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**Our meeting is @ noon
today ...
IN PERSON !!**
(must be pre-registered!)



Calgary Horticultural Society Natasha Guillot

Today's speaker was Natasha Guillot from the Calgary Horticultural Society. Her background includes growing up on a farm in eastern Canada. Twenty years ago, she moved to Alberta and had careers at Shell Environmental, the Calgary Flames Foundation and the United Way. Returning to education, she earned a degree in Prairie Horticulture from Olds College. She then joined the Calgary Horticultural Society in 2019.



The Society is one of the oldest in Canada. Started by William Reader, it continues with its vision and focus on Parks and Greenspaces in Calgary. Recently it has added a focus on helping newcomers to grow things in Calgary's challenging environment. The links to the community has seen them assist with green spaces, most recently in China Town, and also at the Centre for Newcomers.

2022 will see the Society headquarters move to the former Richmond Green Clubhouse. This move excites them with both the increased space for education, and the extensive grounds surrounding the new offices.

Natasha finished her presentation with a plug for those interested to become members of the Society. It has free talks, various resources, and classes, both online and in person given by local experts.



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February 15th, 2022

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President George broke into the pre-meeting chatter, and kicked off the meeting at 12:04pm with a welcome and a weather report. That led into a rendition of our national anthem. Our single guest was the speaker who will be introduced below.

Today's speaker is Natasha Guillot from the Calgary Horticultural Society.

After an interesting presentation and questions afterwards, President George started the regular meeting. His call for **Sunshine Reports** was met with silence, so we assume everyone is healthy.

PP Rob then dug out the cards for **Chase the Ace**. Today's prize was \$90, with a pot of \$879. With 43 cards left, Ruth Wylie was the winner and thankfully (for the rest of us) drew the 5 of Diamonds, so the pot will roll over to the next meeting. There will be 3 draws in March, so get your funds (\$30) in to Al Holt in advance of the March 1st meeting.



Speaker

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Various questions were asked on spring planting ... she stressed the need to source seeds and plants locally to match our environment. Use of growlights, risk from salts used for ice control, hydroponics, propagating indoor plants, and fertilizers were all covered in this wide ranging presentation. The presentation closed with comments on the current drought conditions, and the need to work with nature, not fight it.

For more info on events and/or to join, got to their website: www.calhort.org

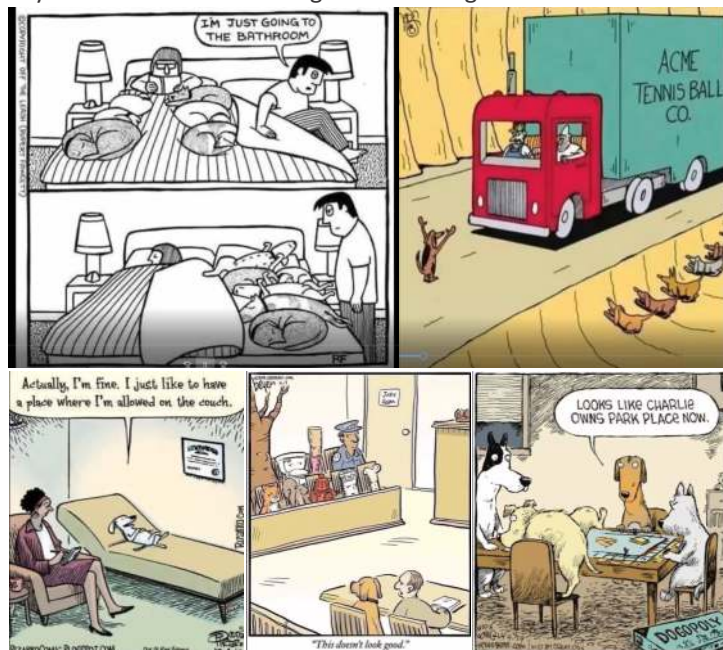
President George thanked her and advised that a Polio Plus donation will be made in her name. [cont'd on page 3 ...](#)



John Charret advised that the Mentoring Program at Roots-2-STEM will be starting up on Friday February 25th, and will continue on every second Friday after that. He is looking for 6 to 8 member volunteers (he currently has 2). Dean White commented that he is very excited to get the program going again.



Sergeant at Arms PP Rob showed cartoons followed by a video on talking dogs. For **Good News/Bad News** he reported on his successful coaching of a girls bowling team, and how his daughter Kaya is on an All Star bowling team heading to Nationals.



