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**Horticulture Centre
of the Pacific**



January 2023 eNews

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Everyday



A Message from our General Manager



Welcome 2023!

The beginning of a new year offers an opportunity to be truly mindful about yourself and your health. It's the perfect time to consider the past year's challenges, celebrate the past year's accomplishments and look forward to the growth that comes from both.

A walk in the beautiful gardens is a great way to rejuvenate your mind and body.

My sincerest gratitude to each and every one of you, for giving of your time, your efforts and most of all your support in making the Gardens the incredible, safe and welcoming place that they are.

From all of us at HCP, we wish you and yours health, happiness and prosperity in the new year.

Deborah



SAANICH
SEEDY SATURDAY

Time to start planning this years' garden!

January 14, 2023
10am - 2pm

The Gardens at HCP
Couvelier Pavilion
505 Quayle Rd
Victoria, BC

Entrance by donation, includes access to the gardens!
Suggested donation \$10

Haliburton Community Organic Farm

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Horticulture Centre of the Pacific

GUEST SPEAKERS!

DOOR PRIZES!

LIVE MUSIC!



A Message from our Head Gardener

Happy New Year!

A new year brings new hope and ideas for your garden and a time to make resolutions.

In the winter, the garden's skeleton is laid bare, so the perfect time to look at the overall landscape. Take a pen and notepad, go out into the garden, and make a list of changes or improvements you would like to do in the coming year. The changes can be very simple, like adding a single new plant; or highly ambitious, like designing and installing a new garden. Either way, you'll get a sense of achievement when they're completed.

A posting on "Garden Rant" was sent by one of our volunteers, it was so classic, I just had to share.

Best wishes for a wonderful growing season in 2023.

Linda



New Year's resolutions that many of us won't be keeping

[Home/Real Gardening](#)/New Year's resolutions that many of us won't be keeping

By [GardenRant Guest](#)|January 2, 2023|[2 Comments](#)



"Next year I promise not to buy any more plants until I have planted all the ones that are currently stored in the garage because I didn't get around to planting them this year."

No real gardener would ever put these kinds of constraints on themselves. After all, compulsive plant buying is a sign of a healthy, well-adjusted gardener. Just think of those plants as a portable test garden. If the plant can't survive at least two seasons of being moved in and out of the garage, then it probably isn't worthy of being planted. I usually manage to kill at least 30% of them every year by forgetting to water or letting the slugs decimate them or shoving them so close together that they suffocate each other before they ever get a chance to be planted. By the time I do get around to finding a home for them, they are tough as nails.

"My tool shed is going to be perfectly organized next year so I can always find what I need when I need it."

Oh right, a place for everything and everything in its place. Show me a gardener that is that organized, and I'll bet money they suffer from constipation. Dodging rakes and falling shovels helps us stay alert, it sharpens our reflexes and keeps our muscles toned. And as for tool maintenance, don't get me started. Oiling tools and cleaning the lawn mower at the end of the season only delays the excitement of shopping for replacements. Real gardeners long for the opportunity to acquire new and exotic gardening tools.

"Next year, I won't plant things too close together. I might even read the plant tags before planting."

Now here's a novel concept: actually, reading all those descriptive tags that nursery professionals provide for us. Real gardeners would never lower themselves to the level of reading tags. That's for the amateur. We buy plants because they are "cool" and because we have to have them. We design by impulse, buying a plant and then finding a place for it. As for planting too close together? Impossible! We all know that there is strength in numbers. Crowded plants hold each other up and they choke out weeds. We don't have to spend money or take the time to stake things up. Opulence, exuberance, and immoderation are the hallmark of a real gardener. Don't let anybody tell you otherwise.

"This year I'm going to stake my perennials before they bloom and pinch my mums so they aren't 8 feet tall by September."

These are classic examples of timely chores that real gardeners can't be bothered with. I have these wonderful "grow through rings" for my peonies somewhere in the gardening shed that are designed to be put over the peonies while they are still small (before they set their flower buds). Haven't got them on once in five years. But that's why they make "link stakes", bamboo stakes and stretch ties. Regarding fall blooming perennials like asters and mums that need pinching in June to keep them compact and bushy, I do manage to accomplish that task, but only because I own a hedge trimmer with a 30" bar that allows me to "pinch" them in about 30 seconds. Real gardeners love power tools.

