

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

Everyday



For more information on the Year of the Garden please visit: https://livethegardenlife.gardenscanada.ca/



Thank-you for helping to make this the most successful Arts & Music Festival Ever!



What an incredible event and we are so glad to be back! 2,423 people were on site over the 2 days. That included 79 amazing volunteers that contributed 330 hours. We had 424 members come and support our event and 131 people converted their admission fee to memberships! Thank-you to Maria for donating her field for parking on Beaver Road again and thank-you to LifeCycles for your smooth orchestration as the parking stewards - and also a big thank-you to Coastal Ski + Sport/Sports Rent who provided us with bike racks free of charge! They were filled most of the weekend!

LifeCycles cultivates community health from the ground up by connecting people to the food they eat and the land it comes from. We support people in gaining the cultivating Communities knowledge, skills and resources needed to access, grow and preserve local food in ways that foster biodiversity and enhance our urban environment.



Coastal Ski + Sport/Sports Rent lets you try it before you buy it. We offer rentals from a selection of bikes to mountaineering, with everything in between. We retail skis, SUPs, and all surf. Offering the largest selection of disc golf in Victoria. Adventures start here!







Have you checked out our new website? hcp.ca





HCP Fall Plant Sale

September 23 (exclusive to HCP members and volunteers)

September 24-all are welcome

Save the dates! Friday, **September 23** for **HCP Members and volunteers only**. The sale will be open to the public on Saturday, September 24. The sale will be **9:00am - 4:00pm** daily.

Fall is the perfect time for planting. We have lots of new stock, propagated over the spring and ready to plant out. All plants will be reduced by 25% with further discounts in our Bargain Bin. As always, garden admission is free during plant sales!

Our knowledgeable staff, volunteers and students will be here to help with your plant choices.

Come early for the best selection. The Victoria Master Gardener Association will be available to answer your questions. All proceeds raised from the plant sale support the development of our nonprofit teaching gardens.

Fall is the best time for planting!

The combination of warm soil, cooler temperatures and increased rainfall allows plants to set roots faster and become established, ensuring vigorous growth next Spring.

Hope to see you then,

Linda



2 EXCITING NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!!

Fundraising Development Committee

In accordance with our newly minted Strategic Plan, the HCP is increasing its efforts to engage both individuals and corporations as donors to the organization. Consequently, the Fund Development Committee (FDC) is seeking two additional volunteers to assist in this effort.

As a subscriber to HCP's Newsletter, you are obviously passionate about horticulture and the environment. If you are also willing to devote several hours a month to help build awareness of the HCP within our community, please contact Ed Chwyl, chair of the FDC at chwyl@shaw.ca for an interview.

Our Volunteer Conservation Team is expanding!

Did you know that HCP oversees the stewardship of 100 acres of trail and conservation lands?

Are you interested in ecological restoration and protecting biodiversity in our community?

We have an exciting opportunity to join our Volunteer Conservation Team!

HCP Conservation volunteers work to:

- Remove invasive species
- · Improve wildlife habitats
- Maintain native plants.

For more information or to apply as a volunteer please contact Kim at volunteers@hcp.ca



Click to download our Community Education Workshop List for September & October.





HCP Garlic is ready!

We have a bumper crop of garlic this year.

The variety we grow in the lower Farm Garden is called MUSIC.

It is a hard neck variety with medium-strong true garlic flavor.

It is white skinned with a blush of pink and an exceptional keeper-in the right conditions it will last 9 months!

We will have it for sale at the front office in September.

How to grow Garlic:

Plant cloves from September to the end of November. Separate the cloves and set each one, pointed end up, 4 inches apart and 2 inches deep. Don't skin the cloves! Use deeper planting if rain or frost may expose the cloves, and shallower planting if using mulch or planting into heavy soil. The largest cloves will make the largest bulbs.

Rich, well-drained soil. Dig well, add compost (lots of it if your soil is heavy) and do not compact it by stepping on it.

Fertilize when spring growth starts. Water as needed and keep weeded. Remove garlic scapes in June and harvest in July.





