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**Horticulture Centre
of the Pacific**



**September 2022
eNews**

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

Everyday



A Message from our General Manager





THE GARDENS AT HCP

Fall Plant Sale

September 23: HCP Members and volunteers only

September 24: Sale open to everyone

9:00am - 4:00pm

All plants will be reduced by **25%** with further discounts in our Bargain Bin. As always, admission is **FREE** for plant sales!

The **Victoria Master Gardener Association** will be available to answer your questions. All proceeds raised support the development of our nonprofit teaching gardens.





Have you checked out our new website? hcp.ca



A Message from our Head Gardener

HCP Fall Plant Sale

September 23 (**exclusive to HCP members and volunteers**)

September 24 - Open to everyone

Gates will open at 9 am and the sale will run until 4 pm both days.

Click [HERE](#) to download the availability list.

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 discounted by 25% with further reductions in our Bargain Bin.

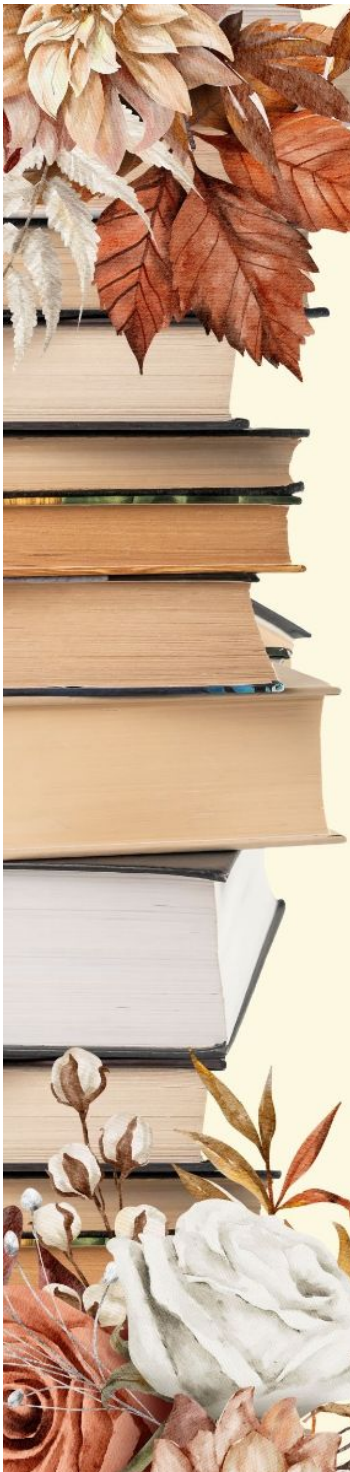
As always, garden admission is **free** during plant sales!

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.

See you soon!

Linda



The Gardens at HCP
Library^{33rd}
Anniversary

SPECIAL GUEST LINDA GILKESON
COFFEE, TEA, & TREATS
50% OFF USED BOOK SALE
DOOR PRIZE

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022  
1:00PM - 3:00PM**

[library@hcp.ca](mailto:library@hcp.ca)  
[www.hcp.ca/library](http://www.hcp.ca/library)

**ENTRY BY  
DONATION**



**Thank You Volunteers!**





## EXCITING NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!!

Are you a people person? We have a couple of Front Office Volunteer positions available!

Do you enjoy meeting people and working in a beautiful garden setting?

The Gardens at HCP is seeking volunteers to support our front office and gift shop. Duties will include welcoming visitors, answering the phone, responding to public questions, processing admissions, membership and gift shop purchases.

Currently, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons are available. For more information please contact Kim at [volunteers@hcp.ca](mailto:volunteers@hcp.ca)

### 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](mailto:chwyl@shaw.ca) for an interview.

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### *Our Volunteer Conservation Team is expanding!*

Did you know that HCP oversees the stewardship of over 90 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](mailto:volunteers@hcp.ca)



## Saanich Fair Winners!

The 154<sup>th</sup> Saanich Fair took place over the Labour Day weekend (September 3-5).

