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CVIBGS News

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President's Message

- Phillip Field



I hope everyone enjoyed the Holiday season and, since the snow has thawed and our normal rain and more temperate weather has arrived, you are now hunting for signs of Spring. With the increasingly longer days and sprouting of Spring bulbs it is time to plan both your garden and for participating in a series of events that we are proud to sponsor: Please mark your calendars for the following three dates: the March 11-13 Celebration of Island Gardening Garden Show at Beban Park; the April 2 Annual General Meeting at the G.R. Paine Horticultural Centre; and in partnership with Malaspina University-College, the Official Opening of the Habitat Garden on April 28. Details of these events appear in this Newsletter or you can contact us through our web site or phone me at 751-1040.

The Board extends its appreciation to those Members who responded to our recent appeal and renewed their membership. We hope that the upcoming special events will provide opportunities for others to join or renew their membership. Traditionally many Members take the opportunity to stop by our booth at the Spring Garden Show but as in the last Newsletter, a Membership Form is included on the back page of this Newsletter.

We are grateful to David Mitchell and Committee members Lorraine Coumont, Ian Seal and Michael Strothotte, for organizing the Garden Show, and thank our Members again for your support as we start a new year. I encourage Members to seriously consider putting your name forward as Director as we expect very exciting times

Annual General Meeting April 2

All current and prospective members are encouraged to attend the CVIBGS Annual Meeting at 10 am to noon at the G.R Paine Horticultural Centre, 2324 East Wellington Road.

The agenda will include:

- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Committee Reports
- Bylaw Recommendations
- Election of the Board of Directors
- Question/Answer

Please consider serving a term on the Board. For more information, contact a current Board member or visit our booth at the Garden Show.

A presentation on future partnership projects at the garden will follow the meeting.

Invitation to attend the Habitat Garden Opening on April 28

Members are invited to attend the official opening of the Habitat Garden, a joint project of the CVIBGS and Malaspina University-College. The Habitat Garden will officially open on April 28, 2005 (11:00 am to Noon). It is located at the G.R. Paine Horticultural Centre, 2324 East Wellington Rd..

The Habitat Garden demonstrates "how native plants can be used in landscaping" and can be expected to be particularly lovely at this time of year.

*Details of
Celebration
of Island
Gardening
Show - over*

10th Annual Garden Show *Celebration of Island Gardening* March 11-13, Beban Park

2300 Bowen Rd., Nanaimo
Friday, March 11 1 p.m. - 9 pm
Saturday, March 12 9:30 am - 5 pm
Sunday March 13 9:30 am - 5 pm

This popular three-day show is a mixture of commercial and educational booths, garden displays, presentations by acknowledged west coast professional gardeners, and workshops. A project of this size requires the help of many. We are looking for people to help sell tickets at the door, stamp hands, help at the CVIBGS Membership booth and be at the doors to assist the speakers. Please call Lorraine Coumont at 758-9647 who will find you a fun task for whatever time you have available and our appreciation will be shown in the form of providing you with free entry.

Please tell your friends about this event. Tickets for the show are available at most local nurseries or at the door. More information about the CVIBGS can be obtained at our booth at the Show where a Director will always be available.

CVIBGS Membership Form

**Join
Today**

CVIBGS is a Registered Non Profit Organization. Tax receipts will be issued for donations \$20 or more. Besides a 10% member's discount at many Nanaimo garden centres, CVIBGS hopes soon to offer discounts

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Mail to: CVIBGS, PO Box 2227, Station A, Nanaimo, BC V9R 6X9

I would like to:

Renew my Annual membership, or Begin a CVIBGS membership

Student: \$10.00 Individual: \$15.00 Family \$25.00

Lifetime: \$1000.00 Corporation \$200.00

Donate the amount of \$_____

Be a 'Friend of the Garden' volunteer;

Serve on the Board or a Committee

Name (print): _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

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CVIBGS Board of Directors

Phillip Field, President
Mike Strothotte, Vice
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Ian Seal, Treasurer
Darlene Booth, Secretary

Lorraine Coumont
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We welcome your letters and feedback.

Please send by mail or email:

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OUR MISSION

- ♦ exhibit native and exotic plants in beautiful and informative settings;
- ♦ offer useful and interesting information about plants to the public;
- ♦ give advice on horticultural problems...;
- ♦ provide library reference and study facilities in horticultural, botany and related fields;
- ♦ engage in exchange, testing and evaluation of new and desirable plants to the ultimate benefit of the public;
- ♦ conserve plants that may be in danger ..