The next meeting will be on February 24th at 7:00pm. In March the plan is to return to in person meetings. More on this to follow.

President George thanked all for attending, and closed the meeting at 1:05pm.

Spring Cleaning 'FunDrive'

April 27th Delivery

When spring cleaning, or just plain clearing out things you no longer need or have space for, remember to collect "gently used" soft goods (clothing items), books and other items, and deliver them to the club. Get some big bags and find an out of the way place to start collecting the stuff. We've got lots of time to collect and perhaps your family or friends might add to your collection?

Don't Forget!

<p>WE ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are one of the largest and most active gardening organizations in North America Serve almost 3,500 members Offer discounts at local retailers, free talks and classes and Social Events Have dedicated and experienced instructors and volunteers who support the delivery of our programs and services 	<p>IN 2021 WE CREATE AND OFFERED...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online Events including Garden Show, Plant Share, Harvest and Garlic Fair, etc... 135+ Programs Videos aimed at a diverse audience Support Community Growing Spaces 	<p>WHAT IS COMING UP?</p> <p>Moving in March to the Richmond Green clubhouse 5,000 sq ft facility Small learning space Park Setting – surrounded by garden space</p> 
<p>HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT US?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Become a member Purchase tickets to our events Take our classes Donate <p>www.Calhort.org for more info</p> 	<p>LET'S TALK GROWING AND GARDENING! WHAT TO DO NOW!</p> <p>General:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan - The last frost prediction for 2021 is May 15-20 Check frost dates Seed and plant plug orders have deadlines or no returns Seed saving bins and pots are available and encourage you to garden over time Plant back stage seedlings and cuttings Build bed borders with high bed, low cost Avoid too many pesticides, use organic Using a shovel, check the soil and organic matter, or be ready for spring Plant seeds should have been made in the winter to know for now and winter varieties to add to your repertoire Review your indoor light systems are ready and all bulbs are functional <p>Annual/Perennial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back to the nursery, seed or plant perennials, biennials, biennial roots and seedlings Check your seeds Continue to plan your garden bed for added nutrition and spring watering <p>Transplants/Plants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the foliage gone from trees and shrubs, are they in good condition for planting in your ready to plant area <p>Vegetables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The time to winter sowing with a 4-6 inch pot Seed paper and various seeds at the end of the month, or early in the month if you have a greenhouse! 	<p>THANK YOU</p> <p>For more information about the Calgary Horticultural Society visit our website calhort.org</p>

Did You Know or Care to Know?

The McKenzie Meadows Golf course is situated on lands that were formerly a gravel pit, and owned by Alberta Provincial Parks. Several co-investors and I acquired the lands on a long term lease arrangement with Provincial Parks, to develop the public golf course in the early 90s. The lands included the course as it is now built, and the smaller parcel on the south side of 22X, which was to have been another part of the golf course in the form of a nine hole short course and another driving range. I arranged for golf course architect Gary Browning to do the concept drawings for the whole project, and detailed construction specs for the main golf course. It became very evident that the proposed smaller course on the south side of 22X and the driving range there would be seriously compromised if built, by a clause in the lease agreement that would have us vacate those lands on 30 days notice IF there was a need to use the utility corridor adjacent to 22X running east and west. This was a deal breaker as far as constructing a golf facility at a cost of several millions was concerned. We maintained the lease and I assured Parks officials I would find an alternate way of developing it for public use that would not interfere with the utility corridor. That corridor already contained a major natural gas supply line. There were discussions about possible road expansion and overhead power lines, so the change of proposed use was logical.

Ed McLean, another Rotarian member, (serving as club president 1993/94) and I had been discussing trying to do a significant project to create for public use. We had been focused on South Glenmore Park, where we had made significant improvements by tree planting ... perhaps buy an old barn, have it relocated, the building available for community use and our club lunch meetings. It became apparent quickly that this was far too ambitious and terribly expensive. BINGO! I suggested why not approach the Provincial government to allow a Nature Park to be developed, in the name of our club, on the south side of 22X. Ed agreed 100% as there was no land cost, no utilities, no lease and no property tax. The improvements would be at our expense, which I proposed to the government Parks officials, through drawings and renderings, through several meetings following the opening of McKenzie Meadows Golf course in May 1996. The Club unanimously agreed to this urban footprint in the name of our club and the project began.