Happy New Year from the Whistling Gardener!

Steve Smith, the Whistling Gardener, is retired from owning a garden center in the Pacific Northwest and during that time has been writing weekly gardening columns. His winter garden is shown at top. Read more [here](#).

By [GardenRant Guest](#)



Thank You Volunteers!

Happy New Year and welcome back to all our wonderful volunteers for the 2023 year!

"Anyone who thinks gardening begins in the spring and ends in the fall is missing the best part of the year; for gardening begins in January with a dream." Josephine Nuese

If you have been dreaming of joining our volunteer team, this is the time to start! We have some fantastic new volunteer opportunities coming up and will begin accepting volunteer applications in February. Volunteer positions include gardening, conservation, office support, children's projects, and special events. For more information, please contact Kim, Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@hcp.ca



Giles' Jottings



Clockwise from top left: *Dichroa febrifuga*; *Skimmia japonica*; *Helleborus foetidus*; *Sedum rupestre* and *Ophiopogon*; *Yucca* 'Garland Gold'; *Ilex crenata* 'Drops of Gold' and *Pittosporum* 'Tom Thumb'; *Mahonia nervosa*; *Sarcococca ruscifolia*; *Hamamelis virginiana*

Happy New Year everyone!

And I hope you are all enjoying the start of 2023, preferably sat in front of the fire, out of the blustery cold winds.

But at least the temperature is now a lot warmer than that freezing blast we had before Christmas. And that heavy snowfall was both a shock and yet thankfully short-lived.

Here at the HCP Gardens we didn't have too much damage; one or two shrubs were crushed under the thick layer of snow, but they have now mostly recovered. Currently the wind is bringing down quite a lot of branches, but they are probably the weaker ones that were due to fall anyway so the wind is actually doing us a favour.

However, searching for flowers that I can mention, I am struck by their almost total absence. I have looked everywhere, especially in the Winter Garden, but I would say that it is an unusually bare scene this year. I suspect that the snow pinched back many plants, freezing off any buds and discouraging any more

early blossom. I remember, before we closed for Christmas, that there were one or two early rhododendrons beginning to open a flower or two; but there are certainly none now. They are sensibly being a little wary of exposing tender petals to any of winter's nasty surprises.

But which are the plants that are flowering despite everything? The Oregon grape (*Mahonia nervosa*) in the 3B's garden has a courageous flush of acid yellow flowers and the witch hazels (*Hamamelis virginiana*) in the Doris Page garden are flowering also. At the top of the Hardy Borders there is one *Helleborus foetidus* with two flowers and at the head of the Doris Page Garden there is a single bedraggled looking hellebore with two ragged white flowers.

But in the absence of flowers, berries and foliage have the opportunity to stand out and grab our attention. Fragrant sweet box (*Sarcococca ruscifolia*) has black berries hanging from its branches while Chinese quinine (*Dichroa febrifuga*) has bunches of gentian blue berries whose colour is quite startling on a grey day in January. *Skimmias* (*S. japonica*) too light up the beds with both red and white-berried varieties.

And walking the paths there are combinations of foliage that make one pause. In the Winter Garden lime green *Sedum rupestre* contrasts with the charcoal leaves of Black Mondo grass (*Ophiopogon planiscapus* 'Nigrescens'). Bright golden leaves of *Ilex crenata* 'Drops of Gold' bring out the purple in *Pittosporum* 'Tom Thumb' and the brightly variegated *Yucca* 'Garland Gold' hardly even needs a companion to accent its vivid colours.

Yes, January is grey and wet and windy, but it cannot take anything away from the ever-varied character of the Gardens.



Gift Shop





Many new items, please stop in when you are in the gardens next!



Events at HCP



Megan Stacey

Happy New Year, and welcome back to the Gardens!

How exciting it is to embark on this new calendar year! We have 12 months of gatherings at the Gardens ahead of us, and we are eager to swing open the doors of the Pavilion to invite in your upcoming Special Events.

Coming up, we can't wait to see you at **Seedy Saturday** this **January 14th** - from **10am-2pm**, come for demonstrations of "local, organically grown seeds and plant starts, as well as winter veggies, preserves and exciting farm products," hosted at HCP by our friends at Haliburton Farm.

