BLG Newsletter for Week of Sep. 14, 2026

Thank You – to Herb at the BUGS garden who has loaned us two of their live-traps...at the moment they don't have any of the varmints on their side.

- to Becky who brought her spray and squirted several wasp nests last Wednesday
- to Les who picked up some cement blocks in his van and with some help from others managed to raise the GH raincube to make it much more accessible and increase the water pressure

Potluck This Wednesday – Rain or shine. Bring a dish to share as well as your own plate and utensils. Always a fun time! Also, Lisa says, "We will have some concord grape juice to share, produced with the steam juicer at BLG (this item available in the clubhouse to borrow)."

Workshop Hosts – We are looking for a volunteer (or 2) to facilitate the October 18, 1-3 pm Fall Propagation workshop with Connie Kuramoto we run through activity guide. This would allow you to attend workshop free. Let Lisa or Pat know if you are interested.

Rabbit Report – A lot of volunteer time has been spent in the last 2 weeks checking, releasing, and re-baiting trap, filling tunnels and laying more and more rocks outside the south fence, reinforcing chicken wire enclosures in garden, and discussing tactics!

VIExhibition in Beban Park – will take place from Fri., Sept. 25 to Sun. Sept. 27. Please be aware that equipment for the rides, etc. will start to arrive in "our" parking lot as early as Monday September 21. If the parking lot is getting full/busy consider parking by the Centennial Building!

Juicing Plans – As in the last few years, we hope to make use of the abundant supply of apples, first from Dorothee's fruit trees, but also possibly from the gleaning program, to make juice to share among the volunteers. To this end, some of the Monday work crew will go with the community gardens' truck to Dorothee's to pick up apples and some of the pressing equipment on Mon., Sept. 21. The crew can discuss this at the Monday, Sept. 14 work party.

The actual Apple Pressing will happen at the regular BLG Wednesday work party on September 23, 10 am - 2pm... But may continue on Thursday or even Friday. But NOT on Saturday due to potential access issues during the VIEx. If you wish to take home a sample of the juice, start hunting up a likely container to bring that day. It could be around 1 litre-size, plastic or glass, and should have a screw cap; it is a good idea to bring several of these as no doubt some will forget. It is also a good idea if you bring your own paring knife (labelled with your name) to use in preparing apples for juicing.

Applefest Trip – So far, according to the sign-up, we have 2 drivers (Joan H. & Pat) and 5 passengers – Shelagh, Helga, Randi, Kelly, & Julia. There is room for one more passenger before we would need a third driver...Soo, it is not too late to sign up. Just drop me a line and I will add you to the list.

As far as expenses go, after doing some math, it looks like about:

- Return ferry + $93 /4 = $23.50
- Gas (hybrid) = around $24/4 = $6.00
- Admission = $10
- Lunch = variable
- Possible total = approx. $40 + lunch

Times – leave Beban in time to catch 8:55am departure from Crofton

– catch ferry back from Vesuvius at 5:30 or 6:45

Seed Cleaning Trailer Visit – is tentatively set for Mon., Oct. 5, from 11 to 2:30. As a result the Monday work party will meet in this time slot. Monday crew members would, of course, also be welcome to come near the end and stay on to do BLG garden tasks at your leisure. And, of course, ANY volunteers are welcome to come and see what this is all about.

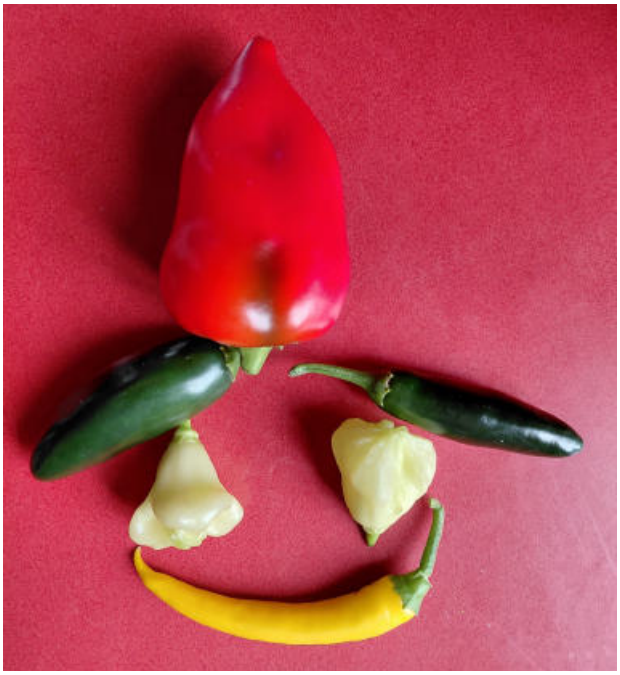
It's Beginning to Look a lot like Nature - Thanks to Rick H. for an article from YellowPoint Ecological Society advertising a slideshow in Ladysmith on Sept. 17 on the subject of Garry Oak meadow restoration. This will be an attachment with the Monday Morning Link for Sept. 14.

Workshops at Evanmoor Acres – Bianca, who has brought seniors' groups to visit BLG in the past, is organizing three workshops at Evanmoor Acres for seniors in the community but also anyone interested in this new accessible space and intergenerational Horticultural programs. We are all invited to check out the site and take part in the following workshops at the farm. There will be a poster attached to the Monday Morning Link this week, or next!

- Sept 23- Native plant seed saving and processing with biologist Elodie
- Oct 7- Fall Harvest Creative Project with textile artist Becky
- Oct 14- Fall transplanting and winter seed sowing

These are Wednesdays from 1:30-2:30 (time to be confirmed- but around that)

Harvest News – Thanks to Dorothee for this pepper photo:



Thanks to Joan H. for these:





Dates to Remember –

Wednesday, September 16 – next potluck lunch

Wed., Sept. 23 – Apple Pressing Day

Fri., Sept. 25 to Sun., Sept. 27 – Vancouver Is. Exhibition in Beban Park

Sunday, Sept. 27 – Salt Spring Apple Fest – **Sign-up for this possible BLG "field-trip" is on clubhouse table or email Pat and Lisa, if interested. There is room on sign-up to indicate whether you would prefer to be a driver or a passenger, and if "Driver", it would be helpful to indicate how many passengers you could take. Fare and gas for car would be shared among passengers.** Here is a link telling about this event: http://saltspringapplefestival.org/

Sunday, Sept. 27 - "Fall into Gardening" workshop (See Aug. 31 Monday Link for further info.)

Mon., Oct. 5 – Seed-Cleaning Trailer, tentatively...more info next week.

Thurs., Oct. 8 – VIEX Grounds will have no power from 8am to 4pm (Overhead transformers will undergo testing.)

Sun., Oct. 18 - 1 to 3pm – Fall Propagation" workshop with Connie Kuramoto, at BLG... A volunteer host/facilitator is required