From Left to right: (top) Acanthus mollis; Hydrangea 'Annabelle'; Hemerocallis; Phlox paniculata; Lilium sp. (bottom) Lilium sp.; Hydrangea 'Rio'; Clematis sp.;

Crocosmia crocosmiflora: Hydrangea varieties

I am so glad that I can no longer complain about the grey skies and persistent rain. It has turned into a really beautiful summer and, as an added bonus, the air temperature has for the most part remained cool; when one begins to feel a little overwhelmed by the heat of the direct sun one can step aside into a shady spot and find welcome relief. In fact, the Winter Garden is currently the place to enjoy a cool promenade.

And it seems the plants in the Gardens are thriving in this excellent weather; the last couple of months have given us a spectacular season of gorgeous blooms in every possible colour. The Lily Garden has been particularly impressive. After a couple of years of hard work dealing with drainage and soil quality problems the resultant display has shown the value of the Lily

volunteers' persistence. This year there have been lilies of every colour and hue. Many have been in shades from apricot to orange, Lilium 'African Queen' and L.'Tiger Babies' being delightful examples, and then those of a deep crimson have also been tantalizingly delicious, L. 'Miss Feya' and L. 'Black Beauty' especially. Pink, white and yellow varieties have also been bursting out and interplanted with all these are Agapanthus, day lilies (*Hemerocallis*) and Acanthus, Joe Pye Weed (*Eutrochium purpureum*) and Buddleia. It has been a real treat to see such a wonderful display.

In the Hardy Borders next door, I have been enjoying the wide range of Clematis varieties. Unfortunately, I know few of their variety names, but they have all been very profuse in their flowering, from the large open varieties to the smaller flowered hanging bells. And though they are now beginning to go over I must surely give a shout-out to the fabulous deep red Lobelia tupa, for me one of the most marvelous plants in the Gardens.

Crocosmia are now coming into their own. Over the years I have had occasion to struggle with Crocosmia in gardens where I have worked; they can quickly go from a small planting to a large fierce clump that pushes out their neighbours and digging out every last corm is surprisingly difficult. But when their fiery flowers rise up through surrounding plants in late summer one has to forgive them; their sprays of yellow, red and orange are a wonderfully vivid contrast with everything around them.

This year hydrangeas have also been very impressive. Both lacecap varieties and mopheads have been doing well, their pinks, blues and whites lighting up shady corners as well as glowing in sunny exposures. Their frothy flower forms are imitated somewhat by Phlox paniculata and we have pinks and mauves and white phlox in several different gardens. Step down to the Great Lawn and look back toward the steps to the Gathering Place; on either side extensive plantings of Hydrangeas and Phlox create clouds of white blooms that have a quality almost edible. Is it popcorn or candy floss or ice-cream they resemble? Whichever it is they evidently like the situation and grow abundantly. How fortunate we are to be witness to such a wealth of nature's bounty.

Treat yourself to a visit to the Gardens and the amazing food at C&Q

CHARLOTTE the Quail

OPENThurs, Fri, Sat, Sun.





Pacific Horticulture College



What a busy and exciting month August is shaping up to be here at PHC!

The certificate students are looking forward to starting their first work experience week from August 22 to 26! They will work with a host of their choosing to learn about a new field of horticulture and network within the horticulture industry. Work Experience hosts for the first week include: Russell Nursery, Ravensong Seed and Herbals, LifeCycles, Satinflower Nurseries, District of Saanich, Cordova Bay Golf Course and many more! They will complete a second work experience week in September.

Students also just completed their Plant Health/IPM course and Introduction to Permaculture course, and continue their course work in Plant ID,

Introduction to Food Growing, Turfgrass Management, and Practical Skills. A busy month for them indeed!

Also, a warm welcome to the Part-Time Level 2 students who just started on August 8th! The Part-Time program runs until December with courses in Pruning, Plant ID, Tools & Equipment, Botany, Soils, and more!

PHC is celebrating our 35th Anniversary! We would love to invite our alumni to come and join us for a special evening on Tuesday, August 30th from 5 – 8 pm. If you are a former student of the College and would like to attend, please rsvp to collegeadmin@hcp.ca.

