The Garden Thymes

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Our next meeting will be held:
Tuesday September 23 at 7pm.,
at the
Vernon Community Arts Centre
2704, Highway 6, Vernon

Our speaker will be:
Mitchell Milgram.
He will be talking about,
'Mushrooms Found in the Local Wilderness.'

VDGC Picnic

The day before the Picnic brought thunder and lightning and heavy rain during the night. I was hoping it would clear up for us on Tuesday and it turned out to become a beautiful hot day for our picnic on July 22, 2025.
We had a wonderful selection of food as always and a feast for the eyes. Happy hour was a great way to greet each other and just mingle, chat and getting to know the new members.
37 members and guests were attending which included a few new members. It was a great evening to spend with friends and I am sure everyone had a good time.

Coffee Break Snacks
Thank you in advance for the Sept Snacks:
Lita Mueller
Jan Blakeborough
Cindy Thorvaldson

Sept Room Set Up crew at 6pm:

Clean up: Everyone

June 24,2025 General meeting minutes

Viv A welcomed everyone at the door.
Linda A started the meeting welcoming everyone.

May Minutes - Any questions about the minutes published in the newsletter? None. Maaike V made a motion for the minutes to be accepted. Seconded by Jane W.
Financial Report - the financial report has not been emailed out yet. It will be soon.
Executive Director change - Linda let us know that Bill P is stepping down. Maaike will help as a photographer.
July Picnic - Tuesday July 22 at 5:30pm at Coldstream Park. The sign up sheet is being passed around. Please fill in if you will or will not be attending. If you have not signed the sheet Elisabeth R will phone you to confirm your attendance.
Refreshments Volunteer - Fran will be stepping down. One volunteer has come forward. We are looking for a second. Please see Fran if you have any questions or are interested to help.
Sale Table - Roberta D highlighted this month's donations including garlic scapes and dill. Please remember if your donation is not sold tonight, please take it back home with you.
Flower Show Report - Lisa D let us know that the event went well. 111 entries, all from our Club members. Thank you to all the volunteers! Next year Creative Chaos will be at Kal Tire Place. We will be looking at options for our Flower Show next year because of the venue change. Lisa presented Bob with the People's Choice award for his beautiful bonsai display.
100 Year Celebration - Roberta let us know that 46 suggestions have been submitted. She met with Janet S and Rosemary B to review all. They have narrowed down the list:
Logo Contest
New Brochures
Poster Contest
Plant something at Hospice House
100 year anniversary ribbons for the Flower Show
Time capsule
Club History
Celebration Event - perhaps organize a speaker for a public event at the museum or library or Coldstream Hall or Vernon Spirit Square. See if the City has any dignitaries to participate or recognize the achievement. Perhaps a Grow and Show, and a celebration cake.
Promotional booth - at the Farmer's Market or Sunshine Festival. Educational and celebration.
At the Christmas Party - PowerPoint of the year's activities, possibly some historical items.Also recognition of contest winners.
People Place Garden Tour - member participation to promote the Club.
Merchandise - with the new logo: t-shirts, hats, aprons, totes.
Excursion - for members, to TRU gardens or some place similar.
Compile memories - ask members to submit their stories. Include past year's memories from long time members.
Press coverage.
Celebrate Seniors - thanks Gay J for this idea and offering to help, to celebrate with seniors turning 100+ in 2026.

Please contact Roberta if you are interested to help with any of these ideas.

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Kelowna Flower Show - Saturday June 28 Guisachan Heritage Park, 1060 Cameron Avenue. Linda let us know about this outdoor event, which includes vendors. No fee to attend.
Bursary - Linda reminded us to submit by July 31. There have been 2 applicants so far.
No form to fill in. If you or a family member are taking a course, please email your own written letter to the Club email address.
Garden Tours - there has been a low response so far this year. Please contact a member of the Executive if you would like to show your garden this summer.
Rose Garden at Hospice House - Rodger P updated us that the roses are looking good and the deadheading schedule will be emailed out this week. Thrips are causing trouble this year. Please cut off any bad buds and put them in the garbage.
A new volunteer will be paired with an experienced volunteer. Janet S mentioned that you can contact the Team scheduled prior to your week, if you are wondering which day they were there.
Snack Break - Thank you for this month's refreshments: Kerry R, Maaike V, Rhonda V, and Fran K. Thank you to Janet B, Viv A, and Teresa A for helping with the room setup.
Interactive Activity - everyone on the left, please stay inside for Darlene's tomato discussion. Everyone on the right, please go outside to plant up your planter pot.
We will switch activities in 15 minutes.

Grow and Show - Teresa reminded us that this is a chance for members to show what they are growing. You will find the list for each month's show in the newsletter. There is a white form for a judged category, a blue form for a category that is not judged. Please participate as much as possible, there is a participation award presented at the Christmas party.
June B awarded the trophy for the Best Iris.

