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## June 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

#### **We Are Hiring our Summer Students!**

If you know someone between 15-30 that would like to join an incredible team for the summer, please email me at [director@hcp.ca](mailto:director@hcp.ca). You will learn a lot and have a lot of fun!

Full details available on our website: [hcp.ca](http://hcp.ca)



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 pm (Doors open at 5:30)**

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

**RSVP: [director@hcp.ca](mailto:director@hcp.ca) or leave a voice-mail for me at 250-479-6273.**



**A Message from our Head Gardener**





## **Pollinators for the planet**

**Saturday June 25 9-2**

We are excited to launch a new plant sale this month!

Pollinator week is June 21-27.

Everyone can do their part by providing the essential habitat requirements for pollinators-food, water and shelter.

Pollinators like bees, butterflies and hummingbirds play a critical role in our planet's biodiversity, the global food system and human health.

Sadly, some species of pollinators, bees in particular, are seeing a decline in their populations. Plant a wide variety of plants with diverse flowers of various shapes, scents and size. Some provide pollen and nectar while others provide forage for larvae and building materials.

We will be selling a good selection of plants to attract pollinators to your garden.

Sale starts at 9:00am.

We will also have family activities and a presentation by Lori Weidenhammer.

Lori is the author of Victory Gardens for Bees, our local bible of pollinator friendly plants. Her presentation is free of charge but you must register ahead of time.

<https://hcp.ca/event/lets-get-buzzy-presentation-by-lori-weidenhammer/>

## **SPEAKER EVENT**

**Presentation with Lori Weidenhammer - Author of Victory Gardens for Bees**

**Let's Get Buzzy! Identifying, Supporting and Celebrating the Native Bees of British Columbia**

Lori Weidenhammer, aka Madame bee Speaker works with folks of all ages, teaching them about gardening for bees. She is the author of Victory Gardens for Bees: A DIY Guide to Saving the Bees and is co-chair of the Native Bee Society of BC.

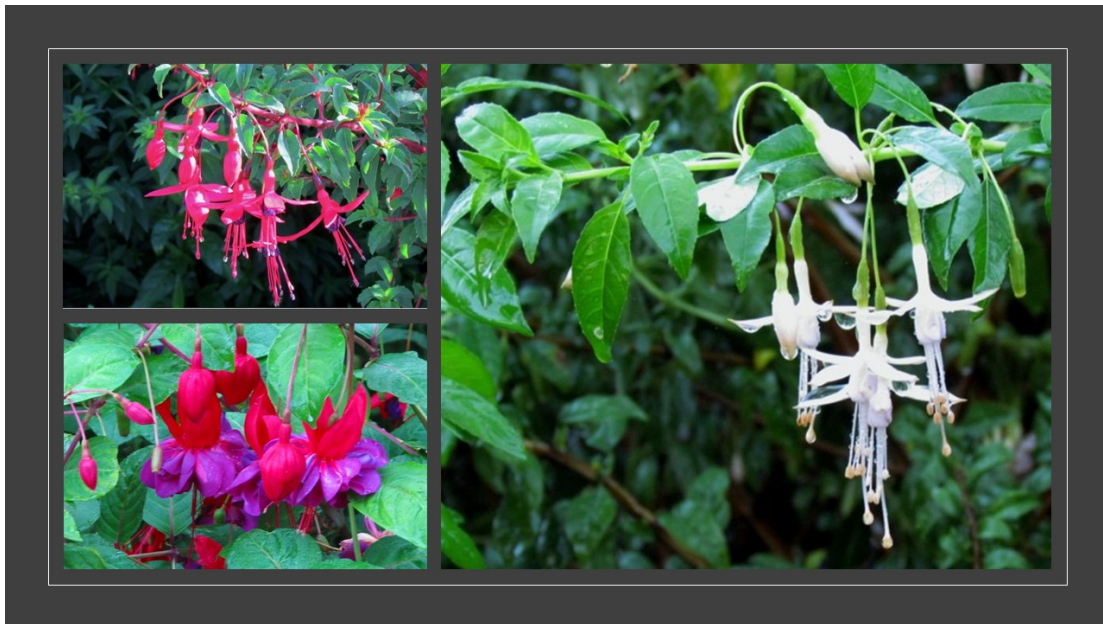
Lori will be visiting the Island to present at the HCP. This is a free event for pollinator week. Spaces are limited and there is no charge to attend, but registration is limited.

