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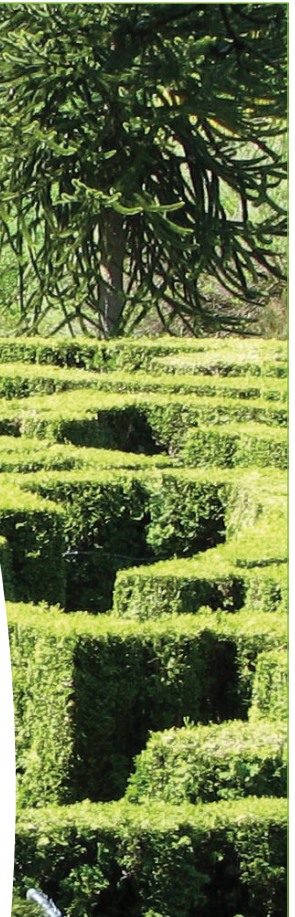
# OPEN HOUSE

**Save the Date:** January 18th 2020, 10am-12pm & 1pm - 3pm

**Location:** Great Hall, Visitor Centre, VanDusen Botanical Garden

January 18th is your chance to shape the future of VanDusen Botanical Garden and Bloedel Conservatory. We invite you to attend our Open House so we can hear your voice on the future of these wonderful Gardens.

Bloedel Conservatory and VanDusen Botanical Garden are jointly operated by Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association and the Park Board. In 2020 we will be renegotiating our Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) and we look forward to a renewed understanding between Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association (VBGA) and the Park Board.



## VBGA VISION

For the Garden and the Conservatory to be cherished locally and renowned internationally.

## VBGA MISSION

To engage people of all ages and walks of life in the importance of biodiversity to our lives, and to foster a lifelong love of plants and gardens by virtue of their participation in our programs and services.

### In the upcoming JOA negotiations with the Park Board, VBGA hopes to realize:

- 1 A collaborative partnership with Park Board which can serve as a model for community engagement.
- 2 A new Strategic Plan for the Gardens that will be long-term and forward thinking, that is also shared and adopted by the Park Board.
- 3 A new Joint Operating Agreement that will strengthen operations, provide clear roles and responsibilities for VBGA and Park Board and build the relationship upon trust, transparency, accountability and mutual respect.
- 4 VanDusen Botanical Garden and Bloedel Conservatory will continue to be operated as Botanical Gardens.
- 5 Development of a Capital Project Plan to enhance the Gardens and overall Visitor experience.
- 6 VBGA will continue as a membership based organization.
- 7 Education will be a key component of the long term plan for the Gardens.
- 8 Volunteers to be a key strength of the Gardens and highly valued for their service.
- 9 Gardens will be improved using revenues generated for ongoing improvements and enhancements.