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**Horticulture Centre
of the Pacific**



March 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

HCP Board – Call for interest

As the HCP completes its strategic plan and prepares to improve its services to the community, there is a need to expand our Board of Directors. The commitment is for a period of 3 years with the option to extend the commitment for a second 3-year term.

HCP's Board normally meets 8 times annually with meetings lasting between 1 to 2 hours. Maximum Board size is 12 volunteers.

An overarching qualification is passion for horticulture and the environment. By virtue of your subscription to this newsletter, you already fulfill this requirement. More specific skills we are seeking are knowledge in technology networks and program delivery, connection with horticulture providers in the CRD, infrastructure experience, connection with children's education, plus experience in fundraising, communications, working with or part of First Nations, etc.

Interested? Please submit a brief resume to: director@hcp.ca Attention Chair. All submissions will be answered.

Applicants of interest will be interviewed prior to May 1st, 2022.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Update on Member Benefits

Exciting News! And another reason to be a member! The Bateman Foundation would like to partner with us and is offering a discount of 20% off admission to all of HCP's Members!



**Bateman
Foundation**

CONNECT IN NATURE. INSPIRE OUR WORLD.

Thank-you, Bateman Foundation! <https://batemanfoundation.org/gallery>



A Message from our Head Gardener

March is a busy month in the garden!

The sunny weather brings visitors out and our volunteers and students are busy with Spring pruning, transplanting, and mulching.

The Doris Page Winter Garden is bursting with color and scents, make sure you come out for a walk about.

By March, the Doris Page Winter Garden has come through the coldest part of the year and there are many plants springing to life to delight and surprise.

The enchantment starts at ground level where you will find checkered, pink, snake's head fritillary (*Fritillaria meleagris*) putting on a grand display under the witch hazels (*Hamamelis*), pink fawn lilies (*Erythronium revolutum*) covering the ground around the birdbath, blue and white scilla (*Chionodoxa*) tumbling over rocks and patches of ground and bright rose-violet flowers from the buttercup family (*Hepatica nobilis*). Of course, there are tulips, daffodils, blue and yellow irises and so much more.

Shrubs are in bloom all across the winter garden. Azaleas and Rhododendrons are showing off their various colours, the flowering currant (*Ribes sanguineum* 'Variegatum') displays bright reddish-pink blooms, and the black pussy willows (*Salix gracilistyla*) are so unique. A number of the flowering shrubs provide intoxicating fragrances as well as blossoms: the potted *Daphne odora*, *Daphne mezereum* in Bed G, and *Lonicera fragrantissima* in Bed K are a few.

It is delightful at this time of the year to discover some of the beautiful, but often short lived, vignettes that appear as plants come into bloom. One example is the Harry Lauder's Walking Stick (*Corylus avellana* 'Contorta'), covered in catkins that droop down towards the blue crocuses, the beautiful *Bergenia* leaves and pink flowering heathers at the base. No doubt, you will find your own favourite vignette when you visit the Winter Garden. Don't forget to take a photo and share it with your friends.

Are you aware of the Goddess Bed in the Winter Garden?



The Goddess Bed was planted in August of 2015 just before Rafe Mooney retired as curator of the Winter Garden volunteer group. Rafe is a graduate of the PHC 10 month program and worked at Elk Lake Nursery while he was a volunteer at HCP. He said that it was his gift to each of the volunteers and each of the nine Buxus represented one of them. Opinions were divided on the merits of the statue and plant choices but given Rafe's kindness and sense of humour we all appreciate it as a lasting tribute.

Some of the plants installed were:

- 9 Buxus sempervirens 'Graham Blandy'
- 3 Kalmia latifolia 'Minuet' but these did not thrive and were removed in 2017
- 8 Polystichum neolobatum
- 5 Pulmonaria 'Dark Vader'
- 3 Hakonechloa macra 'Albo-Striata'