The theme this year was **“Plant Your Roots at the Fair”** and the feature was Vegetables.

We had entries from all of our gardens that grow food!

Thank you to West Coast Seed for kindly donating the seeds and to all the volunteers and students that helped prep the veggie entries.

The **Volunteer Upper vegetable garden** won **two** 2nd Place ribbons (walla walla onions and yellow beans).

Our **PHC Students** did very well!

1st Place: Tomatoes Taxi

1st Place: Tomatoes Roadster

1st Place: Cucamelon

1st Place: Heaviest Carrot( Yellowstone) 9.25 oz.

2nd Place: Lemon Cucumber

2nd Place: Marketmore Cucumber

A special shout out to **Paula** and all the young gardeners in the HCP kids garden-**1st** place for her Sweetheart Tomatoes!

*Linda*



Do you have any overgrown perennials that you are dividing this fall? We would love if you donated your extra clumps to HCP for us to pot up and possibly sell at our Spring Plant Sale. Please contact me if you have any available: [headgardener@hcp.ca](mailto:headgardener@hcp.ca). Plants particularly in demand include:

- Rudbeckia 'Goldstrum'
- Libertia peregrinans
- Ornamental Grasses
- Iris sp.
- Aconitum
- Brunnera
- Astilbe
- Echinacea
- Hosta

Please note that I need to have the proper cultivar name of the plant(s) you are donating.

Late September through October is the best time to divide perennials.

Thank you!

Linda



Click to download our [Community Education Workshop List](#)





the gardens  
at HCP  
Horticulture Centre of the Pacific

# Harvest Festival

**Saturday, October 29th**  
**9:00am - 3:00pm**  
**Admission by Donation**

**Fun for the  
entire family!**

505 Quayle Rd, Victoria, BC

Join us for family activities, exciting  
exhibits, pumpkin people photo  
op, workshops, and much more!

## **Event Partners:**

Rocky Point Bird Observatory  
Habitat Acquisition Trust

**Harvest Fest:** Our annual Harvest Festival is coming up on October 29th, 2022. It is an opportunity to celebrate the season outdoors, with family and friends! The event runs between 9am and 3pm and admission will be by donation. This year we are celebrating our harvest, the plants and our many connections with nature through exhibits and activities. Our partners to date

include: Rocky Point Bird Observatory who will feature an exhibit on the Northern Saw-whet Owl Migration and the tagging system they are using. Habitat Acquisition Trust (HAT) is also returning and will be featuring their annual Bat talk and exhibit! Join us for family activities, exciting exhibits, pumpkin people photo op, workshops, and much more! See you then!

## **Giles' Jottings**



From left to right (top) Rosa 'White Meidiland'; Rosa 'Julia Child'; Vernonia sp.; Rose hips; Vitis vinifera  
(bottom) Melothria scabra; Cucumis sativus 'Lemon'; Prunus domestica; Phaseolus vulgaris (Borlotti beans); Dark cherry tomato

Ah what a glorious September! And it makes up for our very late-starting summer. Indeed, many plants are several weeks behind in comparison with previous years.

But now our wait is rewarded with so many delicious crops that I cannot include enough photos to do justice to all the fantastic fruits, vegetables, and berries that I find all through the Gardens. The Veggie group have been producing so many tasty offerings to the volunteers on Wednesdays, beans and tomatoes, peppers, and lemon cucumbers (*Cucumis sativus* 'Lemon') and you just have to walk into their garden to be surrounded by a multi-coloured display of mixed fruits, flowers and vegetables; mottled pink and white

Borlotti beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris*), melons I'm not sure I can identify and amazingly shaped tomatoes. Grapes hang on the fence and marigolds and nasturtiums do their job of natural protection.

At the bottom of the hill the students too have grown a fascinating range of varieties. I particularly admire their cherry tomatoes coloured almost black. They have grown several varieties of beans and in one plot is the tropical vine *Melothria scabra*, the cucamelon, which produces tiny, green-striped cucumbers with a slightly sour flavour.