Bumble bees, hairy belly bees, mining bees . . . what's the buzz on all these different sizes and shapes of our most important pollinators? Learn about how to identify the bounty of bee species in your backyard, find out about the best plants and gardening practices to support them and learn how you can help the Native Bee Society of British Columbia protect BC Bees as a citizen scientist.

NOTE that masks are required for this indoor event.

**REGISTER ONLINE** or call 250 479 6162





**Hardy Fuchsias are ready!**

**We have good strong looking plants in the plant sale area now.**

**See you soon, Linda**



Click to download our [Community Education Workshop List](#) for June & July.





**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)



**Giles' Jottings**





*Iris pseudoacorus 'Variegata', Aquilegia (columbine), Thalictrum aquilegifolium, Allium giganteum, Geum 'Mrs. Bradshaw', Nectaroscordum siculum, Helianthemum nummularium, Zantedeschia aethiopica, Allium schoenoprasum*

Though the weather is hardly truly summery yet, there are flowers and colours in abundance around the Gardens. I have been informed by several people that twenty years ago summers in Victoria were mostly like this, generally cloudy but with agreeable sunny breaks, but to be truly warm you needed to go inland. The last few years have obviously been different with 'heat domes' and droughts and the resultant wildfires turning our skies hazy and red. And though I have been wondering for some weeks when the heat is going to arrive I realise that I would actually be happy to have a year of more moderate weather; working in the intense heat can be very exhausting. So perhaps this year we could revert to former climate patterns and be blessed with a season of cooler conditions.

Yet walking around the Gardens the plants do not seem deterred by the overcast skies. The rhododendrons have been working hard to show their best and though some are now over there are still late varieties to enjoy. Columbines (*Aquilegia*) are everywhere and though we do not have any of the more exotic bi-coloured species, the range of colours of *A. vulgaris* alone is



impressive, white through pinks and purples and a delicious deep strawberry red. In the Takata stream bed the candelabra primulas (*Primula beesiana*) are looking their best while peonies have finally come into flower and their enormous frothy blooms are a wonder to behold.



In the upper gardens Alliums are taking centre stage. The big spherical flower heads in purples and blues remind me of fireworks, those huge spheres that burst in the sky above you. There are plantings of *Allium giganteum* in several places in the Hardy Beds and they look especially attractive popping up amongst the lime-yellow heads of Euphorbias. In the Lily Beds a close relative of these is *Nectaroscordum siculum*, a similarly tall bulbous perennial, but their umbels, rather than a tight sphere, are formed of hanging bells that attract masses of happy bees. And then again, not far away in the Herb Garden, more of the allium family, Chives (*Allium schoenoprasum*) are also fully in flower. So many marvellous decorative onions.

At the lower end of the Lily Garden the calla lilies (*Zantedeschia aethiopica*) are looking wonderful, their creamy white spathes creating striking contrasts with nearby red-hot poker (*Kniphofia uvaria*), yellow Iris pseudacorus 'Variegata' and the rich orange of Geum 'Mrs Bradshaw'. The glaucous foliage of Parahebe perfoliata is covered now with its pale violet spikes of flowers and there is a Sanguisorba that is flourishing in the middle of the bed, its red upright catkin-like flowers standing proudly above surrounding plants.

I am fond of the many mound-forming plants that can hang over the edges of beds, creating soft curves and colourful floral cushions. In the Vegetable Garden they have some lovely examples of purple aubrietas (*Aubrieta x cultorum*) and Snow-in-Summer (*Cerastium tomentosum*) softening the edges of their vegetable plantings and just nearby in the Med Beds there is a pretty pink cistus in flower. Up the hill a little toward the pavilion the rock roses (*Helianthemum nummularium*) in the Drought Tolerant Garden are a gorgeously vivid red-orange and Convolvulus cneorum is just beginning to open there too.

We must not forget to mention the Iris Garden. Created relatively recently, the volunteers have spent time trying to create the well-drained conditions irises seem to prefer and I think, this year, we are beginning to see the results of all that work. There are now irises of all sorts in flower. Tall ones and short ones, massive flowers and small, colours from the deepest dark mauve to rust colour, yellows and pinks. Do take this opportunity to see them while they are at their best.