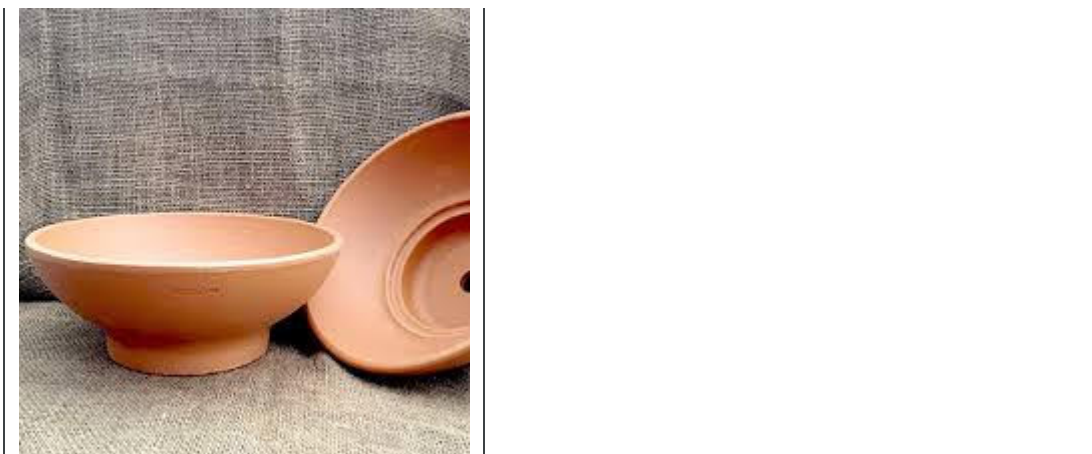
Spring cleaning?

We are looking for low terra cotta pots for potting up succulents.

Please drop them off at the office.

Thanks,

Linda



SPRING PLANT SALE



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday April 23 and Sunday April 24

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

Many unique plants are propagated from The Gardens.

There will be an availability list on our website closer to the sale.

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

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:

Thursdays and Saturdays 10am to 1pm



Events at HCP

Hello fellow nature lovers 🍷 I hope you've had a chance to visit the gardens lately. They look and smell amazing with all the blossoms bursting forth and honeybees buzzing about. It is the perfect time to experience Mother Nature's annual event - Spring! Please join us in celebrating Spring in the gardens!

March 7 - 13, 2022 - Be a local tourist in your own town



The Gardens at HCP along with 56 other local businesses and organizations are offering discounts and or bonuses for you to explore the beauty in and around Victoria this week. Go ahead and explore, I hope you have fun!

More information can be found at: <https://beatourist.ca/>



March 9 – 16, 2022 - Greater Victoria Flower Count

What an honor to sponsor the Greater Victoria Chambers of Commerce in support of the 47th annual Victoria Flower Count. In addition to the joy of blossoms, happiness is found by taking photos and sharing these messages of hope of better days with your friends and family here, and across Canada. "We just happen to be the first blossoming region in Canada"- Chamber CEO Bruce Williams.

Flower counts in your area can be submitted at [Flower count](#).

Here are last years numbers:

- 2021 "Bloomingest Community": Highlands: 30,000,010,397
- 2021 Community Runner Up: Saanich: 23,144,617,119
- 2021 Winning School: Cordova Bay
- 2021 Total Municipal Blooms Counted: 65,245,471,605

More information can be found at:

Flower count Victoria - <https://flowercount.com/>

Greater Victoria Chambers of Commerce –

<https://www.victoriachamber.ca/> 

Are you getting married or looking to host a private event? Email Amber for more information events@hcp.ca I look forward to connecting with you!



Giles' Jottings





Spring at HCP



Rheum palmatum atrosanguineum, *R. openshawianum* (bud), *R. openshawianum* (open), *Synthyris missurica*, *Magnolia zenii*, *Rosa* 'Lovely Fairy', *Corylus avellana* 'Contorta' (catkins), *Corylopsis* (buds).

Now at the beginning of March we are definitely in a period of transition. It's no longer winter and yet it's not quite spring either. We are betwixt and between. Days can change from cool and grey to sunny and warm and back again. But all this uncertainty gives rise to anticipation.

Of course the Doris Page Winter Garden is spectacular and has been for several months. Snowdrops (*Galanthus* spp.) and hellebores carpet the ground, witch-hazels (*Hamamelis mollis*) and *Cornus mas* support clouds of soft yellow blooms around one's head and the perfumes of *Daphne odora* and winter honeysuckle (*Lonicera fragrantissima*) float sweetly on the air.