Programs Now Open for Applications:

<u>2022 Level 3 Landscape Horticulturist Training</u> - October 31 to December 9, 2022

Deadline to Apply: October 3, 2022 (waitlisted)

<u>2023 Level 4 Landscape Horticulturist Apprenticeship Training</u> - January 9 to February 17, 2023

Deadline to Apply: December 5, 2022

<u>2023 Landscape Horticulture Certificate Program</u> - January 16 to November 14, 2023

Deadline to Apply: November 1, 2022

<u>2023 Level 1 Landscape Horticulturist Apprenticeship Training</u> - January 23 to May 24, 2023

Deadline to Apply: December 12, 2022

<u>2023 Landscape Horticulture Gap Training</u> – 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 if you would like to be added to the interest list for any of these programs or have any other program questions.

Registration is open for our **Integrated Pest Management courses** in October and November. Please visit our website for information and to register: https://hcp.ca/college-programs/integrated-pest-management-training-courses/



HCP Kids — Children, Youth & Family Nature Programs

Summer has flown by again! So many precious moments spent with our Junior Master Gardener and Garden Arts campers in the garden tending our plots of vegetables, herbs, berries and flowers. Keeping our plants watered became a fun way to keep our campers cooled too. We welcomed guests for mentoring with our campers, enjoying a Cob Oven potato bake with students from Seed the City (Lifecycles). Our Victoria Master Gardener volunteers inspired us with their lessons on plants, their uses, and how to take care of them. Thank you all for sharing these lessons with us!

It was wonderful to see so many families visit our activity station at Arts & Music too. Check out some of our memories below, including photos of our backyard Jenga game. We hope that you have had a wonderful time this summer and look forward to seeing you again this fall!





Let's join up for some end of summer days for a gentle nature walk with your child that will 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 storytime 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. Make Stories in the Shade a playdate and share this with a friend. Please click on this link to Pre-register. We will send you an email with a registration link as soon as there is enough interest to run this program.

- Dates: Thursdays, September 8 October 13, 2022
- Time: 10:00am 11:00am
- Age: 3+ years, siblings welcome!
- Fee: \$10/child, \$15/2 children (same family please)
- Register: HERE or phone (250) 479-6162



Garden Nature Academy - Fall Session

*This recurring nature program is limited to 10 students and it fills quickly!

- 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: \$250 for members, \$295 for non-members (price is for full series)

Register: HERE or phone (250) 479-6162



These non-instructional day camps feature an outdoor program that includes time in our very own HCP Kids Teaching Garden where we grow food, learn to support natural systems and enjoy the many wilderness areas surrounding us!

PRO-D Day Garden Camps

Dates: September 19, October 21, November 14, February 17, May 19

• Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm

Age: 5 to 12 years (school age)

• Fee: \$40/child

• Register: by clicking on Preferred Date or phone (250) 479-6162



Garden Club - Fall Session

Our Pacific Northwest offers many advantages for growing food crops year round. In this fall session, we will plant, seed start, transplant, maintain, harvest and seed save as the season transitions to fall. Some of these crops will be for fall harvesting and others, such as leeks, garlic, carrots, chard, kale, Brussels sprouts, broccoli and beets, will be for late winter harvest.

This program is suited to school age children to attend independently or with a family member and for pre-k learners with a family member for support.

Date: Saturday's, September 10, 17, 24, October 01, 08, 15, 2022.

• Time: 10:00am - 11:30am

• Age: 3 to 12 years

Fee: \$85 (children + adult) for the session
Register: HERE or phone (250) 479-6162



Flower Pressing Workshop

Remember pressing flowers as a child? This memory is one that is enjoyed by many and easy to do. Together, we will gather flowers and leaves from the garden for pressing in our own little presses to take home. Then we will make some pressed flower crafts to learn how to preserve these little treasures for years to come! Enjoy some creative time with a child in your life and sign up for two! All materials are provided.

Date: Saturday, September 17

• Time: 1:30pm - 3:00

• Age: 6+ years

Fee: \$25/members, \$30/non-membersRegister: HERE or phone (250) 479-6162

Fairy Gardens Workshop

Join us for this miniature garden making lesson starting with an inspirational garden walk!

Then we will collect natural materials along the way and begin our wee garden making together. Adults are welcome to join us for the workshop and to make their own garden to take home. Everyone needs some fun!! All materials are provided.

