



**White Rock & District Garden Club  
General Minutes  
November 11, 2025  
Cranley Hall**

Elizabeth Young called the meeting to order at 2 pm.

**Approval of Minutes – October 14, 2025**

***Motion to Approve – Bev Sass 1<sup>st</sup>, Dodi Mesenchuk 2<sup>nd</sup> - Carried***

**President's Report – Elizabeth Young**

- Welcomed members to meeting – 50 in attendance
- In honour of Remembrance Day, members were invited to speak in tribute to family members.
- Vacant Executive positions for 2026 – Secretary for Executive (meetings once per month) and Programs Director (to book guest speakers). Eleanor Enns will continue as Treasurer and will partner with Terry Haight to book bus tours. The Program Director position could be shared between 2 people. Valerie MacLanders expressed interest in the Program Director position.
- Thanked Donna Lawson for organizing the Photo Contest. Members asked to vote for the Perennial Photo Contest on display today. Winner to be announced at the December meeting.
- Members thanked for bringing floral displays for Floral Show today. Judging – Donna Lawson.
- Members invited to ask questions regarding the Annual Budget for 2026. To be voted on at the December meeting. Members asked to contact Bev Sass or Eleanor Enns if any further questions before the December meeting.

**Treasurer's Report – Terry Haight for Eleanor Enns**

- Terry Haight reviewed the results of the Member Survey. Received 34 replies, 28 were happy with existing format. Received many ideas for guest speakers and bus tours.
- Bus tour to Lafarge Lake (December) has been cancelled due to low response.

**Plant Sale – Terry Haight**

- Thanked members for 12" hanging pots, no more are needed.
- Please donate 1 gallon pots for plants, and large baskets (wicker or fabric for raffle prizes).

**Volunteers Needed – Terry Haight**

- Secured members to volunteer for kitchen set up (coffee/tea and treats) for General Meetings (2 groups of 2, rotate once every 3 months).
  - Gayle Horie and Linda Bradley
  - Nancy DeVink and Marilyn Murphy

**Food Bank Donation – Terry Haight**

***Motion – To donate \$200 to the Food Bank. Marlene Wallace 1<sup>st</sup>, Eileen Davidson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.***

**Christmas Party – December General Meeting – December 9, 2025 – Terry Haight**

- Next General Meeting – Christmas Party and AGM to approve budget and executive positions for 2026. Members asked to bring 6 treats to share (sweet or savory) and a mug. Contest for the most festive sweater and hat. Entertainment has been booked.

### **Demonstration - Drying Flowers in Microwave – Terry Haight**

- Terry Haight demonstrated pressing flowers in microwave. Homemade flower press or purchase on-line (Aboofx Microwave Flower Press – approx \$33). Microwave for 30 – 90 seconds to preserve them. Pressed flowers can be used for making various items – displays, on pictures, bookmarks, etc. Suggested starting with small flowers such as daisy, lavender, dusty miller.

### **Holiday Centerpieces for Care Homes – Terry Haight**

- Members invited to make 2-3 small Christmas centerpieces (mug size) for care homes. To be brought to December meeting. Care homes will be placing them on nightstands and dining room tables. Christmas mugs or small containers, artificial boughs and Christmas ornaments can be purchased at thrift stores. Use dry oasis and tape down, add the boughs and decorations. Dry oasis can be purchased at dollar stores. Please use only artificial items, no live greenery, candles or candies.

### **Coffee Break 2:25 – 3:05 pm**

#### **Awards – Bev Polywkan**

- Trophy for Best Collection of Dahlias – presented to Sharon Stanley

#### **50/50 Draw – Jackie Dupuis**

- \$70 - Winner – Valerie MacLanders

#### **Plant of the Month – Gayle Horie**

- Christmas Cactus – Fran Deptuck
- Dried Flower Picture – Maryanne Pelzer
- Schefflera – Lil Penner

#### **Demonstration – Holiday Centerpiece – Melanie Rantucci**

- Use a cookie tin, glass, wood, or metal container. Place wet oasis in container, or use chicken wire (sold by the foot at Home Depot). Keep arrangement low for table use. Add greenery first, then add flowers and ornaments. Finished arrangement won by June Majawa.

#### **Front Porch – Joyce O'Brien**

- Today's sale total \$71.25. No Front Porch for December meeting.

#### **Parlor Show – Judged by Donna Lawson**

- Very pleased with the beautiful entries of flowers and Remembrance Day arrangements.

### **Meeting Adjourned – 4 pm**

#### **Upcoming Dates**

- December 9 – General Meeting (Christmas Social and AGM)
- January 13 – General Meeting
- February 10 – General Meeting

### **See attached Plant Sale Year End Report**

Terry Haight – Plant Sale Director

November 18, 2025

Plant Sale committee year-end report

Thank you to everybody that participated in our Plant Sale this year. Once again I consider it very successful. We raised \$5869.39 A special shout out and a big thank you to your Plant Sale committee Joyce, Eleanor, Eileen, Linda, Fran and Gayle they were an amazing group of women to work with, and it's due to their continued hard work and commitment as well as that of all the volunteers that the Plant Sale was the success that it was.

Breakdown of which areas and how much money was made

The bake table \$890.25

Flower market \$316

Indoor plants \$2918.80

Outdoor plants \$714.09

Front porch \$195

Draw \$530

West Coast seed fundraiser \$305.09

Our total for 2025 was \$5869.39

We have once again changed back to the Saturday before Mother's Day as I was able to get the hall rental for the Friday and Saturday of that weekend and I think it will be a little more busy. I was also able to get the West Coast seed fundraiser again this year. It was really easy money so if you were thinking of buying seeds, we will provide more information about this fundraiser in January. All you need is a credit card and a list of seeds you want to buy.

We will be adding a few more committees to this year's Plant Sale to divide up the work.

There will be more about this further on in the year, so hopefully we have lots of people willing to volunteer again this year. Hopefully we will have continued success this year.

Your Plant Sale committee thanks you for all your support.