Looking for a space to hold your workshop, anniversary party, staff function, or more? HCP is the perfect venue for your unique gathering - with access to 9 acres of beautiful demonstration gardens included with your rental, HCP is an idyllic spot to hold your 2023 stories and memories.

Getting married this year? We still have off-season wedding dates available for 2023, as well as prime dates in May and June!

Planning ahead for a 2024 Wedding or Special Event? Our books for 2024 are officially open! Email <events@hcp.ca> for more information.

Wishing you all warm socks and happy days of event planning this chilly January.





Pacific Horticulture College



Happy 2023 from Pacific Horticulture College!

We have a busy month ahead of us here at PHC. We look forward to welcoming our incoming 2023 Landscape Horticulture Certificate Program students on January 16th and our part-time Level 1 Landscape Horticulturist Apprenticeship students on January 23rd!

Registration is open for our February and March 2023 Integrated Pest Management courses. Please visit our website for information and to register: <https://hcp.ca/college-programs/integrated-pest-management-training-courses/>

Remember to follow us on Instagram and Facebook for the latest news on all of our programs. Stay tuned for application information for our upcoming programs at the end of January.



Community Education Workshops

[Click to view a list of copy of upcoming adult workshops and classes](#)

Plant Identification & Culture Workshops with Jane Tice

Next date Saturday, January 28 - 1:00pm - 4:00pm



If you are a new gardener, new to Victoria or just want to brush up on your plant knowledge, this is a great place to get started. This is a monthly class where participants will be introduced to 20 new plants which fit with our local climate. Plants are selected for our local growing conditions and the value they bring to the garden. Part of the class will be in the classroom and part will be out in the gardens to view the plants for that month. Dress for the weather and bring something to take notes.

HCP Members \$40 / Non-Members \$50

Pack of 12: HCP Members \$400 / Non-Members \$500*available until January 27*

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#) to learn more or to register online

Woven Pouch with Natural Materials

Friday, January 20 - 9:30am - 4:30pm



Come weave a beautiful individualized small pouch with plant materials harvested from the Pacific Northwest. I use my pouch to hold my cell phone, so make sure you bring yours with you. We will begin with a discussion on how to respectfully harvest materials followed by a hands-on demonstration of how to prepare the materials including cedar bark, willow bark and sedge. Participants can design their pouch using different weave patterns presented which include a variety of plaiting, twining and twill variations. This course is suitable for beginners as well as experienced weavers.

Note - Masks are required for in-person classes with Joan.

Tool List: sharp scissors with a fine point, an old towel, spray bottle, 12" ruler.

Fees: HCP Members \$120/Non-Members \$140

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#) to learn more or to register online

Random/Wicker Woven Basket

Saturday, January 21 - 9:30am - 4:30pm



In this workshop we will explore combining two different weaving techniques to create a striking sculptural basket. First, we will start with randomly weaving the base of the basket using dyed reed. This weave is inspired by bird's nests and offers many sculptural possibilities. The top of the basket will be woven with 2 and 3 strand twining and offers many design and shaping possibilities.

Note - Masks are required for in-person classes with Joan.

Tool List: Sharp sturdy scissors, an old towel, spray bottle, a piece of cardboard approximately 15" x 15" (or larger)

Fees: HCP Members \$120/Non-Members \$140

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#) to learn more or to register online

Willow Chair Workshop

Saturday, February 4 - 9:00am - 5:00pm



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 \$285 / Non-Members \$305

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#) to learn more or to register online

Online: Willow Hoop Rib Basket

Saturday, February 11 - 9:30am - 4:30pm



This is a traditional rib style basket often called a potato basket constructed with a willow hoop and woven with a selection of materials including dyed reed and seagrass. This style of basket originates in Europe and is ideal for harvesting and storage. This is a great basket for beginners.

A materials kit will be provided to each participant which can either be picked up at HCP or posted with shipping cost reimbursed to the instructor.

Fees: HCP Members \$120/Non-Members \$140

SOLD OUT - sign up for the [Willow Hoop Rib Basket Interest List](#) to receive a notice when an additional date is set for this class or if we have cancellations.

Online: Bark Basket

Sunday, February 12 - 10:00am - 3:30pm



online: community education

bark basket workshop

WITH JOAN CARRIGAN



Note that this is an online workshop via Zoom. Tree barks provide one of nature's most beautiful materials for basket making. This course will begin with a discussion covering how to harvest and prepare local tree barks. A materials kit will be provided which will include willow bark and red cedar bark along with waxed thread for twining. Participants will weave their basket using plaiting, twill and twining techniques. Great for beginners. A materials kit will be provided to each participant which can either be picked up at HCP or posted with shipping cost reimbursed to the instructor.