Another rock rose, pale pink this time, is blooming at the head of the Heather Garden and in the Three B's there is a marvellously frothy blue *Thalictrum aquilegifolium*. Foxgloves (*Digitalis spp*) are just starting to open in the Edible Beds and the woolly sunflowers (*Eriophyllum lanatum*) on the corner of the Native Plant Garden are beginning their startlingly sunny display.

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

Despite spring's slow arrival, May was a bustling month at the college. Congratulations to our part-time Level 1 students who completed their program on May 25! The Level 1 program is a mixed format delivery via online and in person, and May included many on-site classes for the students. We look forward to seeing some familiar faces back this August for the Level 2 program.

The Certificate students are officially halfway through their program and heading into their two-week summer break at the end of June. June's classes include Soils, Practical Skills, Introduction to Food Growing, Plant ID, Landscape Design, and Special Topics in Horticulture. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled for three exciting new blog posts coming up later this month: Fruit Tree Culture, Cut Flower Gardening, and Medicinal Plants.

We have our annual Industry Rep Day coming up on June 21st. This is a fun and valuable opportunity for the Certificate students to gain knowledge and connect with a diverse group of respected industry representatives. Industry representatives this year include Pacific Ridge Landscapes, Gardener's Kit, Susanne Osmond Design, Russell Nursery, School District 61, and Bartlett Tree Experts.

PHC is still accepting applications for our Landscape Design Student Projects! If you are looking to design or redesign your garden, would like

design ideas and inspiration and are able to make a donation for the student work, please review our post and requirements at: <https://hcp.ca/landscape-design-student-project-opportunity/>

Registration is open for each program offered at PHC, which has resulted in a busy month of accepting applications. PHC is accepting applications for the following programs:

**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

Deadline to Apply: December 5, 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 December 12, 2022

**2023 Landscape Horticulture Gap Training** – February to March 2023

(Open for Interest List)

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



## Children & Youth Programs

### HCP Kids — Children, Youth & Family Nature Programs

This last month of programs has been very busy and we have enjoyed connecting with many of our local schools between mentoring in their school gardens and programs at HCP. It is great to see so many educators working



hard to provide land-based learning to enhance their classroom lessons. We were very happy to be a part of these outdoor lessons, rain or shine, in the many food, indigenous plant and nature settings. Wait till you see what we have planned for next school year!

As spring programs wind down, our pre-k learner program, Garden Nature Academy, is continuing with our adventures in and around the gardens as we hill our potato crops, tend our 3 Sisters Gardens, harvest our greens and create from many of the natural materials we have in and around us. Of course our lessons have been enhanced with the many Blue Orchard Bees (Mason) who have been working along with the bubbles and honey bees to fertilize our crops! The emerging reptiles and nesting birds continue to provide us with great joy as we explore these natural spaces in and around the gardens.

Private workshops continue to offer a unique celebration for families and friends, featuring themes such as Miniature Gardens (fairy, gnome, herb, pollinator, terrarium, tea cup) and time to explore our many pathways for inspiration. There have been a lot of requests again this spring, providing an introduction to our gardens for many families.

Thank you to all of the families who have joined us for programs and events this spring. Please check out our summer programs and get a sneak peek at our fall line up coming soon on our new webpage!



Join us for Pollinator Day at HCP for family friendly activities and a presentation with Lori Weidenhammer, author of *Victory Gardens for Bees*. Do you have a passion for pollinators and want to share this at our upcoming event? Let us know at [youthprograms@hcp.ca](mailto:youthprograms@hcp.ca). Check out our website for more information on activities for the day.



Imagine a gentle nature walk with your child to calm and inspire you both! This rain or shine outdoor program on our endless pathways provides us with many social and nature connections. This is followed by a story time that encourages the development of listening skills and small group interactions. Plan to bring along your favourite story blanket and snack to enjoy during the story with your child and invite a friend. Pre-registration is required to determine if this program will run.

- **Dates:** Thursday's [June 30](#), [July 14](#), [July 28](#), [Aug 11, 2022](#)
- **Time:** 10:00am - 11:00am
- **Age:** 3+ years, siblings welcome!
- **Fee:** \$10/child, \$15/2 children



### Garden Nature Academy - Fall Session

- **Dates:** Tuesday's for 12 weeks: from September 6 to November 8, 2022
- **Time:** 9:00am to 11:30am
- **Age:** 3 to 5 years
- **Fee:** \$295/1 child, \$545/2 children for members, \$340/non-members (price is for full series)
- **Register:** [HERE](#) or phone (250) 479-6162



Garden Camps - Please check back for our Pro D Day camps for 2022/23 coming soon!



