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**GARDEN HOURS**

**July & August:**  
9 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
**September:**  
9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

**BLOEDEL CONSERVATORY HOURS**

**July – September 17:**  
Monday – Friday:  
9 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday:  
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
**September 17 – 30:**  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. every day

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## TOUCH WOOD TOUCHES OUR ROOTS

Poet W.H. Auden once remarked “A culture is no better than its woods.” This summer, VanDusen, long renowned for its collections of rare and endangered trees, celebrates the culture of wood with a very special art exhibit – *Touch Wood*.



*Council of Elders*  
by Michael Dennis

itself,” says Garden Director Harry Jongerden. “Wood-related industries have been the backbone of the province’s economy making possible the philanthropy that created VanDusen Botanical Garden and Bloedel Conservatory.” Just as importantly, wood has been integral to the artistic culture of BC. Think of the fine art created (and still being created) by the First Nations peoples - totem and memorial poles, masks, canoes and ceremonial items. Recently, VanDusen’s Visitor Centre was internationally recognized with awards for the beauty of, and innovative approach to, its use of wood.

Following on the success of last year’s *Earth Art* exhibit that featured five of the top artists in the genre, the Garden thought that a larger show, concentrating on local artists working in wood, would be well received. Like many of the *Earth Art* installations, many of the pieces in *Touch Wood* are

Curated by Celia Duthie and Nicholas Hunt of the Duthie Gallery on Salt Spring Island, *Touch Wood* is a landmark exhibition of more than two dozen wood sculptures and installations by prominent BC artists such as Brent Comber, Michael Dennis, Alastair Heseltine and Martha Varcoe Sturdy to name but four of the more than 10 participants.

*Touch Wood* opens June 20th and runs through the end of September.

“Wood has played a significant role in the development and history of this province, indeed of Canada

of monumental size. For instance, Michael Dennis’ *Council of Elders* consists of 11 figures, each towering 12’ while Alastair Heseltine will be constructing a piece in situ that soars 20’ in height and 40’ in diameter. Mr. Heseltine will be creating his piece starting in early June, so please drop by and watch its progress. As a reflection of VanDusen’s environmental mandate, all the pieces in the exhibit are constructed from wood that has been salvaged, recycled or scavenged.

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**Harry Jongerden**  
*Garden Director*



**A**t this blooming time of year, we are fortunate to have a vast bouquet of plants at VanDusen to enjoy and revel in. Our recent Japan-themed *Sakura Days* event drew in crowds not only to view the blooming cherries, but to also taste the food and experience the culture. Concerns over whether cherries would be in bloom that weekend had organizers jittery, but I knew we would have nothing to worry about. In springtime we always have camellias, magnolias, rhododendrons and blooms galore. People coming for our events will discover the natural wonders of our Garden.

A new event has been added to this summer's Garden programming – the *Epic Sustainability Festival*. What was known as an 'expo,' when it was held in the Convention Centre, is now moving to VanDusen as an outdoor festival. We're bringing it into the daylight and the outdoors by turning it into a two-day festival on the weekend of July 6 and 7. The expected visitor demographic will be younger than our usual crowds – young people inspired by the desire to live a 'greener' lifestyle more in harmony with nature. Expect a multitude of vendors selling the accoutrements of 'green living' and expect a musical line-up that young people will enjoy. While they're here, they'll experience our Garden, many of them for the first time.

I get feedback about events, not all of it positive. It's important to remember that we need to reach out to our ethnic communities and to a younger generation if we're going to sustain our Garden financially and politically. We must be seen to be earning our way and earning our community's support. The broader our base, the better we're able to survive and thrive. As Members, you'll enjoy the usual admission discount to this special event. I hope you'll find it an exciting addition to the offerings of the Garden and Garden membership.

*(Touch Wood Touches Our Roots...from page 1)*

Large sculptures and installations are sited throughout the Garden - allowing visitors to enjoy the pieces surrounded by the beauty of the natural settings. As with past exhibits, visitors' experiences and perceptions of the art changes with each visit as the light and surrounding vegetation changes with the weather, time of day or season. "The environment becomes part of the show. Because of the placement of the art, people see and experience the Garden in a new way," says Mr. Jongerden. "We realized this phenomenon with the first *Zimsculpt* exhibit five years ago. I kept hearing from people how they saw the Garden differently thanks to the sculpture."

The show also contains many smaller pieces that do not require a large space. These will be displayed in the Visitor Centre's Discovery Room while the Garden Shop will feature many items suitable for gifts or personal use – all crafted from wood.

