

BLG Newsletter for Week of July 13, 2026

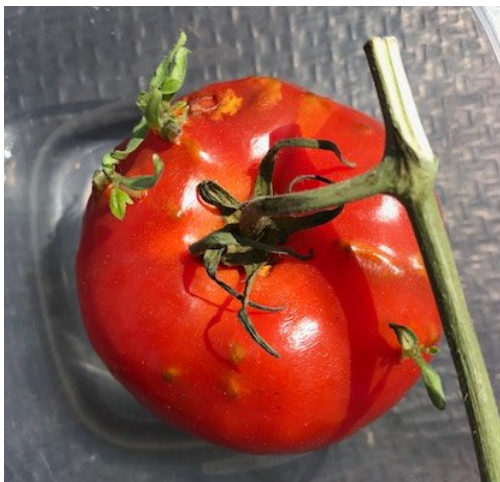
Thank You - to Session #3 waterers Becky, Shelagh, Teri, and Joan B. who finished yesterday, July 12. Session #4 begins tomorrow, Tuesday, with 3 of the same volunteers: Becky, Shelagh, and Teri. Christine G. will be watering on Fridays. Session #4 ends on Aug. 9. **We need a few more waterers for Session #5 from Aug. 10 to Sep. 13...Sundays, Tuesdays, and Fridays are open.**

- and to Dorothy King for donating several large potted figs to sell (proceeds going to BLG) and a gooseberry bush to plant at BLG... and to Les and Pat for transporting them to BLG



Plants loaded up and Dorothy waving goodbye to them!

Weird Tomato – Audrey recently discovered several of her store-bought tomatoes were so “un-fresh” the seeds inside had sprouted and were starting new plants:



Aren't you glad we are now edging into fresh-from-the-garden tomato season!!!

Art from Your Garden – Starting today volunteers are invited to bring their own garden art to be put on display on July 18 (and then taken home again.) We had an amazing, eye-catching array of “objects” last year. Anything goes, from elegant to kitschy, home-made to store-bought, funny to thought-provoking. Examples would include windchimes, wall decor, etc. Please label with your name.

Harvesting, Storing, and Using Garden Bounty

Sandra writes: “We are assembling a binder of recipes to display at our July 18 event during the talk on Harvesting, Storing and Using Garden Bounty. If you have a favourite recipe using herbs or veggies from BLG, or a tip on preserving or storing them, please email it to Sandra and Shelagh at:

slseres@gmail.com and gmwc@telus.net

July 18 Event Volunteers Needed – on the day for these jobs:

- “Worm Station” – **Julia and Albert to assist Claire**
- Gazebo Talks - Timekeeper Make ahead and Hold up cards with 10 minutes, 5 minutes left. And Wrap it UP! Or: Time for Question session! **Christine U.**
- Set up Chairs in gazebo _____
- “Herb Exploration Station” - **Melanie and Herb Team**
- “Art From the Garden” **Stef, Beth, Ranj, Loring, Dorothy** (set-up only)
- “Winter Covers Station”- _____ to assist **Sandra and Beth W.**
- Welcoming & door prize tickets - _____, _____, _____, **LIT/Quest kids**
- Cash/Entrance station – **Kelly at square/cash desk (10 to 12:30), 12-1 Mike**
- Plant sale setup (and re-stock) - 8:30-10:30 **Lisa, Joan B., Randi**
- Help customers at plant sale, carry cash fanny pack and make change, do check outs (and help with other events as needed)

Chris S. - 10-1. **Lisa** 9:30-1:30

- 9:30 to 11 - _____, _____ - 10:30 to 12 - **Stef, Heather** - 11:30 to 1:30 - **Pat**, _____
- refreshment station – **Becky, Judy**, _____
- setting up/taking down pop-up tents and chairs - **Mike**, **LIT/Quest kids**
- Event Photography - **Ranj**
- First Aid (on call) – **Claire, Becky**

- MC(s) – make various announcements on megaphone _____, _____

Floaters - Ready to be assigned to whatever jobs need doing! -

- Teri, Christine U., Stef (before 10:30)

July 18 Event Volunteers Needed Beforehand jobs:

- Stock floats in fanny packs+ station, charge square + tablet. Lisa
- Make one or two big map posters? And 2 or 3? talk schedule posters in various parts of garden? Joan B? Pat , _____
- Plan art display where? What needed? And set up Art From The Garden display. Steph, Ranj, (Beth W?), (Loring?) _____
- Source/Construct/Bring and set up a variety of winter covers on North Boxes _____, _____ Lisa, Sandra (plus earlier work parties).
- Signage for winter covers. Sandra, Beth W. and Randi? maybe (I think - will have to double check master in clubhouse _____, _____, if you give Joan B. some text she might do some? There is a generic winter covers sign from last year.
- Organize plant sales flats, signs ahead of sale Lisa, Joan B. ____ Randi
- pick up beer flats Becky, Diane C.
- Curate/Compile a board with best ideas for using your harvest all year with maybe some recipes Sandra, Shelagh, _____
- Door prizes - Dorothee
- Arrange Door prize slips and draw box Shelagh
- compile a list of cold Weather Plant Descriptions- Pat
- bake good-sized cookies - bring ingredient list! (Bring wrapped in 2s and sold 2/ \$1) Georgina, Judy, Claire, Steph, Ranj, Becky
- Check in w Master Garden Clinic folks tent etc _____
- book megaphone at Long and Mcquade, pick up, return - Pat
- make herbal teas (ahead? and freeze?)- Becky (agastache), Pat, _____
- Herb Experience - Lavender Sachets, sew sachets to fill (done in 2025), dry Lavender (have from 2025)
- Dry herbs ahead for herb tea station Shelagh, Marilyn, Lisa, Dorothy, Judy? _____

- Pick herbs for make your own herb bundles _____, _____
- Book and pick up (25) chairs, cold drink dispenser **Stef/Ranj** (Triple T cold drink dispenser already taken - Lisa can bring a second drink dispenser)
- Distribute Posters/flyers. **Stef, Ranj**
- Inquire about Take 5 mag free ad? **Melanie**
- Pick up coop tent (probably not?) or might be Growing Opportunities tent on loan **Lee** coordinating with Connie **Mike or Dorothee**
- Media - **Dorothee** CBC NBNW and Nanaimo Bulletin; **Lisa** Coffee News, instagram and facebook; **Lee** NCGS website,
- **Dorothee** contact Skye Ryan, CHEK News sryan@cheknews.ca

Sharing with the Wasps – A bunch of wasps has chosen to make their nest underground in our pollinator garden. There is a warning sign as well as yellow ribbons and barricades around their area. So far, we have decided not to bother them and they have not bothered us.



Dates to Remember -

Sat., July 18 – 10am - 1pm “Grow All-Season Veggie Fest” event featuring plants appropriate to fall and winter growing. **Thanks to volunteers who have signed up to help with this event...is your name on the list?**

Wed., July 22 - 12pm to 1:30pm – potluck lunch

