

BLG Newsletter for Week of May 11, 2026

Thank You – to Lisa for all the work she does!!!

Plant Sale – By the end of the last Saturday, sales totalled \$4800! A record, I think.

Thanks to all the volunteers and Master Gardeners who were on duty.

And here is the roster for Saturday, May 23, last of the spring sales:

Roster for Next Plant Sale – Saturday, May 23 -

SHIFT	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
9 – 10:30				
10 – 11:30	Christine U.			
11 – 12:30				
12:30 – 1:30				

Duplicate on Clubhouse table.

Wanted - It is looking as if we may be short of tomato plants for our plant donations happening again in a few weeks. If anyone has **excess tomato plants**, including seedlings, of any variety (but preferably not unnamed ones), we would appreciate your donation of them to add to our donations for school gardens, social housing and other recipients!

Pre-School Visit – Fifteen energetic and enthusiastic pre-schoolers arrived at BLG right on time at 9:30 Thursday morning to help us with our gardening. They sowed sunflower seeds, harvested leeks, studied worms (Did you know that worms have 5 hearts?!), and explored the flavours and aromas in our herb garden. Thank you to Claire, Loring, Dorothee, Becky, and Pat for leading the groups.

Kinesiology Class Visit – This class, from VIU, is scheduled to join us at Wednesday's workparty. The plan is for them to arrive at 9am and study the movements/muscle groups required for shoveling composted cow manure...which, incidentally, will have been delivered to a spot outside our truck gate sometime beforehand...thanks to the generosity of Cinnabar Valley Farms.

Around 11am, the class would like to have a brief circle gathering with all of the BLG volunteers so we can meet each other.

Team Responsibilities – The meeting of our **Harvest Team**, planned for last Wednesday, did not happen. But we will try again this Wednesday (May 13) at **10am sharp** in the gazebo. As a reminder to all, the Wednesday harvest team currently signed up is below but others are welcome to join and, therefore, to attend this meeting:

- **Joan H** at 9:30 to do up harvest board with Lisa. **Dorothee** has agreed to come a bit early when Joan H. not available to do this.

- Harvest team: **Monique**, Dorothee, **Andrea**, Joan H., **Melanie**, **Linda** and?

- Harvest Distribution and packing for good food box: Monique and ? I believe someone volunteered to do this when Monique cannot or to trade off with Melanie?

Also, to do with Team Responsibilities, it would be a fine thing to hear from some of the more established "Teams" in this newsletter. For example, the members of Team X could each write a few sentences telling about particular jobs your team does, the good parts, the most difficult parts, a funny part, maybe include a photo or two. Or you could appoint one of the members to be the first "reporter" and then take turns over time. Communication within and among teams is encouraged.

Sales Plant Watering Roster – is now posted on the fridge in the clubhouse. Sundays, Tuesdays, and Fridays for Aug. 10 to Sept. 13 are yet to be filled but all other slots ARE now filled. **YAY!!!**

Dates to Remember -

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.