All the pieces, from monumental to minuscule, are for sale with a portion of the proceeds going to support the Garden's activities and programs. Join us for an extraordinary exhibit that explores the roots of BC's soul.

## Compost & Spring Bulb Sale in the Parking Lot

Saturday  
September 28

**only \$6**  
20kg bag of compost

Special selection of spring bulbs available for sale



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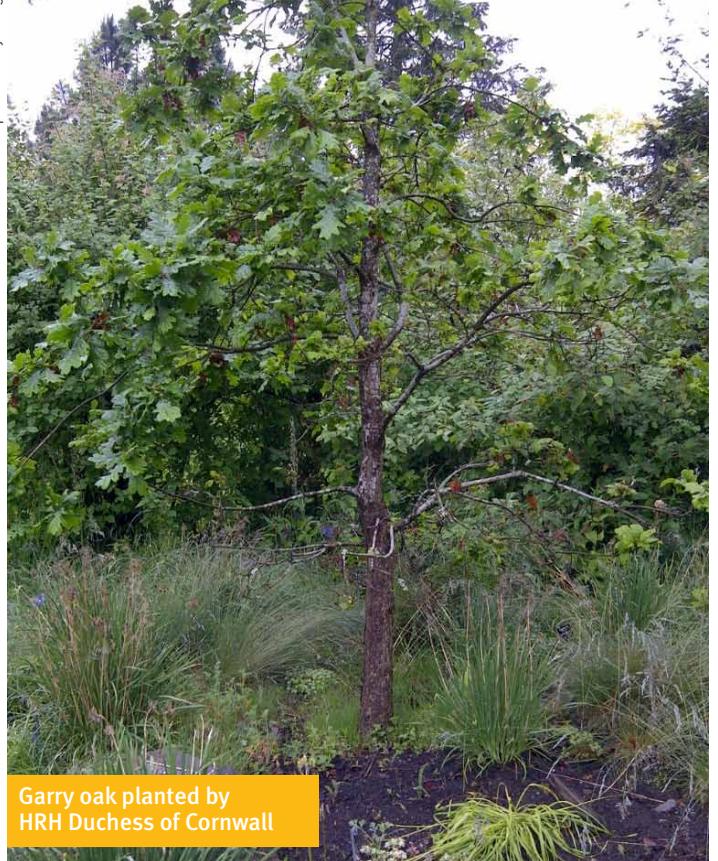
Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall planting Garry oak in 2009

photo: Nancy Wong



Garry oak leaf

photo: Nancy Wong



Garry oak planted by HRH Duchess of Cornwall

## TREE TALK | Garry oak (*Quercus garryana*)

The Garry oak (*Quercus garryana*) is named for Nicholas Garry, Deputy-Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company from 1822-1835. Mr. Garry provided assistance to David Douglas, the botanist who first described this tree.

*Quercus garryana* is medium-sized with gnarly, spreading branches and dark green, leathery leaves. It grows naturally in Mediterranean climates (with mild temperatures and dry summers) and ranges from the Gulf Islands and the southern tip of Vancouver Island in BC down through Washington and Oregon to California. In the United States it is commonly referred to as Oregon white oak.

Garry oak is the dominant species of one of the rarest ecosystems in Canada - the Garry oak ecosystem. Consisting of open woodland or meadows, Garry oak ecosystems occur in areas that experience frequent fires. The fires, which do little harm to heat-resistant Garry oaks, suppress the growth of more sensitive tree species like arbutus and Douglas-fir. These warm, dry meadows dotted with Garry oaks form a rich community of inter-connected plant and animal species. First Nations peoples harvested some of these plants (such as edible camas bulbs) and would

deliberately set fires to maintain the meadows; encouraging the growth of 'useful' plants.

With European settlement came fire suppression, and other tree species were able to move in and dominate - turning meadows into woodlands. Subsequent agriculture and development has resulted in the loss of much of the Garry oak ecosystem and a number of associated species are now endangered. Most of the remaining Garry oak ecosystems are found in protected areas such as preserves and parks.

The future of this ecosystem is uncertain. Efforts are being made to restore habitat in some Garry oak ecosystems, and several botanical gardens, including UBC and us, have planted their own Garry oak meadows.

Here at the Garden, there are two areas in which to see Garry oaks. The first is the Garry oak meadow, containing many young trees, planted on the berm on Oak Street in front of the Visitor Centre and next to the circular drive-way. The other is the Garry oak bed located adjacent to the Entrance Plaza just left of the Visitor Centre. It is home to two, more mature, trees - one of which was planted by HRH Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall when she visited the Garden in 2009.

**VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION DAY**

Saturday September 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Orientation is a prerequisite to becoming a VanDusen volunteer. To register, contact Judy Aird.

**VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS**

The VBGA is dependent upon the many dedicated volunteers who contribute time, energy and enthusiasm to VanDusen Botanical Garden. Each year we single out individual volunteers to acknowledge the significant contribution they have made. These individuals have been nominated by their peers for Awards of Recognition and Awards of Distinction.

Last April, at the VBGA's annual Volunteer Recognition Event, Sue Abzinger received the Award of Distinction for her exceptional level of service and dedication, outstanding contribution to the mission of the Association and demonstrated leadership skills which have inspired others to contribute positively to the Garden.

The following volunteers received Awards of Recognition for their significant contribution to the mission of the Association, their enthusiastic participation in Garden activities and their consistently positive contributions: Yuki Amiot, Steven Bracher, Lorna Davies, Derek Glazer, Doreen Godwin, Eve Harrison, Bardia Khaledi, Vivien Linder, Genny MacLean, Denise Salmon, Donna Wells and, Elsie Wollaston.

**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR – SYD HARTLEY**

photo: Raymond Chan



Syd Hartley

If something needs doing - call Syd Hartley. Since becoming a volunteer in 2002, Syd has generously supported the Garden with his time, his brain, his brawn – and his dry humour. He's shoveled at the *Manure Sale* as well as being integral to the workings of the *Plant Sale*, the *Compost Sale* and, in his early days, at *Festival of Lights*.

When a co-chair was needed for the *Compost* and *Manure Sales*, Syd stepped forward and spent countless hours shoveling with his team. His kind personality, combined with his get-in-the-trenches lead-by-example nature, has fostered a loyal volunteer team. He became the 'unofficial co-chair' of the *Plant Sale* and has been there every step of the way to ensure that the event runs smoothly.

Since joining the VBGA Board in 2008, Syd has served on the Special Events Committee – doing his utmost to support all of the Garden's special events. He helped organize *Thirsty Thursday* and worked tirelessly with the volunteer team throughout the events. The following year he became the 'roadie/techie' for the *Jazz in Bloom* concerts. When the Garden benches needed cleaning, he was there; when a wall needed to be painted in the Ed Centre he was there then too. He's helped install and later dismantle new exhibits in the Visitor Centre. He has even opened his own garden for the *Private Garden Tour*. Syd is an invaluable contributor who, from the start, has demonstrated his commitment to the Garden. We congratulate him on being our Volunteer of the Year.

**Dried Flower Arrangements**  
**ANNUAL SALE**

**Saturday and Sunday**  
**September 28 & 29**  
**10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day**

**HSBC Arrival Hall, Visitor Centre.**  
Sale of dried flower topiaries, centrepieces, wreaths, bouquets and arrangements created from materials grown at VanDusen

**Plant Donations**  
*Gratefully accepted by the Plant Sale*

Call:  
Jean McComb 604-261-4556  
Margie Knox 604-261-1868

Plant Sale Compound Entrance  
Laneway south of 33rd Ave,  
between Selkirk & Osler  
NOT Gate 6/ Service Yard

# VBGA NEWS



Shawn Mitchell,  
VBGA AD

photo: Raymond Chan, Photomedia

## SHAWN MITCHELL APPOINTED ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR

Christine McCaffrey, VBGA president, is pleased to announce the appointment of Shawn Mitchell, MPA to the newly created position of Association Director.

Mr. Mitchell has spent almost twenty years working in, and for, the Canadian not-for-profit and charitable sector. He brings a wealth of experience in the areas of not-for-profit leadership, governance, management and operations.

In addition to his most recent role as the Director of Content and Engagement for CharityVillage.com, he has been the Vice President, Corporate and Public Affairs for Edelman Vancouver, Vice President of Communications and Human Resources for WWF-Canada and the Director of Communications and Volunteer Development for the Huntington Society of Canada.

Mr. Mitchell's community service includes being the chair of Vantage Point in Vancouver, and he is a member of the Peer Review panel as part of Imagine Canada's Standards and Accreditation program for the not-for-profit and charitable sector. He is also serving a second term on the board of Mountain Equipment Co-op where he also chairs that organization's governance committee. He holds a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from Queen's University and is a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors.

