

Ahhh, It's June!

***For the Roman goddess Juno,
patroness of marriage and the well-
being of women. Also from the Latin
juvenis,
'young people'.***



Late Spring! Early Summer!

What a fabulous season, and so very welcome after winter, even if it was a mild winter here on the West Coast. In April I once again headed South to start my spring a little bit earlier.

Like me, I'm sure all of you are very busy and most of us can often be heard saying "How will I ever find the time to do that?" Well then, I'm sure you can relate to the wee hummingbird that built her little nest, no bigger than a loonie, once again right beside the staircase up to our unit in Palm Springs. That little bird kept busy 24/7 until her job was done and her babies left the nest and flew off on their own. Many times each day we would pass by admiring her handiwork as she built her nest, truly a work of art. Within days, she had finished her work and began to spend most of her time sitting on her nest. When we could, we took peek and there were two wee eggs! After that she didn't leave the nest much, and most times did not fly away as we came and went. Soon both babies hatched, looking like small black tic-tacs! Shortly after we began to see feathers and the mother's activity increased to keep them fed. Each day those babies grew, and just a few short weeks later they were both sitting outside the nest,

ready to take flight! Mission accomplished after weeks of dedication and hard work! I wonder if the mother had the time to stop and think of how busy she was, - just one tiny bird working so hard and accomplishing something so miraculous. We can all accomplish miracles.

Do you have the time?



If you have something to share, stories or photos, that you think our BRAGS members might enjoy, please send them on!

Send to Cheryl Fiddis @ ecfiddis@telus.net

Rhododendron Festival Recap!

The 2016 Rhodofest was another sunny success, thanks to the dedicated work of our volunteer team. A big **THANKS** to everyone for your valuable time towards this community event!

Our BRAGS banner was displayed in the Atrium hanging above the Spring Bouquet contest table and lots of literature promoting BRAGS was available and very inviting.

Once again we held 2 silent auction times at 12 noon and 2 pm which worked very well, splitting up the rush into smaller manageable closings. People were very receptive to the 2 auction times.

Bids on the hanging baskets and larger showy plants were very strong.

Thanks to everyone who picked up plants from our trusty donors and delivered them to the Shadbolt Centre!

The spring bouquet contest was well received, with 7 beautiful entries. The plant sale was smaller but we had strong plants that sold well.

Happy Gardening!

Verna and June



Farewell To June Dodson!

One of our long time members June Dodson is moving across the pond to the Island. A major move for June and her husband, and a big loss for BRAGS. June has worn many hats over the years, most recently co-chairing the Rhodo Festival, and always willing to jump in and help wherever needed.

Good luck June! We wish you luck in your new adventure and we hope you will keep in touch!

Oakridge Shopping Centre, Fashion & Fresh Florals: Paris in Bloom



Thank you to Rosemarie Daviduk for sending in her pictures of the Oakridge event held recently. Lovely!



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BRAGS Membership

Please visit Anne at the membership desk if you haven't yet paid your 2016 dues or to join up – still only \$12 per year. Members share various gardening interests and enjoy monthly guest speakers, plus are entitled to discounts of regularly priced items at GardenWorks and other garden centres, simply by presenting their membership cards. Monthly meetings (excepting July & August) start at 7 pm at the Burnaby Village Museum, - Main Building, up on the 2nd floor. Easy to get to with ample free parking and refreshments are served! Please join us if you are looking to join a local garden club.

Upcoming Meetings/Events



June 1, 2016

PROGRAM CHANGE - This meeting will now be a social evening & farewell to June Dodson. Stan Stanley of the Point Grey Chrysanthemum Assoc. will come in October.

BRAGS now takes a break over the summer...see you at the September 7th meeting! There will be no guest speaker for the September meeting, - please come prepared to share your summer success stories, and not so successful stories, and please take lots of photos over the summer!

Raffle & Welcome Desk

We are in need of a volunteer to take over the Raffle and the Welcome Desk. This is a fun and uncomplicated job, no training required! All you need is a smile☺.

Please speak to one of the executive if you would like to try out this fun position.

Out & About Etc...



GW Customer Appreciation Day, June 16, 2016

Be sure to mark the date for GardenWorks 15% savings all day.

BRAGS Summer Picnic

Our annual BRAGS picnic is happening once again. Member Joan Conklin has offered her garden on a yet to be determined date in August. Thanks Joan! Stay tuned everyone!

