

BLG Newsletter for Week of April 27, 2026

Thank You – to Helga and Judy for “staying late” on Wednesdays for the next few weeks to help Lisa shuffle sales plants

Earth Day Potluck Lunch – Due to the cool and very windy Wednesday morning, our potluck was held in the cozy, warm greenhouse. Among the many interesting dishes we enjoyed was a beet salad made by Loring who was kind enough to send this recipe:

Beet Salad served at April 22nd BLG Potluck:

Roasted beets cubed, goat feta cheese crumbled or cubed, fresh thyme and dried, salt and pepper. Dressing: olive oil, balsamic vinegar, lemon juice, some marmalade.

After tossing beets and cheese in the dressing let it sit for a while, then adjust to suit your taste. The amounts of the ingredients are whatever you think might taste good.

Watering Duties – This week is when Session #1 begins, with Stef on Tuesday, Joan B. on Thursday, and Diane on Friday, and then Sandra next Sunday. It would be a fine thing if, at least, Sundays and Tuesdays of Session #2 could be taken on by others asap. As Lisa points out: If these sales plants die because no one watered the pots in between work parties, that would be depressing! Certainly, the watering of potted plants job in April and May can take an hour. But, in the months after that, this job can take (more like) 15 minutes and becomes a valuable opportunity to observe the garden without others about.

SALES PLANT WATERING ROSTER FOR 2026:

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

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.

Saturday's Plant Sale – Thank you to all the volunteers who donated their hours to helping at the sale...Don't forget to add your hours to the calendar. The weather was ideal and customers were impressed with the health and selection of our transplants.

Lisa says: Thanks to all our collective work in seeding, transplanting, soil-mixing, watering and many other jobs in between, we raised \$2400 with our plant sale Saturday! Thank you all!

Thanks to Becky for these photos:



Roster for Next Plant Sale – Saturday, May 9 -

SHIFT	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
9 – 10:30				
10 – 11:30				
11 – 12:30				
12:30 – 1:30				

Duplicate on Clubhouse table.

Beban Pk. Traffic Advisory

See details attached to Monday Morning Link. In a nutshell, the south entrance/exit of Beban Pk. will be closed for alterations from Apr. 27 to May 27.

Team Responsibilities – We now have plenty of volunteers signed up for caring for Herb Garden and Berry Lane. Lisa says that where we could really use some more volunteers are in the following areas:

Highlighted job vacancies for this coming week.

Community Engagement

Got an eye for design and an interest in community engagement? Photograph work parties, events, crops, garden action, for our media bank. Help make flyers, handouts, design social media content. Lisa, _____, _____, in addition Shelagh (is interested in a fundraiser garden notecard project).

Community Transplant Donations

Last year we donated over \$2500 of transplants to various community gardens and growing projects. The second plant pick up is the last week of May. **Pat needs help with organizing this pick up.** It would be good, but not vital, if you also committed to being involved with this for 2027! We start communicating with groups about this in February and maintain a shared spreadsheet to track who/when/what! Pat, Shelagh (may be in Sweden in May), Lisa and _____

Dates to Remember -

Thurs., May 7 - 9:30 to 10:30 Pre-school visit, activities Dorothee, Becky, Loring, Claire, and Pat will be hosting.

Sat., May 9 - Second BIG Plant Sale (Roster will be out next week.)

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.