BLG Newsletter for Week of Sept. 28, 2026

Thank You – to Dorothee and Robert for sharing their bountiful harvest of apples for juicing, as well as the crushing and pressing equipment which were built by Robert.

-and to Pete for building us a frame for our own apple press! And for testing it out under fire on Wednesday. He says he is taking it home for a few improvements.

Workshop Hosts – One more host is needed for the workshop which will take place on Sunday, Oct. 18, from 12:30 to 3:30. (This includes prep and pack-up times.) Thanks to Christine U. for offering to host the Oct. 25 workshop.

Seed-Cleaning Trailer Visits BLG - Lisa reminds us that we are again hosting the seed-cleaning trailer in Nanaimo this year. It will be at BLG next Monday, Oct. 5, from 11-2:30. This event will replace the Monday evening work party for that day! Please drop in to help us thresh/winnow/screen/clean the seeds we've collected over the summer. There will be a seed talk. (I'll have updated poster with the time for talk by Wednesday!)



Apple-juicing Day – went off very well. Although it was a bit chilly part of the time, the rain held off. Thanks to all who showed up to help. It was a long day but it all got done. There is still some juice on offer in the fridge. I think there are still a few knives brought from home that need to be claimed...on clubhouse table.











Update on the Native Plant Hedgerow – which, for those of you who don't know, is behind the compost boxes, along the north fence. Christine U. has been busy with this project and reports: Fall is a great time to plant trees, shrubs and perennials in the Pacific Northwest! Over the last few weeks the following species have been added to the native hedgerow: Blue Wild Rye, Douglas Aster, Field Chickweed, Gumweed, Orange Honeysuckle, Roemer's Fescue, Self-Heal, Sticky Cinquefoil, Thimbleberry, and Western White Clematis.

Saturday Workparty at the Farm – Lisa and four volunteers enjoyed a sunny Saturday morning down at the farm on Park Ave. Time was spent pulling the rest of the drying beans and the rampant Aunt Mollys, admiring the pumpkin patch, as well as clipping the "ripest" sunflower branches and weaving them into the fence for birds to snack on.

Dates to Remember –

Sun., Oct. 4 - 1 - 3pm – "Planning next Year's Garden on a Budget" is at Pine st., not BLG as I thought!

Mon., Oct. 5 – from 11 to 2:30 at BLG – Seed-Cleaning Trailer

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Wed.,Oct 7- 1:30 - 2:30 at Evanmoor Acres. Fall Harvest Creative Project with textile artist Becky Free, but RSVP please! bianca.vanderstoel@nanaimoacl.org

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

Mon., October 12 – Thanksgiving

Wed., Oct. 14 - 1:30 - 2:30 at Evanmoor Acres. Fall transplanting and winter seed sowing. Free, but RSVP please! bianca.vanderstoel@nanaimoacl.org

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

Wed.,Oct. 21 – potluck lunch at BLG

Sun., Oct. 25 - 1 to 3pm - "Winter Sowing" with Connie Kuramoto at BLG ... Thanks to Christine U. who has volunteered to host this workshop.