Apples and pears are now heavy with fruit, quinces too, and finally the plum trees have also started producing bunches of their deep blue fruit. I find them so attractive, the darkness of their almost midnight blue skins, tinted with a smokey bloom, hiding in full view. But once spotted, who can resist their juicy golden flesh?



One must not forget the blackberries and elderberries and the sheer beauty of the rose-hips and rowan berries make one forget they are not even edible. However, amongst all this delicious produce dangling in front of us, there are also masses of beautiful flowers, every kind of colour sparkling in the warm Fall sunshine. Lilac *Verbena bonariensis* and white *Gaura* are lighting up all the beds around the Gathering Place. Sedums are spreading their gentle pink heads throughout the Gardens, and we are just beginning the season for Japanese anemones; the pure white *Anemone 'Honorine Jobert'* is a particular favourite of mine. JoePye Weed (*Eutrochium purpureum*) is very imposing at this time of year, almost shrub-like it is so tall. *Vernonia* is another that impresses with its height, but it also sports the most gorgeous purple flowers. The variety I know best is *Vernonia novaboracensis* (New York Ironweed) but I am not absolutely sure which variety is the one at the top of the Hardy Borders. It is a very beautiful specimen.

*Bupleurum fruticosum* is fully in flower and there is no plant that attracts more bees. It constantly buzzes with activity. The red spikes of *Persicaria amplexicaulis 'Firetail'* are very striking; perhaps only the crimson flowers of *Amaranthus* can match them.

And despite having flowered most of the summer the Rose Allee is still impressively colourful. *Rosa 'Julia Child'* is a wonderful apricot variety, *R. 'White Meidiland'* is a marvellous white ground-covering type and *Rosa 'Casino'* is a tall climber with large pale yellow double flowers. They are said to



be scented; unfortunately, they are too high above my head for me to be able to check.

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

With only a couple of months left in the program, students are in the home stretch of the 10-month Certificate program here at PHC. In September the students will begin their major project in Landscape Design: a residential landscape design project which includes interviewing the client, surveying the project site, and working their way towards a final design that meets the client's needs. Other course work this month includes: Introduction to Food Growing, Grading and Drainage, Business Practices, Turfgrass Management, Plant ID and Practical Skills as well as a Garden Tour field trip.

This month the students will also complete their second week of work experience. Work Experience hosts for the second week include: The Compost Education Centre, 10 Acres Farm, Hatchet and Seed, Healing Farm, The Township of Esquimalt, The Flower Patch at Tiny Tree Herb Farm, Terra Pacifica, Sea Cider, North Star Organics, Point Ellice House, The Gardens at Salt Spring, Russell Nursery and more! A huge thank you to all of this year's hosts for participating in the student learning process.

The part-time Level 2 students have just completed their first month of study! In September they will have courses in: Softscape, Plant ID, Water Stewardship, Pruning and Plant ID.

Are you interested in a career in horticulture?

To learn more, please join us for a Pacific Horticulture College Information Session on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Couvelier Pavilion.

PHC is hiring! We currently have an opening for a part-time Irrigation Instructor. Please find the full job posting here: <https://hcp.ca/job/irrigation-instructor-part-time-contract/>



Thank you to all of our alumni who came out to celebrate our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event on August 30<sup>th</sup>. It was great to see so many familiar faces. And a special thank you to [Russell Nursery](#) for sponsoring this event and to our generous door prize donors: ANIÁN, [Susanne Osmond Garden Design](#)/Gardener's Kit, Sea Cider Farm & Ciderhouse, Rootcellar, and Foragers Galley ! Thank you to Bill WJ Hamilton and Burke Robert Rosen for providing fabulous music, and Charelli's Cheese Shop & Delicatessen Deli for the delicious charcuterie.

