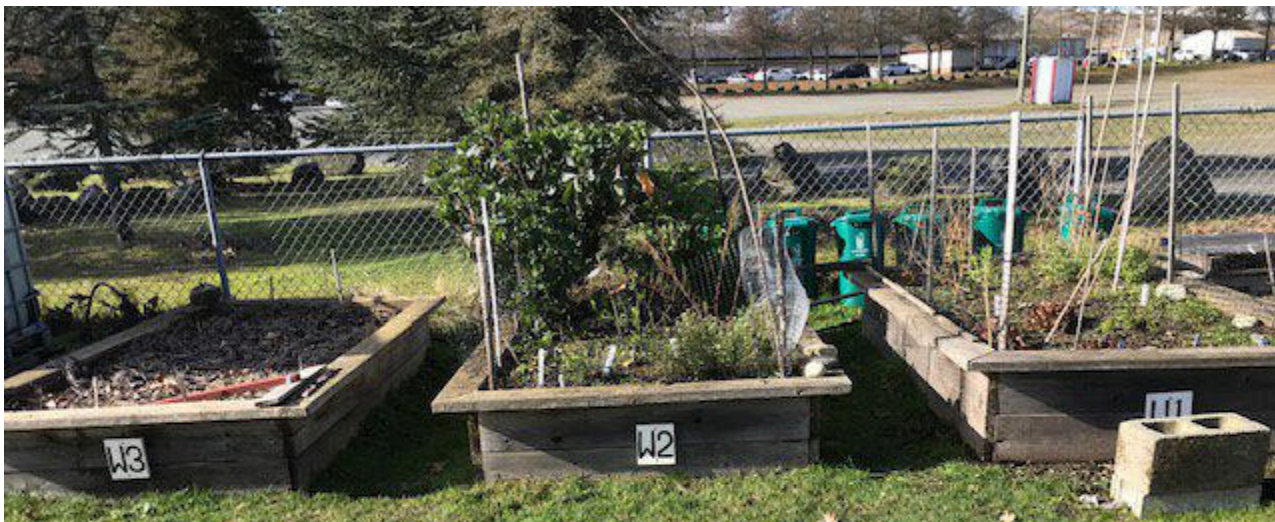


BLG Newsletter for Week of February 15, 2026

Thank You – to Cinnabar Valley Farms for donating and delivering a load of bags of potting soil and peat



-to Claire, Joan B., and Penny for making and installing all the new, freshly-painted box numbers around BLG:



West boxes, near toolshed



East boxes near Berry Lane



North boxes



Pollinator boxes

...as well as South boxes and compost boxes!

Beban Pk. 50th Birthday Celebration – Thank you to volunteers who have signed up for this Monday, Feb. 16, when BLG will welcome everyone who comes to help celebrate Beban Park's 50th birthday. BLG will be open from 10:30 to 1pm but there will be some volunteers coming around 9:30 or 10am to set things up. If you have not signed up yet, feel free to drop by and give us a hand or just join in the fun.

This Wednesday's Lunch and Talk – After the regular 10 to noon workparty this week, everyone is welcome to stay and enjoy a lunch of soup, buns, and coleslaw (provided by a few) and accompanied by a talk on Mason Bees by Rose McCully and volunteer Jay Stewart. Please bring along a bowl or two and a spoon for yourself.

Seedy Sunday – March 1!!!

This is the first big community gathering of gardeners in the new year. The NDSS gym, where Nanaimo's is usually held, is humming with gardening enthusiasts. For BLG, it means letting the public know what we are all about and putting out our first seedlings for people to buy. It is about helping them find what they want and answering their questions about where, when, and how to plant what they buy. We also let them know we'll be selling lots more right from our Beban garden in the months to come. If you are new to BLG, you might want to lend a hand at our table for a while and then browse around and see what else there is to see. We try to make sure there are one or two experienced volunteers on hand at all times but we like to see newer volunteers helping out, as well.

Sign-Up – You are welcome to let Pat or Lisa know by email which shift you would like to do, or sign up yourself at the Wednesday workparty. Here is the sign-up so far:

Seedy Sunday March 1, 2026 at NDSS (355 Wakesiah Ave.)				
(Sale plants, information brochures, posters, banner, cash float, and TAP device will have been organized the day before.) Tables (2) are provided. Event is held from 10 to 3. There are many workshops as well!				
9 -10:30 Transport from GH by truck and van, set-up, begin sales at 10				
Volunteers:				
1	2	3	4	
1 Dorothee				
10:15 - 12 Sales				
Volunteers:				
1	2	3	4	
1 Becky				
12 - 1:45 Sales				
Volunteers:				
1	2	3	4	
1:45 - 3:45 Sales, take-down, load for transport back to BLG. Help unload and put away.				
Volunteers:				
1	2	3	4	

Dates to Remember -

Mon., Feb. 16 – Beban Park’s 50th Birthday celebration (10:30 to 1pm for BLG ‘ers)

Wed., Feb. 18 – 12 - 1pm Soup and Slaw in the greenhouse and a Mason bee talk/demo with Rose McCully and Jay

Fri., Feb. 20 - 12:30 to 3pm – drop-in seed-stuffing at north-end library

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

Sun., March 1 – 10 to 3: Seedy Sunday in Nanaimo (We will be there doing our first plant sale of season!)

Sun., March 8 – Daylight Savings time begins

Mon., March 9 – Monday workparties start up again from 4pm to 6pm

Sat., March 14 – Saturday workparties start up again from 10 to noon

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