Please welcome Shawn to the Garden.



At the VBGA's Annual General Meeting held last April, Christine McCaffrey CA, formerly the VBGA Treasurer, was elected President of the Board of Governors for a two-year term.

## 2013 - VBGA Board of Governors

### Officers:

President – Christine McCaffrey  
1st Vice President – Rich Hankin  
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John Kitchen  
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YOU NEED FOR  
**Summer**  
AT THE GARDEN SHOP

The Garden Shop offers a wide selection of seeds, plants, books and gardening tools.



# THE UNCOMMON CARROT AND OTHER COLOURFUL CHARACTERS

By Bruce McDonald, Plant Propagator

How many times as a child did you hear the plea “Eat your vegetables!” And by that, it was usually the standard fare—green peas, orange carrots, white potatoes, and, god forbid, broccoli. Each one pushed neatly to the side of our plates, never being allowed to touch the other, or worse, the meat. We didn’t like the taste, the smell, or the way the vegetables looked. Or worse, they were cooked beyond recognition. But maybe, just maybe, it was because there was no variety beyond the white, green and orange.

## Live a Colourful Life

It is said that we eat with our eyes first. However, there is more to life than a three-colour diet. The Heirloom Vegetable Garden at VanDusen is a call to live, or to be more precise, to eat, a more colourful life. This year’s display is a Technicolor celebration of the odd, the unusual and the unique. Here purple, yellow and white carrots grow beside tomatoes of every shape, size and colour - even blue. It is a garden where corn can be black, blue or red and cauliflower is free to be orange, green or purple. This garden may even keep you guessing—Is that a tomato, a pepper or an eggplant? Things can look strangely alike, yet couldn’t be more different. There is beauty in diversity and a world of nutritional benefits that comes with it. A colourful diet is a healthier diet.

There is science behind why we crave certain foods, specifically fruits and vegetables. It’s as if Mother Nature had a master plan to make us want to eat what is good for us. By making the fruits and vegetables we



photo: D. Cavagnaro

eat more colourful and enticing, we end up eating better and more nutritiously without even knowing it. The vast array of colours produced in our gardens, from the orange of carrots, red of watermelons, blue of blueberries, and yellow of peppers, are visual stimuli to make us eat. Not only that - their colours provide us with different nutrients and phytochemicals that are unique to each pigment and we are all healthier for it.

Our display has been carefully organized into a colour wheel of sorts, where each section contains vegetables of a similar hue. Each colour is interpreted with respect to the pigments and phytochemicals they contain, and how they relate to nutritional value. Anthocyanin, lycopene, carotenoids and folates are but a few of the compounds that are part of the nutrition of colour. From anti-aging to boosting our immune system, cancer prevention and vision health, our display will teach you the health benefits of each pigment.

In previous years, the Heirloom Vegetable Garden was strictly that—a garden growing only heirloom varieties. While we are still growing mostly heirlooms, this year’s theme of ‘Living a Colourful Life’ is broader and has offered a bit of latitude and freedom in what we could grow. Not all of the varieties are old and some are new introductions. We have maintained the foundation of this garden, one that is rooted in growing varieties from seed that is open-pollinated, non-GMO and organic. Our approach remains simple—to grow food in an old-fashioned way. We use only organic manures and compost to enrich the soil, water only as necessary, and weed by hand and cultivator, without the use of pesticides and fertilizers.





photo: D. Cavagnaro

## Going Beyond Green

By buying open-pollinated varieties, you will be growing fruit and vegetables that can be harvested for seed to be used the following year. It is the basis of how heirloom vegetables have persisted, passing their genetic code forward, from generation to generation. There is a world of uncommon and unusual varieties out there that is only a mouse-click away. Many seed companies specialize in unusual open-pollinated varieties and are easily obtained online or by mail-order. Among the best of these are the Seed Savers Exchange ([www.seedsavers.org](http://www.seedsavers.org)), Seeds of Diversity ([www.seeds.ca](http://www.seeds.ca)) and Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds ([www.rareseeds.com](http://www.rareseeds.com)).