### **Programs Now Open for Applications:**

**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.

Registration is open for 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/>



## Children & Youth Programs

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



Our HCP Kids Garden has filled out with the many plants grown by our very own program participants. Far too many to mention, but the list of seed planters includes classes from local schools, home learners', as well as our



own JMG and Garden Arts camps this summer, Pro D Day camps last spring, Garden Club, and of course our Pre-K Learners of Garden Nature Academy. We could not have had such success without help from our Victoria Master Gardeners and Peninsula Coop. Their contribution towards the purchase of our indoor growing system allowed us to grow even when the outdoor temperatures were not ready. Check out the many crops in the photo collage above. Along with the many plants come many garden visitors we are supporting and who help to keep our gardens thriving. We are grateful to all!

Our programs for fall offer outdoor exploration and experiences for your children, youth and families. Join us for a new program or return for a favourite. We cannot wait to see you!



## Harvest Festival

We have a very exciting day planned for you! Partners from HAT and RPBO will have exhibits on bats and birds. A series of demonstrations will be happening including bulb planting for spring and wreath making. There will be a mason bee cocoon cleaning if you want to bring along your cocoons and prepare them for winter. Take photos alongside the Pumpkin People Display and vote for your favourite. We will also have activities for children and youth of all ages to help celebrate the Harvest season!

- **Date:** Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- **Time:** 9:00am - 3:00pm
- **Age:** ALL WELCOME
- **Fee:** Admission by Donation



## Home Learners' Day Program

### New Plant Connections: A Garden Discovery Program

Home Learners are invited to join us every Thursday for a full day of land based outdoor learning in our gardens and surrounding woodland areas. This is an opportunity to spend time with other home learning families to get active, explore, study, and care for plants and their garden neighbours. Register for the full year, go half time, or drop in options available. Space is still available for fall. Contact [youthprograms@hcp.ca](mailto:youthprograms@hcp.ca) for more information on how your child can participate.

- **Dates:** Thursdays, Sept 29 to June 01, 2023
- **Time:** 9:30am - 2:30pm
- **Ages:** 5-14+ years
- **Fees:** Initial registration / Sign-up \$50
  - Year long program (28 weeks \$50 registration fee is included \$1250)
  - Half Enrolment (14 weeks \$50 registration fee is included \$800)
  - Drop In (one-time \$50 registration fee) Drop In (returning \$55/day)

Please be sure to select your program option when you pay the Registration fee.

- **Register:** [Here](#) or call 250-479-6162



## Bird Migration (5 - 14 years)

This unique drop in opportunity provides some garden time where we will be focusing on support for our local overwintering birds as we tend the space. We will also have a special guest from Rocky Point Bird Observatory take us on a bird walk and talk about our migratory birds. This will be a part of our non-instructional day camp series featuring this special focus suited to your child's interests. There are very limited spaces available for this day.

- **Date:** Friday, Sep 23, 2022
- **Time:** 9:00am - 4:00pm
- **Ages:** 5 - 14 years
- **Fee:** \$40
- **Register:** [Here](#) or call 250-479-6162

### **Backyard Birds (5 -14 years)**

Children are curious about birds, their behaviours, calls, and food choices. Join us for an interactive time in our garden spaces as we explore the engaging world of birds together. We will learn about their lifecycle, habitats, and foods while gaining confidence to recognize them by their unique behaviours, sizes and colourings.

- **Date:** Monday, October 17, 2022
- **Time:** 9:30am - 11:30am
- **Ages:** 5 - 14 years
- **Fee:** \$25
- **Register:** [Here](#) or call 250-479-6162



Check out our [SCHOOLS](#) programming for 2022/2023!

Our gardens offer many seasonal opportunities to connect with indigenous plants and food crops among the many demonstration gardens onsite. Pathways lead us through, allowing for vital relationships of natural systems to be observed and supported in the gardens.





### Garden Nature Academy - Fall Session

A few spaces are still available. Contact [youthprograms@hcp.ca](mailto:youthprograms@hcp.ca) for more information and registration.

