

Nanoose Garden Club Celebrates 45 years.



Presidents Janie Turner and Tracey Todd presenting Loraine Wilhelm with flowers for 20 years as a board member.



Lillian Freeman, the clubs longest time member, cutting the cake.



Friday, October 2, 2026, the Nanoose Garden Club members gathered to celebrate their club. We invited past members of the club and invited the Nanoose Community to join us.

For 45 years people of the community have been gathering monthly to improve their gardening skills and to meet new people who also love gardening. The Nanoose Library has been home to the club since its inception.

In 1981 a few members of the Nanoose community gathered to discuss how to garden on the rocky land that had little soil, salt spray and deer that ate everything they tried to grow. Out of the difficulty of gardening in Nanoose, the garden club was formed. The members would gather once a month to have a coffee or tea and talk about their gardening challenges.

Today the vibrant club of 90 plus members still meets to discuss garden problems, socialize and listen to a variety of speakers on many interesting gardening topics. The club has grown over the years, survived Covid, and is still going strong. We look forward to celebrating 60 or 100 years of continuity with the club in the future.



Club members brought flowers and vegetables they had grown to share with everyone.





We gave out ribbons for the largest sunflower and the smallest onion.

Each year we have an onion growing contest to see who can grow the largest onion. Al Chomica starts onion seeds for members to purchase so we all start with the same size plant. This year he inadvertently sold us leek starters, therefore there were hardly any onions, so we gave a ribbon for the smallest onion instead. The money raised by selling the onion starts was donated back to the club. Bonnie Chomica took the ribbon for smallest onion.

We also gave a ribbon for the largest sunflower. It was 95" tall with the runner up at 94 inches. The ribbon for the largest sunflower went to Pauline Montgomery.



Long time members Cam MacKenzie, Margaret Pim, Lillian Freeland and Viola Cyr with presidents Janie Turner and Tracey Todd.



Loraine Wilhelm is one of our long-time members and has served on the board for 20 years. She does so much for the club. We cherish her.



It was a wonderful day of celebration, visiting, and renewing friendships with past members! We will remember it for a long time.