A trip to the market may seem filled with colourful options for fresh produce, but it is only a fraction of what is available when compared to growing your own fruits and vegetables from seed. Whether the varieties are old or new, there is always something exciting to try. 'Cheddar' Cauliflower looks like it is infused with orange cheese sauce. 'Blue Jade' Corn is a dwarf variety with full size ears containing steel blue kernels that turn jade blue when cooked. Mexican Sour Gherkins produce cute little fruit that resemble doll-sized watermelons that are simultaneously tangy and sweet. Broccoli 'Romanesco' looks like the alien lovechild of broccoli and cauliflower, but with superior flavour to both and dates back to the 16th century. The superbly sweet and flavourful Squash 'Galeux D'Eysines' has fruit covered in what appears to be barnacles, yet are just sugar deposits on the skin. When fruits and vegetables are this interesting and unique they almost dare you to try them... and there is always room for a little more colour on our plates.



The Heirloom Vegetable Garden is located in the southwest corner of the Garden adjacent to the Canadian Heritage Garden and opposite the Maze. All the food produced from this garden is donated to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society.



## FIRST NEW CART HAS ARRIVED

This past April, The Rotary Club of Vancouver Arbutus, donated \$13,000 to assist us with the purchase of a new six-passenger electric cart. Their donation, along with further assistance from the Province of British Columbia, allowed us to make the purchase. In the spring *Bulletin*, we informed you of the sorry state of our current carts and how they are in desperate need of replacement. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Vancouver and the Province of BC we were able to immediately purchase one cart just in time for the beginning of the guided tour season. Guided cart tours have been offered to mobility-challenged visitors since 1977. Help us purchase the badly-needed second set of new wheels by supporting the VBGA's annual fund raising campaign.



L-R Members of Rotary Club of Vancouver Arbutus Projects Committee Lexie Martin, Heather Merilees, Shail Mahanti (seated) with Rotary President, Ian Heller presenting donation to VBGA Past President Brian Clark.

## SHARE THE GARDEN WITH YOUR VISITORS THIS SUMMER AND SAVE

Summer is when Vancouverites receive lots of out-of-town visitors. Of course you'll want to show off your favourite places in our beautiful city. We expect VanDusen will be at the top of your list. Between Canada Day and Thanksgiving, each of your guests will receive a 10 percent discount on admission when they accompany you on a visit to the Garden. You'll need to show proof of your membership so don't forget to bring your membership card.



## Bloom Gala 2013

### FLORA & FEATHERS AT BLOEDEL CONSERVATORY

Thursday, September 19  
6 – 9 p.m.

**Price:** \$150

**Tickets and details:** [www.bloomgala.com](http://www.bloomgala.com)



photo: Nancy Wong



Rhododendron Walk

### BLOOM GALA SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Mark your calendar – this year’s *Bloom Gala - Flora & Feathers*, is being held on September 19 at the Bloedel Conservatory. Opportunities for event sponsorship or participation with our silent and live auctions in support of VanDusen and Bloedel education programs are still available. Contact the Development Office or visit [www.bloomgala.com](http://www.bloomgala.com) to view sponsorship levels and benefits and/or obtain an auction donation form.

### WELCOME FIRST-TIME DONORS

Wasn’t this past spring amazing with its riot of colour and beautiful blossoms? Flowers aren’t the only thing blooming at the Garden – our donors and Members are also growing. The Garden cannot flourish without your support. We’d like to introduce you to two new donors.

Marguerite Toews, Development Assistant, recently spoke with John and Lillian, two long-time Members, who recently made their first donation to help preserve the Garden they know and love. Fans of Rhododendron Walk, they chose to designate their gift to plant collections through the VBGA Endowment Fund. When asked why, they replied “We have enjoyed the Garden for the past 25 years and want to ensure its long-term sustainability for future generations.” John and Lillian were inspired by family and friends to make this commitment to the Garden. “VanDusen is a gift to us, so it makes sense to give back. Giving through the Endowment Fund is an easy way to ensure the Garden will bloom in perpetuity.”

