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Marion Kozier, president of the Penticton & District Garden Club, consults with Lorna Cox from the Penticton Secondary Schools Bursary and Scholarship Foundation

Garden club bursary boost

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The Penticton and District Garden Club has donated \$1,500 to the Penticton Secondary Schools Bursary and Scholarship Foundation towards establishing a scholarship/bursary.

Over the next three years, a scholarship/bursary of \$500 is being made available to graduating students at either Penticton or Princess Margaret secondary schools through the foundation.

"Costs of post-secondary education are skyrocketing. After consulting with Lorna Cox from the Bursary and Scholarship Foundation we wanted to ensure that the scholarship/bursary was as open and inclusive as possible," says garden club president Marion Kozier. "The award from the Penticton Garden Club Scholarship/Bursary through the foundation is available to a student proceeding to an accredited public post-secondary."

The Penticton & District Garden Club has two major fundraisers a year that

support the club activities as well as allow the group to participate in community outreach.

The club has assisted Penticton Hospice House with weeding beds, choosing and planting plants. Queen's Park Elementary School has received support from garden club volunteers reestablishing and maintaining the school's raised garden beds.

Club membership consists of a roughly 65 garden enthusiasts who meet and host speakers once a month on numerous of topics of interest from vegetable/flower gardening, soils, composting, irrigation techniques, bats, beneficial insects and helping pollinators including workshops on flower arranging and wreath making and arrange garden tours.

The Penticton & District Garden Club holds monthly meetings on the third Thursday of each month at the Penticton library auditorium from 7-9 p.m.

The next meeting is Feb. 20. New members welcome.

For more information, visit www.gardenclubpenticton.ca.