



There are many aggressive weeds at BARAGA. They have deep roots, reproduce quickly, and form thick mats that can choke our plots. Here are a few of the most common seen at BARAGA.

YELLOW FLAG IRIS (ABOVE)

This non-native, perennial aquatic plant can grow in a variety of wetland habitats as well as BARAGA dykes and gardens. This plant colonizes and spreads quickly, displacing native plants and decreasing biodiversity.



LAMIUM

There are many types of Lamium which can have different shapes and colours. Most are very invasive, grow easily, and are found in shaded to partially shaded areas. Do NOT plant them at BARAGA for any reason.



HOGWEED

Giant hogweed is an invasive perennial herb that has a very toxic sap that can cause result in burns, blisters, and scarring. Protective equipment (coveralls, gloves, eye protection, etc.) must be used when handling this plant.



HORSETAIL

Also called Marestail, this native weed thrives in moist soils. Its roots have been found to go as deep as 6 feet, making it very difficult to control once it becomes fully established. Once you find it, immediately remove it.



KNOTWEED

Japanese knotweed, Giant knotweed, Bohemian knotweed, and Himalayan knotweed are all now found in BC. Knotweeds are one of the 100 worst invasive species and a top-ten invasive species for control in BC.

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*I know that if odour
were visible,
as colour is,
I'd see the*

**SUMMER
GARDEN**

in

RAINBOW
clouds

- Robert Bridges

VICE PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

by Ann Talbot & Dick Mackin

Well, it certainly has been a crazy spring with record cold temperatures, rain and more rain! Everything is late but it seems that our gardens are doing what they do best: adjusting and adapting. The early summer blooms are creating lovely colours and displays for us all to enjoy and our orchard and parks are looking better than ever, thanks to our intrepid Ramiro and his incredibly hard work.



The board has been working hard to continue serving our members through decisions regarding maintenance, finances, bylaw infractions, plot maintenance issues as well as organizing work parties and other events such as our up-coming annual picnic. We have also been working with the City of Burnaby which continues to be very positive and supportive in their relationship with us.

Despite the unusually wet spring we have had great turnout at our work parties and we would like to thank those members who participated and look forward to seeing you at future dates. There are a number of "do anytime" tasks that members who cannot participate on Saturdays and they are posted on the bulletin boards and are also listed in the members section of the web site.

As previously advised, we did not get the Canada Summer Jobs Grant and were not able to hire a summer groundskeeper. As a result, a number of jobs normally done by the groundskeeper are not being done. The common areas are being mowed weekly, but weed whacking on those area is not. Members have the opportunity to do this task for CSH credit. We would also ask members to ensure they dispose of their compostable material, waste wood, garbage and cardboard, in the appropriate area.



The Empress Tree

by Dick Mackin

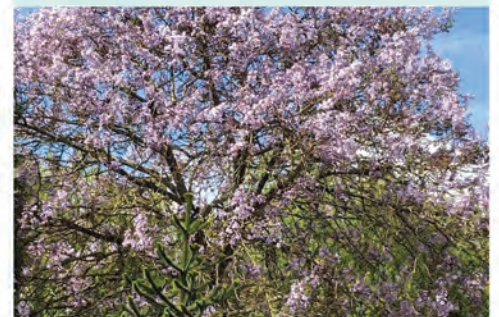
How many BARAGA gardeners, like myself, have been impressed with the big tree in the parking lot with the beautiful mauve flowers and have wondered what species it is?

Our resident landscaper, Ramiro Coto, informs me it is called an Empress Tree, or Princess Tree in some areas. It originates in central and western China and as it is a particularly fast-growing tree that has been popular as a landscape tree throughout Asia.

In Japan, there has been a tradition of planting an Empress tree upon the birth of a girl, as it will be a mature tree when the girl becomes of marriageable age, at which time it is taken down and the wood used to make wooden articles for her dowry.

The Empress tree can become quite invasive under certain conditions, and has been banned from sales in several eastern US states.