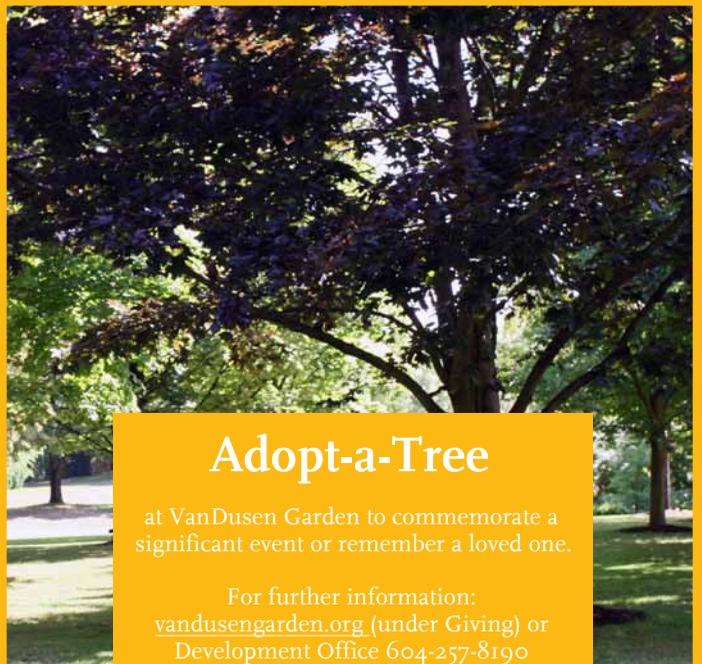
### INCREASE YOUR ART COLLECTION IN SUPPORT OF BLOEDEL

This small (10” h X 18” w X 5” d), polished bronze and black granite sculpture, inspired by the language of stones found on our Pacific shores, is on display at the Bloedel Conservatory. Sculptor, Jean-Guy Dallaire, is generously donating the \$10,000 sale proceeds of *Animal Form: Wave* to fund educational programs, interpretation projects and improvements at Bloedel. If you are interested in purchasing this piece please contact Dawn Russell.



Animal Form: Wave

photo: Jean-Guy Dallaire



**Adopt-a-Tree**

at VanDusen Garden to commemorate a significant event or remember a loved one.

For further information:  
[vandusengarden.org](http://vandusengarden.org) (under Giving) or  
 Development Office 604-257-8190

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## SUMMER TIME

Summer at VanDusen Botanical Garden is lively and breathtakingly beautiful. The plants are doing their utmost to entice pollinators with colourful and nectar-filled blossoms calling “Over here! Look at me!” The ponds are teeming with insects, birds and turtles; all interconnected with the plant life that supports them. Yet despite this profusion of activity, the Garden brings a remarkable sense of calm and focus to those who need it. Come and visit us for your inspiration, restoration, or deep connection to nature.

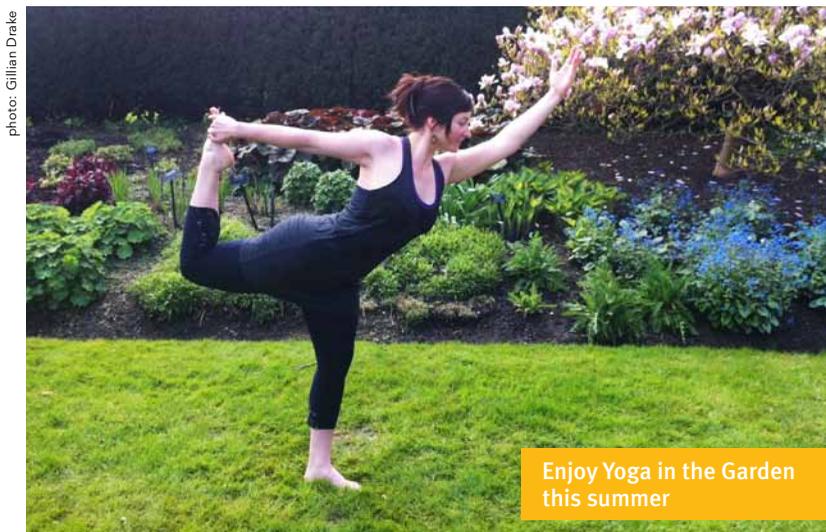


photo: Gillian Drake

Enjoy Yoga in the Garden this summer

## ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN THE GARDEN

### Yoga in the Garden

Yoga in the Garden returns this summer, with Cristina Freire, bringing her thoughtful, gentle style to the mat once again. Cristina works closely with her students to help them achieve meaningful results while working on developing mobility and strength. The added benefits of doing yoga outdoors, surrounded by the beautiful Garden, come together to create the perfect opportunity to reset your mind and body.

Yoga in the Garden brings you into VanDusen when the early evening sun is gently warming, the air is fresh and fragrant, and serenity prevails. The class is moved to different locations in the Garden from week to week, as there is always something new to see. Students of all ages and levels will enjoy the 75 minute classes.

Yoga in the Garden takes place every Tuesday at 5:45 p.m. from June 11 until September 24. Registration is for an eight-week session or by drop-in. To register visit our website or call 604-718-5898.

