

WEEKLY UPDATE – JUNE 4 -11, 2017

“What garden but glows
With at least one rose
Whether sunny or showery be June?”

W.S. Landor (1775-1864), *Last Fruit off an Old Tree*

Last weekend’s little heat wave provoked explosive growth and bloom, but the hot sun usually associated with June seems a little reluctant to shine. Let’s keep our fingers crossed for next week. A few items to report.

1. Gratuities – if you receive a gratuity, please put it in one of the red envelopes available on the trolley, provide the information requested, i.e. date, your name, amount, and then make sure that you put the sealed red envelope in the accordion binder in the Guide cupboard for the Treasurer to pick up.
2. Guide cupboard key – once again, the key was not returned to the drawer at the Visitor Services desk, but, instead, left in one of the kitchen drawers in the Volunteer Lounge. At the end of your shift, after all of the radios have been put away, please return this key to its proper place. If the VS people have left, please make use of the ‘secret key’ to open the drawer. It is very inconvenient for the next day’s guide shift if they are unable to open the Guide cupboard to access the radios.
3. A successful collaboration between Marilyn G. and Cynthia S. has resulted in the Gardener’s Walk of June 1 being posted in record time on the www.ericanotebook.com website. This walk provided an excellent opportunity to be informed of all of the projects being undertaken in the garden.

A Special Thank You

I would like to express my gratitude to Malcolm H. for so capably and creatively assuming the responsibilities of the “Weekly Update” while I was away on a lovely tour of English, Welsh and Irish gardens, estates, castles and nurseries with some other VDG volunteers: Friday guides Angela W. and Bev M. and Elsie W. who volunteers in the Library. Malcolm put out 4 exceptionally informative and useful “WU” newsletters while also preparing the excellent May *Gazette*. A huge shout out to Malcolm!!

Malcolm also provided material for this week’s “WU” as I am still adjusting to returning to the reality of everyday life here. He notes that on the Southern Hemisphere Garden peninsula a *Tibouchina urvilleana*, commonly known as the princess flower, is in bloom. Look under the central Monkey Puzzle tree for it. The newly planted Tropical Garden also contains some of these lovely plants.

As well in the SHG, an Angel's Trumpet, not yet flowering, is evident towards the back as you are walking out of this area.

Malcolm is also wondering what happened to the Voodoo lilies that were planted near the hellebore bowls on the path leading into the Mediterranean Garden. Have they been transplanted elsewhere? Stolen? Did they die?

Guide Goings On

1. Thursday, June 8 – Guide Education/ Business Meeting – the speaker will be Jeff de Jong; his topic is “Gardening Photography: More than a Picture”.

N.B. There are no meetings during July and August; however, the Gardener's Walks will continue.

Garden Goings On

1. ZimCarvings with Patrick Sephani and visiting artist Peter Kananji
June 16 – September 30
Discovery Room and in the Garden
2. UP-CLOSE presented by the Vancouver en-plein-air Group
Until June 27 in the Library
3. Desert Plant Society of Vancouver – Show and Sale
Saturday, June 10 – 10:00am-5:00pm
Sunday, June 11 – 10:00am-4:00pm
Floral Hall, admission by donation

Garden Clippings

1. In the “Weekly Update” archives for this time of year in 2015
 - June 5-11, 2015 – peonies, black locust, roses
 - June 12-18, 2015 – hydrangeas, roses

In the “Weekly Update” archives for this time of year in 2016

- June 4-11, 2016 – the White Garden
- June 11-18, 2016 – more White Garden and more roses

June is definitely the month of roses, so we have much to look forward to as the weather warms up and they overwhelm us more and more with their beauty and fragrance.

As always, please send your comments, suggestions and questions to pkbuchanan@shaw.ca or record them in the Guide Information Binder. I have added new Comment sheets and extras can be found at the back of the Binder. Also be sure

to check out www.ericanotebook.com for general garden information, as well as links to the "Tree of the Month", the monthly Gardener's Walk, Self-Guided Tours and the "Weekly Update".

Let's hope for a return to the sunshine. Have a wonderful guiding week!

"The bloom is falling from the may
The rose, the rose is on the way.
Now let us think, before she blows
What we may do to greet the rose."

Mrs. Emily (Davis) Pfeiffer (1827-1890), "Rose Song"