But my sense of anticipation is constantly stimulated by the tiny daily changes in plants all over the garden as they wake to the new year. The moment when bare winter branches show their first hints of new buds feels almost miraculous. Growth appearing where all seemed lifeless and brittle. The buds of *Corylopsis* are such a tender pale green you can almost feel them shivering as they venture out from their protective casings. In the Cutting Garden a Bosc pear (*Pyrus communis* 'Bosc') is showing buds that are so fat they seem to be bursting out of the branches; their green leaf tips are tinted by their brown bud scales to create an almost golden tone. The furry grey buds of *Magnolia stellata* are still firmly closed, apparently unwilling to trust themselves to open, yet those of *Magnolia zenii*, so similar in appearance, already have white petals emerging from their tips. Catkins too are a joy. Those on the *Corylus avellana* 'Contorta' in the Winter Garden are a particularly fine display and I cannot be the first to liken them to lambs' tails. They tremble in the breeze in so similar a manner to the long fluffy tails of spring lambs as they leap about.



In the Rose Allee the different rose varieties could be mistaken for different plants altogether so varied can be their young growth. The emerging leaves of *Rosa* 'Lovely Fairy' are of a deep red that is practically scarlet whereas right beside it *Rosa* 'Popcorn' has new leaves of a green close to emerald. Though as reds go there is none perhaps more vivid than the growth points of Purple Ornamental Rhubarb (*Rheum palmatum atrosanguineum*) in the Hardy Beds. The swelling heads look good enough to eat.

Most of the rhododendrons in the gardens still have only closed buds but little by little colours begin to show and one or two varieties are beginning to open. Right now, *R. openshawianum* is displaying buds in all stages, some still tight closed, others showing a few pink petals while here and there some blooms

are already unfurling to show their full magnificence. R. 'Bo-peep' is perhaps the earliest rhododendron in the gardens. Already in full flower it is a small-sized specimen, and its petals are of a delicate shade of pale yellow.

Writing about the gardens regularly I wonder sometimes if I am not just repeating myself. So, I set myself a challenge. What could be the most unusual plant I could find in the gardens at this time? I was not expecting much, I thought I knew most of the plants. But I surprised myself. Tucked away in the Winter Garden I came upon a low-growing plant with pale blue flowers that initially I took for a somewhat unusual Ajuga. Then on seeing the leaves I thought maybe it was one of the dwarf Campanulas. But neither guess was close. It turns out to be *Synthyris missurica*, a perennial in the family Scrophulariaceae and references tell me it is a plant from arctic Canada, zone 2.

Thank you Doris Page, there is always something more to discover at the HCP. *Giles*

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





Despite the cold snap and wet winter conditions, it finally looks like beautiful spring days are on the way! The students in all the programs have been busy working and learning, both indoors and outdoors.

After completing four weeks online and two weeks in person, congratulations to the Level 3 students for completing their Level 3 training! We look forward to seeing them all back again for Level 4 in the future.

Now eight weeks into their forty-two week program, the Certificate program students are settling into the groove of plant life. In Special Topics in

Horticulture, they've learned about Bonsai and Seaweed. In Pruning, the difference between a thinning and heading back cut. In Botany, what are examples of a drupe and pome? The students have beautified an important pathway, sharpened tools, and planted trees. They have been a wonderful class and we are so glad they are here.

The Level 1 students are focusing on Grading and Drainage, Turfgrass Management and soon, Botany. It's great to have them in person on Saturdays as they work on projects in the gardens.

Meanwhile, the 2022 Gap Training program students are learning about Water Stewardship, Turfgrass Management, Pruning and more. We look forward to seeing them in person in March!

Upcoming Application Openings:

2023 Landscape Horticulture Certificate Program - January 16 to November 14, 2023

Open for Applications: March 14

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

Open for Applications: March 21

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

Open for Applications: March 28

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

Open for Applications: April 11

2023 Landscape Horticulture Gap Training – February to March 2023

Open for Interest List: April 18

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

Open for Applications: April 25

Please contact the college at collegeadmin@hcp.ca if you would like to be added to the interest list for any of these programs or if you have any other questions.

Registration is open for Integrated Pest Management/Pesticide Training courses in March 2022. Please visit the website (link to: <https://hcp.ca/pesticide-training-courses/>) for information and to register.



Children & Youth Programs

FAMILY DAY EVENT with Rocky Point Bird Observatory at HCP!



Our first family-friendly event of the year was held on February 21st, Family Day! We were delighted to be hosting this on the last day of the Backyard Bird Count (25th Anniversary) and our friends at the Rocky Point Bird Observatory (RPBO) came out to give us a hand!

The early morning started with a surprise snowfall in the Greater Victoria area. Luckily this did not derail the day, as the snow was short lived and followed by a glorious day of sunshine. The birds came out to show themselves, and with the help of RPBO volunteers Jennifer Armstrong (President) and Jannaca Chick (Vice-President), we were able to identify 35 species of birds. It was very exciting to know that we represented just one of 175 countries participating in this 4 day event.

