

BLG Newsletter for Week of May 4, 2026

Thank You – from **Nanaimo Brain Injury Society** for their visit to BLG



Roster for Next Plant Sale – Saturday, May 9

SHIFT	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
9 – 10:30	Dorothee	Pom	Teri (will put sales signs out in park)	
10 – 11:30	Becky Liz	Pom	Kelly	Christine U
11 – 12:30	Becky	Monique	Kelly	
12:30 – 1:30	Joan B. (will collect sales signs)			

Duplicate on Clubhouse table.

[Watering Duties](#) – It is great to see the roster gradually filling up.

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	Carla	Pom	Teri	Judy
3	June 22 to July 12	Becky	Shelagh	Teri	Joan B.
4	July 13 to Aug. 9	Becky	Shelagh	Teri	
5	Aug. 10 to Sep. 13			Teri	

Spares: Diane Loring Shelagh (for Session #5)

If you discover you will not be able to make it on your watering day, please make arrangements during a workparty, or let Pat know and she will put you in touch with the 3 spares (above). Besides asking a “spare”, it sometimes works to swap times with another waterer. If it is a last minute thing, please phone Pat at 250-739-1857.

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.

Other Watering News – Judy, Bill, and Lisa have recently installed and turned on the drip-tube timers for the season. On these, the timers can be adjusted to meet the changing weather conditions.

The City has activated our pop-up sprinklers which help water the Native Plant Hedgerow, Berry Lane and the south side, that is, fruit trees and the in-ground beds.

Harvest Team Meeting at This Wednesday’s Workparty – Lisa would like to meet in the gazebo at 11:30 with everyone signed up for any job to do with Harvesting. There is a chance that Joan H., still healing from broken wrist, may be able to drop by then, as well. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss What? Who? When? What worked last year? What could/should change? Upgrades to our harvesting system?

Orientations for New Gleaners - Lisa reports that:

I just looked at our website and the first of the orientations for new gleaners is coming up. ... NCGS \$25 membership also covers participation in the gleaning program. But you do have to fill in the membership form a second time, and attend an orientation! Link for more info:

<https://nanaimocommunitygardens.ca/2795-2/>

Team Responsibilities – Empty slots are still getting filled and list will be published asap. If you are part of a team already, we encourage you to make contact with other members of your team and discuss what needs doing. Also, reports from teams may soon be published here.

Thanks to Christine U. who has agreed to be a “checker” on our Newsletter Team. And to Sandra who has taken on responsibility for delivering transplants to Pine St. Garden.

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

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.