### Outdoor Fairy Gardens (adult + child)

Inviting all garden enthusiasts!! It might still be a bit early to get out into our gardens this month, but we really want to!! Here is a fun way to get creative, using seasonally appropriate plants that will stand up to the elements and give a head start to doing some early planting! This workshop is geared to an adult and child looking for an outdoor class together. Combine your efforts or each make your own miniature garden to take home. We will begin with a garden tour to inspire us, then collect natural materials to begin our Fairy Garden making together. Please dress for the weather. Class size is limited.

- **Date:** Tuesday, Jul 12, 2022
- **Time:** 1:30 - 3:00pm
- **Age:** 4+ years
- **Fee:** \$25/members, \$30/non members
- **Register:** [HERE](#) or phone (250) 479-6162

### Herbal Creations

Many of us grow herbs in our gardens, but what can you do with them? In this fun and hands-on class, children will learn about some of the plants we know



as herbs including; some of their uses, how to harvest them. We will practice methods of drying and creating teas, self care items and gifts that are easy and natural. Participants will make items to take home and share with their family and friends.

- **Date:** Thursday, Jul 14, 2022
- **Time:** 1:30 - 3:00pm
- **Age:** 4+ years
- **Fee:** \$25/members, \$30/non members
- **Register:** [HERE](#) or phone (250) 479-6162



### Mythical Creatures Garden Workshop

The gardens are full of inspiration as we embark on a garden tour to discover the many secret places that these creatures could live. Then we will make our own miniature gardens suited to play and many more adventures at home. This workshop will feature gnomes, fairies, and dragons, oh my! Parents are welcome to stay.

- **Date:** July 14, 2022
- **Time:** 5:30-7 pm
- **Ages:** 4 - 12 years
- **Fee:** \$25/members, \$30/non-members
- **Registration:** [HERE](#)

### Stepping Stones

Whether our gardens are big or small they can benefit from pathways to help us tend plants or to take us through them. In this workshop we will use concrete along with plants to make these pieces of garden unique and just the touch our gardens need. Each participant will make a stepping stone to take home and cure. Class size is limited.

- **Date:** Thursday, Aug 11, 2022

- **Time:** 5:30 - 7:00pm
- **Age:** 4+ years
- **Fee:** \$25/members, \$30/non members
- **Register:** [HERE](#)



### Succulent Gardens

These plants come in a variety of colours, shapes, and sizes and are easy to grow and to propagate. Let's get creative as we explore these interesting and diverse plants, using our many demonstration gardens for inspiration. We will use planters to create stunning container gardens that are drought tolerant and child friendly.

- **Date:** Tuesday, Aug 9, 2022
- **Time:** 1:30 - 3:00pm
- **Age:** 6+ years
- **Fee:** \$25/members, \$30/non members
- **Register:** [HERE](#) or phone (250) 479-6162

### Tea Time

Tea brewing is an art form that goes back to ancient times. Did you know that many of the herbs growing in our gardens are easy to use for brewing. Children love to explore and learn about these interesting plants that provide our brews with flavours, colours and scents. Together we will explore the herb and flower gardens to create a better understanding of these plants and their uses. Then we will create our own blends to take home and discuss drying and storing techniques while we taste our teas.

- **Date:** Thursday, Aug 11, 2022
- **Time:** 1:30 - 3:00pm
- **Age:** 6+ years
- **Fee:** \$25/members, \$30/non members
- **Register:** [HERE](#)



Our gardens feature many special places to explore and enjoy together. These make for the perfect celebrations for your child's birthday with friends and family. Choose from one of our popular workshop themes to make it the right fit for your child! These feature our many miniature garden themes (Terrariums, Fairy, Gnome, Pollinator, Dinosaur, Herb, and Dragon), as well as, Tea Time and Herbal Connections. These private workshop bookings are 1.5 hours in length and families are welcome to host their own private reception for refreshments following these. For more information and reservations, please contact us at

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



### School Programs for 2021/22

Thank you to all the classes who filled our gardens with excitement this past season. We look forward to seeing you again for another visit during the 2022/23 school year! Check our website for more information on new and returning programs coming soon. Have a great summer!



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 date Saturday, June 18 & July 16 - 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.

