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Special diamond anniversary garden tour for Campbell River Garden Club

A special diamond anniversary garden tour will showcase 10 Campbell River Garden Club members' gardens July 16 and 17.

"2016 marks the 60th anniversary of the first recorded garden club in Campbell River, and the club is planning several activities to mark the occasion, including the special diamond anniversary garden tour, presented by the Campbell River Garden Club and the City of Campbell River Recreation and Culture Department," says city recreation programmer Judy Ridgway.

"A wide variety of gardens await your discovery, from a riverside paradise and country-side treasure, to a corner-lot oasis in the city and a tiny pie-shaped urban garden," Ridgway adds. *"Visitors will also be treated to an award-winning garden design, an outstanding rose garden, a container garden, a new friendship garden, and more. Many of these gardens are by accomplished, lifelong gardeners who express their own personalities through their creative use of garden spaces."*

The Compost Education Centre will host a recycled garden art show, and a plant and garden book sale will be offered at one of the gardens.

Purchase \$15 tickets for the two-day event that runs 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Campbell River Community Centre or the Sportsplex.

"Everyone is welcome, and a bus will be available for an extra charge, for those who wish to leave the driving to someone else," Ridgway says.

Originally named the Campbell River Horticultural Association, the club has gone through many transformations since 1956, becoming the Tyee Garden Club, then the Tyee Rose Club and eventually, today's Campbell River Garden Club.

"Club historians were inspired to make a thorough search of museum archives after a recent 'discovery' of a silver trophy bearing the inscription The Theo Morison Memorial Award and C.R. Horticultural Association," Ridgway explains. *"This unearthed a large scrapbook revealing details of a very active horticultural association founded in October 1956, with Mr. R.B. Morison, Mrs. Lynn Elford, Mr. O. Thulin, Mr. M. Olivier and Mr. Wm. Mansfield on the first executive."*

Today the club is a vibrant and thriving club with a broad focus of sharing local, expert gardening knowledge and materials during regular meetings, visits to gardens and nurseries, special projects and associated social events.

Learn more about the garden club at their web page: www.campbellrivergardenclub.com or find them on Facebook.

For more information on the Garden Tour, please call the Campbell River Community Centre at 250-286-1161

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