

MINUTES OF THE MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION OF BC GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday, October 9, 2007, 7:30pm
Shaughnessy Heights United Church**

(Note: MSC stands for moved, seconded, carried)

Lynne Christmas, MGABC Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

1. Welcome and Announcements

-Lynne thanked the Website Committee for the work they have done to make the site look so good and for it being so user friendly.

-There are signup sheets on the front table for volunteers to help with the Spring Seminar and to give 5 minute presentations at General Meetings.

-UBC Apple Festival is next weekend, Oct 13 & 14.

2. Speaker:

Shirley McGrew introduced our speaker, John Schroeder. John is the founder of ValleyBrook Gardens and the creator of Heritage Perennials (the famous blue pots). ValleyBrook Gardens is the largest wholesale producer of herbaceous perennials in Canada with outlets in Abbotsford, BC and Niagara on the Lake, ON.

John delighted the group with slides of new and exceptional plants which have been introduced in recent times, some not yet available. One could sense the fluttering hearts in the room, the furious note taking indicating that changes are coming in many gardens next spring. John brought some plants and books which he gave away at the end of his talk. A very pleasant time was had by all.

Coffee Break

3. MG Business Meeting:

a) Minutes of September, 2007 General Meeting: m/s/c Roy Holloway/Doreen Godwin

b) Treasurer's Report: Karen presented her last report as treasurer, she will be away next month and is not continuing as treasurer. m/s/c Karen Shuster/Sally Maclachan

c) Report from Council: No report as Council will not meet until Oct. 11

d) Old Business:

- another appeal for Spring Seminar Volunteers resulted in some people signing up
- Ron Fawcett reported that the six positions to be elected have all been filled and the nominees will be acclaimed at the AGM in November. The nominees are: Chair-elect, Barry Roberts; 1st Vice Chair, Susan Lazar; 2nd Vice Chair, Penny Koch; 2 Members at Large, Leslie Ann Ingram & Dana Richardson; Treasurer, Ron Fawcett.

e) New Business: Sera Lean from the Ministry of Agriculture spoke to the membership regarding revision of the Home and Garden Pest Management Guide and distributed a questionnaire to be filled out and returned to her by October 25. It is an opportunity for MGs to make suggestions for changes to the manual which will be revised for 2008.

4. Motion to adjourn & Door prizes: 9:20pm