**HCP Members \$55 / Non-Members \$65**

Register [ONLINE](#) or call 250 479 6162



**Forest Therapy Walks with Kelly Kiss**  
**Sunday, June 26 & July 24 - 1:30pm - 4:00pm**

Come join 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.

**Workshop Fee - \$45**

Register [ONLINE](#) or call 250 479 6162



### Creative Flower Photography with Jana Zachariou

**Saturdays, 10:00am – 11:30am: next date 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!

HCP Members \$55 / Non-Members \$65

Register [ONLINE](#) or call 250 479 6162



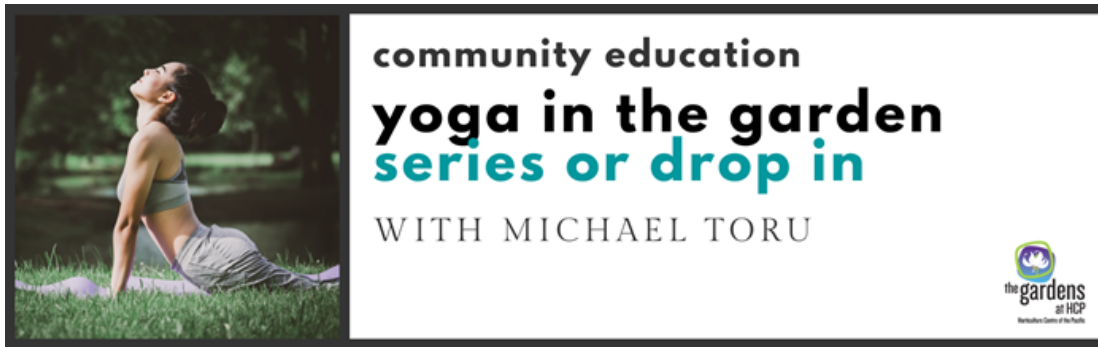
### Willow Chair Workshop with Andrew Kent

**Sunday, June 19 - 9am - 5pm**

**SOLD OUT - Waiting list being taken for next date**

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.

Join our waiting list [HERE](#)



### Yoga in the Garden with Michael Toru

**New Dates - Wednesdays - 5:30pm - 6:15pm - June 22, 29, July 6, 13 & 27 & August 3**

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 (\$10) in or pack of 5 (\$45)**

Register [ONLINE](#) or call 250 479 6162



### Wellness Garden Gatherings with Marnie Dangerfield - By Donation

**The 4th Wednesday of each month - Next dates June 22, July 27 - 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.

**By donation, registration required.**

Visit our website to learn more or register [HERE](#)



### **Rush Purse Basketry Workshop with Joan Carrigan**

**Friday July 8, 2022 - 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m**

Using local rushes, we will be weaving this adorable purse or handbag - perfect for any outing. This basket is woven over a mold which will be provided. We will explore how to weave an oval base and then explore variations of twining on the sides of the basket. Rush is silky soft yet strong.... perfect for this project. The harvest and preparation of rush will be discussed, and other examples of rush weaving will be on hand.

Masks are required for this indoor workshop.

**HCP Members \$120 / Non-Members \$140**

Register [ONLINE](#) or call 250 479 6162



## **Woven Flower Vase using Local Natural Materials with Joan Carrigan**

**Saturday July 9, 2022 - 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m**

In this class we will be weaving a small bud vase in the spirit of Japanese Ikebana Flower Baskets. The local natural materials used include red cedar bark, sedge, willow bark and beargrass. We will begin with a demonstration and discussion on how to harvest and prepare the materials. We will explore variations of twining with a focus on shaping and design using the precious materials on hand.

Masks are required for this indoor workshop.

**HCP Members \$120 / Non-Members \$140**

Register [ONLINE](#) or call 250 479 6162



## **Nature Play Workshop with Kelly Kiss**

**Saturday, July 16 or August 20, 1pm - 4pm**

Ignite your creative muse with a "Nature Play" walk with Kelly!

This three hour journey combines the benefits of Forest Therapy with play and creativity. Through the use of watercolour and coloured pencil, you will be invited to express your unique, sensual experience of the natural world.

Mindfully slow down, and immerse yourself in the beauty around you, while becoming present to the little things that often go unnoticed. Deepen your connection with yourself as you heighten and inspire the creative muse within. Kelly is both an ANFT Certified Forest Therapy Guide and visual artist.

