

## **BLG Newsletter for Week of January 19, 2026**

**Thank You** – to those who attended our planning meeting last week!

- to those who have already handed in their forms and fees for 2026... You will find your new cards tacked on the board under the clubhouse calendar
- And, finally, to Shelagh for taking the minutes of the meeting last week and typing them up so neatly...They are attached to the Monday morning “link” message along with an updated Members’ List
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**Annual BLG Planning Meeting** – Twenty-three volunteers attended, enjoyed coffee and snacks, and took part in great discussions. Thanks to Becky for this photo:



**Seed Library Work Parties** – It turns out that Mon., Feb. 16, is Family Day so the library will not be open. The other dates still stand:

**Mon., January 19 from 1-4pm That's today!**

**Mon., February 2 from 12-2pm**

**This Week's Work Party** – Dorothee has agreed to do a short talk this Wednesday at 10 on germination testing, and we will together set up germination tests on some of our older seeds.

Also, we may do a group walk around the garden at 11:45 to see and talk about our overwintering crops.

**Beban Park's 50th Anniversary Celebration** – It turns out that BLG has been invited to take part in this celebration on Family Day (Feb, 16). Plans are underway for conducting tours, doing demos, offering activities. If you have any ideas, let us know. Closer to the date we will have a sign-up.

**Wanted** – a few clumps of **chives** so we can get pots going for the Seedy Sunday sale.

**Still 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.

### **Renewing NCGS Membership** –

As mentioned last week, it is possible for you to renew your membership, or at least take care of the fee on the NCGS website:

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

If you choose to e-transfer your fee, you still need to fill in a form...just indicate on form that you have paid online. Forms can be found online or in the envelope hanging below calendar in clubhouse...which is also where you can drop your forms, clipped together with fees, please.

**Nice Surprise in N#8** – The tiny seedlings there are carrots which were seeded in November! With the constant dampness we experience here this time of year and the polycarb roof sheltering them from the coldest temperatures, they are slowly but happily growing into what might be one of our welcome spring veggies.

**Peanuts?** – Yes, we are going to try growing peanuts this year! Seeds are coming from a small seed company in Nova Scotia and, if they can grow them there.....

**Production Practices Manual** – is the fancy name for about twelve pages of helpful information on BLG's system for managing large-scale production of "starter plants" which we sell, donate, and also plant in our own BLG garden. Seeding in the greenhouse will begin soon so now is the time to review the process. The manual has been posted in the same spot as newsletters are found nowadays. **Please review:**

<https://nanaimocommunitygardens.ca/beban-learning-garden-newsletters/>

**Dates to Remember** -

Mon., January 19 from 1-4pm: seed-stuffing at North Nanaimo Library

Mon., February 2 from 12-2pm: seed-stuffing at North Nanaimo Library

Mon., Feb. 16 – Beban Park’s 50th Birthday celebration

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

Sun., March 1 – Seedy Sunday in Nanaimo

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