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**Horticulture Centre
of the Pacific**



April 2022 eNews

**Garden hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thursday through Sunday**

Year of the Garden
Année du jardin



For more information on the Year of the Garden please visit:

<https://livethegardenlife.gardenscanada.ca/>



A Message from our General Manager





Welcome Spring!

The Gardens are looking fantastic and we have so much going on!

MEMBERS ONLY FOR APRIL!

We are opening Monday to Wednesday for the remainder of April just for our Members. Beginning Monday, April 11th we will be welcoming our members to the gardens 7 days a week as a thank-you for all your support over the past two years! Another reason to become a **MEMBER!**

You can purchase a [new membership](#) or [renew your membership](#) today online or by calling (250) 479-6162.



A Message from our Head Gardener



Spring Plant Sale

April 23-24 9-4 daily

We are thrilled to have our Spring Plant Sale on site after 2 years of online sales due to COVID restrictions and are expecting a busy weekend!

We have noticed a lot of winter damage here in the gardens.

The deep freeze that arrived on Boxing Day caused burnt foliage to some broadleaf plants and death to some of the tenders. Spring is for planting, and we have a great selection of unique plants to choose from, so **come early** for best selection.

Admission to the gardens is free during plant sales, so take time to peruse the Gardens. Victoria Master Gardeners, staff, volunteers, and our Horticulture students will be available to help answer all your questions.

All proceeds raised from the plant sale support the maintenance and development of our not-for-profit teaching gardens.

Stop by the gift shop, West Coast Seeds, Gardener's Kit tools and Handy Hoops are available as well as local art.

- Members receive 10% discount on all purchases

Click [here](#) for our availability list



A new addition to this year's HCP plant sale.

Rhododendrons

This year's plant sale will have a table full of rhododendrons, both hybrids and species. All plants have been propagated by members of the Victoria Rhododendron Society. For several years they have been grown on at HCP in the 'Norman Todd Propagation Centre' compound. These are all desirable, specialty rhododendrons that you will not usually find at nurseries or big box stores. There will be VicRhodo members at the sale to assist in your selection.

Click [here](#) for the availability list



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SPRING PLANT SALE

APRIL 23 - 24 | 9AM - 4PM

*Many unique plants propagated from the
Gardens ▪ Free admission to the Gardens ▪ Master
Gardener's on site*



THE GARDENS AT HCP | 505 QUAYLE RD, VICTORIA, BC

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HCP Library

Annual 50% Off Book Sale

May 2022

Shop unique horticultural books at bargain prices, including a new Vintage Section and support the HCP Library

Library Hours:

Wednesdays 10:00am - 1:00pm (for HCP volunteers and PHC students only)

Thursdays and Saturdays 10am to 1pm



Events at HCP

Peace and Love for the Ukraine



Please join us on **Easter Sunday April 17, 10am-2pm**, to hold space and pray for peace in Ukraine. Admissions by donation with all proceeds directly supporting relief for incoming Ukrainian refugees to the Victoria area.

Donations accepted are as follows:

- Baby items – diaper cream, baby lotion, diapers
- Toddler – diapers and pull-ups
- Receiving blankets, twin blankets
- Towels – bath, hand and face cloths
- Feminine Products (pads and tampons)
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Wrapped soap
- Body Lotion
- Combs and Brushes

If you are unable to join us on Sunday, donations can be dropped off at the Soap for Hope warehouse Monday-Thursday 9:30 am – 4:00 pm at 426b William St. Victoria, BC V9A 3Y9.



Raising voices for peace.

The Victoria based, Ukrainian Kalyna Choir will be joining us from 1-1:30pm Easter Sunday helping to support Ukraine relief efforts and to share some beautiful Ukrainian culture in the gardens.



For more information on the Kalyna Choir, please visit their facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Kalyna-Ukrainian-Choir-663816170802984/>

Keep an eye on our social media pages for updates for this event.