Date: Saturday, September 24

• Time: 1:30pm - 3:00pm

• Age: 4+ years

• Fee: \$25/garden/members, \$30/garden/non-members

- Register: HERE or phone (250) 479-6162
- * This workshop can also be booked for a child's birthday as a Private Workshop by contacting youthprograms@hcp.ca to learn more!

Pumpkin People Workshop

Bring along your family or friends group and create a seasonal Pumpkin person that will be displayed on our lower field for the month! You bring along the clothing and we provide the straw, binding and pumpkins.

Dates: Saturday, October 01 (12:30-1:15) or (1:30-2:15)
 Saturday, October 08 (1:30-2:15) or (2:30-3:15)

Age: All ages welcome

• Fee: \$30/family or group up to 5

Register: by clicking on Preferred Date and Time or phone (250) 479-6162

Mythical Creatures Workshop

Dragons, gnomes and more! Do you know someone who loves to create adventures? These gardens are playtime options that explore creative expression. We begin with a garden walk for inspiration to begin our adventure together. Using hardy plants and natural materials these mini gardens each become unique and suited to playtime. Want to join a child for this workshop? Sign up for two gardens and make your own garden to take away. All materials are provided.

* This workshop can also be booked for a child's birthday as a Private Workshop by contacting youthprograms@hcp.ca to learn more!

• Date: Saturday, October 15

• Time: 1:30pm - 3:00

• Age: 4+ years

• Fee: \$25/garden/member, \$30/garden/non-member

• Register: HERE or phone (250) 479-6162



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



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, September 17, October 15 - 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 \$40 / Non-Members \$50

Register ONLINE or call 250 479 6162



yoga in the garden series or drop in

WITH MICHAEL TORU



Yoga in the Garden with Michael Toru

New Dates - Wednesdays - 5:30pm - 6:15pm - August 24, 31, September 7, 14.

Join us for an outdoor yoga class in the Gardens with instructor Michael Toru. This is a 45 minute session and participants can register for a pack of 5 consecutive sessions.

The intention of this class is to leave you feeling more connected to yourself and the beautiful nature of the Gardens at HCP.

\$45 for all sessions or \$10 for drop-ins Register online or give us a call at 250-479-6162 for drop ins.

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

Register ONLINE or call 250 479 6162



community education willow chair workshop

WITH ANDREW KENT



Willow Chair Workshop with Andrew Kent Sunday, September 18 - 9am - 5pm - SOLD OUT!

Next Date: Sunday, October 16 - 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. This is a great introduction to rustic building techniques. Learn how to make a square frame from pieces of alder & work with different sizes of willow to create your chair. This is

recommended as it is ideal to have a helper for this class. Registration is for up to 2 participants making one chair together.

HCP Members \$250 / Non-Members \$275

Register for October 16 class **ONLINE** or by calling 250 479 6162



hanging herbarium workshop

WITH SHEILA WEITMAN

Hanging Herbarium Workshop with Sheila Weitman

Wednesday, September 21 - 10am - 12pm

Enjoy a tranquil moment of creativity and connection with nature with horticulture therapist Sheila Weitman. Using pressed flowers and plants, hanging herbariums are a personal artistic expression through the tiny wonders we see in the natural world. Spend time with fellow plant lovers and experience gratitude and appreciation of nature's wonder. Each participant gets to create and take home a hanging herbarium.

Members \$45/Non Members \$50 Register ONLINE or call 250 479 6162



leaf lantern workshop

WITH SHEILA WEITMAN

Leaf Lanterns Workshop with Sheila Weitman

Sunday, October 23 - 10am - 12pm

Enjoy a tranquil moment of creativity and connection with nature with horticulture therapist Sheila Weitman. These beautiful leaf lanterns will bring playful light into your home during the dark days of winter. Using pressed leaves and flowers, this creatively messy but soothing activity is a wonderful

way to capture and share the beauty of our gardens. Come and enjoy the process of making this gorgeous craft.

Members \$45/Non Members \$50 Register ONLINE or call 250 479 6162



love your landscape: landscape design basics series

WITH KATIE KROEKER

Love your Landscape: Landscape Design Basics Series with Katie Kroeker Wednesdays 6:30pm – 8:30pm: October 5th – November 9th

Join award-winning landscape designer Katie Kroeker for this 6 part series on landscape design. After finishing this course you will have the knowledge and tools to solve your landscaping challenges. We will cover the basics in an easy and approachable way, plus you'll learn some of the designer tips and tricks that come from 15 years of experience. Together, we will explore what makes good design; what inspires us, how to problem solve, how to use landscape design to invite rest, how to know if you are a plant curator or collector, and so much more. Visit our website to learn more.

