

BLG Newsletter for Week of May 25, 2026

Plant Sale – Thanks to all those who helped with the plant sale...we had a full roster:)

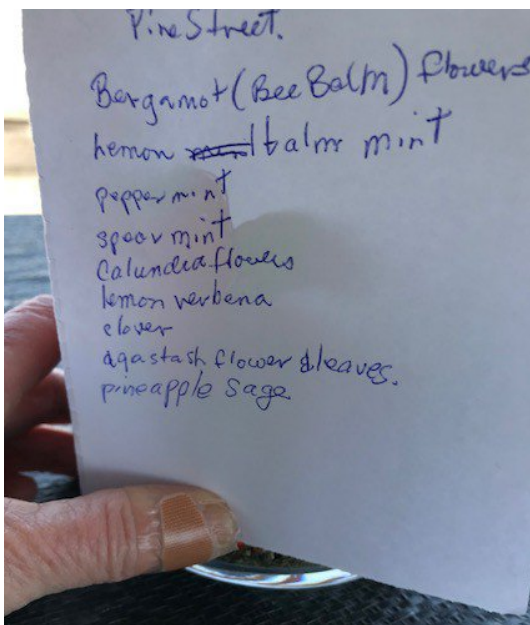
We had, perhaps, a slightly smaller turn-out of customers but that might be because there was such a crowd at the last sale. Regardless, \$1860 worth of plants were sold at this sale. For a comparison, in 2025, the mid-May and end-of-May sales totalled \$5450. This year those same two sales have totalled \$6660.

Potluck Wednesday – Another pleasant gathering, complete with a wide selection of tasty dishes and a few special guests.

Class Tour – a second science class from Wellington Sec. School enjoyed a brief tour of BLG on Thursday morning.

Plant Donations – Over the 3 workparties next week, people will be coming in to pick up the 17 flats of transplants we are donating to them. Eleven of these will go to school gardens, three to seniors' facilities, and three to other agencies who are promoting gardening as a healthy past-time.

Team Responsibilities – Marilyn is a member of the "Herb Team". For several years now, she has taken it upon herself to collect and dry herbs (mostly from BLG) and make a tea blend to share with all of us. This she did again on Wednesday, providing little ziplock bags to put it in and making a refreshing pot for us to sample with our lunch. Thanks, Marilyn. Here is a list of the ingredients she used:



As well as spending a lot of time caring for our fruit trees, Helga is on the “Clean & Tidy” team with 3 or 4 other volunteers. Her particular responsibility is the toolshed. Here is what she wrote:

Hi everyone, Les and I are responsible for keeping the toolshed tidy, although sometimes it looks like a disaster zone. A thank you to everyone who makes an effort to keep the tools organized.

Suggestions on how you can help: Shovels are hung or stood with other shovels, edgers are hung with edgers, garden rakes are hung together, and so on. Before putting any tools back, use the whisk brush hanging on the wall on the right side of door. Also clean out wheelbarrows with whisk brush.

Right now the workbench is a disaster zone because it seems to be a catch all place for everything. Les needs a clear space on that bench to sharpen all our tools and for constructing the many things he makes for our garden. If you don't know where to put something, please ask. Perhaps it doesn't even belong in the shed!

Happy gardening, Helga

Also on that team is me, Pat. I try to keep the gazebo tidy. Sometimes I find it too much and I need to remember that, as with any team, I can write up a jobslip for something that needs doing there, or at least enlist the help of other volunteers. On Wednesday I spoke to Joan H. who was already busy with harvesting, and somehow she saw to it that some tables got moved and she swept the floor there. Thanks, Joan.

Did You Know...? -



...that blue ribbon wrapped around a plant means that we are saving the seeds so this plant needs to stay planted while the seeds mature.



...that these pretty little pink flowers and the accompanying pods belong to the radish plant. At the potluck we discovered from Lisa that the pods make a crisp and tasty addition to salad. We also realized that the **E** in the photo, which identifies one of the “in-ground” beds, can get confused with the 10 little planterboxes on the **E**ast side of the garden, parallel to Berry Lane, when it comes to reading job slips.

Dates to Remember -

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

Mon., June 1 - 4 to 6 pm workparty will take place at Park Ave. Farm

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 4 – teens from Quest/LIT programs will start attending Saturday workparties and continue throughout the summer

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