



# OVER THE GARDEN WALL

**White Rock & District Garden Club, January 2026**

<https://www.white-rock-garden-club.ca>

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**Happy New Year!!;** WRDGC Club Meeting, Cranley Hall January 13; Upcoming events; Puzzle of the month. **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!!** **NEW: Q&A section**

## President's Message

### A Year of Gratitude and Success

#### Reflecting on a Wonderful Year

This past year has truly been exceptional for our club. Although small in numbers, our success is a testament to the dedication and teamwork of so many individuals who have offered their time and talents.

#### Acknowledging Our Volunteers

We would not be where we are today without the invaluable help of our members. John has consistently ensured that our sound system is set up and running smoothly. Hilary has done a fantastic job organizing the kitchen, making sure everything operates efficiently. Our enthusiastic team of gals have taken on responsibilities such as selling the 50/50 tickets and keeping our website updated with the latest news and events. Our talented photographer has captured countless memorable moments, always ready to take pictures whenever an opportunity arises.

#### Sincere Appreciation

I am deeply grateful to everyone I have mentioned, as well as the many others who volunteer their time and energy. Each person's contribution, whether big or small, plays a vital role in making our club a success.

#### Looking Ahead

Thank you all for your participation and support. I look forward to seeing everyone in 2026 for another fantastic year together.

*Elizabeth Young, President*

## December Meeting Notes

### Iris Hayes Distinguished

**Service Award:** : Margrit Elmiger-Isert  
**50/50** : Patti Wolczuk

**Photo Contest** : Valerie MacLanders

**Best Hat** : Bev Sass

**Most Festive apparel** : Valerie MacLanders

### Life Time Membership

**Award** : Margaret Maddocks

**Plant of the Month** : Gayle Horie

The plant of the month for December was a 3-in-1.

Red Anthurium >>>>>  
White Kalanchoe  
Calathea



## Membership Renewal Process

It's time to renew your membership for the White Rock Garden Club. Please follow the steps below to complete your renewal:

1. Open the White Rock Garden Club website.
2. Click 'become a member today'.
3. Select 'Start', then choose 'renewal'.
4. Continue by filling in your information as requested on the form.

Your cooperation in paying your dues of \$25 or \$30 for family at the January meeting will be greatly appreciated.

*Fran Deptuck, Membership Director*

## Front Porch

After a wonderful and successful 2025, the Front Porch is looking a bit bare. This is the perfect opportunity to refresh the space with some of the trinkets, sweaters, books, scarves, puzzles, and other items you may have received as thoughtful gifts. If you find yourself with duplicates, or something that doesn't fit, please consider bringing it in for others to enjoy.

If you decide to keep your new goodies but need to clear some space, donating your former treasures is a great way to recycle and reuse while sharing joy with others in the club.

If you have any questions about the suitability of an item, such as its size or appropriateness, feel free to reach out. You can email or text a photo, or call to discuss. Contact Joyce at 604-910-4483 with any inquiries.

Recycle. Reuse. Share the joy!

*Joyce O'Brien, Front porch*

## 2026 Gardening Trends

(Ref Garden Design 2026 Gardening Trends  
By [Rebecca Sweet](#), Landscape Designer, Speaker, and Garden Writer

<https://www.gardendesign.com/trends/2026.html> )

The trends for 2026 continue with last year's concern for the environment, but also some bright ideas for colour and design.

1. **Keystone Plantings**- The emphasis on native plants and pollinator gardens has evolved into the idea of selecting particular plants that research show, are particularly important to certain species. This includes milkweed, sunflowers, native asters and golden rod, elderberries and trees such as oak, willow and birch. It has been found that 14 % of native plants such as these support 90% of butterfly and most species.

2. **Concern for Light Pollution** – With large greenhouse operations in our neighbourhoods we are very aware of this issue. Not only pollinators such as moths, but also bats, and amphibians rely on darkness and are becoming vulnerable. Leaving a porch

light or the new extensive eave lighting on all night should be discouraged. We can replace this with motion sensor outdoor lights and shields on garden lighting that direct light downwards.

3. **Maximalist Gardening** – As people have more time to garden, because of working from home or early retirement, they can extend the range of plants in their gardens. Including succulents, ornamentals, vines, fruits and vegetables, blended into a layered and creative array for maximal impact.

4. **Jewel Tones**- Replacing last years soft coloured, cottage gardens, we see bright, jewel tones such as burgundy, teal, reds, plums and emerald.

....to be continued in February



*Melanie Rantucci, Master Gardener*

## HELP NEEDED!

### Seeking New Executive Member

Our club is currently in need of dedicated individuals to fill important positions within the Executive team: Secretary, Program Director. The Executive meets on the last Tuesday of each month, and these roles are vital to ensuring the smooth operation of our club.

### Available Positions

📌 **Program Director:** need to attend Executive Meetings, book guest speakers for 4 meetings per year, Talk to **Eleanor Enns** for more details. This position could be split between 2 people.

• **Secretary:** This position is essential for taking the minutes at each executive meeting. Please reach out to the Executive for more information.

## Upcoming Events



### West Coast Seed Fundraiser

We are excited to announce an upcoming fundraising opportunity in partnership with West Coast Seeds. If you are planning to purchase seeds for your garden, we encourage you to place your orders online through West Coast Seeds under our club's name: White Rock and District Garden Club.

### Important Fundraiser Dates

Please note that only seed orders placed between **2025-01-25 and 2025-02-8** will be eligible for this fundraiser. Orders made during this period will directly benefit our club.

