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**Horticulture Centre  
of the Pacific**



**May 2022 eNews**

**Garden hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Everyday**

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**





## *HELP NEEDED!*

*The Gardens are growing and we are looking for some new team members! The current position available is our Event Coordinator position and we will also be posting our Canada Summer Jobs Grant positions shortly so please check the website regularly.*

*Please email - [director@hcp.ca](mailto:director@hcp.ca) for more information. Thank-you!*



Have you checked out our new website? [hcp.ca](http://hcp.ca)



Horticulture Centre of the Pacific

## NOTICE

2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Horticulture Centre of the Pacific

DATE: Friday, June 24, 2022. TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Held in the Couvelier Pavilion at the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific.

Call for nominations and motions for the AGM [Here](#)



## A Message from our Head Gardener



# Spring Plant Sale Recap

Thank you, volunteers, PHC students, staff and of course shoppers for making our Spring plant sale a huge success! It was so great to see many familiar faces again.

The weather was favorable both Saturday and Sunday.

The keeners had their list in hand and waited in line for the gates to open at 9.

I heard someone describe it as a brilliant but hectic kickoff to plant sales!

Many of our students commented that it was a valuable experience and how many more plants they need to learn!

Some of the volunteers' noted that people were looking for drought tolerant and pollinator friendly plants as well as those suitable for growing in a container.

Plants flew off the tables quickly and we made many trips back and forth to the polyhouses restocking as needed.

This was just the start to Plant sales, up next is **Tomato Day, Saturday, May 21(9-12)**

Traditionally the long weekend in May is the time to plant your vegetable garden. We will be selling veggie and herb starts and our plant sale area is now open **7days/week**.

West Coast Seeds provides the seeds, and our PHC students start them in the polyhouse in late February. They are sold in 4" pots where they develop a strong root system. We have 15 varieties to choose from.

Quantities are limited-arrive early for best selection!



Teahouse - Original	Teahouse - Now



On behalf of the whole Takata Team, please could you pass on to Robert, Ian and the whole HCP construction crew our heartfelt thanks for the superb job they did on construction of the new “Miharashidai”. It is a beautiful and tasteful addition to our beloved garden and will give infinite pleasure to visitors and volunteers alike for many years to come.

**THANK YOU!!!**

Please also pass on to Kevin, PHC instructor and last year's students for the wonderful stone pathway that enhances the whole feature.

Miharashidai(見晴らし台): a place commanding a wide view of its surroundings; a viewing platform. The new Teahouse was named by the Takata family.





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:**

Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday

10:00am - 1:00pm



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**ARTS & MUSIC IN THE GARDENS IS BACK FOR 2022!**

**AUGUST 6 & 7 2022**

If you are a vendor interested in being part of our event, please contact Cheri at [communityed@hcp.ca](mailto:communityed@hcp.ca). Musicians interested in performing at the event can contact Barb at [frontdesk@hcp.ca](mailto:frontdesk@hcp.ca)



***We need gallon pots!!***

Please drop them at gate 4 or the  
main office.

Thanks,

Linda



**Giles' Jottings**





(Clockwise from top left: *Rhododendron* 'Moonstone'; *Rhododendron* 'Malahat'; *Rhododendron* 'Starbright Champagne'; *Amelanchier alnifolia*; *Rhododendron luteum*; *Viburnum carlesii*; *Rhododendron rigidum*)

Well, I'm not sure it's acceptable for me to still go on complaining about the cool wet weather but it is noticeable that, when I look back at records of previous years, one can say that this year the emergence of many plants is definitely delayed. An example that springs to mind is peonies; by this time in previous years, we have already had many in bloom but as yet hardly a one is showing any colour. And though we have now had a couple of sunny days the air certainly remains cool.

However, we do have colour in the Gardens and it is most striking as blossom on trees and shrubs. The rhododendrons are putting on their amazing annual display and once again I am bowled over by the range of colours produced by this single genus. Reds, pinks, whites, yellows and blues, hardly a colour in the spectrum that is missing. Maybe there are no green-flowering rhododendrons but there is a very beautiful white one, R. 'Moonstone', that definitely has a shade of green in it. There are so many vivid colours it is hard to know which ones to mention but standing amongst them I was intrigued by some of their names. R. 'Malahat' is a wonderful deep red colour so I wondered if there was any association between the colour and the name; driving up the highway to Duncan I am not automatically reminded of scarlet. The word Malahat itself comes from the Sencoten word Malexel which is derived from the word for caterpillars in memory of a historic infestation in the area. Well, I do not frankly associate caterpillars with scarlet either so evidently I am making more out of this than it merits.