Opportunity Draw - won by Diane S.
Door Prizes - won by: Sandra L, Joyce, Janet B, Darlene W, Rhonda V, Debby K, Diane S, and Roberta D.

Next meeting is Tuesday September 23 at 7:00pm.

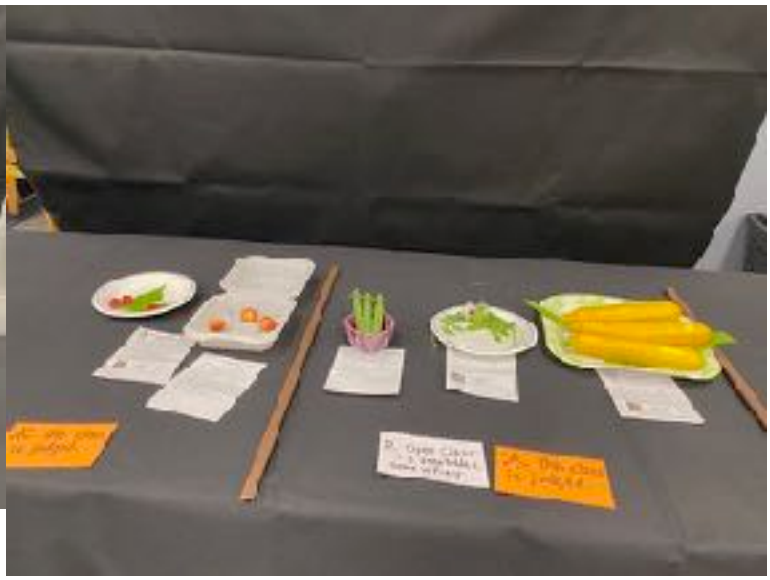
Vernon Garden Club Christmas Party

Tuesday December 9,2025
Cocktails. Dinner

Full Turkey Dinner
Entertainment and games
Ticket $ TBA

Pay at November Meeting
Sales Cut-off Nov

June 2025
Grow and Show



June 2025
Interactive meeting

Grow and Show: September 2025

Items in ***bold italicized red*** font are featured this month for judging. All other items are given participation points only. Please use a blue ticket for participation entries and a white ticket for entries in the judged categories. Place your entries in the correct category, as labelled. No more than three entries per person, per category. Thank you.

A. HOUSEPLANT DIVISION

1. Any houseplant not in flower
2. ***Any flowering houseplant***

B. CUT FLOWER SPECIMENS

3. Hybrid Tea Rose—1 stem
4. Any Other Rose—1 stem
5. ***Dahlia—1 flower any size, any type***
6. Echinacea—1 stem
7. Eryngium, (Sea Holly)--one stem
8. Any annual or biannual—one stem
9. ***Collection of flowers—min 5 different types, single stem of each variety, max 20***

C. FLORAL ART DIVISION Note: Commercially grown leaves and Flowers may be use in Division C. Accessories are also permitted.

10. ***Miniatures: Showcasing Autumn—an exhibit not over 5"***
11. ***Sunburst—an exhibit to remind you of the sun***
12. Rainbow—a pavé exhibit
13.

Big, Bold, Beautiful, inspired by the Floral Design workshop

14. Open Class—an exhibit of your choice

D. FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Note: Items are placed on a display surface.

15. Fruit Open Class—3 of same variety
16. Vegged Out—minimum 2 varieties of vegetables
17. ***Mixed Fruit and Vegetable Display—the sky is the limit***

E. SHOWCASE

18. The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly— wow us with what you grew
19. A photo collage of your garden. Use a minimum of 3 pictures, a maximum of 8.

Showing Dahlias

Dahlias are a very large class of flowers with 20 different types listed in the judging manual. Then they can be further classified by size. For the Grow and Show we will concentrate on the basics to consider when choosing a flower to enter: colour, form, substance, stem, and foliage.

Colour: should be clean, clear, bright and vibrant. Never dull, splotchy, streaked, or faded.

Form: at the peak of development, symmetrical, circular in outline, no gaps, centre of bloom exactly over the stem. Faults: lopsided, insufficient ray flowers, pest damage, immature, irregular centre.

Substance: conditioning, ray flowers firm, crisp, springy, thick. Faults: loss of shape, form shrivelled or falling.

Stem: strong, erect, round, straight and good proportion. Faults: Poor disbudding, multiple stem, wiry, weak.

Foliage: should have a pair of leaves, rich green. Faults: distorted, discoloured, damaged.

Dahlias are beautiful flowers with such a variety of forms that there is sure to be one to appeal to everyone. Please share with us what you have.

This is the season for dahlias so I hope there will be a large showing. That would be a good tribute to Peter and Darlene who enthusiastically shared their knowledge and tubers with the club.

Looking for a new hobby that's both beautiful and rewarding?

