

NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY GARDEN SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORTS

February 16th, 2011

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT: HIGHLIGHTS AND KEY POINTS

Welcome Members of the gardens that sit under the umbrella of the North Shore Community Garden Society, namely the Queen Mary Community Garden and the Lillooet Park Community Garden! Thank you also to future gardeners for coming this evening.

This is our 2nd AGM, and as you will hear from the reports that follow, we are growing! Not only are we growing plants, vegetables, herbs, fruits and flowers, we are also growing connections with each other, with our city and district councilors, with other interested groups and with our communities.

I am so pleased that we have our second garden, the Lillooet Park Gardens in the District of North Vancouver, in our second year. In two years, we have made it possible for 100 people to grow food locally. Now that's progress!

A number of trainings, work-shops and work-parties, and our public grand opening were held in the past year. These opportunities included gardeners, students and parents from the school, as well as interested members of the community. You can find us on Facebook, and a web-page is underway. The garden coordinators of the individual gardens can be contacted through email.

The time and energy that people bring to the building and maintaining of these gardens is gaining momentum. The work produced will benefit others for years to come.

I would also like to thank the Board members, the community garden coordinators, and the Edible Garden Project for their commitment, solid communication skills, and good nature that they bring to the tasks; it is a pleasure work with such great people!

Linda Moore

President, North Shore Community Garden Society



QUEEN MARY COMMUNITY GARDEN ANNUAL REPORT

Queen Mary Community Gardens were officially handed over to the North Shore Garden Society in September 2009. As it was too late in the year to plant, most gardeners planted garlic or rye grass. In early spring, all gardeners were out in full force planting either flowers, fruits or vegetables. During the summer, a shed was built by the gardeners. The majority of the material for the shed was reclaimed with some materials purchased by a donation from two retail outlets on the North Shore. It was agreed by the Board to paint the shed RED to match the existing red benches. The City of North Vancouver agreed that a Grand Opening was in order and it was agreed that the event would take place on June 19. An ad-hoc committee was formed and arrangements were made for music, children's games, prize draws, information on the bees, history of the gardens and tours of the gardens. Gardeners were requested to clean up their plots and the common areas in advance of the Grand Opening and two weekends were spent doing that. The Grand Opening was very well attended and included a speech by Mayor Mussatto, a face-painting fairy, food and beverages and even a bee-swarm, which was a highlight of the day. Since then, we have had a number of common-area cleanup days and a sign making workshop.

We have had some theft of produce but as we are making light of this, we are hopeful that signage will alleviate some of this. A skunk in the shed was a problem easily solved by placing moth balls around the inside perimeter of the building. We have had a problem with the 20/80 effect. 20% of the gardeners do 80% of the work in the common areas and similar attendance figures at work parties and events. This issue is being reviewed by the garden coordinators.

The bees have been a big hit with everyone involved with Queen Mary School, the gardeners and the public. A donation of 200 pounds of honey to the School was sold out in 5 days, raising much needed funds for the School. There are many plans for future bee education sessions in public forums including numerous other schools on the North Shore. At this time, all 58 plots are taken and we have a waiting list of 70 potential gardeners. Future plans include an events calendar with suggestions from the gardeners, annual member cards with an expiry date, and it is our wish to officially present Lillooet Park Community Garden a set of garden tools at their grand opening.

The Gardens continue to be in the public eye in a positive manner. We were recently interviewed to assist with community garden guidelines in Richmond, the City of North Vancouver is working with us on numerous reports about community gardens, and the red shed appears to have become a landmark for photographs.

Special thanks must be given to Ric Erikson who has been the project manager and safety officer for all construction projects.

Daren Toppin and Sharon Lisette
Garden Coordinators



Shed construction crew and the finished product.