But not far away there is another rhododendron with a geographical link that does ring a bell with me. R. 'Muncaster Mist' is a big dark-leaved plant with flowers of a subtle grey lilac colour and I feel sure that I understand the derivation. Muncaster Castle is a castle situated near the coast in the damp north-west corner of England where I spent much of my childhood. Dating from the twelfth century it is now a historic building surrounded by woodland gardens which are well-known for their magnificent rhododendrons so best visited at this time of the year. But the region being one of high rainfall I can recall on many occasions wandering through the rhododendron woods enveloped in grey cloud. These grey lilac blooms feel very evocative of those wet walks with beautiful rhododendron blooms appearing around one out of the mist.

I particularly enjoy the rhododendrons with petals of mixed colours. The flowers of R. 'Starbright Champagne' are essentially white but with a strong

shade of pink on the outside, especially as they begin to open. *R. rigidum* has pale pink flowers with a lovely darker red throat which somehow gives a sense of movement to the blooms. They are almost like little tropical birds.

But rhododendrons are not the only trees in flower. Although the magnolias are almost over there are several other shrubs that catch the eye. The golden yellow pom-poms of *Kerria japonica* 'Pleniflora' can be seen in both Ann's Garden and in the front beds in the parking lot. The chocolate vine, *Akebia quinata*, is now fully in flower on the corner of the restaurant patio and in the Fuchsia Garden *Halesia carolina* 'Wedding Bells' is looking its best. In the native garden the Saskatoon Berry (*Amelanchier alnifolia*) is covered in white flower which makes a pleasing contrast with the emerging camas flowers covering the ground.

But I have been particularly enjoying the several varieties of *Viburnum* which are now in full bloom. Although they all have white blossom the heads of flowers are deliciously fat and at least two of them are intensely perfumed. *V. burkwoodii* beside Gate 1 has a very sweet scent but *V. carlesii* in the Winter Garden has a fragrance so strong it is impossible to walk past without stopping and bathing in its sweet cloud.

	<p>Treat yourself to a visit to the Gardens and the amazing food at C&amp;Q <b>OPEN</b> Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun.</p>	
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April showers bring May flowers! Rain or shine the Certificate students have been busy working on many exciting projects, while also helping out with the very successful HCP spring plant sale. Current classes include Soils, Landscape Design, Plant ID, Introduction to Food Growing and Practical Skills. Coming up this month in Special Topics students will learn about Rhododendrons, Organic Landcare and Fruit Tree Culture.

The part-time Level 1 students are heading into the last month of their program! Finishing up at the end of May, the remaining classes include: Softscape Maintenance, Plant ID and Plant Health.

We have a new website! We hope you will check out the latest student blog posts on Apiculture and Cannabis found in the PHC News section:  
<https://hcp.ca/college-programs/phc-news/>

PHC is now accepting applications for our Landscape Design Student Projects! This is a great opportunity if you are looking to design or redesign your garden or would just like design ideas and inspiration. For more

information and to fill out an application please visit our website:

<https://hcp.ca/landscape-design-student-project-opportunity/>

**Programs Now Open for Applications:**

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 (waitlisted)

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

Open for Applications: April 25, 2022

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

Deadline to Apply: November 1, 2022

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

Deadline to Apply

2023 Landscape Horticulture Gap Training – February to March 2023

(Open for Interest List)

Application forms and requirements can be found online. Please contact the college if you would like to be added to the interest list for any of these programs or have any other program questions at [collegeadmin@hcp.ca](mailto:collegeadmin@hcp.ca).



**Children & Youth Programs**





## EARTH DAY 2022 EVENT

Over 220 students participated in our Earth Day event. The day featured ... interactive exhibits, engaging walks and other activities for local classes and groups. The Conservation Area and Viaduct Flats provided the natural environment to help us celebrate Earth Day and connect us with some of the many ways we can be stewards to support change!

We could not have done it without our partners: Rocky Point Bird Observatory, CRD Waterwise, Saanich Parks, Sierra Club, Victoria Master Gardener

Association, and our HCP staff and volunteers! Thank you!



