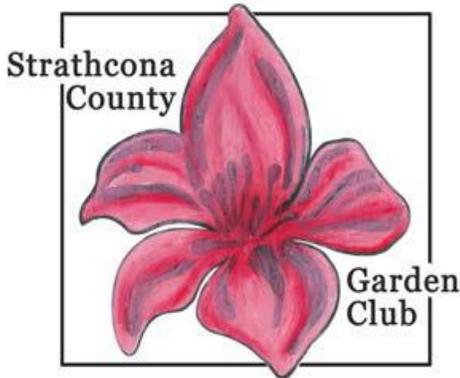


May 2022



The Strathcona Gardener

Growing with the Community

www.strathconacountygardenclub.ca

strathgardenclub@gmail.com

President's Message

Hello everyone. Your board has been busy discussing what we should do for the Year of the Garden and one of the things we have decided is to honour some of our members who have made outstanding contributions to our club. Our intention is to honour two or three members with a tea to celebrate their hard work for our club. We are asking members to nominate another member deserving of special recognition for their efforts. The nominee must be a current member who you feel has contributed to the club in some substantial way. Unfortunately, no current board members can be nominated, as we will be the ones deciding who will be honoured, but I know there are plenty of great candidates out there. Send us an email at Strathgardenclub@gmail.com or drop off a letter at our next meeting with their name and the reasons you feel this person should be considered. I am really looking forward to this!

Also, we will have the sign-up sheet for the bus trip to Dr. Evans garden on June 12 at our next meeting if you have not already pre-registered online. Bring your \$10 and please remember it is first come, first served. Well, that is all I can think of for now, so I am off to go dig in my garden. Happy planting everyone!

Andrew

Callout for a Vice-President

As Past President, one of my responsibilities is to recruit members for the various positions on our Board. Some years, present Board Members agree to another term. (Some of our Board Members have been serving the Club since 2011.) Other years, it is much more difficult to fill a position. This is one of those years.

We are very fortunate to have Allison and Leesa accept Treasurer and Speaker/Events positions, two major roles. However, finding a volunteer for Vice President remains a challenge although I have spoken with many of you, asking you to consider.

As Vice President, your responsibilities are to: assist the Board, as needed; learn about the operation of the Board and Club; and prepare to take on the President's position. So...if you have any interest in serving this Club as Vice President, please contact me. I will be very happy to answer any questions. Donna Reimche dlreimche@shaw.ca

Next Meeting

May 12 **Ashley Hinecker, Master Composter and Recycler**
7 – 9 pm **“Composting Revealed”**
Strathcona County Council Chamber, Community Centre

Ashley grew up on an acreage, where her love of gardening took root, and she rediscovered her passion during her years as part of a community garden. That passion was transformed into helping people with composting when she became a City of Edmonton Master Composter Recyclers. Now this mother of two helps friends, families, and anyone else who wants to learn to become an avid composter. She would love to have you join her on May 12th for a presentation on how YOU can start outdoor composting!

***Bring your mug and your loonies for a chance to win great raffle items
and to enjoy our awesome snacks and beverages.***

The seed exchange will wrap up for the season.

And don't forget to sign-up for the bus tour to Dr. Evans' garden on June 12.

Special Donation for the May Meeting Raffle!!

Remember the gently used composter from our February meeting? That brought a LOT of excitement as there were several members hoping to win it in the special raffle we held. It was a much sought-after prize. Well guess what??? That got one of our valued Garden Club members – Darryl Reimche – thinking...and moving too. He has donated a composter like that one for our May meeting!! In his words: *“As the SCGC has offered a number of wonderful experiences for my wife and I and in recognition of the Club's many services for its members, I would like to make a donation to the Club of a composter.”* We thank Darryl for the very generous donation.

Not only is he donating the composter, he has offered to deliver AND set up the composter at your home. Very cool!

Now ALL of you have one more chance of winning this wonderful composter!



