



A Tale of an Oval Garden- Spring 2015

This spring a call went out for volunteers to create a garden at the entrance to our community. This garden would be a cheerful welcome home each time we come through the gates. One of the things that connects us in Sonoma Pines is how much we cherish the beauty of our home.

The Fabulous Five answered the call and came together to plan the garden. The key word was WOW! We agreed that it would be fun to recreate an abstract of our logo in hot colours for the mountains balanced with the cool colours of the sky and water. We mixed shrubs and perennials as the back drop to hardy annuals full of colour in the foreground.

After exploring our climate options with the patient people at Dogwood Nursery, the shrub expert at Bylands Nursery and mulching advice at Home Depot we were ready to put our plan into reality.

The bed digging and planting crew were committee members Hazel Wolski, Joanne Blau, Debbie Tonn and Irene Scott. They were helped by Brian Scott, Ernie, Gerry Tonn, Marshall Wolski and Carey Bugar. One of the five garden volunteers, Diana Riewe with assistance



from Willie Riewe had to be away at planting time, but played an important role in planning and are all set for future flower care.

Enjoy your garden! Feel free to visit the flowers and help remove unwanted weeds.

Thank you.
Irene Scott, Sonoma Pines Landscaping Committee

Council News

SPHOA Annual General Meeting

June 4 at 6:00 pm Lions Hall 2466 Main St, Westbank, BC

Registration begins at 5:00 pm. See you there.

SPHOA Council Meeting

The First Council meeting of the new fiscal year for SPHOA will take place **June 11, 9:00 am at the Clubhouse**. After this, meetings will revert to the first Thursday of each month.

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Sonoma Pines Website and Sonoma Sun Newsletter

www.sonomapines.info

You can check here for most recent articles on the community, back issues of the newsletter, or copies of Council minutes and financial statements. Some pages are password protected so use sonomapines and you should be fine. If there is something that you would like to see on the site or in the Newsletter please email us at sonomapinesnews@gmail.com.



Important Reminders - Upcoming Social Events

Don't forget the **community-wide Garage Sale** on June 13th from 8am - 2pm with hot dogs and drinks for sale at the clubhouse.

Our very popular **Canada Day celebration** will be on Wednesday July 1st at the Clubhouse. Don't forget to wear Red & White; watch for details to be announced soon.

Happy Hours are every two weeks. Check the calendar on www.SonomaPines.info for exact dates. Come on down and enjoy the patio.

The 2nd Annual Car Rally will be on August 9th, a sign up sheet will be out soon.

The **Sonoma Pines Golf Tournament & Dinner** on September 20th is starting to fill up fast, so if you are interested, sign up now. See the website for details or the posters on the Bulletin Boards at the Clubhouse

Also, we are proposing a **few tours**. If any one is interested in winery tours, a tour of Gorman Lumber Mill or a tour of the beautiful Sparkling Hills Resort in Vernon, let us know. There are sign up sheets at the Clubhouse on the inside bulletin board. If we get enough interest, the tours will be planned.

If you have any questions on any of the above events, or others you'd like to experience, please contact

Lorna Wright lorna-wright@shaw.ca or 250-452-9872 or

Sharon McNichol

mcnicholgs@gmail.com or 778-754-0777.

Letters



Please send your comments and letters to sonomapinesnews@gmail.com

Yard Waste Official Notice



Please be aware that the large green bin at the upper entrance of Sonoma Pines is no longer available for yard waste and landscape debris.

If you have any yard waste (**trimmings**) that you need removed, please **BAG** the trimmings and leave the bag at the end of your driveway on **MONDAYS**. United Landscapes will remove the properly bagged trimmings on that day only.

Please do not leave yard waste bags out on any other day.

And here's a comment:

It is funny how some of our residents figured it out while others continued to dump their household garbage at the front entrance.

This is a note from one resident to APM, "We are concerned that some of the residents in Sonoma Pines do not respect our lovely area. The people who dumped their refuse at the front entrance are very disturbing to the rest of us. The big green bin was available in April for everyone to dispose of their yard refuse. After it was removed residents continued to dispose of their garbage. I cannot call it refuse now as there were household items in the pile.

A very wonderful resident, Darrell Bellamy, took it upon himself to make several trips to the dump to dispose of the huge amount of stinky, wet garbage. Last week some residents took their time to beautify the front entrance by planting flowers and shrubs but the same week some people disposed of their garbage a few feet away. There was more than one person who did this as the pile grew each day. This should not be tolerated".

Alteration Requests - Where Do I Find One?

If you are planning to do some alterations to the exterior of your residence you need to apply to SPhOA for approval to complete these alterations. To find the request you can go to www.sonomapines.info.

On the menu at the top of the page, under Council you will find an alteration request form. Please print and fill in the form and forward it by any means convenient to you to Greg Bickert at:

Associated Property Management (2001) Ltd.

#1-1441 St. Paul Street, Kelowna, BC V1Y 2E4 or email to:

sonomapines@associatedpm.ca

Greg will provide all Council members with a copy and the alteration request will be reviewed at the Council meeting following your submission. Council meets on the first Thursday of each month.

We may or may not be familiar with your home design so *please* make sure that you attach architectural drawings and photos that make it easy for us to envision your plans. Also keep in mind that if we do have questions there may be a delay in approval so it is wise to submit the request well in advance of the construction start date.

Please also make sure that you read the Owner Alterations Policy and Procedure which is part of the document as this outlines additional requirements regarding building permits and approved building tradespeople to complete the modifications.

Landscape Maintenance

Here you will find all the information you need regarding scheduled landscaping activities for the 2015 summer season.