Fees: HCP Members \$120/Non-Members \$140

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Children & Youth Programs

School and Youth Programs

Look what is happening this WINTER ...

- Interested in programs for the whole family? Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see what new programs are coming up in 2023! Check us out [@hcp.kids](#) for both.
- Considering an out of class day for your child? Are you a home learner family? PLANT CONNECTIONS is a day program designed for outdoor adventures in learning! Check out our website for information and registration links for PLANT CONNECTIONS [HERE](#) !
- Garden Nature Academy for [WINTER](#) and [SPRING](#) are now open for registration! Need a two-day a week program ... we have you covered:)
- First and last call for Spring Break Camps - filling fast! [WEEK 1](#) and [WEEK 2](#)
- Mark your calendar for Family Day in The Gardens Monday, February 20, 2023
- PARENTS! (And parent adjacent people!) Take this quick [SURVEY](#) and help shape the direction we grow!

- Birthdays, workshops, school programs and more!



Fairy Garden Workshop

Join us for some fun and creative time as we enter the world of fairy garden making! Your child will be introduced to garden design as we visit various gardens looking for inspiration, collecting items in nature to create furnishings with. and followed by a hands-on lesson to make their own garden to take home. These miniature gardens offer hours of play potential for children of all ages. This workshop will include an indoor garden version suited to keeping in a child's room. Plant care, planting techniques, and furnishing making will all be featured. Consider signing up with your child and making one of your own!

- **Date:** Saturday, February 25, 2023
- **Time:** 10:00am - 11:30am
- **Age:** 4+ years (6 and under must be accompanied by a parent)
- **Fee:** \$30/child, \$25/accompany adult
- **Register:** [HERE](#)

Seed Starting for Kids

Seeds are an easy, inexpensive and fun way to grow plants for food and flower production. This hands-on workshop provides a step-by-step approach to sowing into trays. These seed starting basics are skills that create confidence to grow healthy plants that can be used in containers or garden beds. Each child will plant up a tray to take home to grow their own flowers and edible plants.

- **Date:** Saturday, March 4, 2023
- **Time:** 10:00 am - 11:30 am
- **Age:** 5+ years
- **Fee:** \$30/participant
- **Register:** [HERE](#)

Growing Together for Families - (3 part series)

Have you thought about growing your own food crops, but are overwhelmed? Let's work together in the HCP Kids Teaching Garden and transform an area into a garden plot. Learn about soils, productive garden planning, maximizing yields, managing pests, seeds and starts as well as seed saving. Join us along with your family for this 3 part workshop to build skills and understanding to make your own food production possible. This workshop series is also a great way to improve your garden experience. Bring along your own garden gloves.

- **Date:** March 4, 11, and April 8, 2023
- **Time:** 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
- **Age:** All welcome!
- **Fee:** \$125/family
- **Register:** [HERE](#)

Terrarium Gardens

Gardening with tropicals and succulents is an easy way for children to use their creativity to make these miniature gardens. We will learn about the individual needs of these interesting plants and create a safe environment for them to grow in while using a glass container that is being reused or upcycled. These make great gifts!

- **Date:** Saturday, March 11, 2023
- **Time:** 10:00 am - 11:30 am
- **Age:** 5+ years
- **Fee:** \$30/participant
- **Register:** [HERE](#)

Fairy Garden Furnishings

Making your own fairy garden furnishings can be fun and easy with a little guidance. In this class we will take a walk together to forage natural materials that can be made into fun and functional furnishings for existing and future fairy gardens. We will explore doors, gates, transitions and theme related furnishings. Participants will also have access to supplies to make featured items and will be encouraged to source out their own special materials in nature going forward. Imagination is a wonderful tool as we learn to create items for these playful and whimsical gardens!