<https://www.instagram.com/hcpgardens/>

<https://www.facebook.com/HCPGardens/>



Earth Day is Friday April 22!

There is no better time to connect with nature and dig in the garden, plant some seeds, or enjoy a stroll through our beautiful spring botanical gardens! Stop by our gift shop for West Coast Seeds if you feel the call. West Coast Seeds are donating all sales of sunflower seeds to support the Ukraine.

Sow Seeds of Support



"Plant Kindness and Gather Love" - Proverb



We are looking for paper bags with handles!

Our gift shop is becoming more stocked with amazing finds and, being the eco-friendly place we are, we'd like to have people leaving with paper bags rather than plastic. Blank

ones are preferred, but we are not
picky.

Please drop them off at the front
office. Thank you!



Giles' Jottings





Spring Blossoms



Bergenia cordifolia 'Eroica', *Pulmonaria officinalis*, *Erythronium revolutum*, *Trillium cuneatum*, *Bergenia cordifolia*, *Narcissus* sp., *Epimedium* X *perralchicum*, *Ribes sanguineum*

I had intended to write about the increasingly warm days and the bright sunny weather but just now, as I write, the rain is pouring and the sky is heavily overcast. I suppose this is inevitable at the beginning of April; having endured

the 'mad March winds' we should now expect 'April showers' but the emergence of spring brings an associated yearning for warmth and sunshine which is not yet being satisfied.

Patience is a virtue they say.

But the colours of plants are a bright repudiation of the dull grey skies. And daffodils are a generous giver of bright colours. Their yellows, whites and oranges illuminate our fields and gardens and maintain their beauty as cut flowers in a vase. Emerging at this time they have become associated with Easter, even acquiring common names such as 'Lenten Lilies' and 'Easter Bells', but all the many varieties come under the genus name *Narcissus*, part of the *Amaryllis* family, and we are lucky at the HCP to be on a site formerly occupied by a daffodil farm. On either side of the Flats old plantations of the bulbs erupt into a carpet of colour at this time.

Tulips too are a familiar sight around Easter but their development in the horticulture industry over several years seems to have reduced their natural ability to sustain and increase themselves. Daffodil bulbs will grow and spread year by year but modern tulips are increasingly unreliable, needing replacing annually if you want to be sure of a good display.

Bed B in the Winter Garden is looking very attractive; the dappled shade creates an ideal environment for many woodland plants. Though the witch-hazels (*Hamamelis mollis*) are over, the ground beneath has now burst out with a carpet of lilac-pink *Erythronium revolutum* (Western Trout Lily), a species essentially limited to parts of northern California and Vancouver Island. I tend to visualize that bed as having a groundcover of cyclamen but actually it provides a whole range of low-growing plants that change as the seasons progress. Amongst the trout lilies spikes of *Epimedium* flowers are opening, a striking yellow one that I think is *E. x perralchicum* and a paler white-pink variety of *E. grandiflorum*. The flowers of these varieties float above the ground on fine stalks before their leaves have even opened. Another species, *E. sulfureum*, is also opening just across the path in the Rhododendron Garden. Pulmonarias are opening their small funnel-shaped flowers in blues, pinks and whites in interesting contrast to their mottled leaves and large clumps of anemones, both *A. canadensis* and varieties of *A. nemorosa*, spread across these shady beds, flowering in whites and shades of yellow.



Bergenias are looking handsome, rich pink blooms perched proudly above their glossy leathery leaves. And in the lowest beds of the Doris Page Garden there is a lovely pink-white variety, *B. cordifolia* 'Eroica'.

Lifting one's viewpoint from ground level there are shrubs that catch the eye;

the citrus yellow blooms of Oregon Grape (*Mahonia aquifolium*) and the unusual yellow-white flowers of *Edgeworthia chrysantha*. Flowering currants (*Ribes sanguineum*) too are familiar and every year their bright hanging racemes are a welcome vivid addition to the garden.