Members \$295 / Non Members \$345

Register ONLINE or call 250 479 6162



mason bee - fall cocoon cleaning session

AT THE HCP

Mason Bee - Cocoon Clean Up Session with Cheri Le Brun

Saturday, October 22, 10am - 12pm

If you have a mason bee nesting box out this Summer and are not sure what to do next, then this class is for you. Cleaning your nesting box and cocoons is vital for the health of the bees and an essential seasonal task for the

mason beekeeper. Fall clean-up can be fun and easy if you do it with a group! Bring your nesting box, cube or tubes to class and we can clean them together. If you don't have a nesting box of your own, we have one for you to clean, plus you get to take some cocoons home for your efforts! During this guided cleaning session, participants will get the opportunity to assess the success of their nesting box, clean their cocoons and prepare them for winter storage. They will also receive guidance on how to identify common pests and diseases.

Class Fee \$10 which goes directly to the maintenance of the HCP mason bee nesting boxes

Register ONLINE or call 250 479 6162



the backyard farmer program

URBAN FOOD GARDENS

Backyard Farmer 2023 - Interest List

This series is for the home-owner or hobbyist gardener who is interested in producing edible crops in their own backyard. This 10 part series is extremely popular and is based on Linda Gilkeson's Year Round Harvest Program. Classes are held one Sunday afternoon per month from January to October. Learn about seeds, soils, vegetables, fruit and preserving the harvest. If this sounds interesting to you, please visit our website to view the full course line-up. There will be a strong emphasis on selecting varieties for our local growing conditions and how to make the best of small urban spaces. Class dates for 2023 and registration information will be available soon. To get updates and increase your chances of reserving a spot in the class, sign up for our INTEREST LIST. Read more about the class on our website HERE. Registration opens in October.



kokedama workshop

WITH SHEILA WEITMAN

Kokedama Workshop with Sheila Weitman

Saturday, December 3 - 10am - 12pm

Enjoy a tranquil moment of creativity and connection with nature with horticulture therapist Sheila Weitman. Kokedama, an elegant Japanese-style bonsai, literally translates to "moss ball". Japanese people have been crafting lovely Kokedamas for over 1000 years. The creative adaptability of Kokedama opens to a world of possibilities for style and decor. Suitable for both indoor and outdoor use, Kokedama is a beautiful art form that will connect you with nature in a unique way, offering to nourish all dimensions of your wellness.

Members \$45/Non Members \$50 Register ONLINE or call 250 479 6162



master gardener program

INTEREST LIST FOR 2023

Master Gardener Program 2023 - Interest List

This course is a prerequisite for joining the Victoria Master Gardener Association. It is also a great program for the home gardener or hobbyist to learn current, reliable home gardening basics. The course runs one time per year between January and May. It is partly in person and partly online via zoom on Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings. This is a very popular program and usually sells out right away. If you would like to go on the interest list to receive registration updates, please email communityed@hcp.ca or visit our website HERE to read more about the program or go on the INTEREST LIST. Registration typically opens in September.



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**



Interested in instructing community education?

contact communityed@hcp.ca for more information

Are you a local chicken whisperer or do you know someone who is? We are looking for an instructor for our backyard chickens program in 2023. Contact us at communityed@hcp.ca for more information.



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Visit us or shop online! (Hyperlinked to irrigation.ca)



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.



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

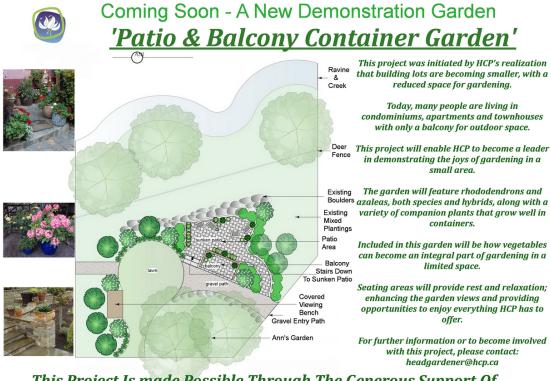
You can purchase a new membership or renew your membership today online or by calling (250) 479-6162.