Bee swarm at Grand Opening

Sign making workshop; poppies

LILLOOET PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN ANNUAL REPORT

After much hard work from the Lillooet Park Community Garden Planning Committee and the volunteers from the Edible Garden Project, the District of North Vancouver Council gave permission on May 17 for a community garden. The summer months were spent by many dedicated volunteers, under the guidance of Emily Jubenvill, to building the new garden. It was hard, hot work but fun and amazing to watch the new garden quickly take shape. Two plots are raised beds for those who need a higher elevation and the Edible Garden Project, also, has a large area.

The lottery for garden plots was held on August 12 and the plots were quickly allocated to District residents. In the 3rd. week of September, the garden was open for gardeners to begin working on their plots. At this time, all forty-six plots are taken and we have a waiting list of 16 potential gardeners.

Further work was done, this fall, on the fencing as well as the four compost boxes which are now ready for use. Meetings are planned with the volunteer compost captains and, also, with all gardeners to explain the proper methods for composting. Work will be continuing, at a later date, on the garden shed and the District of North Vancouver will be erecting a sign.

Special thanks must be given to the members of the Lillooet Park Community Garden Planning Committee, the volunteers of the Edible Garden Society especially Emily and Heather, the District of North Vancouver, all our financial benefactors, Ric Erickson, and all the volunteers for their hard work toward making the Lillooet Park Community Garden a reality.

Mag Kozłowska and Isabelle Howells

Garden Coordinators



The early days...



A lot of hard work!



Volunteers worked together to build garden plots



Lillooet Park fence complete!

TREASURER'S REPORT: HIGHLIGHTS

- As at Dec 31, 2010 the North Shore Community Garden Society has \$5532.20 in our bank account (\$3839.72 for Lillooet Gardens for further development, \$1643.98 is for Queen Mary Gardens and \$23.11 in the Apiary Fund).
- In January 2011 we received \$10.00 for one new plot rental at Lillooet Gardens.
- Also, in January 2011 we received \$150.00 from City of North Vancouver proceeds from movie nights.
- Our known expenses for February 2011 will be: \$25.00 (filing fee with the B.C. Ministry of Finance Annual Report), \$35.00 (membership in the BC Council of Garden Clubs), \$120.00 (rental of St. Andrew's Church for the AGM.)
- **Garden fees are due on April 1, 2011. Please ensure your garden plot # and garden name on are on your cheques. Your treasurer thanks you!!!** 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
- If all plots are rented our funds will increase by \$1568.00 (Queen Mary) and \$553.00 (Lillooet)
- Our insurance needs are covered under a blanket policy therefore we do not have that major expense.
- Assuming Lillooet Gardens will use their fund of \$3839.72 for development, then we will have approximately \$3000.00 at the end of April 2011 for use as the gardeners and directors of the Society deem appropriate.
- If there are questions I would be happy to address them at any time. It's been a great pleasure to serve as your Treasurer for this past year and I'm really looking forward another year of great gardening.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2010

Opening Balance in Fund:	
Queen Mary Community Gardens	612.08
Apiary Fund	50.00
	662.08
Funds Received:	
Plot Rentals	
Queen Mary Community Gardens	1,609.50
Lillooet Park Community Gardens	545.00
Donations	
Lillooet Park Community Gardens (Walmart-Evergreen Green Grant)	10,000.00
Lillooet Park Community Gardens (District of North Vancouver)	15,000.00
Lillooet Park Community Gardens (Leah Startup)	50.00
Apiary Fund	85.00
	27,289.50
Expenditures:	
Queen Mary Community Gardens	577.60
Lillooet Park Community Gardens	21,755.28
Apiary	111.89
	22,444.77
Closing Funds	
	5,506.81
Chequing account as at Dec 31, 2010	5,506.81
North Shore Credit Union Membership Shares	25.39
Balance, as per Dec 31, 2009 North Shore Credit Union Bank Statement	5,532.20
Balance Sheet as at Dec 31, 2010	
Assets	
Bank account as at Dec 31, 2010	5,506.81
North Shore Credit Union Membership Shares	25.39
	5,532.20
Equity	
Garden Members Equity	5,532.20
	5,532.20