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)
- **Register:** [HERE](#) or phone (250) 479-6162

#### **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)
- **Register:** [HERE](#) or phone (250) 479-6162

#### **Pro D Day Camp Dates:**

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

**Summer Camps Dates:** All dates are sold out. To be added to the interest list please click : [JMG Summer Camp Interest List](#)

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 (Sold out)
- Aug 8 - 12, 2022 (Sold out)



**Outdoor Fairy Gardens** 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:** 9:00am to 11:30am
- **Fee:** \$25/members, \$30/non-members
- **Register:** [Here](#) or phone (250) 479-6162

**Tea Time** 6-12 years

- **Date:** Saturday, June 11, 2022
- **Time:** 10:00am to 11:30am

- **Fee:** \$25/members, \$30/non-members
- **Register:** [Here](#) or phone (250) 479-6162

**Private Workshops for Birthdays -** [youthprograms@hcp.ca](mailto: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



## 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](mailto:ypschoools@hcp.ca) or visit [www.hcp.ca/school-programs/](http://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.



**community education**  
**plant identification & culture workshops**  
WITH JANE TICE



the gardens  
at HCP  
Horticulture Centre of the Pacific

### Plant Identification & Culture Workshops with Jane Tice

**Next date:** Saturday, June 8 - 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 20 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](#)



**community education**  
**forest therapy walks**  
WITH PETER HEHL & KELLY KISS



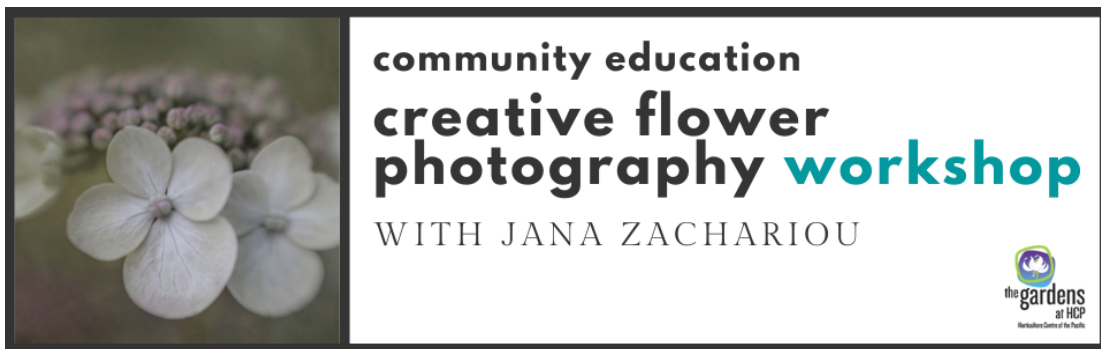
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## Forest Therapy Walks with Peter Hehl & Kelly Kiss

Sunday, June 26 - 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

Saturday, 10:00am – 11:30am: 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](#).

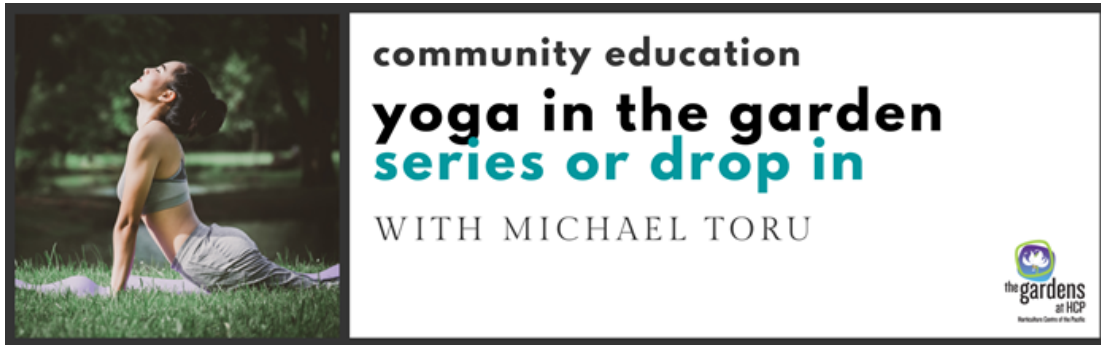


## Willow Chair Workshop with Andrew Kent

Sunday, 9am - 5pm - June 19

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 [HERE](#).



