

November 2019!



Destination: Lafarge Lake, Coquitlam!

November has arrived, - the leaves are down, the rain is falling, and the days are short. While winter has not officially arrived, if you find that you need an adventure to enliven this month, here's an idea for you. During the summer, I visited Lafarge Lake in Coquitlam for the first time. Lafarge Lake is a five-hectare man-made lake, located in Town Centre Park in central Coquitlam. Part of my adventure was getting there via Skytrain, a short 40 minute journey with no worries about the traffic. The Lafarge/Douglas stop takes you right to the lake, which is the last stop on the Evergreen Line. The lake is small, and you can view the entire space from almost anywhere around the 1.2 km loop, made easy with a walkway that is accessible for everyone, on foot or via wheels. There is a garden located about half way around the lake, well maintained by the City, and lovely in the summer. I was amazed at the Hibiscus, the size of dinner plates! There is an active beaver dam, plus the lake is home to many different varieties of water fowl.

The Evergreen Cultural Centre lies on the southwest corner of the lake, and the Water's Edge Festival is held on the lake shore for 25 continuous hours in March. Also very popular, is Metro Vancouver's Largest, Free Outdoor Light Display during the Christmas season. A perfect way to get into the holiday spirit with family and friends!



Remember, if you have anything to share, - stories or pictures that you think our BRAGS members might enjoy, please send them on! If you've been on a vacation, or visited a local attraction, or saw something of interest, don't be shy.

We'd love to hear all about it! Send to Cheryl Fiddis at ecfiddis@telus.net.

November Birth Month Flower ... The Chrysanthemum

Chrysanthemums, - plants especially prized by Japanese gardeners, stand for November birthdays. White mums signify innocence and purity, while yellow ones indicate that a loved one feels slighted.

Happy Birthday to the November folk!



How the West Was Won

By Cheryl Fiddis

In September my travels took me to the mid-west of the U.S., namely Colorado, Wyoming, and South Dakota, affectionately known as the 'Wild West'. Filled with soaring mountainous National Parks, each one of these states was breathtaking - (literally, due to the high altitude), unique, and incredibly beautiful.

The journey started in Denver, a lovely city filled with many parks and planters scattered throughout the downtown area. A highlight was a stay at the historic Stanley Hotel, located in Estes Park, Colorado. This hotel was the inspiration for Stephen Kings, *The Shining*, and while believed to be haunted (and yes, we did experience some unexplained 'events'), the old world charm and surrounding gardens and mountains alone, were worth the visit.



The Red Rocks Amphitheater, Rocky Mountain National Park, - elevation 12,005 feet!, Mount Rushmore National

Park, the Crazy Horse Memorial, a Buffalo Safari in Custer State Park, Badlands National Park, Steamboat Springs, the blowing grasses of the Wyoming plains, the amazing Fall Foliage colors all through the land, and more...all made this a most memorable trip! Now, time to plan the next one!



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!

And just a reminder, the dues are 'due' soon! See Anne at the membership desk to pay for next year.

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Upcoming Meetings Events/Club News

November 6, 2019

Kristen Crouch will give a presentation on "How to start a cut flower garden". After all, it's time to think about next year!

December 4, 2019

Our December meeting will start off with our AGM, and then move right into our BRAGS Christmas party. Bring your favorite dish to share, and a guest if you wish, and get ready to welcome the festive season! 2020 here we come!



Out & About Etc...

Gardenworks Customer Appreciation Day

November 21, 2019

Mark the date for 15% savings all day!

Club News, Tid Bits

Congrats to Rosemarie who won a 1st prize ribbon for her beans at the South Burnaby Garden Club Fall Fair in September. Well done!

When I visited the fair, I made sure to buy some raffle tickets...and was pleased to find I had won TWO raffle prizes! If you missed the fair this year, be sure to watch for the date next year! CF



Can you find the six winning beans below??