Fortunately, our tree seems to be well behaved and we hope to be able to enjoy its beautiful spring display for many years to come.



BARAGA Annual Picnic

Mark Your Calendars!

AUGUST 13, 2022 | 1:00PM - 3:00PM



The BARAGA annual picnic is an event that has now become a fond tradition and we are happy to report that we are back to mingling, post Covid!! The picnic will be held, as usual, on the grass area in front of the office, near the parking lot. In the event of rain, it will be postponed until the next Saturday.

All members are welcome, as well as family, children and guests. Just remember to bring enough food to feed them.

POT LUCK DINNER

Your contribution to the potluck dinner can be an appetizer, salad, casserole, other main dish, dessert or any combination of these. If your food item contains dairy, meat or fish please bring it in a cold cooler to be kept in until served. Preferences for fresh produce from the garden!

Remember to bring whatever you prefer to drink. BARAGA has some picnic tables, but can always use more tables. Extra chairs, either folding or plastic garden chairs, are always needed. BARAGA will provide disposable plates and cutlery, pasta, water, and juice.

GARDEN CONTEST

A main feature of picnic is the garden contest. Bring your flowers, vegetables, and fruits grown at BARAGA to the competition and display. Prizes will be awarded in several categories: Most Unusual, Best Produce Presentation, Best Flower Arrangement, Best Canning/Baking, and Best Plot.

OTHER ENTERTAINMENT

For other entertainment, remember to bring your garden games. If you play an instrument this is a good chance to showcase your talent!

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

HISTORY OF BARAGA'S FOUNDING

The Burnaby Allotment Gardens was set up in 1974 by the Provincial Government under the Ministry of Agriculture. The Provincial Government in 1981 decided to discontinue the Allotment Garden Program and to hand the land over to the City of Burnaby. On December 7, 1981, at a general meeting of the former members of the Burnaby Allotment Gardens it was decided to carry on as a separate Society under the name Burnaby and Region Allotment Gardens Association.

FIRST EXECUTIVE MEETING

The first executive meeting of BARAGA was held two days later on Dec. 9, 1981. At this meeting, they decided to approach the Ministry for a transition grant to cover the cost of setting up the new society and a separate grant for a drainage system.

THE CITY OF BURNABY'S ROLE

They also sent a letter to Burnaby Council asking for a lease on the 14.2 acre property and exemption from taxes with the agreement that the society would maintain the quality of the agricultural land. In that letter, it mentioned that the garden had been in existence for six years. Prior to 1982, the government had been leasing the individual plots for \$20.00 per year. The City of Burnaby agreed to a lease on Feb. 8, 1982 at a cost of \$1.00 per year. On January 23, 1982 the first filing of the Constitution and Bylaws for BARAGA was filed with the BC Societies Act.

NEW LEASE SIGNED WITH CITY OF BURNABY

We have just signed our 2022-2027 five-year lease agreement with the City of Burnaby, and are pleased to report that we are thriving! We have had our ups and downs with unpopular decisions, creation of new bylaws, rules and policies, and the general upheavals that happen in a large volunteer organization. But, we continue to provide a safe, healthy, and well-maintained natural environment to grow and share our abundance. How lucky we are!

CELEBRATION AT ANNUAL PICNIC ON AUGUST 13, 2022

We will be celebrating our 40th anniversary at our Annual Picnic in August with special guests to honour the occasion.

If any members have old pictures, stories and memories to share, please contact us at directors@baraga.ca

BARAGA
Celebrates
40 YEARS
Since Incorporation!



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**Please Donate to
the Food Bank**



**WEDNESDAYS
11AM - NOON**

**YOUR DONATIONS
ARE ALWAYS
APPRECIATED!**

Please remember the Food Bank when you are harvesting from your plot.

Please place your donations in the bins before 11am on Wednesday mornings.

If you would like to help harvest produce from the orchard for the food bank as part of your community service hours, please send a message to directors@baraga.ca

Volunteers from the food bank come pick up our donations on Wednesdays between 11am and noon.



SUMMER IS HERE!

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