So the weather may not yet be as warm as we might like but the plants are not deterred. Each day, each week, another familiar face returns and reminds us of their newly-reborn loveliness. This week it is the Trilliums; their foliage has been visible for some time but now their flowers are opening. First came the classic white varieties and now the deep crimson ones have appeared. It is worth braving the wind and rain to stand for a while, witnessing the moments of passing beauty as each plant shows the best of itself.

Giles

	<p>Treat yourself to a visit to the Gardens and the amazing food at C&Q</p> <p>OPEN Fri, Sat, Sun.</p>	
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Happy Spring!

Congratulations to the Gap Training 2022 students for completing their seven-week course!

Meanwhile, the Level 1 students are working away, learning about Turfgrass Management and Botany. Hard to believe they are over halfway done their program already!

The Certificate students are now entering into their fourth month of the program. March has been a very busy month for them. Some of the special topics they have covered this month are: An Introduction to Seaweed; Small Engines; and Environmental Stewardship. We encourage you to check out the wonderful student blog posts at <https://hcp.ca/blogs/>. There are two excellent posts this month: **Healing Powers of Seaweed** and **Environmental Stewardship**.

The certificate students are also busy developing their practical skills by preparing for the highly anticipated Spring Plant Sale on April 23 and 24.

Programs Now Open for Applications:

2023 Landscape Horticulture Certificate Program - January 16 to November 14, 2023
Deadline to Apply: November 1, 2022

2022 Level 2 Landscape Horticulturist Training - August 8 to December 14, 2022

Deadline to Apply: July 18, 2022

2022 Level 3 Landscape Horticulturist Training - October 31 to December 9, 2022

Deadline to Apply: October 3, 2022

Upcoming Program Openings:

2023 Level 1 Landscape Horticulturist Apprenticeship Training - January 23 to May 24, 2023

Open for Applications: April 11, 2022

2023 Landscape Horticulture Gap Training – February to March 2023

Open for Interest List: April 18, 2022

2023 Level 4 Landscape Horticulturist Apprenticeship Training - January 9 to February 17, 2023

Open for Applications: April 25, 2022



Children & Youth Programs

We have been busy!!



Welcome SPRING!

The gardens have been full of children, youth and families this past month, with birthday celebrations (in the form of private workshops), class visits for programs and volunteering, spring break camps, workshops, and our pre-k learner garden school. We have also been busy providing staff and children at local schools with mentorship for their school garden projects, including creating a container garden and supporting the start up of a garden club! Check out our photo gallery above!

All our programs over the past year have been enhanced with the generous grant that our Victoria Master Gardener Association (VMGA) applied for to Peninsula Coop and shared with our youth program department. Those funds purchased additional binoculars for our bird watching sessions with classes and campers, marine and handheld viewers, and microscopes. We are also now able to grow more of our own plants to use for programs and our HCP Kids Teaching Garden with our new indoor grow stand that features LED lights and heat mats purchased with these funds. Our thanks to Peninsula Coop for their most generous donation and to VMGA for their ongoing support of our youth programs!

Over the past year, we have been fortunate to have the volunteer efforts of Master Gardeners with VMGA who assist and support our camps and other efforts as well as a long time HCP volunteer. Nine students from Selkirk

Montessori helped to make a Keyhole Garden in our teaching space using natural materials from our gardens and made a generous donation to us. Thank you ALL!!

We are now into full planning for our exciting Earth Day event for local schools and home learner networks and families. This small event is being hosted outside the gardens for a larger area to spread out in and to help connect participants and exhibitors with another amazing natural space, Viaduct Flats. We are excited to have the Sierra Club, CRD Waterwise, Saanich Parks, and Rocky Point Bird Observatory as our partners. Please see more information below for details on how you can join us on April 22, 2022.

As always, our activities are open for small group registrations only and held exclusively outdoors, rain or shine! Summer camps are filling up quickly. If you are interested, but not sure, check out this lovely testimonial from one of our spring break camp parents.