Viewing was particularly good with the use of Jennifer's scope on the lower lawn where both water and inland birds were visible, including Trumpeter Swans and a variety of ducks at Viaduct Flats. Contributing to the activities were our own HCP School and Youth Programs staff Erica and Paula,

including informative Migratory Bird Walks for families and other members of the community. Thank you to all those who came out and enjoyed this Family Day event and to our partners from Rocky Point Bird Observatory. We look forward to seeing you all again soon!



EARTH DAY 2022 EVENT

This year we are inviting community organizations and schools to participate in our celebration of Mother Earth. If you would like more information about how you, your group, or school can be involved, please contact our coordinator at youthprograms@hcp.ca

- **Date:** Friday, April 22, 2022
- **Time:** 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
- **Booking:** Contact youthprograms@hcp.ca for more information

A Winter Reflection ...

As our winter programs wind down it is a great time to reflect and celebrate some of the outdoor fun we have had. From our pre-k learners to our camps and workshops...the YEAR OF THE GARDEN 2022 is shaping up to be our best year yet!



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 Youth Programs](#)

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

Garden Nature Academy - Spring Session:

- **Dates:** [Tuesdays April 5 to June 28, 2022](#)
- **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 7 - 28, 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](#)
- [May 20, 2022](#)

Spring Break Camp Dates: Mar 21-25 (**Full**), Mar 28 - Apr 1(**Full**)

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](#)
- [Jul 18 - 22, 2022](#)
- [Aug 15 -19, 2022](#)

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](#)

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](#)
- **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:** 1:00pm - 2:30pm
- **Fee:** \$25/members, \$30/non-members

Container Gardens for Children and Youth Time:

- **Time:** 10:00 am - 11:30 am
- **Fee:** \$25/members, \$30 non/members
- Saturday, April 9 - [Herb Garden](#)
- Saturday, May 14 - [Pizza Garden](#)
- Saturday, June 11 - [Pollinator Garden](#)

HCP Kids Garden Club - Pre-K (Adult + Child)

- **Date:** [Saturdays, March 5 - July 2, 2022](#)
- **Time:** 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- **Age:** 3 - 5 years
- **Fee:** \$60/5 class session

HCP Kids Garden Club for School Age Learners

- **Date:** [Saturdays, March 5 - July 2, 2022](#)
- **Time:** 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
- **Age:** 6 - 14 years
- **Fee:** \$80/5 class session

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.



Community Education Workshops



Note: Proof of Covid vaccination and masks are required for all adult in-person classes.



Floral Design Program with Linda Rambaud

Level II start date April 6, 2022

This course will give participants a comprehensive overview and introduction to the floral design industry with Floral Designer Linda Rambaud or Lindara Design. Participants will be introduced to decorating with florals, floriculture and botany, point of sale marketing and event floristry. Registration is now open for II. Visit our website for more information or to sign up for the interest list [HERE](#)



Plant Identification & Culture Workshops with Jane Tice

Next date: Saturday, March 12, 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](#)



Creative Flower Photography with Jana Zachariou

Saturdays, 10:00am – 11:30am: March 19 or April 16

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 for [March 19](#) or [April 16](#)



ONLINE: Willow Bark Wall Pouch with Joan Carrigan

Saturday, March 26 - 10am - 3pm

SOLD OUT! To receive a notice when additional dates are set for this specific workshop, please sign up for the waitlist [HERE](#). Alternately, to receive updates for all upcoming basketry classes, sign up for the Basketry Interest List [HERE](#)



Willow Chair Workshop with Andrew Kent

Tuesday, March 29, 9am - 5pm or Sunday, April 17, 9am - 5pm

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 [March 26](#), or [April 17](#).

