

THE HOME GARDENING SERIES presented by the VBGA & the Vancouver Master Gardeners

<i>The Home Gardening Series - Schedule</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all lectures presented online (Zoom) • lectures will be recorded and made available for review for 1 month 			
1.	Tues. January 10	6:30 – 9:00	<p>Zoom Lecture: Botany 1 Speaker: Laura Caddy</p> <p>Knowing how plants work is the foundation for all aspects of gardening. Learning the names of plant parts is one of the keys to identifying plant species.</p>
2.	Tues. January 17	6:30 - 9:00	<p>Zoom Lecture: Soil, Growing Media, Nutrition Speaker: Teresa Porter</p> <p>What is soil, actually? Teresa will guide you through the answer and explain how gardeners can assess the quality of their soil and how it can be improved.</p>
3.	Tues. January 24	6:30 – 9:00	<p>Zoom: Herbaceous Plants Part 1 Speaker: Ben Stormes</p> <p>Ben offers an in-depth review of this broad category of garden perennials, including how to manage them so they come back year-after-year.</p>
4.	Tues. January 31	6:30 – 9:00	<p>Zoom: Woody Plants Part 1 Speaker: Janis Matson</p> <p>Woody perennials should be chosen and planted with care. Janis discusses shrub and tree selection for different garden situations along with best-practices for life-long health.</p>
5.	Tues. February 7	6:30 – 9:00	<p>Zoom: Site-Specific Gardening Part 1 Speaker: Ben Stormes</p> <p>Putting the right plant in the right place ensures a flourishing, low maintenance garden. Ben discusses how plant characteristics affect their success across a range of growing conditions.</p>

6.	Tues. February 14	6:30 – 9:00	<p>Zoom: Berries and Small Fruit Speaker: Laurelle Oldford-Down</p> <p>Laurelle reviews the secrets to bountiful fruit harvests, covering cane and bush berries, as well as tree fruits growable in Metro Vancouver. She also shares her current favourite varieties of each.</p>
7.	Tues. February 21	6:30 – 9:00	<p>Zoom: Growing Vegetables Part 1 Speaker: Linda Gilkeson</p> <p>Growing food has become a major interest of home gardeners. Through the lens of urban gardening – including balconies, patios, and lawn transformations - Linda describes how to get started and everything else on the path to year-round veggie harvests.</p>
8.	Tues. February 28	6:30 – 9:00	<p>Zoom: Pruning Speaker: Andrew MacLellan</p> <p>Keeping woody plants healthy and looking good requires pruning know-how. Arborist Andrew MacLellan presents the why, what, when and how for pruning garden shrubs and small trees.</p>
9.	Tues. March 7	6:30 – 9:00	<p>Zoom: Propagation Speaker: Maria Valana</p> <p>Maria explains the principles and techniques for multiplying your garden inventory through cuttings, off-shoots, division, and layering. She also reviews the basics of seed planting and seedling care.</p>
10	Tues. March 28	6:30 – 9:00	<p>Zoom: Gardening and Climate Change Speaker: Linda Gilkeson</p> <p>Home gardening is becoming more challenging as the climate crisis progresses. Learn how extreme weather affects plants, how to design resilient food and ornamental gardens, and help plants survive extreme weather. Also find out the role gardeners have in mitigating climate change, including designing landscapes to capture carbon.</p>