



June, at Last!

Quotes and Sayings...

If a June night could talk, it would probably boast that it invented romance.

— Bern Williams

No price is set on the lavish summer; June may be had by the poorest comer.

— James Russell Lowell

To read a poem in January is as lovely as to go for a walk in June.

— Jean-Paul Sartre

June falls asleep upon her bier of flowers; In vain are dewdrops sprinkled o'er her, In vain would fond winds fan her back to life, Her hours are numbered on the floral dial.

— Lucy Larcom

And what is so rare as a day in June? Then, if ever, come perfect days; Then Heaven tries earth if it be in tune, And over it softly her warm ear lays.

— James Russell Lowell

All June I bound the rose in sheaves, Now, rose by rose, I strip the leaves.

— Robert Browning

It is the month of June, The month of leaves and roses, When pleasant sights salute the eyes And pleasant scents the noses.

— Nathaniel Parker Willis



Hummingbirds Down South

Another April in Palm Springs, and a few new hummingbird photos to share. The hummers hatched earlier this year, perhaps due to the unusual cool and wet spring in California, that ended the five year drought. The picture below, showing a single egg, was a nest with two eggs, and this one egg did not hatch. However, the hummer that did hatch was larger and left the nest sooner, - I guess with all the extra attention 'he' got from his mom. We have since heard that a new nest has been built, and another family is about to hatch. Nature at it's finest!



- The Young Hummer

This little fellow liked to sit on the patio after picking off a meal of small insects off the screen door. We like to think he was watching the golfers!



If you have anything to share, - stories or pictures, that you think our BRAGS members might enjoy, please send them on! We'd love to see them!

Send to Cheryl Fiddis @ ecfiddis@telus.net

Rhododendron Festival Recap!

Sunday, May 7, 2017 was the 29th annual Rhododendron Festival. Here are recaps from Verna Adamson and Bev Glover. Well done you two!

“The 2017 Rhodofest was a resounding success, with sunshine and high public turnout. Thanks to all our volunteers who organized and ran the silent auction, plant sale, spring bouquet competition, BRAGS info table and the new addition, two speakers for public information sessions. THANK YOU, THANK YOU! We are like a well-oiled machine!

The plants donated to the silent auction were attractive, and accordingly, the bids were good. Plants donated to the plant sale were of high quality, and sales were brisk. Thanks to all for your donations.

Happy gardening!”

Verna

“For the first time BRAGS arranged and sponsored two speakers at Rhodo Fest this year at request of the City. Conway Lum (Agrologist @ Mandeville Gardens) was kind enough to cover the morning hour with an animated talk on Alternative Lawns. After lunch Patricia Fleming, Executive Director from EarthWise Society of BC gave an enlightening discourse on creative water conservation in home gardens. Both speakers were introduced with background notes by a member of BRAGS and our club was duly credited at the introduction along with the City. Audiences for both speakers expressed many compliments. A successful program by all accounts“. Bev



Linda Cholettes' grandson Lucas enjoying the day...



Joan at the Spring Bouquet desk

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BRAGS Membership

Still only \$12 per year, BRAGS 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. Why not gift a membership to a friend or neighbor?

Upcoming Meetings Events/Club News

June 7, 2017 Meeting

Deborah Jones, Rain Gardens

BRAGS Picnic!

The BRAGS summer picnic will take place at the garden of Keith Harris this year. Thank you Keith for offering your garden! More details will follow soon.

BRAGS will break over the summer. Be sure to take lots of pictures of your garden over the upcoming months to share with us all at the September meeting!
See you September 6th!

Out & About Etc...



*GW Customer Appreciation Day,
June 15, 2017*

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

Spring

"I glanced out the window at the signs of spring. The sky was almost blue, the trees were almost budding, the sun was almost bright."

— Millard Kaufman

