



# BRANDON GARDEN CLUB

June, 2016

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## President Bill's Message

Well, this spring has had a little bit of everything. April and most of May were very dry and since then we have had quite a bit of rain. Temperatures all in all have been pretty good; although we have seen a lot of ups and downs (thankfully no frost).

Since our last meeting, we have had a Hypertufa Rag Pot Workshop (thank you Kristi Friesen); and visits to all three local greenhouses with hands-on workshops available at Patmore and Alternative.

The Garden Club had another successful Plant Sale. Hats off to David Long and the volunteers who worked long hours to make it a success. A special thanks to Greg Boguski, who, even though he was under the weather, brought another large contribution to the Sale. Also thanks to Patmore Nursery and the City of Brandon Parks Department for their contributions which definitely helped, as member contributions were down from past years.

Gwen and I were at the Riverbank Discovery Centre on Tuesday evening to see when work on the new gardens at the Centre will begin. It looks like plans for the gardens will be started this fall and hopefully there may be some planting, starting next year. This will be an exciting opportunity for our club. Eleanor Kidd Gardens is being phased out but will remain a small park with more of a natural wild flower feel.

The June meeting will be your last chance to sign up for the Members Tour and BBQ, the tour of Brown Sugar Produce and the bus trip to Assiniboine Park.

Finally, the Flower Show and Tea is still in need of volunteers and dainties for this event; so, if you can, please help out.

Tonight, June 15 at 7:00pm

## FLOWER SHOW 101

Flower arranging & exhibitors school with Brent Hunter

Beyond the Garden Gate



Thanks to the Killarney & District Horticultural Society for stepping up to host the 119th Annual MHA Convention and Annual Meeting in early 2017. Details will be available soon, and sent to clubs\societies by email and mail as soon as they are finalized.

**Gardening Tip**  
Are you tired of weeding?  
Here is an all natural recipe  
for weed spray that you can  
try this gardening sea-  
son. Mix one gallon vinegar,  
two cups Epsom salt and 1/4  
cup of dish soap.

## BRANDON GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS.....

Don't forget to use your membership card at the following locations for great discounts:

The Green Spot

Koch Industries, Inc.

Lacoste

Brandon Air Shuttle

Lee Valley

MB Garden & Living

Sadler's Creekside Greenhouse

Shelmerdine Garden Center

Springside

Thompson & Morgan

Mckenzie Seeds

Lindenberg Seeds

Alternative Choice Garden Center

Gardens West

Lily Nook

Patmore Nursery

Sage Herb Gardens

Springdale Greenhouse

St. Mary's Nursery and Garden Centre

Veseys Seeds

## Flower Show & Tea

August 8th 1:00 pm 311 Park Ave East

Showing your flowers and vegetables at our annual show is a lot of fun. Try it and see!!

For Information:

T: 204-727-8912

E: [thebrandongardenclub@mymts.net](mailto:thebrandongardenclub@mymts.net)

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## **Judges & Exhibitors School 2016**

The MHA is looking into the possibility of holding a Judges and Exhibitors School in 2016. In order to do so, we require a club or society to host the school, and we require at least 20 students to participate. The MHA covers all costs for the hosting club, but there is a small fee for students.

If you are an apprentice judge, a club/society member or someone who wishes to gain judging and/or exhibitor knowledge we want to hear from you.

We encourage qualified judges to attend as well to update their judging skills. If your club/society is willing to host the event please contact the MHA office as soon as possible. Thanks.

To express your interest as a student or host please contact:

Lorene Phone: 204-224-2356 Email: [lorene\\_schipper@yahoo.ca](mailto:lorene_schipper@yahoo.ca)

OR

Tracy at: Email: [m.h.a@shaw.ca](mailto:m.h.a@shaw.ca) Please ensure this message is passed along to all members of your organizations.

## **JULY AND AUGUST:**

### **Sunday, July 10th — Member's Garden Tour & BBQ**

**Our members' tour and barbecue is a fun day of sharing and comradery. Bring a bag lunch and a lawn chair. A BBQ will be held after the tour. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Feel free to bring a friend or spouse. Timings and details TBA.**



### **Sunday, July 24th — Brown Sugar Produce Veggie Farm Tour**

**Time: TBA**

### **Monday, August 8th — Flower Show & Tea**

**Show Time 1-6pm, Tea Time 1-4 pm, 311 Park Avenue East**

### **Saturday, August 13th — Assiniboine Park Bus Tour**

**Time: TBA — explore the English Gardens, Leo Mol Sculpture Garden &**

**Assiniboine Zoo**

**Don't forget to sign up!!**

*Life begins the day you start a garden  
~ Chinese Proverb*

## ***Brandon Garden Club***

### **2016 Executive**

<b>President</b>	<b>Bill Sutherland</b>	<b>728-0380</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Gwen Beam</b>	<b>727-8558</b>
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**Have a  
great  
Summer!**