

BLG Newsletter for Week of Aug. 17, 2026

Thank You - to those who are bringing used plastic bags for bagging up their own produce and the produce we give to the Good Food Box program...Yes, this saves us having to spend money buying new ones but, even more importantly, RE-USING is one of the 3 Rs of Recycling which we like to promote.

Painting Clubhouse – Before our new peach tree has a chance to grow, it would be a good idea to put another coat of paint on that south wall. We have the paint and we have a brush, all we need now is someone willing to do the job, which means wearing old clothes and getting up on a ladder. The paint, by the way, is water soluble.

Pest Management – For the next while, in order to discourage spider mites in the greenhouse, waterers will be hosing down the floor and sand-tables every so often. Apparently they do not like the increased humidity and will hopefully leave our sweet potatoes and eggplants alone.

Harvest News –

The plumpest bunches of **Interlaken grapes** are almost ready to harvest. Leaving them a little longer will probably improve their sweetness.

Tomato Tasting Day – This Wednesday around 11:45 labelled samples of the riper tomatoes that BLG is growing will be available to try. Which will we grow again next year? Which might you like to grow at home next year?

Lisa says, “Tomato tasting this Wednesday will be primarily Cherry Tomatoes as this is what we have ripe now! I will also bring 3 cherry varieties from Park Ave. - *Prairie Fire*, and *Cinnamon Girl & Nightingale* - last 2 part being of the Citizen Seed Trial this year in which Foodshare is participating.”

Potluck Lunch – For anyone new to our potluck lunches...We generally have one around the third Wednesday of the month, after the workparty (so from 12:15ish to 1:30 or later) at least from March to November. Volunteers who generally attend Monday or Saturday workparties are welcome to come. Volunteers bring a sweet or savoury, hot or cold dish and also their own plate and fork, etc. It is the social highlight of the month and always enjoyable.

August's potluck is happening this Wednesday, Aug. 19.

Salt Spring Apple Fest – is being held this year on Sunday, Sept. 27. In 2025 they had 556 varieties of apples on display at Fulford Hall! As well, there were other venues to check out. Lisa is thinking that perhaps we could plan a carpool trip there. With that in mind, there will be an "Anyone interested?" sign-up sheet in clubhouse.

Dates to Remember –

Monday, Aug. 17 – Monday Workparty (4 - 6pm) to be held at "The Farm" – Rows 22 & 23 at Craig Evans Community Garden - 945 Park Avenue

Wednesday, August 19 – **Tomato Tasting** (11:45) and potluck lunch (12:15)

Monday, Sept. 7 – Labour Day – Monday workparty will be cancelled

Sunday, Sept. 27 – Salt Spring Apple Fest - possible BLG "field-trip" to this event