### Instructions

#### Goggle west coast seeds fundraiser

-Click on menu bar (top left corner 3green bars)

1. -Go to organization, scroll way, way, way, down to White rock Garden Club fundraiser site (we are close to the bottom)
2. -Click on fundraiser
3. -Place Order and pay
4. -Only valid on the dates from January 25 to February 8p

#### Do not order before January 25 or it doesn't go to our fundraiser

Thank you for supporting the white rock garden club. If you have difficulty placing your orders please call me Terry 604-340-997

### How Your Purchase Helps

For every eligible seed order, our club will receive 40% of the total cost as a contribution from West Coast Seeds. This is a wonderful way to support the White Rock and District Garden Club while preparing for the upcoming gardening season.

*Terry Haight, Plant Sale Director*

### January Meeting Speaker:

### Jason Crutch

We are pleased to announce that our upcoming meeting on January 13th will feature a special presentation by Jason Crutch from Fraser Valley Rose Farm. Jason will be sharing his extensive knowledge about roses,

including their care and cultivation, which promises to be both informative and engaging for all attendees.

### Presentation Details

During the meeting, Jason will discuss various aspects of rose gardening and maintenance. His expertise in the subject ensures that this will be a valuable learning opportunity for anyone interested in roses.

### Roses for Sale

In addition to his presentation, Jason will be bringing a limited selection of roses available for purchase at the meeting. This is a wonderful chance to acquire high-quality roses directly from a knowledgeable grower.

We look forward to seeing you at this very interesting and educational meeting.

*Eleanor Euns, Program Director*

## Q&A

- Q.** If I take a photo of one of my plants in the garden or on the patio, where do I send the picture so it will be posted by the social medial group?

**Answer:** Send the photo as a .jpg or .jpeg or .gif file to the clubs email:

[parlourshow@whiterockgardenclub.ca](mailto:parlourshow@whiterockgardenclub.ca)

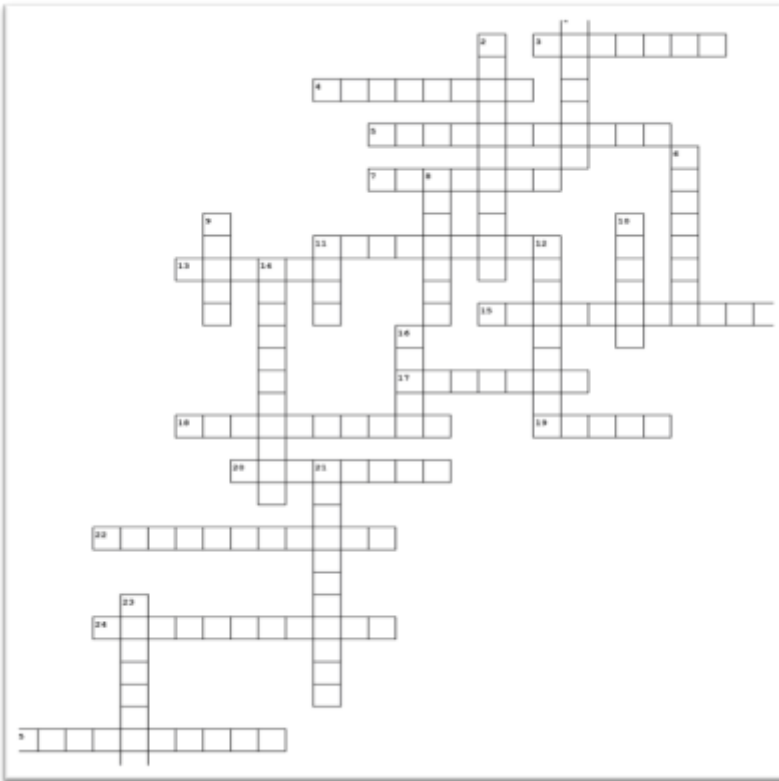
- Q.** What is the password to get into the members only page on the Website?

**Answer:** 1IrisforU!

## Q&A

is our new section for the newsletter. To send in a question about Gardening or Website please email Dodi ([dodim@mail.com](mailto:dodim@mail.com)). The questions will then be directed to the correct person to answer them. We will try to get as many questions & answers as possible in each newsletter. If your questions do not make the next newsletter, please be assured that they will be in forthcoming newsletters.

## Gardening 1 Crossword



### Across

- 3. ridding of dead branches, shaping, sizing.
- 4. Method of training Fruit Trees to grow a certain way
- 5. Specific point in Garden
- 7. trimmed to a specific shape
- 11. Drops leaves in winter
- 13. Bell shaped glass jar, mini greenhouse
- 15. upkeep activities

### Down

- 1. Supports climbers
- 2. hauling device
- 6. twisted
- 8. weeping plant
- 9. spread around plants
- 10. used for weeding

### Across cont'

- 17. planted yearly
- 18. natural or synthetic, essential nutrients
- 19. can be tea, may have hips
- 20. tend to spread prolifically
- 22. a number of plants increased by either sexual or asexual means
- 24. large flowered
- 25. lives more than two years

### Down cont'

- 11. removing faded or dying flowers
- 12. irrigation device
- 14. Using a hoe
- 16. digging tool
- 21. formed above ground, clings to walls
- 23. uniting a stem or bud from one plant to the root of another



# CHRISTMAS MEMORIES 2025



*HAPPY NEW YEAR*