If you have any questions about the dates or days of week that work will be done you will find the answers within these schedules.- [Landscape schedules by neighbourhood.](#)



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Camera Club Captures Essence of Spring

Members of the Camera Club, led by Lyle and Karen Larrigan, were out and about Sonoma Pines this past week capturing shots of lovely flower gardens and other scenes. Stops included the new flower bed planted by volunteers near the main entrance to our community. The array of colours, scents and beauty is truly amazing if one takes the time to slowly stroll our streets and admire nature. Thank you to all the keen gardeners amongst us.



Markets may change. Good investing advice is timeless.

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Awesomeness In Quilting



The ladies of Sonoma Pines Quilting Club, Kate Fawcett, Gaye Hunter, Ruth Smith, and Cynthia Shaw display their latest creation.

According to Gaye, "Our group is quite diverse, our group consists of a retired Home Economics teacher who shares so much information and assistance, we're lucky to have her. Two of us are regular quilters and we have one beginner who is doing fantastic. We go the extra mile and have the occasional lunch together and of course, our Christmas lunch. We've even travelled to our favourite quilting stores on occasion. It's always interesting to see what everyone is working on and we have decided to start teaching each other new techniques and ideas, taking turns to

be the teacher... good learning experiences for everyone. We make and projects for our families and friends, which would include quilts, tablecloths, place mats/napkins, wall hangings and table runners, gifts, etc. Designs come from many quilting books and other quilters who are always willing to share. We welcome anyone who is willing to learn has a love of fabric."

The quilting club meets regularly on Tuesdays, in the Clubhouse, lower level from 9 to 12. If anyone requires more information, kindly call Gaye Hunter at [250 768-0996](tel:250768-0996).



Call to Artists, Sonoma Pines Art Appreciation

Art Appreciation will be the theme of our Clubhouse Happy Hour on Friday July 31. Sonoma Pines is a treasure trove of artistic talent that deserves to be recognized and exhibited to our neighbours and friends. Last year's event

though held on very short notice, was wildly popular so this year we intend to make it even better. All SP artists are invited to submit their original work (ceramics, jewelry, photography, painting, quilting, woodcraft, etc.).

Please send your expression of interest by June 30 (include your name, tel #, e-mail, type of art) to edndenise@telus.net (include 'SP Art Appreciation' in subject line) or call Ed Dorosz 778-754-1238 for more info.

Golf Tournament & Dinner Announced



Bookings for the Sunday September 20 SP golf tournament & dinner are now available. The game will be limited to 80 players (20 teams of 4) with T-times starting at 1 pm. If you don't have your own foursome, we'll put teams together. The organizing committee is finalizing the 'form of play', but will ensure fun for players of all skill levels including novices. This will be a 'rain or shine' event.

A catered gourmet dinner with tastes to suit everyone will be served at the SP Clubhouse that evening. This year's event will be BYOB. Though it reduces the proceeds for the fund-raising event, it results in a lower overall cost for the participants and creates less work for the already-busy volunteers. Fun prizes will be available for everyone to win.

Bookings are limited to SP residents only. The dinner-only option is available for 15 non-golfers and only to those of golfing spouses/partners. Golf & dinner prices are \$75 and the dinner only for \$40. To avoid disappointment, make your bookings now (cash or cheque only) by calling Jean Scheidl tel# 778-754-1884 or Hazel Wolski tel# 250-768-3546.

Painting Club

Our new Painting Club will be meeting every Thursday starting April 14th, from 9:00am – noon, in the clubhouse multi-purpose room. It is an opportunity for painters in all mediums and at all levels to meet and share their art creation experience.

"By sharing and encouraging we all make good paintings better."

The contact person is Glen Heming [250-768-0991](tel:250-768-0991), and his email address is glenheming@telus.net



Spring Fling Popularity Grows

Close to 70 people joined on May 9 at the Clubhouse to celebrate arrival of Spring with a sumptuous pot-luck dinner followed by a dance. Lorna Wright provided the 'swingin' tunes for the evening, while guests wined and dined at tables adorned by fresh cut tulips. The food was the 'best-ever'. The main raffle prize, a lovely large planter filled with flowers was won by Marlene Waterfield. Roy Miller (Roy's Painting) came away as the lucky winner of the 50/50 draw.



Thanks a million to the Social Committee for another great job.

Photos of everyone enjoying the Spring Fling celebrations at the Clubhouse.



Thanks to Heritage Imaging for the photos

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Men's Golf Back Nine and Breakfast 7am Yoga 9am	Quilting Club 9am - 12pm LL Cribbage 7pm	Yoga 9am Canasta 1pm Canasta 7pm	Men's Golf Back Nine 7am Painting Club LL 9am Mah Jong 1pm SPHOA AGM 6pm	Sonoma Pines Ladies Golf Wine Tasting Happy Hour 4-8pm	
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Upcoming Special Events

June 4
SPHOA AGM 6pm

June 13
3RD ANNUAL SONOMA COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE
8am - 2pm.

July 1
Canada Day BBQ Happy Hour



September 20
Sonoma Pines Golf Tourney

Sonoma Pines Activities & Contacts

Clubhouse Cleaning every Sunday.

Upper from 11am to 2pm
Lower from 2 to 4:30pm
Gym from 2 to 4:30pm

Photography Club

Lyle and Karen Larrigan
250-768-2555
heritageimaging@shaw.ca

Quilting

Gaye Hunter at
250 768-0996

Painting Club

Glen Heming
[250-768-0991](tel:250-768-0991)
glenheming@telus.net

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