in the Edmonton area who like to grow native plants and promote their use in gardening and landscaping to a wider public.



They take part in a number of projects, in cooperation with the appropriate municipal authorities, which aim to enrich the natural flora of various parks and natural areas. This is your chance to learn about their activities, opportunities and the value of native plants.

***Bring your own mug
and consider making a much-appreciated donation to our raffle table.***

Membership Renewal

It's time again to complete the paperwork associated with your membership renewal and your Old Man Creek garden plots. Please take a few minutes to download the form or forms you need from the web site (strathconacountygardenclub.ca) or print it/them from this Newsletter. Bring the completed form(s) to Pat or Pat along with the appropriate fee to the January 9, 2020 meeting. If you mail your renewal(s), please make your payment by cheque. The membership renewal fee (single or family) is \$20; a fee of \$20 applies to each garden plot you request.

2020 Regular Meetings

- February 13 Dr. Lee Foote, Director U of A Botanical Gardens
"The Aga Khan Garden"
- March 12 Aakash Goya
"Organic Methods and Techniques for Growing Plants"
- April 9 Clara, Meadow and Thicket Farm Flowers

Membership Perk\$

Our local greenhouses recognize your Strathcona County Garden Club Membership Card:

Apache Seeds **Arch Greenhouses (regular priced plants)**
Aspen Ridge Greenhouse **Cal's Grower Direct** **Cal's Whitemud Garden Centre**
Cannor Nurseries **Salisbury Greenhouse**

Thanks to the supreme outreach effort of Cindy Garneau, the Garden Club is able to announce the following new discount offerings for members of the Strathcona County Garden Club. We will keep you posted as new or updated information comes available.

1. **All Seasons Garden Centre**, 10027 – 81 Avenue NW, Edmonton, (780) 448-2385,
www.allseasonsgardencentre.ca
10% discount on purchases with current membership card
2. **Arrowhead Nurseries**, 2503 – 211 Avenue, Edmonton (780) 472-6260,
www.arrowheadnurseries.com
10% discount on all regular priced products with current membership card
3. **BMR Greenhouses & Water Gardens**, 24176 TWP Road 500, Leduc County, (780) 986-0787,
www.bmrgreenhouses.com
10% discount with current membership card
4. **Ellerslie Gift & Garden**, 10330 Ellerslie Road SW, Edmonton, (780) 988-6622.
www.ellersliegift.com
10% discount on purchases with current membership card

5. **Estate Gardens Greenhouse**, 52333 RR. 224, Sherwood Park, (780) 922-6329,
www.estategardens.ca
10% discount on regular priced products with current membership card
6. **Jils Landscape Supply**, 12443-66 Street NW, Edmonton, (780) 456-4848,
www.jilslandscapesupply.com
15% discount on pick up products, 10% on delivered products with a current membership card
7. **Kuhlmann's Greenhouse Garden Market**, 1320 – 167 Avenue NW, Edmonton, (780) 475-7500, www.kuhlmanns.com
10% on regular priced items only with a current membership card. Exclusions: fresh produce, sauerkraut, honey, preserves, pickles, sour cabbage heads, trees, shrubs & gift certificates
8. **Millcreek Nursery Ltd**, 3103 – 17 Street NW, Edmonton, (780) 469-8733,
www.millcreeknursery.ca Also on Facebook & Twitter
10% discount on plant material purchased with a current membership card
9. **South Cooking Lake Greenhouses**, 22324 Hwy 14, (780) 922-6765,
www.southcookinglakegreenhouses.ca Also on Facebook with Current Stock & Sales
10% discount on regular priced plants with current membership card
Ernst and Else Wanke opened South Cooking Lake Greenhouses in 1958, long before their youngest son Harold came on the scene in 1962. The greenhouse became Harold's playground and his classroom; beginning a life-long passion for growing plants. He took over ownership in 1989.
Completely transformed since its early days, the Greenhouse now holds 30,000 square feet of Annuals, Perennials, Vegetables, Herbs, Strawberries, Roses, Planters, Trees and Shrubs, Hanging Baskets and all sorts of Gardening Supplies.



