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The Brandon Garden Club Newsletter

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The first day of spring is one thing and the first spring day is quite another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month. - Henry Van Dyke

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DEANE

This has been a busy but productive month for me and for many of you as well. The weather has allowed us to be out in our gardens a lot sooner than normal. I didn't have as much plant loss as I had expected so I now have to find new spots for all the plants I bought on the greenhouse tour. This tour was a lot of fun for us; what an experience going into these large greenhouses; we had the pick of the best shrubs, trees, perennials and annuals. The hanging

baskets were beyond beautiful and we managed to fill the luggage compartment and the empty seats but we still continued to shop. There were trays under our feet and anywhere else there was space but what do you expect when you visit six greenhouses and you have a group of ardent gardeners. A great big "Thank You" to Gwen, Esther and Nancy as it took a lot of planning and time to make this another successful tour. Now MEMBERS it is

time to turn our attention to the plant sale on the 26th of May. We need your plants and your time to sort, price and help customers with information, carry-outs and clean up after we sell out.



THIS MONTH



16 May Meeting to Feature What's New at Patmore Nursery Sales. Tonight's meeting will be at 6PM and feature a talk on what's new at one of Brandon's leading garden centers as well as a "hands on" planting of "special containers". Bring your own container and buy plants at a discount with your membership card.

Annual Plant Sale Saturday 26 May. We need to be well stocked up with plant material for the sale to be held on 26 May at 9AM at the City Parks Complex, 2020 McGregor Avenue (behind the North 40 off 18th St North). Houseplants, seeded flowers and vegetables, bedding plants, perennials and small shrubs and trees are all needed. Members are also asked to donate any unwanted

gardening magazines that are in good condition. Friends, this is a very important fundraiser so please donate generously. Drop your donations at the sale site on Friday, 25 May from 12:00 noon until 4:00PM.

NEXT MONTH



16 June – Hypertufa Class

Make your own hypertufa container. \$10 Fee Pre registration required. See Pat, John or Robin.

20 June- - Succulent Container

The living picture and planting a hypertufa. See Gwen for details.



COMING UP



8 July – Members Garden Tour and Barbecue.

Always a social highlight our members tour and barbecue have always been great fun. Timings, details later. Cost will be \$5.00 per person. A good one to which to bring a friend or spouse. Register and prepay by June 20

15 July Brandon in Bloom Open Garden Tours. This annual event is scheduled for 17 July and is

a great opportunity to see some of the finest gardens in the province. Elaine Arvisais will keep us posted on developments. Closer to the date, keep your ears to the radio and your eyes on the Brandon Sun too.

28 BUS TOUR—International Peace Gardens Conservatory and Anchorage Gardens—Please pre register and pay by June 20.

HELP WITH LUNCHES FOR CLUB MEETINGS

We have had a increase in our membership which is wonderful but unfortunately our lunch treats aren't enough for the last members to enjoy with their coffee. It would be appreciated if some can help with this by seeing Angela Lau or Roseria Quaidoo and help with lunch treats.