### Plant Labs: Science for Lifelong Learners

Bring a little botany into your day, and participate in a Plant Lab. VanDusen’s Plant Labs are wonderful opportunities to focus on ecological subjects using an engaging blend of microscopes, hands-on science, ethnobotany, and walks in the Garden. Start the summer with an examination of mosses and lichens with one of BC’s best botanists, Terry Taylor. On Saturday, June 22, Mr. Taylor will introduce you to the delicate complexity of mosses and lichens in the classroom at VanDusen; and on Sunday, June 23, he will lead a walk in Pacific Spirit Park to discover them in their natural environment.

On July 13, VanDusen Plant Documentation Technician, Samantha Sivertz will share science and stories about poisonous plants often found in gardens, and the August Plant Lab will focus on the unique characteristics of the sunflower family, the Asteraceae.

September will be another busy botanical month with two great Plant Labs. *Flowers to Fruit* on the 14th will study exactly how flowers develop into fruit, and on the 21st, explore the characteristics and members of the carrot family during a Plant Lab on the Apiaceae. More information is available on our website under Adult Education.

## HORTICULTURAL THERAPY EDUCATION



photo: Shelagh Smith

### HT Course 3: Garden Design and Plants for Health Promotion and Therapeutic Benefits

Sunday – September 29,  
 Oct 6, 20, 25 (Friday), 27  
 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Indoor and outdoor gardens, and the plants that enliven them, are essential components of health promotion, HT programs and ecological sustainability. We will explore types and purposes of healing gardens, the design features and plants that make these gardens therapeutically effective, as well as how to choose the most effective plants. Students will be introduced to participatory design processes, the healing garden design team process, and post occupancy evaluations, as well as principles of ecological sustainability applicable to HT programs and health-promoting garden designs.

This course can be taken alone or as part of the certificate program. For more information and registration, please visit our website or call 604-257-8669 or email educate@vandusen.org.

#### Cost per course:

\$550 for Garden members  
 \$580 non-members

Price includes all instruction, textbook, class supplies, and tax. \$50.00 deposit required to secure position.

## HSBC Family Programs

Financial assistance for these programs is provided by HSBC Bank Canada

### Around the World in 20 Plants

#### Sunday July 14

Take a whirlwind trip across the globe – without ever leaving the Garden! After making VanDusen Garden passports, we will begin our adventure by searching for BC native plants. Then we jet off to find plants from North and South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia and New Zealand. Join us and see if we can make it around the world in 20 plants.

### Impressions of VanDusen

#### Sunday August 11

Keep a botanical journal by capturing the beauty of different plants through various impression techniques. For each species we investigate you'll make a solar print, a pigment impression, record botanical notes, and collect a small sample for your journal. We will also experiment with spore prints with non-toxic mushroom caps. This adventure will leave a lasting impression!

### All in the Family

#### Sunday September 15

Families come in all shapes and sizes and this is also true in the plant and animal world. Join a tour of VanDusen's odd plant families and plot them in your own botanical family tree. A family challenge on the interactive Smart Board will test your identification of familiar plant and animal families.

#### PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

- Programs are for families with children ages 5-11 years.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Two Sessions 10:30 a.m. – noon OR 1:30 – 3 p.m.
- Member Family \$15
- Non-Member Family \$25 (includes Garden admission)
- Bursaries for a free program are available for families in financial need.
- To register: 604-718-5898 or familyprograms@vandusen.org



photo: Tania Clarke

# CALENDAR

## MORE INFORMATION:

24-hour Info Line: 604-257-8335 or  
[www.vandusengarden.org](http://www.vandusengarden.org)

## TOURS

### Guided Walking Tours:

Daily at 2 p.m. plus Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Free for Members or with Garden admission. Meet on the Plaza just inside the Garden entrance.

### Group Tours:

Available every day. Must be booked in advance by calling 604-257-8666.

### Cart Tours:

For the disabled or seniors with limited walking ability, every day at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Advance booking suggested for weekdays by calling 604-257-8666. Weekends and holidays are on a first come, first served basis.