## Yoga in the Garden with Michael Toru

Thursdays, 5:30pm - 6:15pm - May 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](#)



### Online Basketry Workshops with Joan Carrigan

Join Joan Carrigan for a creative and social online class via zoom. Online basketry classes are surprisingly popular. Due to high demand, Joan runs these classes several times a year. If you are interested in attending, sign up for the interest list and get notified when a new date is set. We look forward to seeing you online! View the list of online options on our website [HERE](#)

### Upcoming Dates for Online Basketry Workshops:

Knotless Netting – 2 Evenings – Tuesday May 24 & 31 - Register [HERE](#)

Random Woven Nest Basket – Saturday June 4 - Register [HERE](#)

Coiling with Soft Materials – Sunday June 5 - Register [HERE](#)



### Flower Crown workshop with Linda Rambaud

**Tuesday, June 14, 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

Have you always wanted to know how to create a floral crown, but don't know where to begin? Join us for an exciting hands-on workshop, where we will be teaching you the skills to build your very own crown. In this class, we will be teaching the basic design and construction techniques to create a fresh floral crown. Students will learn about the different types of flowers and foliage that are best to use and how to properly wrap and form a tiara or crown for

any occasion. You will have a variety of materials to use, including a mixture of fresh flowers and foliage, ribbon, and tape.

View the list of online options on our website [HERE](#)



### Wellness Garden Gatherings with Marnie Dangerfield

The 4th Wednesday of each month starting June 22 at 1 - 3pm

Pause for a guided break in the garden each month while connecting with others in your community in a kind, compassionate, creative garden space. The intention of these gatherings is simple: have fun while connecting with yourself and others in the beautiful garden setting. Experience the many mind/body/spirit benefits of being in the garden and connecting with others and with nature.

Let's journey through the garden year together and notice the pace of nature as it transforms through the seasons. This is an opportunity for you to set aside time each month to pause for your well-being with a playful guide. Each gathering will have a theme and you can expect curated information and activities connected to gardening, well-being and creativity. No experience necessary. Bring your kind curiosity and sense of play as best you can.

Each gathering stands alone, you do not need to attend them all, but if you do you will get to connect with the seasons, changes and cycles in the garden. These are a co-creation, each person attending is important to the experience, let's learn and grow together! All are welcome by donation, however, registration is required. Visit our website to learn more or register [HERE](#)



Ikebana Inspired Workshop with Linda Rambaud

Tuesday, June 28, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

This workshop will give you an opportunity to discover the art of Ikebana. You will have the opportunity to learn orchids and how they grow. Ikebana is about the balance and composition of the flowers. The full ikebana arrangement takes into account space, color, form, and material - just like any professional art piece.

Visit our website to learn more or register [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

Nigel Dunnett and Noël Kingsbury



# Planting Green Roofs and Living Walls

REVISED AND UPDATED EDITION

Reduce Water Runoff • Offset Carbon Emissions • Increase Biodiversity • Create Beauty

## Planting Green Roofs and Living Walls

By Nigel Dunnett and Noël Kingsbury

Green roofs don't have to be large. Home gardens offer innovative ways to grow plants for enthusiastic gardeners. "Planting Green Roofs and Living Walls" offers a good introduction to the topic so that a keen amateur could manage a small-scale project. It includes practical techniques to design, implement and maintain "extensive" living roofs, ie: minimal maintenance, less expensive, more naturalistic and under 6" deep. And should you want to work

with professionals for larger scale projects, the principles outlined here will help you discuss applying them in an informed way. It's also written for horticultural and other professionals, environmentalists and policy makers.

Integrating living plants with buildings has many advantages, even in food production. In this book Dunnett and Kingsbury have outlined technologies that can have a significant impact on our natural environment. Contemporary living roofs and walls from around the world are showcased and the many photos are inspiring for armchair travelers and horticultural dreamers. "Closer to home, next time you're at the HCP check out our own living roof on the Couvelier Pavilion."

This book is available to borrow from the HCP Library.

Hope to see you soon!

## **REMINDER: 50% Off Book Sale in the Library during May!!**

### **Library Hours:**

Wednesday 10:00am - 1:00pm

Thursday 10:00am - 1:00pm

Saturday 10:00am - 1:00pm

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

Questions? Email [library@hcp.ca](mailto: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.*

**Office - 250-479-6162**

**Website - [HCP.ca](http://HCP.ca)**



