

EDITORIAL - February 2024

Welcome to newcomers and returning members of the Langley Garden Club. The executive is delighted to see you here and has been working on a fabulous line up of speakers and events to enhance your gardening experience and knowledge. We have several new-to-the-Club speakers on topics not previously covered. Additionally, there are returning speakers with up-to-date information on plant materials and all things gardening related.

A friend recently commented that this is her favourite gardening time. Why's that? She loves to dream of all the possibilities, scope out new plants, and order never before tried or tasted veggie seeds. Perhaps you can relate to that! I certainly can. Wandering through my garden I'm ruing a number of shrubs which were severely damaged by the recent subzero weather followed by heavy snow. Many shrubs such as buddleias which were leafy green are now a sorry shade of black. One camelia has dropped almost all its leaves. Yet another within 10' is in full bud and glossy green. Buddleias can be cut down to about 6" at this time of year but I'll wait to see how the camelia revives. Try not to jump to the conclusion that a heavily damaged plant or shrub will not revive. A couple of years ago my Pinky Winky Paniculata Hydrangea appeared to be dead and was sawn off at the base. By the end of the summer there were a number of new stems. Last year Pinky sported a mass of blooms. Proceed with caution as we are still on the shoulder of winter and there is more snow and cold weather forecast in the next several weeks. In the meantime, keep dreaming of garden bounty and colour explosions until planting season arrives.

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