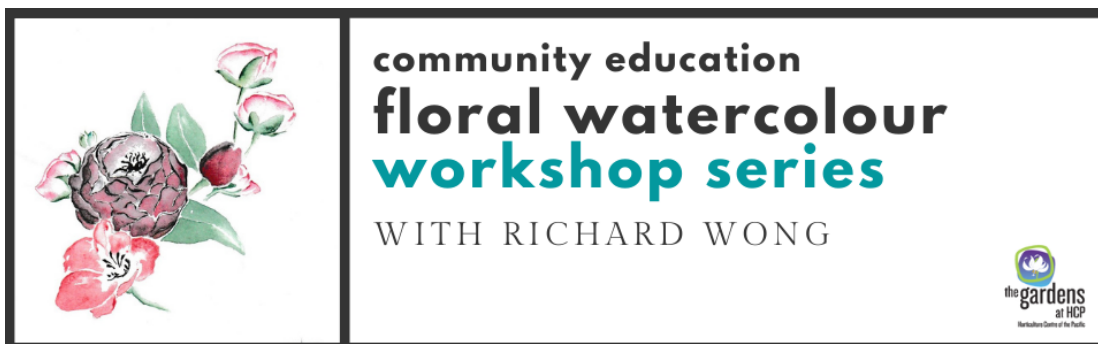


Cannabis for the Homegrower with Jo Wyld

Wednesday, March 30, 6pm - 9pm

Learn the basics of growing Cannabis for personal use with college instructor, Jo Wyld. This workshop will cover cannabis species and strains, how cannabis is used, starting from seed or clone, considerations and methods for growing outdoors or indoors, common pests and disease, harvesting and relevant legislation.

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



Floral Watercolour Workshop Series with Richard Wong

Wednesdays, 1:00pm - 3:00pm: April 6, 13, 20, 27

Join Richard for this new, exciting workshop series, 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.

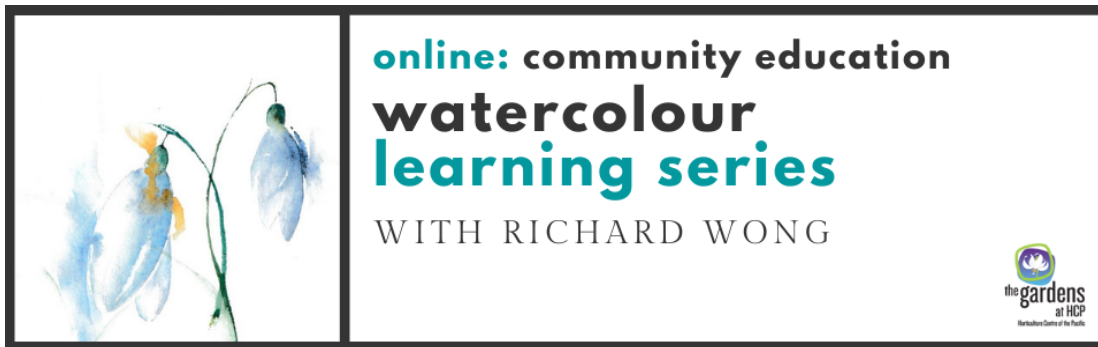
For more information or to register, please visit our website [HERE](#)



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](#)



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](#)



The Art of Bonsai Series with Mark Paterson

Sundays, 9am - 12pm: April 10, May 15, Sept 25

Learn Art of Bonsai from selecting suitable plants to care and winter maintenance. Participants will each receive a plant to work with and take home in this 3 part series.

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



Forest Therapy Walks with Peter Hehl

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

Come join Peter Hehl, 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](#)



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.



Membership Reminder

Revenue from annual memberships supports youth programming, horticulture student development, plants and supplies for garden improvements, and volunteer appreciation.

