

BLG Newsletter for Week of June 29, 2026

Thank You - to at least 6 volunteers who came in last Wednesday to water, weed, and pick berries even though workparty had been cancelled.

- to Audrey, volunteer and retired nurse, who arrived in perfect time to patch up one of our Quest volunteers whose finger got mixed up with a pair of pruners
- and to those who remember to label things when they seed or transplant :)

Planting & Harvesting Guides – Just a reminder that if you choose a job from the job-board that requires transplanting or harvesting there just might be a planting or harvesting guide available with further instructions. These “guides” can usually be found in the accordion file on the floor below the job-board. A few of the harvest guide cards can be found in the blue “tackle box” in the gazebo with other harvest equipment.

Lost & Found – The harvest cards have been found. Yay!

The light gray post-pounder is still missing...last seen near raincube in GH. It is about 3ft long, heavy, metal, and was on loan from Lisa for use at BLG.



Post-pounder



Found several weeks ago but still not claimed. They are on clubhouse table.

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

- “Worm Station” – **Julia and Albert to assist Claire**
- Gazebo Talks - need timekeeper. Make ahead and Hold up cards with 10 minutes, 5 minutes left. And Wrap it UP! Or: Time for Question session! **Christine U.**
- “Herb Exploration Station” - **Melanie and Herb Team**
- “Winter Covers Station”- _____ to assist **Sandra and Beth W.**

- “Art From the Garden” _
- 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.
- Helping 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) – announce upcoming events and door prize winners 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. _____
- Make one or two big map posters? And 2 or 3? talk schedule posters in various parts of garden? _____, _____
- Plan art display where? What needed? And set up. 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. _____, _____, if you give Joan B. some text she might do some?
- Organize plant sales flats, signs ahead of sale Lisa, Joan B. _____
- 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), Judy (lemonbalm) , Pat, _____
- Dry herbs ahead for herb station Shelagh, Marilyn, Lisa, Dorothy, _____
- Book and pick up (25) chairs, cold drink dispenser Stef/Ranj (triple T cold drink dispenser already taken - Lisa can bring one.
- Distribute Posters/flyers. Stef, Ranj, Melanie
- Inquire about Take 5 mag free ad? Melanie
- Check if Lee booked coop tent and how many? Lisa
- Pick up coop tent (maybe) 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

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