

CALENDAR

SPRING

- Daffodils & Bluebells bloom
- Dead-head faded blooms
- Cut back leaves after they turn yellow
- Weed, but watch for Poppies coming up!

SUMMER

- Clip Horsetail
- Pull weeds (some "weeds" are wild flowers!)
- Plant flowers (from the list)

FALL

- Weed and tidy flowers as needed
- Once rainy season starts, plant shrubs and groundcover (from list)

WINTER

- Beds are Mulched....No tending needed
- Wait for the wonderful Spring display

ADOPT-A-MOUND

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POINT ROBERTS
GARDEN CLUB

SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 2007 Whatcom County Public Works and the Point Roberts Garden Club joined in a cooperative effort to improve on the landscaping of a portion of Tyee Drive.

Approximately 38 mounds were created between the existing Liquidambar trees for spring-flowering Daffodils, Bluebells and Wildflowers.

Over the years, due to budget cuts in the County, the Point Roberts Garden Club has assumed most of the responsibility for the maintenance and improvement of this worthy project.



We have a 5-point strategy for fulfilling this responsibility. An “Adopt-a-Mound” program is one of them:

- 1) 'Tyee Tidy' - The Club's regularly scheduled session the third Tuesday of every month at 10 am. This is a work-party which meets for about an hour to focus on our “Feature Berms”
- 2) **'Adopt-a-Mound' - Individuals or groups adopt a specific mound or pair of mounds to take care of. From basic maintenance to planting, this is co-ordinated by the Beautification Committee.**
- 3) 'Maintenance Team' - A team of volunteers which use the Club's power equipment. They mow the grass and weed-wack the unadopted Mounds.
- 4) Hiring out for professional assistance as needed.
- 5) Using what facilities the County is able to contribute.

ADOPTING A MOUND IS EASY AND SIMPLE--

It involves taking over the maintenance of one or a pair of Mounds on Tyee Drive with the option of adding more plants.

This booklet provides some guidance on maintenance, what plants the Club has approved for Tyee, and what each of us (the Club and the Adopter) would be agreeing to.



We start with selecting a Mound or pair of Mounds. The Tyee Dr. streetscape is divided into sections of Mounds. As each section gets adopted, we move to the next-- this way the project doesn't look "spotty" and spread-out. The Beautification Committee will let you know which section is up for adoption at the time of applying.



In 2011 The Club decided to improve on the Tyee project in order to present a seasonal and year-long interest after the Spring display of bulbs had finished.

We also wanted to create more continuity to the streetscape and lower maintenance.

One of the the long-term ways to accomplish this is to create a “foundation” by connecting the existing trees & mounds and adding plants to give an all-season presence.

Since our long-term goal is to connect most of the mounds with the Liquidambar trees, this is why we offer the option of a pair of mounds.

TIPS AND GUIDELINES

Once we get together and you choose your Mound to adopt, we'll go through this booklet. After signing the agreement on page 6 we can do a short "tutorial" specific to your Mound to answer questions you might have.

Following are some helpful tips on Weeding, Bulb clean-up and Horsetail as well as our recommended Plant List.

WEEDING



The pictures to the left are typical of weeds we want to pull. (Thistle and Dandelion). They usually pull out easily due to our mulching over the years. Care should be taken when yanking them up so as not to pull up bulbs. As is the case with weeds, no matter how many you pull, they seem to come back! It can be frustrating. You can be as casual or intense as your personality dictates, but remember this is a "streetcape". It only has to look good from a moving car.



The pictures to the right (Goldenrod and Queen Anne's Lace) are technically not "weeds", but are wild flowers. Over the years we have tried to encourage the wildflowers but their appearance has been quite "spotty". The only wildflower which has taken off is the Poppy. If you decide you want to cultivate a particular wildflower that's already growing on the Mounds like Lupine, Queen Anne's Lace, Columbine, Wild Sweetpea, or Goldenrod, that's fine. Otherwise you may want to remove them from your Mound.