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STRATHCONA COUNTY GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

We require all information to be filled in. We would like to have your e-mail address so we can send you the newsletter by e-mail and save on mailing costs.

Month: _____ 20_____

Please Print!

Name: _____

StreetAddress: _____

Town: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____
Print CLEARLY

E-mail: _____ (Please _____ CLEARLY)

Membership Type: New or Renewal Please circle one

Note: \$20.00 membership for single or family (which includes you, spouse & dependent children). To garden in the Old Man Creek Community Garden there is an additional \$20.00 fee for each plot.

Old Man Creek Plot: Yes or No Plot Holder: Former (indicate plot # _____) or New

Payment: \$ _____ paid by cheque # _____ or Cash (circle one)

Would you like to be called and reminded of the monthly meetings? Yes or No

I { } authorize OR I { } do not authorize the Strathcona County Garden Club to use my image in photos and/or videos on the Strathcona County Garden Club website. Please check one.

Memberships are preferably paid by cheque payable to Strathcona County Garden Club and are due in January. The cheque should accompany this form and either mail to the address below or submit at the meeting. If paying by cash, submit the cash and this form in an envelope at the next meeting. Please do not send cash by mail. If you have any questions please contact:

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OLD MAN CREEK COMMUNITY GARDENS - RESPONSIBILITIES & OBLIGATIONS

2020

1. * Everyone gardening at Old Man Creek gardens **must** remain constantly aware that we are on an active oilfield/gas pipeline Right of Way, and as such, are subject to the terms of the legislation governing these areas: It is imperative that **no excavation should exceed 12" (30cm.) in depth**. This includes stakes, structures or cultivation.
2. **All gardeners at Old Man Creek must be members of the Strathcona County Garden Club and pay a Club membership of \$20.00 and an additional fee of \$20.00 per plot per season.** Please make all cheques payable to the Strathcona County Garden Club. Please contact Pat Komarniski regarding memberships.
3. All gardeners to be **Water Wise** and only use what your plants require.
4. Gardeners who have weedy or un-tended plots will be notified in writing and asked to remedy the situation. If the problem persists you will forfeit your plot for the following season.
5. Gardeners are to keep the pathways surrounding their plots weed free.
6. Gardeners must take weeds, debris and litter home to be disposed of. Do not dump garden materials/waste in common areas. Gardens must be cleaned up by the end of **October!**
7. Hand tools left in the shed should be clearly marked with your name and are **not** communal tools.
8. Well-mannered and leashed dogs are allowed in the garden and always pick up after your dog.
9. The water barrels that are provided at the gardens are all '**communal**' and do not belong to anyone specific. Even if you brought a barrel out to the gardens, the water is for use by everyone.
10. Gardens must be planted no later than the first week in June (weather dependent.)
11. If for some reason you are unable to fulfill your commitment to taking on a plot, you will be held responsible to maintain the plot in a weed-free state.
12. Gardeners cannot give their plot to someone else without permission from the Community Garden Co-ordinator (Sheila Flint 587-990-9935).
13. Under the guidelines of the City of Edmonton, the gardens must be totally organic with no use of herbicides or pesticides.
14. Due to the on-going problem with potato beetles, no potatoes plants are allowed!
15. Seasonal and temporary garden structures such as trellises are allowed if they do not encroach on paths, community spaces, or neighboring plots. Be considerate of your neighbors and orient your structures and planting to avoid casting shade on other plots.
16. If you are away or un-well, please ensure that you have a friend maintain your plot.
17. **DO NOT** drive on to the site if it is wet or raining. You will be responsible for any reparation.
18. No motorized water pumps are to be used to pull water out of the barrels. Water by hand please.

Please contact Sheila Flint for more information at 587-990-9935 or Pat Komarniski regarding membership at 780-467-8071.

Please print and sign your name _____
Date: _____