

NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY GARDEN SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORTS

February 10th, 2010

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT: HIGHLIGHTS AND KEY POINTS

- Formed the North Shore Community Garden Society (NSCGS), registered in the Province of BC, appointed Directors with assigned positions as required; opened a bank account with the North Shore Credit Union.
- Set up the Guidelines for Gardeners in compliance with the City's Terms of Reference in Governance of Community Gardens.
- Participated in meetings with the City to finalize the lay-out of the garden plots.
- Held a meeting of gardeners who had signed up at public events and wanted to garden in the Queen Mary Garden.
- Allocated the garden plots by lottery.
- Determined fees for the first six months, and collected those fees.
- Selected two Coordinators for the garden (Daren Toppin and Sharon Lisette) who can be contacted at queenmarygarden@gmail.com
- Ensured that each member received copies of the guidelines, and signed an agreement that these guidelines had been read and understood.
- Held work parties to build the shed; planted the fruit trees donated by the City; numbered the plots; arranged for changes for easier opening of gates; purchased secure shed lock.
- Re-measured the plots and confirmed the fees for 2010.
- Arranged the first AGM as required.

SHED REPORT

The Garden Shed at Queen Mary was constructed by Queen Mary Gardeners in the fall of 2009 under the direction of Ric Erikson and Sharon Lisette. Ric was able to collect wood and pallets donated by Keith Panel Systems and with an additional \$1000 gift card from Home Depot we were able to get everything we needed. The shed is constructed almost entirely of salvaged materials (thanks to Ric and Sharon for doing lots of materials collection!) and is almost complete – there are a few finishing touches plus a coat of paint to finish it off. Current contents of the shed include: wheel barrows, hoses and assorted tools. The water in the garden is turned off over the winter and is not back on yet, but should be on soon (April?). We plan to put a notice board up in the shed this year.

EGP REPORT

The Edible Garden Project is responsible for the maintenance of the demonstration garden site with community volunteers. Food from this site is donated to low-income people on the North Shore. In October of 2009, the EGP and the Rocky Mountain Flatbread Education Society teamed up to offer two classes at Queen Mary School the chance to grow food and learn about healthy eating. 'Fed Up' activities range from planting (and roasting!) garlic, to building compost, to cooking healthy snacks. Students are not only learning about what kinds of foods are healthy to eat, but also where that food comes from, and how they can grow their own.

TREASURER'S REPORT: HIGHLIGHTS

- As at Dec 31, 2009 Queen Mary School Gardens has \$ 637.14 in our bank account.
- In January 2010 we received \$23.50 for two new plot rentals.
- Our known expenses for January & February 2010 will be: \$30.80 for stamps and envelopes for mailing of Notice of Annual General Meeting and \$25.00 for filing fee with the B.C. Ministry of Finance Annual Report.
- Garden fees are due on April 1, 2010
- Cheques can be made out to North Shore Community Garden Society and mailed to Sharon Davis, #8 – 219 East 8th Street, North Vancouver, BC V7L 1Y9 (please include plot # on cheque)
- If all plots are rented our funds will increase by \$1,556.00.
- Our insurance needs are covered under a blanket policy therefore we do not have that major expense.
- Our Society will have approximately \$2100.00 at or near the end of April 2010 for garden needs as deemed by the members.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009

<i>Opening:</i>	
Funds Received from Plot Rental	758.50
Interest from North Shore Credit Union	0.60
Bank Services Charges	(34.14)
Cheque #1 - Truck Rental for Garden Shed Build & Lock for Garden Shed	(87.82)
<i>Closing Funds</i>	<u>637.14</u>
<u>Bank a/c as at Dec 31, 2009</u>	612.08
North Shore Credit Union Membership Shares	25.06
Balance, as per Dec 31, 2009 North Shore Credit Union Bank Statement	<u>637.14</u>
<i>Balance Sheet as at Dec 31, 2009</i>	
<i>Assets</i>	
Bank a/c as at Dec 31, 2009	612.08
North Shore Credit Union Membership Shares	25.06
	<u>637.14</u>
<i>Liabilities</i>	
Plot # 40 Prepaid for 2010	19.00
<i>Equity</i>	
Garden Members Equity	618.14
	<u>637.14</u>