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







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By Ian Duncan and the Victoria Rhododendron Society

We are in the process of building a 'Patio Container Garden'.

We are finding that fewer and fewer large residential lots are being developed, that would have the capacity to grow larger plants. Most of the new lots' sizes are small, whether single family homes or townhouses, with a very

limited street yard and reduced back yards. Inner-core housing is mostly condo hi-rises and apartment towers with just a balcony for outdoor use.

As all our demonstration gardens feature large scale beds and plantings, we are developing a smaller scale, hardscaped garden, with a residential look and feel, to show the public that you can garden on a balcony, or on a small lot yard by using containers and smaller plants.

We feel so strongly that residential gardening is being forced into focusing on smaller spaces and plantings that the new 'Patio Container Garden' has been given a prime location close to our main feature area.

Phase 1 of the project has been completed. Determining a suitable location. Mapping for contours. Develop a concept layout plan. (See above concept plan) A past Pacific Horticulture College graduate who specializes in garden design has done construction drawings, pro bono.

Our objectives are:

To feature a hardscaped patio and balcony group of gardens to demonstrate what can be accomplished in a small space.

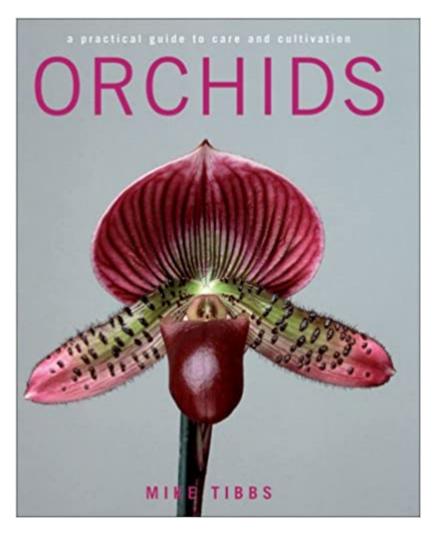
To utilize rhododendrons, both species and hybrids, that are amenable to growing in containers and that maintain a small stature, along with companion plants.

To use this area to offer public education courses, as part of the HCP Continuing Education Program, on how to garden small.

To provide our Pacific Horticulture College a teaching space to instruct the students on various aspects of designing for small spaces.

To increase the general public's awareness and appreciation of rhododendrons.





Orchids by Mike Tibbs

You may be under the impression that orchids are difficult to grow. While some are, most from nurseries, florists and grocery stores are easy to grow as long as the label instructions are followed. For a closer look at this diverse plant family, *Orchids* by Mike Tibbs can be a valuable resource.

Orchids make up one of the largest families in the plant kingdom. Flowers range from delicate and tiny to big and bold: the pinhead-sized miniature moss orchid (Bulbophyllum globuliforme) to the tiger orchid (Grammatophyllum speciosum) whose 6" flowers can bloom on 10' stems up to 100 times. The moth orchid (Phalaenopsis) is well-known as an easy-to-grow long-blooming species and is a popular houseplant in Europe. As they are found around the world, except for the poles and driest deserts, the sections in the book on cool, intermediate and warm climate orchids are intriguing and valuable for collectors. And should you be really enthusiastic, there's a section on entering competitions.

But for those of us starting out with orchids, there are chapters on choosing the right plant, all aspects of cultivation, and pests and diseases. Classification and biological structure are explained clearly. For example, the

epiphytic variety grow on trees and their aerial roots absorb all their nutrients and moisture from the air (not from their host tree). Also, seeds are so small they resemble dust and rely on fungus to grow.

Orchids have been seen as symbols of grace and beauty in many cultures for centuries. They have a tremendous variety of exotic colours, forms and scents. They are valued for their extended blooming period. If you are attracted to this lovely plant, check out the book Orchids by Mike Tibbs from the HCP Library.

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 anytime.

Save the Date!

Saturday October 1st 1-3pm

HCP Library 33rd Anniversary Celebration

Details to follow

We at HCP gratefully acknowledge that we occupy unceded territory of the WSÁNEĆ and Ləkwənən 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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