"... A big thanks to you both for creating and nurturing such a fantastic program for the children over spring break. The girls and their friends LOVED their days in the garden with you and the other children. They helped out in our backyard gardens this weekend with a new sense of confidence and excitement. It was a magical and fun week for them - we are grateful for your leadership and patience and steady ways. Thanks for making it happen!!"



EARTH DAY 2022 EVENT

Our Earth Day Event is shaping up with an exciting list of partners, including the CRD, Saanich, Rocky Point Bird Observatory and the Sierra Club. There are a couple spaces left for partners and spaces are filling for participation in our celebration of Mother Earth for classes and school learners. This exclusively outdoor and limited participant event will help to remind us all that the future of our Earth is in our hands!

- **Date:** Friday, April 22, 2022

- **Time:** 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
- **Booking:** Contact youthprograms@hcp.ca for more information



We continue to offer a full range of programs, exclusively outdoors! These fun and engaging hands-on options bring joy while introducing plants and their many attributes to our lives. Consider giving an outdoor adventure of exploration to a curious child or youth in your life or join us with your family!

Program details are available on our website: [HCP Children and Youth Programs](#)

Please click on the **blue text** to register or call us at 250-479-6162

Garden Nature Academy - Fall Session:

- **Dates:** Tuesdays beginning in September, 2022 - coming soon!
- **Time:** 9:00am to 11:30am
- **Age:** 3 to 5 years
- **Fee:** \$275/members, \$320/non-members (price is for full series)

Science Friends - A Series for Children & a Parent/Adult:

- **Dates:** [Thursdays, April 21, 28, May 12, 19, 2022](#)
- **Time:** 10:00 to 11:30am
- **Ages:** 3 to 6 years old, plus parent/guardian
- **Fee:** HCP Members \$75/Non-Members \$85 (price is for full series)

Garden Friends - A Series for Children & a Parent/Adult:

- **Dates:** [Thursdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022](#)
- **Time:** 10:00 to 11:30am
- **Ages:** 3 to 6 years old, plus parent/guardian
- **Fee:** HCP Members \$75/Non-Members \$85 (price is for full series)

Pro D Day Camp Dates:

- **Times:** 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
- **Ages:** 5 to 12 years (school age)
- **Fee:** \$40/child
- [Apr 25, 2022](#) (limited space)
- [May 20, 2022](#)

Summer Camps Dates: Three options available for ages 5 to 12

1. Full day, 5 days - from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Fee: \$180/child, \$345/2 children, \$495 3/children

- [Jul 4 - 8, 2022](#) (Sold out)
- [Jul 18 - 22, 2022](#) (Sold out)
- [Aug 15 -19, 2022](#) (Sold out)

2. Full day, 4 days - from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Fee: \$145/child, \$275/2 children, \$390/3 children (full day, 4 day week)

- [Aug 2 - 5, 2022](#) (Sold out)

3. Half day, 5 days from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Fee: \$95/child, \$180/2 children, \$255/3 children

- [Jul 11 - 15, 2022](#)
- [Aug 8 - 12, 2022](#)



Outdoor Fairy Gardens (adult + child 4 to 10 yrs)

- **Date:** [Saturday, April 30, 2022](#)
- **Time:** 10:00am - 11:30am
- **Fee:** \$30/1 garden, \$55/2 gardens

Outdoor Fairy Gardens (drop off) 7+ years

- **Date:** [Saturday, May 28, 2022](#)
- **Time:** 10:00am - 11:30am

- **Fee:** \$25/members, \$30/non-members

Terrarium Gardens 6+ years

- **Date:** [Saturday, May 28, 2022](#)
- **Time:** 1:00pm - 2:30pm
- **Fee:** \$25/members, \$30/non-members