### Garden Nature Academy - Winter/Spring Session

The outdoors offer safe and seasonal opportunities for your preschooler to explore through play, games, songs and activities! These outdoor sessions will include time in our vegetable garden, as well as numerous pathways and native plant forest areas to explore. The small group sizes and our experienced nature educators help to create a nurturing and engaging environment for young children to learn, play and grow!

- **Dates:** Tuesdays for 18 weeks: from January 31<sup>st</sup> to June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (off for spring break)
- **Time:** 9:00am to 11:30am (Morning)
- **Age:** 3 to 6 years old
- **Fee:** \$440 (18 week series)

*Registration opens October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

- **Register:** [Here](#) or call 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 - 3:00pm
- **Age:** 6+ years
- **Fee:** \$25/members, \$30/non-members
- **Register:** [Here](#) or call 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 call 250-479-6162

### 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.

- **Date:** Saturday, October 01 [12:30-1:15](#) and [1:30-2:15](#)  
Saturday, October 08 [1:30-2:15](#) and [2:30-3:15](#)

- **Age:** All ages welcome
- **Fee:** \$30/family or group up to 5
- **Register** by clicking on your preferred time slot

### 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? Register yourself and make your own garden to take away. All materials are provided.

- **Date:** Saturday, October 15
- **Time:** 1:30pm - 3:00pm
- **Age:** 4+ years
- **Fee:** \$25/garden/member, \$30/garden/non-member
- **Register:** [Here](#) or call 250-479-6162

### Private Workshops (Birthday Parties)

HCP offers private workshop bookings to celebrate your child's birthday in our gardens. These are hosted exclusively outdoors (rain or shine, year round) and feature the popular themes offered each season in our In-Person Workshop listings. See our list above for our current offerings or contact our Youth Programs Coordinator for more information ([youthprograms@hcp.ca](mailto:youthprograms@hcp.ca)).

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



### Garden Camps

Join us in the gardens for our JMG (Junior Master Gardener) Pro-D Day camps! An outdoor garden experience where we take on seasonal gardening tasks and activities in our very own HCP Kids Garden plot. There are also opportunities to explore the vast wilderness areas to experience the natural systems that keep our gardens growing, get our hands busy with garden arts and activities.

**Pro D Day Camp Dates 2022/23:**

Sept 23 \* Feature program - Bird Migration (with Rocky Point Bird Observatory)

Oct 21

Nov 14

17 Feb 2023

19 May 2023

- **Times:** 9:00am to 4:00pm
- **Ages:** 5 to 12 years (school age)
- **Fee:** \$40/child

**Register:** by clicking on camp date or phone (250) 479-6162

**Spring Break Camp Dates:**

*Spring Break Camp registration opens January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Please check our website for the links in the new year!*

Mar 20 - Mar 24, 2023 (full day, 5 days/week)

Mar 27- Mar 31, 2023 (full day, 5 days/week)



## Community Education Workshops

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



**Plant Identification & Culture Workshops with Jane Tice**

**Next date Saturday, October 15, November 19 & December 10 - 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



### Master Gardener Program 2023 - Registration Now Open!

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.

Register [ONLINE](#) or email [communityed@hcp.ca](mailto:communityed@hcp.ca)



### NEW! 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



### 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 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



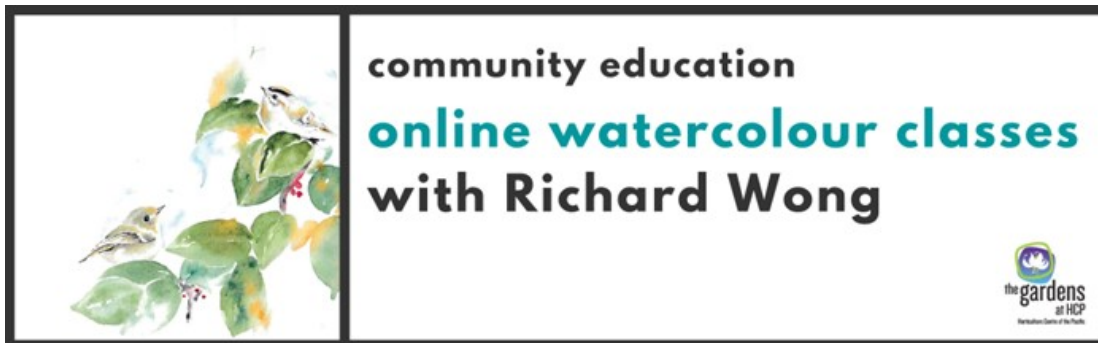
### Flower Baskets of Victoria Watercolour Workshop with Richard Wong

