BLG Newsletter for Week of Nov. 16 , 2026

Thank You – to Claire and Ron for thinking to check BLG while they were in the area last Monday and noticing a crowbar on our sidewalk

- to Shelagh both for dropping off Walking Onions on Wednesday and for noticing the toolshed lock hasp was cut (Yes, the new one!)

Security Issues – Claire and Ron, when doing their security check, noticed our long crowbar on the sidewalk by the clubhouse as well as a burned water-bottle. Lisa, went to check later that day and noticed that the brand-new hasp on the toolshed had been sawn through. At Saturday's workparty, Lisa double-checked a few things and realized that the heavy old rusted-out wheelbarrow appears to be missing. Every cloud has its silver lining.

In the next while, we plan to have an "item-marking spree"...in other words, we are going to go around with sharpie markers, marking at least the most movable/pawnable items with

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Winter Sowing – From 10:30 to 11:30 during the workparty on Wed., Nov. 18, Chris U. and Becky will be presenting a shorter version of the "Winter Sowing" workshop that Connie gave last month. Christine says: you will be creating a little mini-greenhouse to get a head start on sowing seeds for next spring. Like us starting things in the greenhouse and then selling the seedlings to people to plant in their yards, but on a much smaller scale. If you want more info than that prior to Wednesday, check out the link: https://savvygardening.com/winter-sowing/

Everyone is welcome to attend. (Those who wish to do regular tasks are welcome to do so.)

Haven House – One of our volunteers, Pom, works at Haven House (a domestic violence shelter) and mentioned to us that they can always use towels, bedsheets, and pots and pans. If you have any items such as these that you are no longer using, you are welcome to drop them off there or, until the end of November, at BLG for Pom to pick up.

Potluck Lunch Wed., Nov. 18 – At 11:30 this Wed., once the Winter Sowing workshop is done, we will tidy up the centre area of the greenhouse and enjoy the last BLG potluck lunch of this year. Everyone welcome! Bring a dish to share and your own serving utensil, plate and cutlery.

Potluck Supper Tues., Nov. 24 – As we are all BLG volunteers, we also belong to the Nanaimo Community Gardens Society, duly registered with a constitution and a board. NCGS usually holds two potluck gatherings each year, one going with the annual general meeting early in the spring and the other just for socializing in the fall. The potluck on Tues., Nov. 24 is for

socializing but will "include a very short General Meeting where the only items on the agenda are approving the 2027 Budget and reviewing any financial motions put forward by the board."

It is held at the hall of the Unitarian Church at 595 Townsite Rd. on Tuesday, Nov. 24, from 6 to 8pm. Please bring a main course, appie, or dessert dish to share; dishes and cutlery are provided. Everyone welcome, including partners.

Harvest News – For the last 6 weeks or so, one very useful thing we have been "harvesting" is dried leaves from under the plentiful trees in Beban Park. Here are Pom and Sunny, just packing up from a long session of grinding up bags of these dried leaves, ready for John to layer into the compost bins:



Dates to Remember

Wed., Nov. 18 - last potluck lunch of the year...in the greenhouse

Tues., Nov. 24 - 6 to 8pm NCGS Fall Potluck Supper - Unitarian Hall at 595 Townsite Rd.