Container Gardens for Youth

- Saturday, April 9 - [Herb Garden](#)
- Saturday, May 14 - [Pizza Garden](#)
- Saturday, June 11 - [Pollinator Garden](#)
- **Time:** 10:00 am - 11:30 am
- **Fee:** \$25/members, \$30 non/members
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Private Workshops for Birthdays - youthprograms@hcp.ca

- **Fee:** \$25/child (up to 10 participants)
- **Time:** 10:00 am to 11:30 am *or* 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm)
- **Dates:** Select Saturdays



Looking for a unique activity for a child who loves creativity and nature? Our **Workshop Kits + Video** are available to order! To register click on the **blue text** or call us at 250-479-6162

- [Seed Starting for Kids](#) (KIT+VIDEO)
- [Teacup Fairy Gardens](#) (KIT+VIDEO)
- [Outdoor Fairy Gardens](#) (KIT+VIDEO)
- [Fairy Furnishings](#) (KIT+VIDEO)
- [Terrarium Gardens for Kids](#) (KIT+VIDEO)



School Programs for 2021/22

Welcome to HCP's School Programs! We are excited to offer diverse and engaging nature programs to classes from preschool to grade 7. Together we will explore a variety of gardening and nature themes led by a fun and dynamic educator! All programs are aligned with the BC Science Curriculum. Check out our new programs below!

Program offered February to June

- Sensing the Seasons (*Preschool to Grade 2*)
- Garden Creatures (*Preschool to 2*)
- Worms Aren't The Only Ones! (*Preschool to Grade 5*)
- School Gardens 101 (*Preschool to Grade 7, Teacher workshops available*)
- Water, Water Everywhere! (*Grade 2 to Grade 7*)
- All You Seed is Love (*Preschool to Grade 5*)
- Ethnobotany Explorations (*Grades 2 - 7*)

Currently booking for the 2021/2022 school year. To book a school program for your group or answer any inquiries, contact Erica, our School Programs Coordinator at ypschoools@hcp.ca or visit www.hcp.ca/school-programs/ for more information.

Home Learners Drop-in Sessions

Join us for a fun morning in the gardens! These drop-in sessions focus on a different animal species we find in the garden and the important role they play in that habitat. Each session will include hands-on activities, games, crafts, and garden explorations! Sign up for just one or all three. For more information, visit <https://hcp.ca/school-programs/>

Dates: [Fridays - May 13 \(Birds\)](#), [May 27 \(Insects\)](#) and [June 10 \(Reptiles\)](#), 2022

Time: 9:30am to 11:30am

Age: 5 to 10 years old

Fee: \$20 for members/\$25 for non-members



Community Education Workshops

Note: Please visit our [website](#) prior to registering to review our up-to-date Covid protocols for in-person classes.



Plant Identification & Culture Workshops with Jane Tice

Next dates: Saturday, April 9, May 7 (field trip) - 1:00pm-4:00pm.

This is a great monthly class for new gardeners or gardeners who want to improve their plant knowledge. Each month participants will be introduced to 25 new plants in each session. Plants are selected for our local growing conditions and the value they bring to the garden.

For more information or to register, please visit our website [HERE](#)