**Workshop Fee \$75**

Register [ONLINE](#) or call 250 479 6162



### 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](#)



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## 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](http://www.horticulturecentre.ca) or phone (250) 479-6162 to donate today.



## Membership Reminder

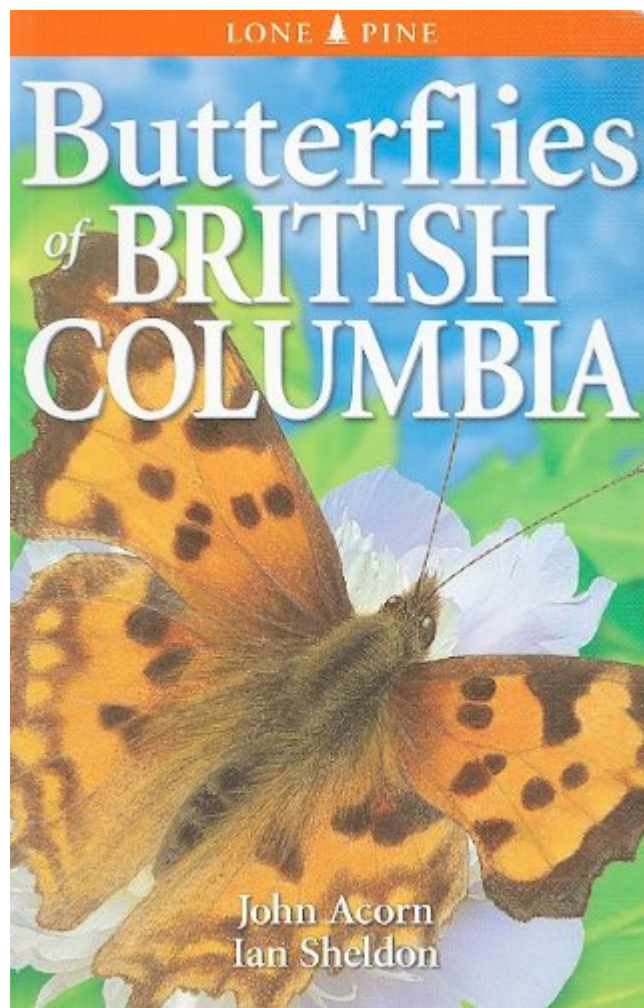
Revenue from annual memberships supports youth programming, horticulture student development, plants and supplies for garden improvements, and volunteer appreciation.

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





## **Butterflies of British Columbia**

*John Acorn and Ian Sheldon*

If, like me, you're out in the garden more these days, you may happen upon a butterfly. How fortunate! Not only can they be a symbol of light and hope, their beauty can inspire joy.

And if, like me, you're wondering what the name of this butterfly is that you just happened upon, look no further than this HCP Library book, "Butterflies of British Columbia." It's an abundantly and beautifully illustrated, easy-to-use field guide showing 180 species and the intricacy of their wing patterns. Each listing's large illustrations help with identification. Similar species are also illustrated and described. The entries are rounded out with wingspan, alternative names, identification mark descriptions, preferred caterpillar food plants, habitat and flight season, and a B.C. map of known locations. Comments are in a conversational style rather than an academic reporting style.

"Butterflies of British Columbia" opens with a Quick Reference Guide; 9 pages of illustrations for at-a-glance identification with page numbers for further



investigation. The introduction includes helpful discussions on butterfly names, biology and identification. The back matter includes two indexes of names, a checklist and a glossary (buttergack is the annoying petty politics that butterfly enthusiasts sometimes exhibit!).

According to "Butterflies of British Columbia," most individual butterflies only live a week however their combined flight season may extend over a month or more. Take for example the Great Arctic butterfly (*Oeneis nevadensis*). It can be seen in June and early July, but only in even numbered years, as it has a two-year cycle. It lives in forest edges and clearings. This would be a spectacular find, as it is rare. Our more familiar Monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*) migrates back to B.C. in June from its winter home in California. Hopefully efforts to save this species at risk will improve our opportunities to encounter it in our gardens.

So, whether you just happened upon a butterfly in your garden or you're a Lepidopterist, you'll be pleased you borrowed this book from the HCP Library.

## LIBRARY Book Sale 50% off!

### Library Hours:

Wednesday 10:00am - 1:00pm

Thursday 10:00am - 1:00pm

Saturday 10:00am - 1:00pm

## Hope to see you soon!

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

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

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