

# Peninsula Garden Club

## General Meeting of February 12, 2024

### 1. Call to order and Greetings 7:00 pm

Greetings to members, new members, and guests

Motion: approve the posted financial report Moved: Dannie, second Bonita  
Approval of minutes from the December meeting: Susan, second Ethel

Announcements from Janet and Jane: Website is priority information source,  
Facebook page is in need of an administrator

We are in need of a host for the Garden Party at a private home.

Sheila South, longtime member, has passed away

### 2. New Business

Our speaker tonight is Barrie Agar, she will talk about fruit trees and five types of berries that can be grown in containers and small yards. Lindsay will introduce her after the break.

Next month our speaker is Bruce Carter from Wes-Tech Irrigation Systems. He gave a great presentation last year about irrigation. Next month he will tell us about lighting techniques and products to help us highlight our gardens.

*Bonita will host a "Propagation Group" at her place on March 20th! A note to members to look around in their gardens for things to split etc might be helpful, and to contact Sandi De Luca to sign up to help (note to Jane). With that note, the plant stall gals would like a reminder to go out about their table too.*

**Hot Hort Hint** We had a lively discussion about how to start, grow and store yams. You can start them in water like an avocado pit, or start them half submerged in soil. They need only warmth until they are sprouted and light afterwards. Some pot them up once they have sprouted and others keep them in water until planting out in mid-May when the soil is warm enough. Thanks to Aasa for her tip on curing them in a very warm place for a week before storing them like you would a potato. Members are having success with growing these. Linda Gilkeson says it is wise to grow the things that are more expensive. Thanks to all who shared their hints. Now is the time to start them so, I hope others will pick up a few organic sweet potatoes and give it a go! -- Janet Cram

### 3. Old Business

If anyone has ideas about future speakers, please see Lindsay

Name Tags for new members are at the membership table.

Reminder: please check out the volunteer table to sign up for something.

Hopefully someone will consider hosting the garden party in June ☺.  
*Gerri McKenzie has volunteered to host. Dates and time to be determined.*

We will break now before our speaker. Remember to vote for your favourite in the Parlour Show. There is a \$2 charge for coffee and treats.

Reminder about the March 9 deadline for roses from Select Roses on the mainland. Bonita will have the roses delivered to her house for pick-up.

#### 4. Break for Coffee and Parlour Show Voting

#### 5. Susan introduced our speaker: Barrie Agar

#### 6. Parlour Show Announcements, Draws, Raffles

#### Parlour Show Report for February 2024

Amazing that six people found 20 things growing to show us. It was an un-judged show so there were two Peoples' Choice winners. Cynthia Tandy won us over with her very big snowdrops to win for favourite flower, and Sylvia Alderson won favourite edible for a very big, perfect Meyer lemon. Congratulations ladies! Thanks to everyone who participated.

#### **Next month the categories are:**

1. St. Patrick's Day Woodland Wonderland Arrangement
2. Narcissi – 1 stem
3. Any other spring flower –1 stem
4. Selection of 5 different spring flowers in a container
5. Heather
6. Any flowering branch, 1 stem
7. Hellebore- 1 stem
8. Produce, 1 large or 3 small on a plate
9. Open, JUDGED –
10. Open, UN-JUDGED

**We are: Lynn Nash, Marg Kirkpatrick, Jan Dew, Della Garvin, Bonita Elliott, and Janet Cram your Parlour Show Committee**

**Name Tag draw:** No name tag draw (no tickets)

**Plant raffle:** 1. Jane Carley 2. Kathryn Kreiser, 3. Cathy Schulhauser

#### 7. Meeting Adjournment: 8:57

**Next general meeting: March 11, 2024, 7:00 pm**