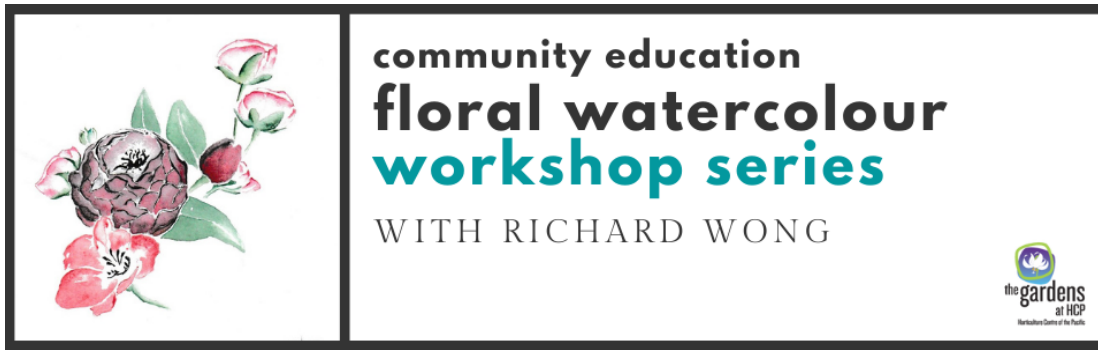


The Backyard Farmer: Beekeeping with Gordon Mackay

Tuesdays, 6:00pm - 8:30pm: April 12, 19 and 26 & Field Trip on April 30

Registration Now Open! Interested in keeping bees, but not sure where to start? When you start researching this topic, the information can be overwhelming. Beekeepers never stop learning, but you have to start somewhere. This series is a gentle introduction which will set the beginner or novice backyard beekeeper up for success. Beekeeping is a rewarding, somewhat addictive hobby that can grow into a life-long passion.

For more information or to register, please visit our website [HERE](#)



Floral Watercolour Workshop with Richard Wong - Single Sessions

Wednesdays, 1:00pm - 3:00pm: April 13, 20, 27

Join Richard for this new, exciting workshop, and learn different ways to create lovely floral art. Each session will cover a different artistic approach: botanical florals, representational florals, and atmospheric florals; with the last session on a blending of approaches. Classes are ideal for first time as well as continuing students. Enjoy the warmth and benefits of learning within a small group.

For more information or to register, please visit our website [HERE](#)

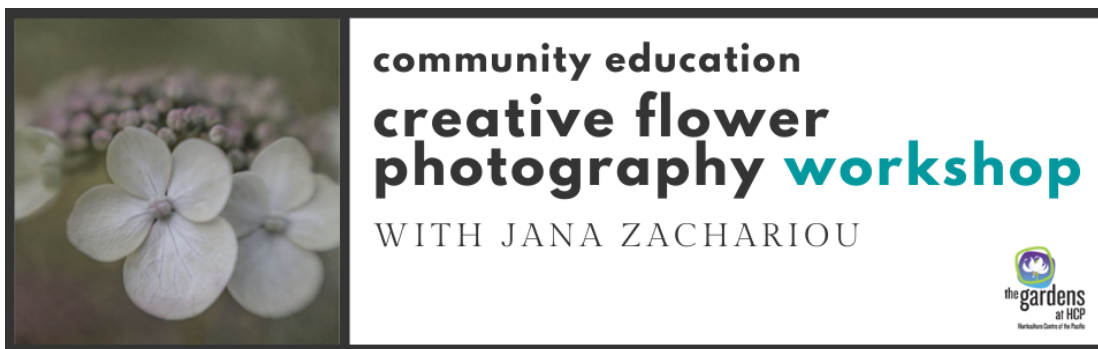


Forest Therapy Walks with Peter Hehl & Kelly Kiss

Saturday, April 16, May 15 - 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Come join Peter and Kelly, ANFT Certified Forest & Nature Therapy Guide, to discover “Forest Bathing”, what it is, along with its health and wellness benefits. Reconnect with yourself and nature through a mindful walk in the beautiful Gardens at HCP. Peter will offer you a unique “forest bathing” experience, an “immersion” into the space of trees, plants and the beings of the forest and gardens. Forest therapy is inspired by the Japanese practice of Shinrin-Yoku, or forest bathing.

For more information, additional dates or to register, please visit our website [HERE](#)



Creative Flower Photography with Jana Zachariou

Saturdays, 10:00am – 11:30am: April 16 (Sold out), May 14, June 18

Jana loves to share her passion for photography and her commitment to natural floral beauty. She has created workshops for those individuals who want to learn how to capture stunning images of flowers. These workshops focus on the basics of photography. Emphasis will be on supporting each participant in achieving an individual approach to floral photography. The ultimate goal is to have participants develop a deeper connection with flowers through the camera lens.....and of course, have fun along the way.