Corporate donors were willing to support us, with token recognition on site. Most were companies I had dealt with plus both my sons, through their employers at the time, donated substantially, and services for architecture and co-ordination were free of charge. McKenzie Meadows provided much support and materials, and occasional manpower. All have been identified on features in the Park, which officially opened June 18, 2002. It has since been shut down a few times for utility corridor needs, the flood of 2013 and more recently, the 22X lane expansion. We hope all will be accessible this spring and we can return to having our Annual Picnic in the Park club luncheon in August.

We now have a strong Rotary Club Administration Committee going forward, which will introduce new ideas and maintain the existing infrastructure as The Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook NATURE PARK. Thanks to George Kimura (President 2018/19), Rob Wolfson (President 2020/21), Bill Stemp and Dean White with Neil Beatty as club director for creating the new committee.

Jim Thompson, President 81/82, Charter Member



Made in Canada



Marquis Wheat

The Canadian West is a tough place to grow wheat with harsh weather and a short growing season. Until the early 1900s, early frost often destroyed entire crops. Charles Saunders of London, Ontario spent years breeding a wheat variety that could be planted in the spring, harvested before the first frost, and then turned into wonderful bread. Today almost all the wheat in Western Canada owes some of its genes to the first 12 kernels bred by Charles Saunders.

Water and Sanitation Month

March 1st
March 22nd

Genevieve Johner, Calgary Humane Society
Richard Moxley, Debt Counsellor and Author

Maternal and Child Health Month

April 19th
April 27th

Mike Moore, VP of the Calgary Roughnecks and Calgary Hitmen
FunDrive Fundraising Project delivery date — collect gently
used clothing, books and other household items!



Roots 2 STEM Event

Roots 2 STEM will be hosting the Calgary Maker Faire on May 14th & 15th, 2022 at the BMO Centre on Stampede Grounds. This is an event of sharing Maker passion and knowledge and has international coverage.



We are using this event to raise funds in support of R2S Chinook Rotary Program at Roots 2 STEM. The proceeds from the Calgary Maker Faire will go to support STEM education for under-served and at-risk youth. Roots 2 STEM works closely with Urban Society for Aboriginal Youth, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and United Way to provide STEM education classes and scholarships to advanced classes.

How can you help? Roots 2 STEM is reaching out to Calgary corporations for sponsorship. **If you know of any organization that would like to sponsor the Calgary Maker Faire, please pass on their contact information to me, and I will provide them with a Sponsorship Package.**

You are welcome to **join us for this fun and inspiring event.** For further information on the Calgary Maker Faire, please go to the website: www.Calgary.MakerFaire.com

I would like to thank the Chinook Rotary Club for all their support with Roots 2 STEM ... thank you very much.

*Dean White, P.Eng.
CEO & Founder, Roots 2 STEM*



Rotary's Areas of Focus

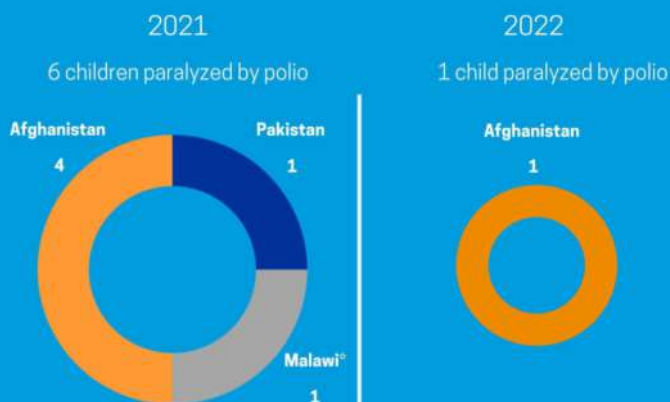


Networking ZOOM Meeting

February 24th Meeting ... Dr Lal Mattu of the Fish Creek Rotary Club gave a presentation about the Third Academy. Information can be found on their website: www.thirdacademy.ca
Dan Doherty gave a detailed report on the RI President's upcoming visit to Calgary in July of this year.
Rhea and Hank gave an update on the recent Rotary birthday celebration and fund raiser which was well attended. Rhea and Anne bid successfully on a week long trip to a Villa in France. The Rotary message about all the good things Rotary is doing notwithstanding COVID was truly inspirational.

Wild Poliovirus Weekly Update

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*Non endemic
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