

NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY GARDEN SOCIETY

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WELCOME BACK

It was a challenging start to the growing season with the sudden heat following the cold early spring.

This summer, we may face challenges of hot and smoky days with little rain. We encourage the planting of drought-tolerant plants, i.e. Coneflowers, Lantana, Sedum, and Yarrow.

Be sure to help your neighbours with their watering if they go on vacation and need your support.

Work Parties are a super way to meet your fellow plant enthusiasts and the gardens benefit the most!



NEW MEMBERS

We were able to make a big dent in our wait list at the start of the season, due to the increase in the number of plots at the Lower Lonsdale Community Garden (soon to be Alder Garden). We have the strong support of the City of North Vancouver and are looking towards creating more community gardens. Fantastic news!

BEEHIVES

The beehives at the Queen Mary garden are once again happily buzzing thanks to our volunteer beekeeper, Anthony. We are looking at working with a community partner to build more beehives in our gardens. We have also started a “Pollinator Paradise” initiative to create pollinator friendly plantings in and around our gardens.

We strongly encourage you to consider the importance of pollinators when choosing your plantings. For example, did you know that in double flowers, the pollen-tipped stamens are largely converted into petals, leaving little to no pollen for insects to gather.

LILLOOET COMMUNAL HERB GARDEN

The renovation of the central herb garden has been completed and we are very pleased with the results.



EASTERN GARDEN – BUTTERFLY PARADISE

Our first “Pollinator Paradise” has been created at the Eastern Garden. The team were able to salvage some plants from the Charros Garden as the CNV needed to commence some initial work on the new North Shore Neighbourhood House.

NON-ORGANIC FERTILIZERS

Kindly note that all non-organic fertilizers are prohibited in our gardens. This will be added to our Guidelines.



TOO MANY STRAWBERRIES?

- Crumbles, crisps, cobblers
- Strawberry Avocado Pico de Gallo
- Strawberry Rhubarb Layer Cake
- Brown-Sugar Balsamic Strawberry Sauce
- Strawberry-Lemonade Punch
- Strawberry Rhubarb Frozen Yogurt
- Cream Cheese Strawberry Cookies

“What is a weed?

A plant whose virtues have not been discovered.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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