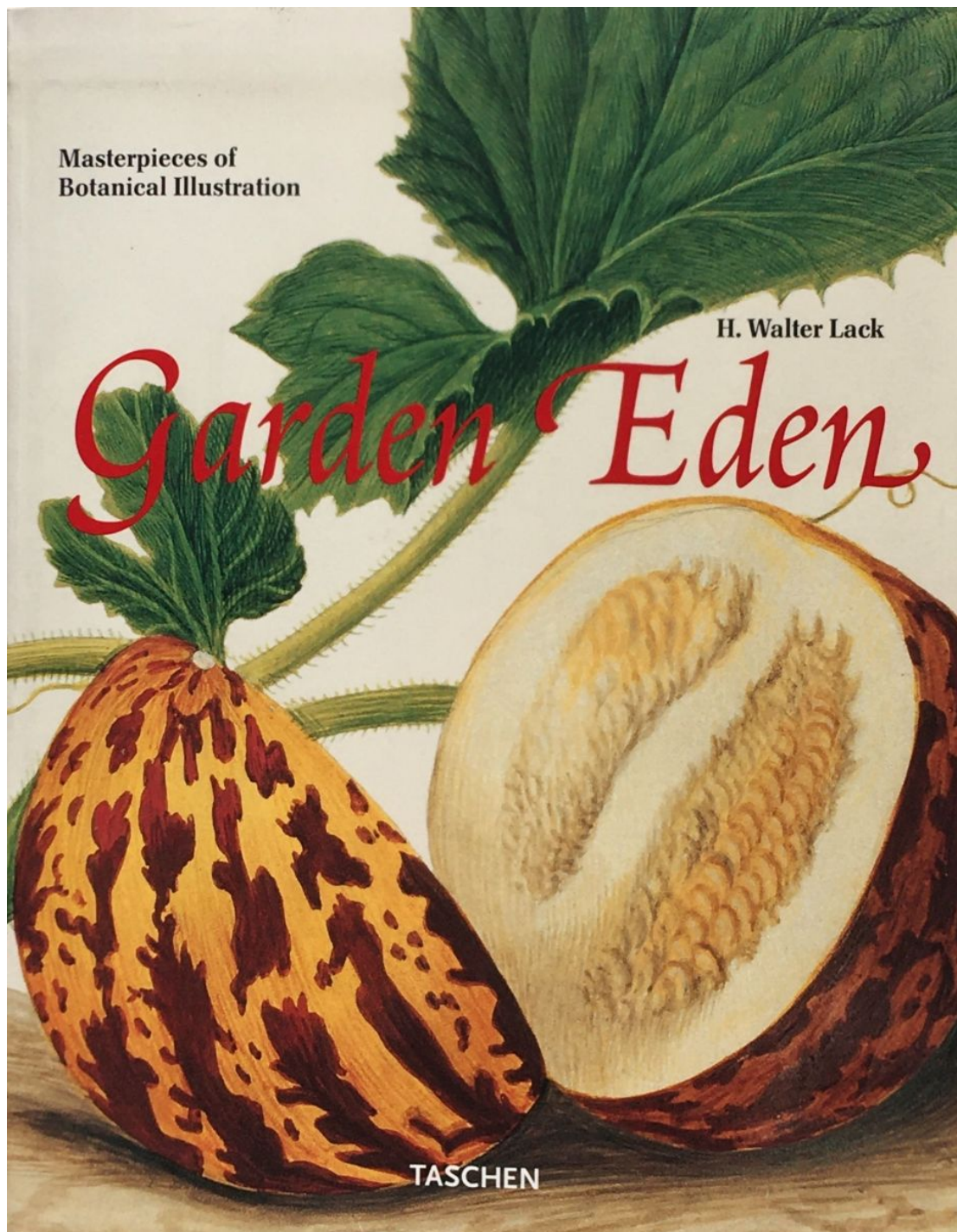
You can purchase a [new membership](#) or [renew your membership](#) today online or by calling (250) 479-6162.

Memberships are a great value and include:

- Free admission to the Gardens
- A free guest pass with each membership
- Discounted rates for additional guests
- 10% off plants and gift shop purchases
- Discounted member rates on Community Education Workshops
- Borrowing privileges at the HCP Library
- Discounts at select garden centers throughout Victoria
- 20% off Admission at Victoria Butterfly Gardens
- 20% off Admission to Bateman Foundation
- Free admission, free parking, or other discounts at participating gardens in the American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Admissions Program



The Bookend



Garden Eden: Masterpieces of Botanical Illustration By H. Walter Lack

Did you know that “the golden century of botanical illustration” was 1750 to 1850?

The Austrian National Library in Vienna owns one of the world’s most significant collections of botanical illustration. It was showcased in 2000 with an exhibition and the publication of this book, *Garden Eden: Masterpieces of Botanical Illustration*. Almost 500 coloured plates grace the pages of this hefty book. Short descriptions of a paragraph or two accompany each, but the emphasis is on the illustrations.

Perhaps you have come across drawings of roses by Pierre-Joseph Redouté. Here his gorgeous *Fritillaria imperialis* is included. Perhaps you haven't heard of Johann Emanuel Pohl. He was a natural scientist from Prague who endured a tortuous 50-month journey to Brazil in 1817. He has 10 gorgeous drawings here.

Garden Eden: Masterpieces of Botanical Illustration is a chronological look at almost 500 years of the naturalistic representation of plants, mostly flowering, but also algae, mosses and ferns, fungi and lichen. It is a tribute and a treasure. Take a relaxing wander through this lovely book. It's hard to do it justice in words. See for yourself how these artists celebrate our natural world.

It is available to borrow from the HCP Library.

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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