

BLG Newsletter for Week of January 12, 2026

Thank You – to the amazing crowd of enthusiastic volunteers who showed up for the first workparty of 2026!!

Annual BLG Planning Meeting in Two Days – Just a reminder that the meeting will be held in Room 8 at Beban Social Centre. Doors likely to open by 9:30 or so. Meeting will be from 10 to 12. (Coffee and goodies provided thanks to Bille’s Fund.) All volunteers encouraged to attend! **If you cannot attend but would like to have a say, or if you want to add other business to the agenda please send Lisa or Pat an email.**

Agenda -

1. A quick turn around the circle for each volunteer to say how long you have been a member and to share one thing you liked best about the last season.

A second quick turn (in reverse) around circle to tell something you would like to do/learn/experience/participate in/take on at BLG next year.

2. Conversation about projects or jobs (new or ongoing) which you may be interested, inspired, enthusiastic about participating in, undertaking, or working on.

3. Discussion on how the “specialist teams” aka “Responsibilities” might work in the future. A copy of last year’s list of “Responsibilities” will be attached to the Monday morning message and discussion around that will be an important part of the meeting, so please take **a close look**. We want to decide what worked, what didn’t, what to change, what to add. Signing up for same or different responsibilities will not be done now but likely early in March.

4. AOB?

NB You may notice that discussion concerning what to grow or not grow at BLG, for sales and/or for BLG, is missing from the agenda. If you have a request/suggestion please feel free to write it clearly on a piece of paper, sign it, and pop it in the box which will be provided at the meeting.

Seed Library Work Parties - Lisa says:

We are going to be helping the Seed library by filling seed envelopes at Nanaimo North Library over the next month (or two).

Drop in for some or all of the time slots.

1/8 tsp and 1/4 teaspoons can sometimes be helpful. As well, Joan has a set of unique measuring spoons -pinch, smidgen etc we have found helpful. We do also bring a gram scale so in some cases we can make use of it. If you have a favourite writing pen (bring it along as) each envelope is hand written!

The dates we have arranged to book the big meeting room to work on this are as follows!

Mon., January 19 from 1-4pm

Mon., February 2 from 12-2pm

Mon., February 16 from 1-4pm.

Renewing NCGS Membership – January has rolled around again! There will be membership forms available at Wednesday's meeting but also in the envelope below the calendar in the clubhouse. The fee remains at \$25. Please hand in both form and fee together. If you do not require a membership card, please make a note at bottom of form.

Thank you to several early birds who have already renewed. You will find your new membership cards tacked below the calendar.

Also, it is possible for you to renew your membership on the NCGS website:

<https://nanaimocommunitygardens.ca/memberships/>

Wanted – In preparation for the gentle watering needed on seedlings in coming season, we could use about six more 2 litre plastic pop bottles with caps, please.

Nice Surprise in N#8 – If you have time to take a peek, you will notice some tiny seedlings coming up in this box! What are they? Why now, in the middle of winter?

Dates to Remember -

Wed., Jan. 14 - 10am – noon – Annual BLG Meeting of All Volunteers – We'll take a look at 2025 and then make some plans for 2026. This time we will meet at the Beban Social Centre – Rm. 8.

Thurs., Feb. 26 - 4 to 5:30 – regular NCGS Board Meeting – at Food Share

Sat., Apr.25, May 9, May 23 – Spring Plant Sales