Saturday, October 8 - 10:00am - 12:15pm

Join Richard to explore a fun and creative way to paint these "Flower Baskets" of Victoria. Note that this is an in-person class at the Gardens at HCP.

Tuition: \$55 no supplies / \$65 with supplies

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



### Online Watercolour Series with Richard Wong

Richard has two online series running this Fall. Details below:

**Continuing Watercolour Classes - Wednesdays, Sept 21 to Oct 26th - 9:30am - 11:30am (PT)**

This is Richard's series of small group watercolour classes for those with some watercolour experience. Richard will cover a variety of subjects with all new images. To learn more, please visit our website [HERE](#).

\$65/class drop-in / \$315/6 classes

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

**Birds Mini-Series - Saturdays, Oct 15 - 29, 9:30am - 11:00am (PT)**

Join Richard for this exciting online mini-series exploring different ways to portray birds, watercolour on Japanese art paper. To learn more, please visit our website [HERE](#).

\$40/student drop-in / \$90/3 classes

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



### 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





## **Willow Chair Workshop with Andrew Kent**

**Sunday, October 16 - 9am - 5pm SOLD OUT! Waiting List [HERE](#)**

**Next Date: Sunday, November 13 - 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 November 13 class [ONLINE](#) or by calling 250 479 6162**



## **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.

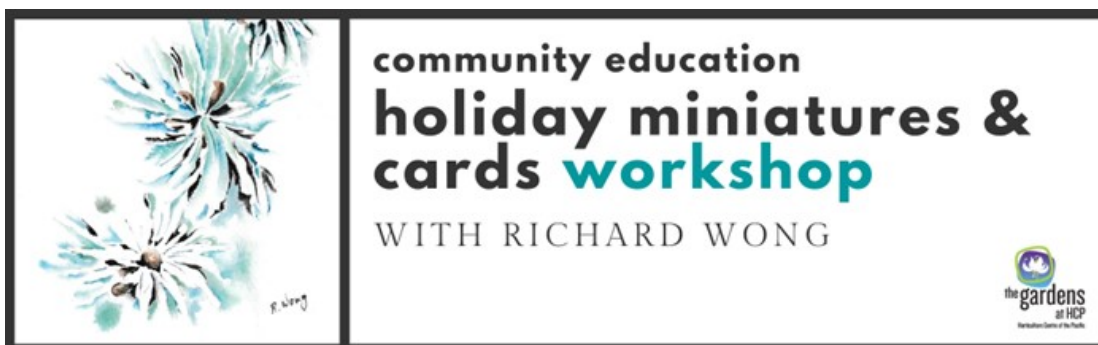
**Members \$45/Non Members \$50**

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



### 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.



### Holiday Miniatures and Cards Workshop with Richard Wong

**Saturday, November 12 - 1:00pm - 4:00pm**

Join Richard for his annual workshop on painting winter themed miniatures (new images) suitable for the holiday season. Learn Richard's watercolour on Japanese art paper techniques and processes.

Finished miniatures can be tucked into 5x7" photo frame cards to make one of a kind holiday cards. Visit our website to learn more.