## ALL SUMMER

to Sept.30 *Touch Wood* – details on pg.1

## JULY

**6 & 7 Saturday & Sunday** – *EPIC: The Sustainable Living Festival*: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., both days. **Prices Non-members:**

Adult One Day \$25, Adult Two Day \$45, Youth One Day (6 yrs – 12 yrs) \$12, Youth Two Day \$20, Senior/Student One Day \$22, Senior/Student Two Day \$40  
**Prices Members:** Member One Day \$22, Member Two Day \$40, Children 5 and under free. **Member tickets are only available at the gate, proof of membership required.** Details: <http://epicfest.ca>

**14 Sunday** – *HSBC Family Program, Around the World in 20 Plants*: details pg. 11

**21 Sunday** – *Vancouver Shade Garden Society Annual Show and Competition*. Floral Hall, Admin. Bldg., 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission free. Information: Chris Jennings 604-602-6644 / [sikokianumcjl@shaw.ca](mailto:sikokianumcjl@shaw.ca)

**27 & 28 Saturday & Sunday** – *BC Fuchsia & Begonia Society Annual Show & Competition*. Floral Hall & Cedar Room, Admin. Bldg., Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission \$2.50  
Information: Fran Carter 604-591-3262 / [fccarter@hotmail.com](mailto:fccarter@hotmail.com)

## AUGUST

**11 Sunday** – *HSBC Family Program, Impressions of VanDusen*: details pg. 11

**17 Saturday** – *Vancouver Orchid Society Summer Sale*. Floral Hall, Admin. Bldg., 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Information: Margaret Prat 604-261-8474 / [margaretprat@shaw.ca](mailto:margaretprat@shaw.ca)

**24 & 25 Saturday & Sunday** – *Vancouver Dahlia Society Annual Dahlia Show*. Floral Hall & Cedar Room, Admin Bldg., Saturday: 1 – 5 p.m., Sunday: noon – 3:30 p.m. Admission by donation. Information: Peter Krueger 604-241-4995 / [peterkrueger@shaw.ca](mailto:peterkrueger@shaw.ca)

## SEPTEMBER

**7 & 8 Saturday & Sunday** – *Luxury SuperCar & Shaughnessy Concours d'Elegance on the Great Lawn* from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., both days. Featuring the finest collection of new, concept, vintage and electric cars for luxury brands including Ferrari, Lamborghini, Bugatti, Mercedes-Benz, BMW, McLaren, Aston Martin, Rolls Royce, Maserati, Bentley, Porsche, Alfa Romeo, Lexus, Cadillac, Tesla, Corvette to name a few. **Price Non-members:** General Admission \$50, VIP admission \$100 (including food and adult beverages); **Price Members:** \$40 for General Admission and \$90 for VIP (at the door, proof of membership required) Details and advance sales tickets: [www.luxurysupercar.com](http://www.luxurysupercar.com)

**14 Saturday** – *Volunteer Orientation*, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Details pg. 4

**14 & 15 Saturday & Sunday** – *Pt. Grey Chrysanthemum Association Show of Early Varieties*. Floral Hall, Admin. Bldg., Saturday: noon – 4 p.m., Sunday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission by donation. Information: Gerald Pinton 604-943-0996 / [sgpinton@dccnet.com](mailto:sgpinton@dccnet.com)  
**15 Sunday** – *HSBC Family Program, All in the Family*: details pg. 11

**19 Thursday** – *Bloom Gala, Flora & Feathers* 6 – 9 p.m. in the Bloedel Conservatory. A fundraiser in support of VanDusen Education. Details, prices and tickets [www.bloomgala.com](http://www.bloomgala.com)

**22 Sunday** – *Alpine Garden Club of BC Fall Plant Sale*. Floral Hall, Admin Bldg., noon – 4 p.m. Admission free. Information: Chris Byra 604-793-9247 / [cbyra@shaw.ca](mailto:cbyra@shaw.ca)

**22 Sunday** – *Medicine Wheel Ceremony*. Noon – 3 p.m. at the First Nations' Medicine Wheel in the Canadian Heritage Garden. Join elders from the First Nations community in a spiritual ceremony to mark the changing of the season. Rain or shine. Wear clothing appropriate for the weather, bring a small stone to bless and leave at the wheel. Also please bring a food item to share at the pot luck meal at the

conclusion of the ceremony as well as your own dishes to keep the potluck as environmentally-friendly as possible. Bring and a folding chair or blanket to sit on. Information: Contact VanDusen's Librarian Marina Princz at [library@vandusen.org](mailto:library@vandusen.org) or 604-257-8668.

**28 Saturday** – *Annual Compost and Spring Bulb Sale*. Parking lot 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. \$6 for a 20kg bag of compost or \$5 per bag if more than 5 are purchased. While picking up your compost, why not add a few bulbs to your purchase – large selection available.

**28 & 29 Saturday & Sunday** – *Dried Flower Sale*. Visitor Centre 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sale of dried flower centre pieces for Thanksgiving and autumn wreaths made from materials gathered in the Garden.

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