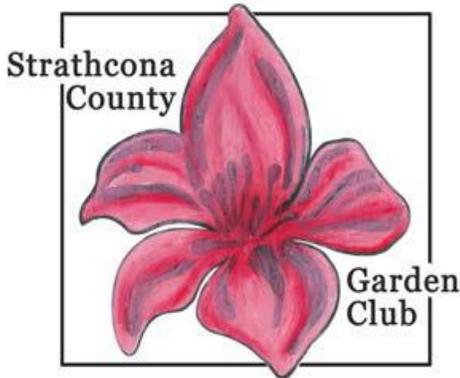


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# The Strathcona Gardener

*Growing with the Community*

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## President's Message

Hello everyone, great news! Our Outstanding Gardeners for Year of the Garden 2022 have been decided upon. The board, after careful consideration of all nominations along with the criteria we outlined, has chosen Pegi Gunn Graham, Brenda Brooke and Sheila Flint for all their good works for the club. I am looking forward to honouring them at the Break Room Cafe on July 23.

The nominations were all quite touching to read but I found one that really embodies the spirit of gardening, despite not quite meeting the criterion of service to the garden club. Dolores Gilbertson nominated her husband Cliff for all his good works over the past years. He is an avid gardener who fervently tended his 2 plots and was not averse to sharing the bounty he received from his garden. The nomination was so full of great gardening spirit, of what makes gardening great, that the board has decided to give Cliff two tickets to our tea. Thank you Dolores and Cliff for the opportunity to honour you in this small way.

I believe there is still room on the bus for the June 12 trip to Dr. Evans' garden. If this weather holds, it's going to be a glorious trip. Also, we are still looking to fill that vice president position so if you are interested please contact Donna or myself for more information. Finally, I will be in England for a month so our past president has graciously decided to put the past behind her and fill in at the July meeting, so thank you so much for that, See you all at June meeting on the ninth at the council chambers.

Andrew

## Next Meeting

**June 9            Ken Fry, Ph.D. Olds College School of Life Science & Business**  
**7 -9 pm         Garden Bugs – Your Questions Answered**  
**Council Chamber, Community Centre, 401 Festival Lane, Sherwood Park**

This meeting will be a big screen presentation in Council Chamber. In preparation for this event, Ken has asked that members provide "bug" questions you would like answered. Please send Leesa your questions by June 5<sup>th</sup> - [Leesalacombe@gmail.com](mailto:Leesalacombe@gmail.com). She will forward them. Lily Beetles? Ants! What pressing bug dilemma do you have?

Ken Fry, Ph. D. is an Entomologist and teaches Integrated Pest Management for horticulture, including turf, landscape management and production horticulture. He is also researching the possibilities of a biological control for the dreaded Lily Beetle. And he is the author of a bug book, "Garden Bugs of Alberta".

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

***There may still be a few seats on the bus for the tour to Dr. Evans' garden on June 12.***

***Tickets will be on sale (\$10) for the Celebration Tea on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.***

## June Raffle Prize



### ALASKA FISH FERTILIZER 5-1-1



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- Fish based fertilizer for use in vegetable and flower gardens
- Great for all indoor and outdoor plants
- NPK 5-1-1

#### About This Product

Fish has been used as a natural source of plant nutrients for centuries. Alaska Fish Fertilizer provides a rich source of organic matter that breaks down and releases nutrients into the soil to enhance the strength and vigor of your plants. Additionally, naturally occurring soil microbes thrive and work their best in soil that is rich in organic matter.

#### Works Best On

- Vegetable gardens
- Perennials
- Shrubs
- Trees



### Moisture, Light & pH Meter

- 3-in-1 Multi-Purpose Moisture, Light and pH Meter helps provide a healthy growing environment for all plants through careful monitoring of various inputs
- Test for soil alkalinity/acidity and soil moisture
- Works great for outdoor and indoor plants and gardens
- Takes the guess work out of gardening for a more accurate approach
- Save on water, energy and feed while keeping your plants in great health

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

June 12 Sunday 1-4 pm	Field Trip: Dr. Ieuan Evans Farm You must register to attend this event. See details below. Last chance to sign-up at the June 9 meeting.
July 14	To be determined.
July 23 2 – 4 pm	Celebration Tea. The Break Room Café (more details below) #150, 161 Festival Way, Sherwood Park
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

## Celebrating our Outstanding Gardeners

As Andrew indicated in his President's Message, the identification of Strathcona County Garden Club's Outstanding Gardeners is complete. Our sincere thank you to those members who sent nominations to us as requested. The Board has chosen to honour 3 hugely deserving nominees, each of whom has made important contributions to our Club and to gardening over the years. Our Outstanding Gardeners are Brenda Brooke, Sheila Flint and Pegi Gunn Graham!

In their honour and in celebration of Year of the Garden 2022, the Club is hosting an afternoon tea on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2 to 4 pm. We invite you to attend to learn more about the unique contributions Brenda, Sheila and Pegi have made to the ongoing success of our Club.

There are only 50 tickets available and they will be sold at the June 9<sup>th</sup> and July 14<sup>th</sup> meetings for \$10 per person on a first come basis. The ticket price includes tea or coffee, a choice of cupcake or fruit cup and all the garden gab you can fit in. After so much covid restriction, this is a great opportunity for catching up. Café staff will take orders for specialty coffees from 2 – 2:30 pm at your additional cost.

Our venue is The Break Room Café, located at 161 Festival Way, #150. It is just across the lane from the library entrance to the Community Centre.

## 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. Payment for the bus can still be made at the June 9<sup>th</sup> SCGC 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](#)



## Edmonton Public Library

### Introducing: the Seed Library

You know you can borrow books from the Library, but now you can also borrow seeds! Housed in the Makerspace in our Milner Library, our [Seed Library](#) contains a large collection of vegetables, flowers and more. Borrow, grow, enjoy and share some seeds back with others.



## Fan Favourite Food

This is a colorful and tasty favourite when it appears on our snack table. For those who asked, Rose D. has graciously supplied the recipe.

### Rainbow Layer Cake (makes 24 servings)

#### Cake

2 pkg (2 layer size) white cake mixes, divided

3 Tbs each of jelly powder, flavors raspberry, orange, lime and berry blue

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease and flour 2 9 in round pans, or line with parchment or wax paper. Prepare 1st cake mix according to package directions. Divide in half and stir raspberry jelly powder into one bowl and orange into the other. Mix well. Pour batters into the prepared pans and bake 28 to 30 minutes, until a toothpick inserted comes clean. Cool layers in pan for 15 min; remove to wire racks to cool completely.

Wash and prepare the cake pans again and repeat the procedure for the 2nd cake mix and lime and berry blue jelly powders. When all 4 layers are fully cooled, prepare frosting.

#### Frosting

2/3 cup sour cream

2/3 cup icing sugar

1 tub (1 l) Cool Whip Whipped Topping, thawed

Blend sour cream and icing sugar. Gently stir in cool whip topping. Frost top of each layer, stacking them on a plate. With remaining topping frost top and sides. Refrigerate for 2 hours before serving.

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- This event at Strathcona County Library ([sclibrary.ca](http://sclibrary.ca)) may interest Club members:
  - 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*

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