

May 27, 2026

7:02 p.m.

Board Officers present: Martin, Donna, Bill, Meretta  
Approximately 40 members in attendance

At the April Elections of the executive, the following members were elected:

President: Martin Stanley  
Vice President: Donna Baltimore  
Treasurer: Bill Boila  
Secretary: Meretta Pater

Treasurer's Report: As of the end of May the account balance was \$4379.15 (Bill is owed money and will be reimbursed accordingly. Kathy will also be submitting receipts relating to the garden tour). We currently have 102 members.

Martin's Plants of the Meeting: Baptisia australis (False Indigo), Cattails, Golden Rain (Koeleria paniculata) and the book, A World of Sweet Peas.

Deborah: Introduction of Michael Hynes, Retired Professor of Microbiology from the University of Calgary. A very informative presentation of microbes that help plants grow. Thank you!

Please consider showing your own garden (or asking a neighbour to show theirs) for just the garden club during July/August (not the official tour – just garden club members) so that we may enjoy your efforts and also get ideas. Your garden needn't be large or perfect. Even just a 10 minute visit is lovely enough. We have 8 gardens signed up so far. Contact Donna to sign up [dbalti1960@outlook.com](mailto:dbalti1960@outlook.com)

Reminder: Please take photos of your own garden throughout the growing season to add to the power point presentation that is happening in the fall.

What kinds of workshops are you interested in participating in? Do you have a skill you can share? Do you know of someone else who does and would share? A sign up sheet was distributed. If you have ideas, please forward them to Martin and he will get them on the list... [frogarbour@proton.me](mailto:frogarbour@proton.me)

A garden member attended the Poison Hemlock workshop on May 9<sup>th</sup> and found it very informative. Please be on the look out for this harmful invasive species, as well as any other harmful species (e.g. cheatgrass – downy brome - located by the arena). If you need help removing poison hemlock from your garden, there is a monetary fee provided as well as equipment. Please contact <https://www.ckiss.ca/programs/poison-hemlock-patrol-cash-for-conservation?fbclid=IwY2xjawSFlt5leHRuA2FlbQlXMAbicmlkETFYbjltR3dJc0FCZUhkWXBC>

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Kathy: Garden Tour Update: Taking place 10 – 4 pm on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are being sold in 5 different locations in town. If you know of a place to hang a poster, please contact Kathy or Gladwin. **Volunteer positions still need to be filled (8 more people) for 2 different shifts (10 am – 1 pm, 1 pm – 4 pm). 2 people will be at each garden selling tickets, promoting the garden club and handing out water.** Please offer your time if you can help and bring your own chair to sit on (unless you are at Donna's home or the Thompson's). Volunteers and garden owners will tour the gardens on Sunday and then arrive to an appreciation Potluck BBQ on Sunday. Location is Terry Smith's in Canyon. **Please reach out to Kathy at [kathybat99@gmail.com](mailto:kathybat99@gmail.com) (250-370-3777) if you are interested in volunteering. If you know of anyone who could donate gifts or gift certificates as door prizes, please contact Kathy with that information, thank you.**

Creston Valley Community Seed Bank overplanted and has over 30 varieties of tomatoes, as well as peppers for sale at College of the Rockies on Saturday (May 30<sup>th</sup>) from 10 – 2 p.m. Donna says the plants are lovely.

Executive thank you and gifts to Deborah and Paula for their service. 😊

Thank you to Lorna for the cookies.

Next meeting is on Thursday, June 25

Meeting adjourned 8:25 p.m.