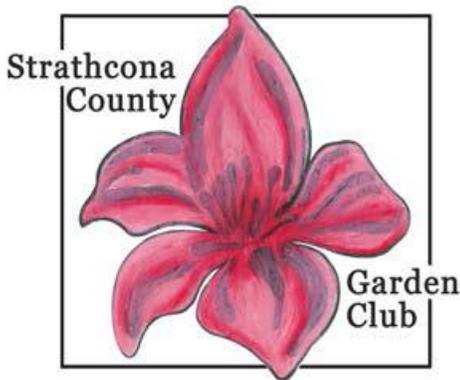


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The Strathcona Gardener

Growing with the Community

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President's Message

A new year and a new president! Hello everyone. I am Andrew Davison the brand spanking new president of the Strathcona County Garden Club. You may have seen me lurking over the snack table in my capacity as snack coordinator/vice president in the pre-covid times. I really miss the snacks and look forward to their reinstatement. Those who have met me probably have realized I am more of a mad scientist than patient gardener and probably not surprised I have never been the president of anything before. I am excited to try my hand at this new endeavour. I am going to ask everyone in the club for input regarding our speakers. What do you want to hear about? What is it that you think will be interesting for our club? I'm wondering if you are more interested in lectures on how to plant or design gardens or maybe how to grow marijuana. So please give this a think and hopefully in the near future when we get back to seeing each other in person you can give me your opinions. Thanks everyone, I really feel this is going to be a great year.

Andrew

2022 Membership Renewal Due

Your Garden Club membership renewal was due on January 1st, so please take a minute to complete the attached form and send your fees to Pat. It is still a very economical \$20 for an individual or family/household. If you garden at Oldman Creek, the plot fees have increased to \$30 per plot to cover increased costs of providing water. The membership renewal form is included with this newsletter; we urge you to fill it out and return it along with the appropriate funds to Pat as indicated on the form.

Next Meeting

Feb 10 Avery Armstrong, Salisbury Landscaping

7 pm Zoom “2022 Landscaping Trends”

Avery Armstrong is Landscape Architecture Technologist, Master Gardener and super plant nerd. She works as a Landscape Designer for Salisbury Landscaping, and has experience with city parks, tree nurseries, computer drafting, project management and gardening. Her favorite things to talk about are pollinator plants, fruit shrubs and sustainable gardening. If you want to set her on a tangent ask her how many houseplants she has.

February seems to be a ‘giving month’. For details about our virtual door prize draw, see the full page description which Marianne has thoughtfully prepared. You have to be in attendance at the meeting to win this. We also have been donated a generous gift of a composter, a draw for which any member may enter. Just fill in the online form and hope your name is pulled on February 10th!

Below is the Zoom meeting registration link; please register by 6 pm on February 7.

 [Copy of NEW SCGC Feb 2022 Meeting Registration](#)

FREE Composter Member Draw!!!!

One of our Garden Club members has graciously donated a very gently used barrel composter and base to our Club. As a member you have an opportunity to win this composter for free!!! Our SCGC Board has decided to gift this composter and base to one lucky member for free!!

This is a 37 gallon tumbling composter manufactured by FCMP YIMBY. It’s suitable for a condo deck too! A similar one sells at Canadian Tire for \$119.00 and at Costco for \$109.99 - and add GST on to those numbers - so FREE is a whole lot less than that! The composter will be given to one lucky Club member on February 10th at the regular meeting. So how do you let us know that you're interested? It's simple. Just fill in this online form and your name will be entered. One entry per membership please. [Composter Draw](#)



Upcoming Meetings and Events

**March 10 Sharon Wallish Murphy, Gardening with Sharon
"Practical Tips for Starting Plants from Seed"**

February Door Prize...What Is It?

Get ready for planting!! This month's door prize is an even dozen packages of seeds from "Seeds of Change". These are from their Organic Garden Collection. For over 30 years, Seeds of Change has been committed to furthering the organic cause by creating a unique seed-to-plate experience for people who cherish the goodness of nature in their gardens, kitchens, and communities. The seeds are packaged into 3 groups with 4 package per group. Here's what you'll get if your number is the lucky one:



Zesty Salsa: Get spicy! Enjoy homemade salsa with fresh organic ingredients right from your garden. This package contains: Jalapeno Pepper, Slow Bolt Cilantro, San Marzano Tomato and Evergreen Bunching Onion.

Butterfly Garden: Fill your garden with beautiful flowers and breathtaking butterflies. This package include: Calendula Fancy Mix, Butterfly Milkweed, Cosmos Sensation Mix and Linaria Fairy Bouquet.



Mediterranean Kitchen: Enjoy flavors of the Mediterranean straight from your garden. This package includes: Little Fingers Eggplant, Southport Red Globe Onion, Cal Winder Red Bell Pepper and Dark Star Zucchini.

Proven Winners Gifts Strathcona Twice

As most of you know, the Garden Club's January (virtual) speaker was Kerry Meyer, a representative of the international company, Proven Winners. Kerry had us looking eagerly toward spring with her presentation on the new and improved varieties of annuals the company will be launching in 2022. On a cold January night when we were all glad we didn't have to go out, Kerry's Zoom presentation felt like a gift.

Not only did the Club enjoy Kerry's presentation, but Kerry declined our usual speaker's fee, asking instead that we donate it to a local charity. As one of her final acts as our retiring events coordinator, Brenda Brooke, looked around for a local organization who would appreciate Kerry's second gift. Brenda recommended Sherwood Care, a senior's care facility in Sherwood Park that has a garden program for the residents. Club member Elaine Vandermuellen, who works in the garden program at Sherwood Care told Brenda they use Proven Winners plants as much as possible. Hopefully we will be able to persuade Elaine to send us a few pictures for the newsletter of the Proven Winner's plantings once they are established.

Surprise Visitor



This young girl visited member Cindy on the week-end. *“And some people have to pay big money to have their trees trimmed!”*

Thanks for sharing this Cindy!

Membership Perk\$

Present your 2022 Strathcona County Garden Club Membership Card at the following establishments for possible discounts on your purchases. Contact information and more details may be found on the Club website.

Apache Seeds Arch Greenhouses Kuhlmann's Greenhouse Garden Market Cannor Nurseries

Aspen Ridge Greenhouse Cal's Grower Direct Cal's Whitemud Garden Centre Arrowhead Nurseries

Salisbury Greenhouse All Seasons Garden Centre BMR Greenhouses & Water Gardens

Millcreek Nursery Ltd Jils Landscape Supply Ellerslie Gift & Garden Sunstar Nurseries Ltd.

Estate Gardens Greenhouse South Cooking Lake Greenhouses

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