BULB CLEAN-UP



It's OK to clip off blooms as they wither to keep things looking nice, but eventually all the blooms will fade and need to be clipped. Cutting just the blooms is called "deadheading".

The bulbs, however, draw nutrition from the spent leaves after the blooms are done. Don't be too hasty to clip the green, spent leaves. Let them die back on their own. They get longer, turn yellow, fall over, and dry up. After this, you can tidy up your Mound. It looks unsightly for a while but is critical for healthy flowers the following Spring.

HORSETAIL



Horsetail is not your normal weed. It's a "Jurassic" Native plant. The Club's policy for dealing with Horsetail is do not pull it up, as this actually encourages it to spread! Clip it off.

In early Spring it will send up stalks that look like asparagus (on right). These are full of spores. Cut these stalks and put them in a plastic bag and throw it away. Later, when the feathery plants pop up, clip them; do not pull them up. As the soil gets improved, less horsetail will appear. With both Weeds and Horsetail, we prohibit the use of poison.

To the right is our "Basic Plant List" for use on the Mounds. It's important for a public streetscape to have continuity, so it's necessary to have a finite plant list to work from. For the most part we've endeavored to choose plants indicative of our area which can more or less take care of themselves. Approval from the Beautification Committee would be needed for plants not on the list. The "Foundation Plants" (more about them on page 5) were chosen because once they are planted (during the rainy part of late Fall) they generally need no more watering the rest of the year.

BASIC PLANT LIST FOR USE ON MOUNDS

GRASS	SHRUB	GROUND Cv	FLOWERS					
			BULBS	SEEDS	PERENNIALS			
blue oat TBD	FOUNDATION PLANTS	kinnickinick cotoneaster	daffodil crocus bluebell	alyssum poppy cosmos	spring	early smr.	late smr.	fall
	red currant escallonia ceanothus				columbine cranesbill	salvia penstemon lavender shasta daisy prairie smoke	echinacea sedum rudbeckia	aster

AGREEMENT

I would like to 'Adopt' a Mound (specified below) which is part of the Tyee Drive streetscape managed by the Point Roberts Garden Club.

I understand this "adoption" is for the purpose of helping with the maintenance and improvement of this worthy project.

I agree to weed & tidy my Mound as necessary according to the guidelines in the Adopt-a-Mound booklet and if I have any further questions to contact the Club. (below)

In addition to this basic maintenance, I may also choose to cultivate my Mound through additional plantings. The "Foundation Plants" would be paid for by The Club and I would have aid in planting them. Any additional plants would be at my expense, but chosen from the approved Club plant list. I would need approval from the Beautification Committee for plants I wish to use that are not on the list. Any additional needs for water, soil or fertilizer would be provided by me.

I understand all tending of mounds is at my own risk (this means releasing the Garden Club, and its officers and members, of any liability in regard to this activity). Accordingly, I will be mindful of uneven ground and any possible holes in the nearby ground, and always be mindful of traffic passing on Tyee Drive.

MOUND LOCATION (map on file)_____

Adopter:	Point Roberts Garden Club:
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Phone_____	360.945.5075
Date_____	Date_____
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Signature	Signature/Title



THE FOUNDATION PLANTS

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| ceanothus | flowering red currant | escallonia |
| • behind bulb area • | • new area near trees • | • front of bulb area • |

OTHER IMPORTANT POINTS

The Club is non-profit and this is all volunteer work, so there is no obstacle to Canadians adopting a Mound.

All plants become part of the Tyee streetscape, and they cannot be taken back.

We would like a time commitment of one season, but it's totally up to the Adopter

Who pays for what:

The Club will provide the foundation plants (Escallonia, Red Currant, Ceanothus) for your Mound. If you want to contribute to this cost we won't discourage it, but it is not expected of you. The Club will also provide the winter mulching of all the Mounds. Any additional plants, soil or fertilizer is the Adopter's responsibility.

The Foundation Plants are planted during the rainy season so they are watered in naturally. They should require no more watering except during unusual dry spells. The Adopter is responsible for watering any plants they put in if they need more watering over the course of the year.