Upcoming Meetings and Events

- June 9 To be confirmed
- June 12 Field Trip: Dr. Ieuan Evans Farm
Sunday You must register to attend this event. See details below.
1-4 pm There will be a sign-up sheet at the May 12 meeting.
- July 23 Celebration Tea. See 'Live the Garden Life'.
- Sep ___ Fall Plant Sale, date / details to be determined
- Sep 8 Lisa Harding, 'Planting Garlic and Fall Seeding'
- Oct 13 Strathcona County Garden Club Annual General Meeting / Election
Ashley Hinecker, 'Vermiposting'
- Nov 24 Annual Potluck Christmas Social at the Log Cabin

Garden Tour with Dr. Evans

Great News! Dr. Evans has kindly offered to give the SCGC members a private tour of his garden. Although his website only shows lilies, he has several varieties of shrubs and trees too...like the Evans Cherry Tree that's named after him! And yes...he will have several products for sale, including hardy fruit trees and shrubs. So bring lots of cash!

DATE: the afternoon of Sunday June 12, 2022

GETTING THERE: As his garden is out of town, SCGC has arranged a bus to transport us there. It's about an hour's drive from Sherwood Park. There is a minimal charge of \$10/person for this. The bus will depart from the Community Center at 12 Noon. OR you can make your own way there; ask for the address and directions when you register. The tour itself is free!

REGISTRATION: If you'd like to join us on this fabulous tour (whether you're joining us on the bus or not) you'll need to register. Registration is only open until May 11th on a "first come, first served" basis. Payment (if you're joining us on the bus) is required by the May 12th SCGC membership meeting. So, if you are interested, please let us know by filling in the registration form (click on this link): [Dr. Evans Tour Registration Form](#)



“Live the Garden Life”

What a great slogan – so simple but it embodies so much. You can make it yours, whether you plant a tree or a few seeds, nurture some flowers or produce baskets and baskets of fruit, flowers and veggies to feed your body and soul, and pamper your spirit. Live the garden life because to do so supports biodiversity, helps counter climate change and provides better stewardship of Mother Earth. To one degree or another, in one way or another, this is what we gardeners do.

In this YOTG 2022 – that’s short for Year of the Garden – our club is setting out to recognize two or three of the most outstanding and inspirational gardeners in our midst. They have made significant and sustained contributions to the Strathcona County Garden Club. You know who they are, and we are asking for your help in identifying them. They must be current members of the club, but they may not now be on the Board of Directors. We ask that you write a paragraph or two – or more - stating their name and the reasons you believe your nominee is deserving of special recognition. What are their contributions to the club as they connect to gardening in our community? How are these contributions of lasting value or significance? Send your nomination by email to strathgardenclub@gmail.com or drop it off at the meeting. The deadline for accepting nominations will be Thursday, June 9th. Nominations will be reviewed and decided upon by the Board. The outstanding gardeners selected will be honoured at a tea on July 23. Further details as to time, location and cost will be forthcoming.

Pot Pourri

- The red lily beetle has been sighted! Be on the alert; don’t let them win!
- The University of Alberta Botanic Gardens open to the public on May 7th
- Upcoming events at Strathcona County Library (sclibrary.ca) may interest Club members:
 - May 18 from 7 – 8:30 at the Library Community Centre Meeting Rooms 3 & 4, Jeannie Suffern will be presenting “Let’s Talk Aquatic Plants”.
 - June 29 from 7 – 8:30 both in person and via Zoom, Tam Anderson will be presenting “Fruit Forest in Your Backyard”.



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

Strathcona County Garden Club Contacts

Board Members	Name	Phone Number
President	Andrew Davison	
Vice President	Vacancy	
Past President	Donna Reimche	
Treasurer	Allison McKinnon	
Secretary	Susan Robblee	
Special Events Coordinator	Leesa Lacombe	
Membership Coordinator	Pat Komarniski	
Advertising Coordinator	Cindy Garneau	
Phoning Coordinator	Dorothy Gilbey	
Fundraising Coordinator	Marianne West	
Snack Coordinator	Lori Hawrelak	
Newsletter Editor	Marlene Exner	
Support Volunteers	Name	
Membership Assistant	Pat Barker	
Facebook Administrator	Marlene Parish	
Phone Volunteers	Pat Barker	
	Pegi Gunn-Graham	
	Marj Kennedy	
	Pat Komarniski	
	Lil Parker	
	Shirley Radmanovich	
	Gerri Schmidt	
Oldman Creek Gardens	Sheila Flint	587 990 9935; smayflint@gmail.com