**Tuition: \$80 no supplies / \$90 with supplies**

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



## Wreath Making Workshops

Registration has opened for our most popular classes at the HCP! Learn how to create beautiful, decorative Christmas wreaths without the hassle of collecting materials and a messy clean up. Expert instructors will guide you through the basics of building a beautiful and unique wreath. No two wreaths turn out the same! These wreaths will last and look great on your front door throughout the festive season and well into the new year. This is a great workshop for friends and families. Participants should bring garden gloves and secateurs/shears to class. Note that masks will be required for these workshops as demonstrations require participants and instructors to stand close together and we will have a full class of 24 participants. This year the workshops will be held in our greenhouses. These workshops fill up quickly so sign up soon.

**Click on a date below to register:**

[Saturday/ November 26 / 10am - 12pm](#)

[Saturday/ November 26/ 1pm - 3pm](#)

[Sunday/ November 27/ 10am - 12pm](#)

[Sunday/ November 27/ 1pm - 3pm](#)

[Saturday/ December 3/ 10am - 12pm](#)

[Saturday/ December 3/ 1pm - 3pm](#)

[Sunday/ December 4/ 10am - 12pm](#)

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[Saturday/ December 10/ 10am - 12pm](#)

[Saturday/ December 10 / 1pm - 3pm](#)

Sunday/ December 11/ 10am - 12pm

Sunday/ December 11/ 1pm - 3pm



## Interested in instructing community education?

**contact [communityed@hcp.ca](mailto: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](mailto:communityed@hcp.ca) for more information.



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

**OPEN**  
Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun.



## 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:

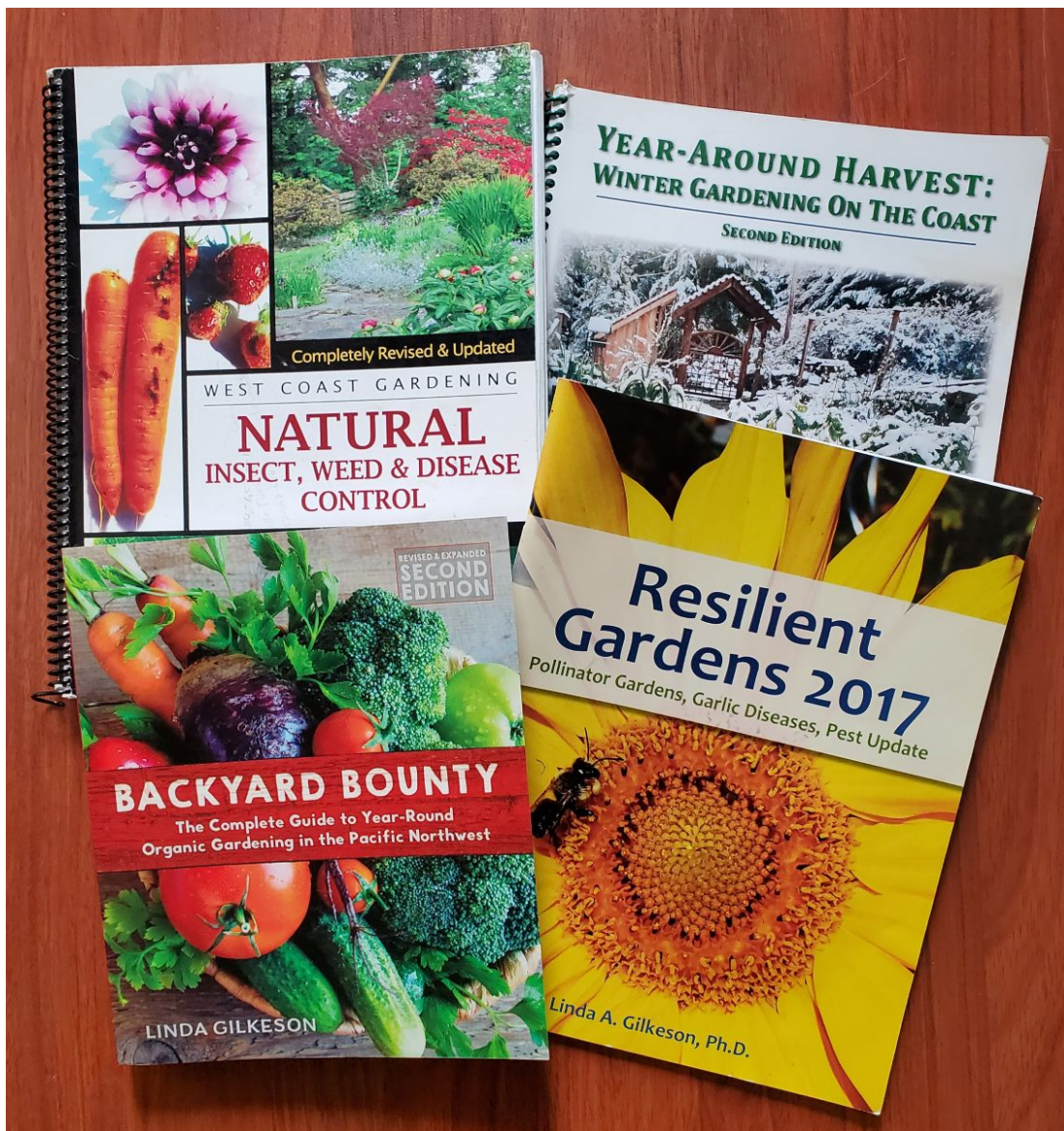
- Free admission to the Gardens
- A free guest pass with each membership
- Discounted rates for additional guests
- 10% off plants and gift shop purchases
- Discounted member rates on Community Education Workshops
- Borrowing privileges at the HCP Library
- Discounts at select garden centers throughout 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