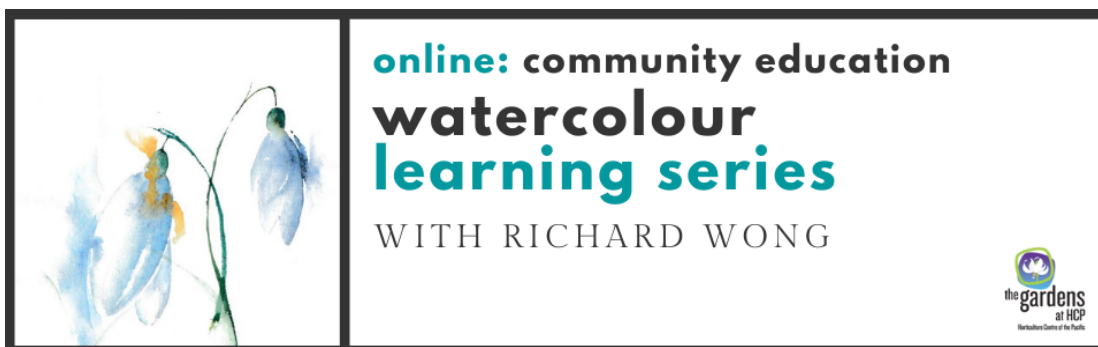
Selling out fast! Visit our website to register [HERE](#).



Willow Chair Workshop with Andrew Kent

Sunday, 9am - 5pm - April 17 or May 22

Join artisan Andrew Kent from The Willow Way for this full day workshop. In one day, with Andrew Kent's expert instruction, you can make and take home your own Bent Willow Rustic Chair. Visit our website to register for [April 17](#)



ONLINE: Watercolour Learning Series with Richard Wong

Saturdays, 10am - 11:30am: April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28

An Online Learning Series to Inspire, Motivate and Educate. This is a new online program and second of a Learning Series Richard has created to help inspire and motivate those who might be stuck in their creative journey, or sometimes find it hard to get going.

For more information or to register, please visit our website [HERE](#)

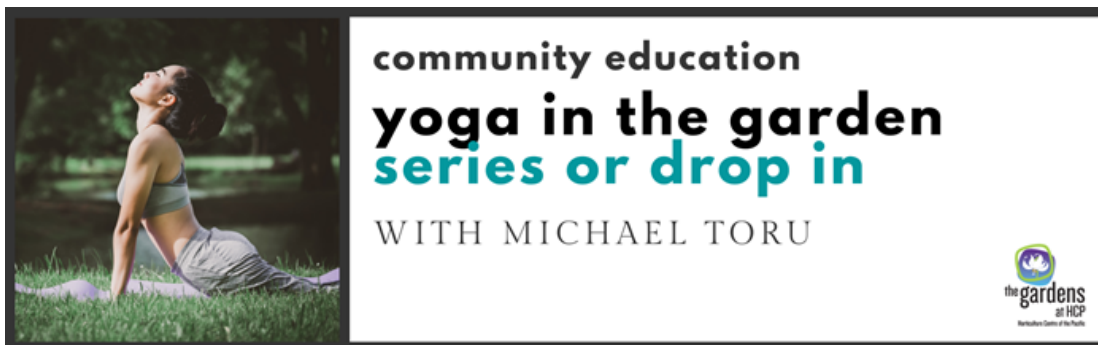


Advanced Pruning Workshop with Ryan Senechal

Saturdays, 9am - 12pm: April 30 & May 7

If you are hesitant to prune small trees and shrubs for fear of injuring or undesirably altering the appearance, this course with certified arborist Ryan Senechal is designed to give you the skill you need. In 2 sessions, basic pruning techniques will be reviewed and applied to advanced pruning strategies to encourage desirable structure, reduced maintenance & long term plant health.

