

BLG Newsletter for Week of April 20, 2026

Thank You – to the City for upgrading the pathway to our entry gate, making it much more wheelchair/walker-friendly



Enough, For Now – Thanks for bringing small lidded containers and glass jars. We have plenty to last us for a while now.

AGM & Potluck Last Week – In a brief meeting before the customarily delicious potluck, the NCGS budget for 2026 was presented and accepted, I was given a kind farewell after serving on the board for some years, and BLG volunteer Sandra consented to joining the board. ‘Way to go, Sandra.

Sales Posters Need Posting – We need volunteers to take a few posters each and post them around town to advertise our plant sales. They will be on the clubhouse table this week.

NBIS Visit – Thanks to Lisa, Claire, and Joan B. for preparing and hosting a group from Nanaimo Brain Injury Society. And a special thank you to Helga for baking some of her excellent oatcakes for this visit. Photos may follow soon.

Earth Day Potluck Lunch – Our regular monthly potluck lunch just happens to fall on Earth Day this year. So, in honour of the earth, let’s make it meat-free. Bring a sweet or savoury dish to share, if possible, as well as your own plate and fork, etc. The weather that day will determine whether we assemble in the GH or in the gazebo.

Two-Sided Labels – As I was wandering around the garden a few days ago, I happened to notice something very useful...Some of the plants in the pollinator garden have printing on both sides. One side gives us the botanical name while the other side gives us the common name. What a good idea! Thanks to Shelagh for making these.



Watering Duties – Thank you to those who have signed up so far. We need more quite soon, please.

SALES PLANT WATERING ROSTER FOR 2026:

SESSION #	DATES	SUNDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	Apr. 27 to May 23			Joan B. Apr. 30 Teri May 7 - 21	Diane
2	May 24 to June21			Teri	
3	June 22 to July 12			Teri	
4	July 13 to Aug. 9			Teri	
5	Aug. 10 to Sep. 13			Teri	

Watering Spares: Diane _____

A copy of this roster will be on the clubhouse table for you to fill in or you can email Pat and let her know which session (#1 thru' #5) and which day you can take on.

Plant Sale Roster for Saturday, April 25

Working at one of our BIG plant sales is great fun and lets us see how much our customers appreciate the plants we have worked so hard to grow. Duties may include:

- welcoming customers, showing them around, making sure they know where things are, giving them a beer flat, pointing out the cashiers' table
- helping customers find specific plants
- keeping plant tables organized and stocked
- working at the cash/tablet table (Instruction as needed.)
- helping customers carry plants back to car
- or carrying on with regular Sat. morn. workparty tasks and helping with sale as needed

SHIFT	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
9 – 10:30	Marilyn Karen	Melanie	Joan B.	Teri
10 – 11:30	Kelly Teri	Melanie	Liz	Becky
11 – 12:30	Kelly	Lesley	Monique	
12:30 – 1:30	Joan B.			

There will be a copy of the above on the clubhouse table to fill in OR let Pat or Lisa know by email which time you can do. **This sale is happening this coming Saturday!**

The Grand Shuffle – Lisa needs someone to help for an hour or two after the next 4 Wednesday workparties, starting this week. The job consists of moving all the flats around in the greenhouse to keep it organized. This job has always been done but usually not when most of us are there, so we might not notice. Even if you can volunteer for only a few of those Wednesdays, let Lisa or Pat know.

Dates to Remember -

Sat., Apr. 18, Mon., Apr. 20, Wed., Apr. 22 - Plant Donation pick-ups

Wed., Apr. 22 – 12 - 1:30 - potluck lunch and Earth Day

Sat. Apr. 25 - First BIG plant Sale [Sign-up now available](#)

Thurs., May 7 - 9:30 to 10:30 Pre-school visit, activities [Volunteers needed to assist.](#)

Sat., May 9 - Second BIG plant Sale

Wed., May 13 – 9am to 12pm? - VIU kinesiology class integration into regular workparty

Wed., May 20 – 11am to 12 noon - Re-Opening of New Volunteer Intake with an orientation session; welcome to stay for our regular monthly potluck

Thurs., May 21 - 10:30 to 11am - Wellington Sec. Life Sci class for tour

Sat., May 23 - Third BIG plant Sale

Mon., May 25, Wed., May 27, Sat., May 30 - Plant Donation pick-ups

Sat. Jun. 13 - 1:30 to 3:30 Workshop: “Pest and Disease Prevention in Your Yard & Garden” presented by Connie Kuramoto. [Thank you to Julia who has offered to host this one.](#) For others interested in taking this class, please register through Nanaimo Activity Guide.

Sat., July 18 – plant sale featuring plants appropriate to fall and winter growing...We need a catchy name for this event.