Linda Gilkeson

*Backyard Bounty*

*Year-Around Harvest: Winter Gardening on the Coast*

*Resilient Gardens 2017: Pollinator Gardens, Garlic Diseases, Pest Update*

*West Coast Gardening: Natural Insect, Weed & Disease Control*

Linda Gilkeson is a well-known and highly respected Master Gardener, educator, writer and entomologist on the West Coast. Meet her on Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> when she will be our special guest at the HCP Library 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary event. Bring your gardening questions. Admission to The Gardens is by donation.

Gilkeson's books support us in having healthy gardens with large crops in natural ways. *Backyard Bounty* is an all-around guide to organically growing more food with less work. Practical and specific to the Pacific Northwest, she shows us how busy people can harvest a surprising amount of food in efficient, low-maintenance gardens. After briefly explaining how plants grow so that we can give them what they need to thrive, she covers many topics that help make a garden flourish.

*Year-Around Harvest: Winter Gardening on the Coast* is for anyone who wants to enjoy fresh home-grown fruit and vegetables all year. And who wouldn't? Gilkeson shows us that it doesn't take a lot of extra effort or expense. For example, it is a misconception that a greenhouse or cold frame is necessary for winter gardening here. This manual highlights cold-hardy vegetables, and summer grown vegetables and fruit with good storage qualities.

In *Resilient Gardens 2017: Pollinator Gardens, Garlic Diseases, Pest Update* we are given a plethora of information on the important topic of pollinators. As mentioned in the Introduction, "Resilient gardens depend on a diverse collection of pollinators, adapted to different plants and conditions. This includes hundreds of species of wild bees along with thousands of species of flies and many other insects." Where, what and how to plant for pollinators, plus nesting sites, is the major focus of this book. Bonus sections are about garlic and pests & diseases.

*West Coast Gardening: Natural Insect, Weed & Disease Control* is a detailed look at the problems that can plague any garden. It covers vegetables, fruit, roses and other ornamentals. Each description in the major pests & diseases section includes life cycle, damage, prevention and control. The discussion on invasive and noxious plants is important. As with all her books, the Resources are specific to the Pacific Northwest.

We have all these titles at the HCP Library and they will be available to borrow after the Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary event. Hope to see you there!

#### **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.

## *Save the Date!*



Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> 1-3pm

HCP Library 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Celebration

See poster above for details.

*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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