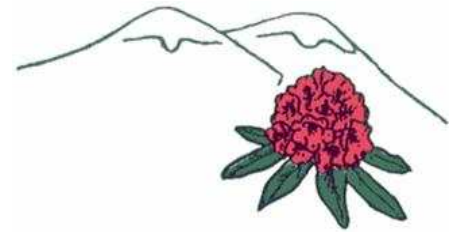


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Important Dates

Garden Tour

May 10th & 11th 2003

Truss Show

April 18, 2003

President's Letter

Well another year has quickly passed and we see ourselves entering the year 2003. We have had many blessings this year but also some sadness as well - "the circle of life".

The Christmas dinner was a huge success. Ann Robertson did a fantastic job and everyone had a great deal of fun and fellowship. Thank you to everyone who donated such a fabulous selection of gifts, and to those who bid so eagerly with gusto and enthusiasm, not to mention the competition. Knowing that the dollars raised were to go to helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves, was I'm sure, a big factor in the raising of \$800 in total, which was equally shared between the S.O.S. Christmas Gift Program and the Salvation Army Christmas Food Program. Ann kept the program going smoothly throughout the evening with a Silent Auction (some would say a not so silent auction), and then the ever jolly and humorous Santa (Glen) and his oh so merry and vivacious elves (Bonnie and Judy) entertained us with energy and enthusiasm.

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Meetings

Second Wednesday of the Month
7:30 PM
Qualicum Beach Civic Centre

Next Meeting

January 8th, 2003

Speaker:

**Jamie Wallace of Carey's
Garden Design Ltd. Lantzville**

Jamie has worked in England at the Royal Gardens in Windsor Great Park, was involved in the renovation of False Creek in Vancouver and is the winner of the 2002 Grand Award of Excellence for single family residential landscaping of homes over \$120,000

Subject:

What Makes a Good Garden

February Meeting

February 12, 2003

**Speaker: Clint Smith Jr. of
Seattle**

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The table centre pieces were wonderfully created by Terry Poirier and were auctioned off at the end of the evening to add to the coffers. The help of Skip Cockburn and Tony Ansdell to Ann was much appreciated. Thank you all - a wonderful evening - well done!

During the evening we were able to announce that Jens Van Draby has volunteered to chair the MARS 2003 Garden Tour Committee. Thank you, Jens.

To each and every one of you, Bill and I wish a very Happy and Healthy New Year, with much joy and peace for you and those you love and cherish.

Sincerely,

Kay.

The MARS Christmas Party



Ho! Ho! Ho!



The Presidents Table



Santa At Work



Santa and his Helpers