For more information or to register, please visit our website [HERE](#)



Yoga in the Garden with Michael Toru

Thursdays, 5:30pm - 6:15pm - May 5, 12, 19, 26 & June 2

If this all-levels yoga class experience had to be summed up in one word it would be "nourishing". You can expect to move in ways that will nurture key areas of your body like the low back, hips, shoulders and more. The intention

of this class is to leave you feeling more connected to yourself and the beautiful nature of the Gardens at HCP. Drop in or 5 session option. For more information or to register, please visit our website [HERE](#)



Bird Watercolour Workshop Series with Richard Wong

Wednesdays, 1:00pm - 3:00pm: June 8, 15, 22, 29

Richard continues with another exciting, *new* workshop series. Explore and learn four different styles or approaches: detailed birds, representational birds, atmospheric birds and fusion birds (combining styles). Classes are ideal for students with some painting experience. Enjoy the warmth and benefits of learning within a small group in our cozy, little parking lot classroom. Richard Wong is a professional wildlife/nature artist and instructor. Richard's classes are taught with and based on enjoyment, patience and kindness.

For more information or to register, please visit our website [HERE](#)



Keep The Flowers Blooming



Thank you so much for your generous support!

As a charity, the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific depends on the support and generosity of others to help us make a difference. The maintenance of our gardens is funded through our memberships as well as donations, sponsorships, grants and income from our gardens through admissions, plant sales, events and weddings. Even though much of the creation and maintenance of the gardens is carried out by teams of hardworking and cherished volunteers, there is still a large financial commitment when caring for nine acres of curated gardens. Your donations provide essential support, especially now.

Thank you so much for your continued support -- we couldn't do it without you! Visit our [website](#) or phone (250) 479-6162 to donate today.



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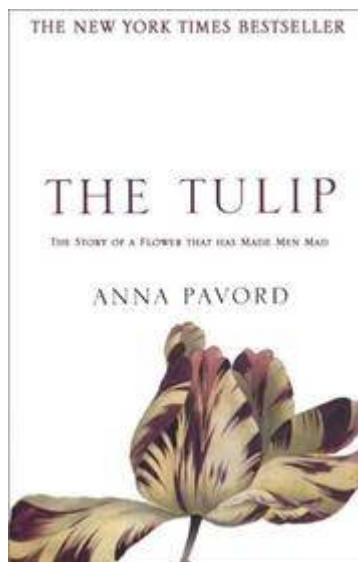
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The Bookend



The Tulip

By Anna Pavord

Although Anna Pavord is a prolific horticultural writer, this is not a how-to gardening book. It starts with her search for wild varieties on Crete, then expands into an extensive and enthusiastic historical and botanical chronicle of all things tulip.

From a wildflower of the Asian steppes, the path of the tulip around the world has involved mysteries, dramas, disasters and triumphs. The most famous is probably tulipomania of the Netherlands in the 17th century, when at the height of speculation one 'Semper Augustus' bulb sold for the amount equivalent to a fine Amsterdam home. Little did they know that a virus spread by aphids caused the flower colour changes back then. But this is just one story of many in this thoroughly researched book on the Dutch national flower.

Borrow this book from the HCP Library to read all the tulip stories.

Bonus tip: If you are enjoying tulips in your own garden right now, remember that they go dormant in the summer, and prefer a cool, dry space to rest.

Library Hours:

Wednesdays 10:00am - 1:00pm (for HCP volunteers and PHC students only)

Thursdays 10:00am - 1:00pm

Saturdays 10:00am - 1:00pm

Check our [online catalogue](#) to see our entire book collection, available 24/7.

Questions? Email library@hcp.ca anytime or drop by during open hours.

We at HCP gratefully acknowledge that we occupy unceded territory of the W̱SÁNEĆ and Lək̓ʷəŋən peoples. We recognize these lands and ecosystems are not our own. We recognize our role in the continuing process of dispossession, colonialism, and reconciliation. We recognize the need to do better. We humbly welcome all to join in this learning journey.

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