Join the Floral Arts Group for our first fall meeting on: September 25, 2025 at 7:00 pm

The title will be:,

The Big, Bold and Beautiful

To kick off a season of learning new and modern floral design techniques. Learn the secrets behind creating stunning arrangements and the principles that make them pop. It's a fun and supportive way to grow your skills, no matter your experience level.

Come for the flowers, stay for the friendships!

Lisa awarding Bob the People's Choice ribbon from the Flower Show.

After much discussion and input from our club members, our 100th Anniversary Committee Meeting has decided on the following projects to celebrate and showcase 100 years of the Vernon and District Garden Club.

1. ***Celebrating Seniors:*** A bouquet of flowers will be presented to each Senior over the age of 100 years, in a Care home, during the month of their birthday. Gay Jewitt has offered to coordinate the project. Additional volunteers are required.
2. ***Club History:*** A short talk will be given at each monthly general meeting to inform members of the history of our club, including topics such as founding of the club; historical events and shows; interviewing long-time members; presenting our scrapbooks; and a history of the club's trophies. Janet Stoll has agreed to coordinate the history project. Additional volunteers are required.
3. ***Museum Display:*** We are working with the museum to organize an exhibition of club trophies and other memorabilia. The possibility of having the museum curator present on the origin of the Vernon Garden Club. Rosemary Botner is coordinating this project. Additional volunteers are required.
4. ***Hospice House:*** The garden club is going to improve the garden at the entrance to the Hospice House. Linda Andrews has offered to coordinate this project. Additional volunteers are required.
5. ***People Place Garden Tours:*** The club is going to assist with the People Place Vernon Garden Tours next year. We will have historical information about the club on display at each of the garden tour locations. Members are encouraged to present their own gardens and/or volunteer to host at another garden tour location. Linda Andrews is coordinating this project. Additional volunteers are required.
6. ***City Contacts:*** The idea of working in collaboration with the city at a future event is being pursued by Roberta Drinkwater. Many additional volunteers will be required if this project goes forward. At this point in time, we are undecided.
7. ***Member Celebration:*** We are inviting a guest speaker to talk about the history of gardening in the Okanagan. There will be cake involved!! Your Executive Committee is coordinating this project.

Thank you to the membership for their ideas and submissions. We are counting on you to be those additional volunteers who are required to make our ***100th Anniversary celebrations*** a success.

There will be some fertilizers and other miscellaneous gardening supplies from Darlene available for purchase on the sale table this month. Bring cash. A suggested donation of $5.00 applies to unopened products and larger items.

Summerland Garden tour attended by Terry Lymer and Roberta Drinkwater

"What to do for your Garden this month"

Plant new trees, shrubs, and perennials in September since the soil is still warm, temperatures are lower, and there is more rainfall.

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Divide perennials like irises, peonies, daylilies, and hostas.

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Spring-flowering bulbs are arriving at the garden centre. Expect new and interesting varieties as well as tried-and-true favourites this season! Come in early to make sure you pick up your favourites.

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Spray fruit trees with a copper spray such as Doktor Doom Fungicide to control peach leaf curl. This should be done after all fruit has been picked and before the leaves fall.

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Lay sod or seed a new lawn, as the soil is still warm for germination. Provide short intervals of watering throughout the day to ensure the surface of the soil stays damp.

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Aerate your lawn and top-dress it with quality compost or other organic matter.
Have a large area? Bulk soil is available at our West Kelowna and K.L.O. locations.

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Overseed and feed your lawn for winter to promote hardiness. Use Nurseryland Overseeder with Microclover for a drought-resistant lawn, which looks great year-round.

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Feed your lawn with Nurseryland Lawn Food 7kg, which also feeds trees and shrubs.

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Pick up or bury any spoiled fruit that is lying on the ground to discourage rodents, bears, and other wildlife from feeding in backyards.

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Courtesy of

Bylands GARDEN CENTRE

In town businesses who will give us discounts

Buckerfields: located in the old Growers Supply business at 1200 Waddington Drive
and is open 7 days a week.
Garden Club members can present their Garden Club membership card with a purchase and they will give Club members 10% off anything gardening related.
They also have seniors 65+ days 10% off every Wednesday -but not with

Nicholas Alexander gives you a 10% discount when you present your membership card before the business rings in your sale and the discount doesn't apply to sale items.
At N.A. the discount is only on plant material.

Membership Fees can be paid at:
the meeting.
$20/person or $30/couple
You can fill in your membership form online at:
https://tiny.cc/vernon25
E-transfers are now also accepted.:
treasurer.vdgc@gmail.com
Paper copies of the form will also be available at the general meetings and payable by cash or cheque to:
Vernon and District Garden Club

Please bring your

Butcher Boys
and
Nature`s Fare
receipts

There will be TWO $50 giftcards for Butcher Boys available at the meeting. Please see Elisabeth Reymond for purchase