Date: Sunday, March 12, 2023

- **Time:** 10:00 am - 11:30 am
- **Age:** 7-12 years

- **Fee:** \$30/participant
- **Register:** [HERE](#)

HCP Kids Garden Club

Do you know a child or youth who loves the outdoors and thrives in the garden? Our HCP Kids Garden provides many opportunities for land-based engagement activities, including seed starting and propagation, planting, garden maintenance, pollinator habitats, and so much more. Each weekly class will have us in this amazing teaching garden where we grow our own food crops. Hope you can join us with your pre-k learner or drop-off (or join) your school age child. There are lots of takeaways, including seeds, transplants and more! Please pack your child's own garden gloves if you have some and bring along a water bottle (and snack if needed:)

- **Date:** Saturday's, April 8 - June 3, 2023
- **Time:** 9:30 am - 11:00 am
- **Age:** 3 - 14 years
- **Fee:** \$120/9 weeks
- **Register:** [HERE](#)

Pro D Day Camp Dates 2022/23:

- **Date:** [Feb 17](#)
- **Date:** [May 19](#)
- **Times:** 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
- **Ages:** 5 to 12 years (school age)
- **Fee:** \$40/child
- **Register:** Click on camp date to register or call 250 479 6162

Spring Break Camp Dates:

- [March 20 - 24, 2023](#) (full day, 5 days/week)
- [March 27 - 31, 2023](#) (full day, 5 days/week)
- **Register:** Click on camp date to register or call 250 479 6162



Birthday Parties

HCP offers private workshop bookings to celebrate your child's birthday in our gardens throughout the year! These workshops follow our favourite themes such as Mythical Creatures,(that includes Fairy, Gnome, and Dragon gardens), Herbal Creations, and Nature Friends, among others. These are all 90 minutes in length and include time on the many garden pathways to create connections and provide inspiration for the take away garden or other craft that each participant creates. We host outdoors (rain or shine, year round) and indoor option and covered areas to temper the seasonal weather. Contact our Youth Programs Coordinator for more information and to book youthprograms@hcp.ca .



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!

Register for either [Tuesdays](#) or [Thursdays](#) or register for both days

- **Dates:** Tuesdays and Thursdays from January 31/February 2 to March 14/ March 16, 2023
- **Time:** 9:00am to 11:30am (Morning)
- **Age:** 3 to 6 years old
- **Fee:** (7 week series) and for 2 days a week your family, friends or home learners' group



Check out our [SCHOOLS](#) programming for 2023 and **BOOK** your class visit for winter and spring programs now! *See the sample program sheet with special savings below!* 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 and throughout the connecting wilderness spaces..

Ethnobotany exploration

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Welcome to HCP's School Programs! We are excited to offer diverse and engaging nature programs to classes from preschool to grade 12. Together we will explore a variety of gardening and nature themes led by fun and dynamic educators! All programs are aligned with the BC Science Curriculum. If you do not see what you are looking for, please connect with us.

Join us in WSÁNEĆ territory to learn about the cultural and ecological importance of native plants and ecosystems. Together, we will walk the Ethnobotany Trail, learn about the indigenous names and uses of plants, and discuss the importance of native ecosystems as we navigate our climate crisis.



Curricular Competency Learning Standards

Interaction with environment/ Biodiversity/ First Peoples concepts of interconnectedness in the environment/ First Peoples knowledge of sustainable practices

- Demonstrate a sustained intellectual curiosity about a scientific topic or problem of personal interest
- Make observations aimed at identifying their own questions about the natural world
- Identify a question to answer or a problem to solve through scientific inquiry
- Formulate alternative "If...then..." hypotheses based on their questions
- Make predictions about the findings of their inquiry
- Experience and interpret the local environment
- Identify First Peoples perspectives and knowledge as sources of information

email: youthprograms@hcp.ca



250-479-6162



Programs are 1.5 hours (\$115) and we offer an optional 30 minute self guided activity in the gardens for an additional fee (\$25) Program fees include entrance into the gardens. Currently booking for the 2022/23 school year. To book a school program for your group or answer any inquiries, contact us at youthprograms@hcp.ca or visit www.hcp.ca for more information.

Plant Connections for Home Learners

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Home Learners Day Program

Plant Connections: A Garden Discovery Program

Home Learners are invited to join us every Wednesday 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 to develop an understanding of their importance from an indigenous perspective. Register for the full session or drop in. Contact youthprograms@hcp.ca for more information on how your child can participate. At this time we are compiling an interest list from anyone registered.

- **Date:** Thursdays, February 02 to March 16, 2023
- **Time:** 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
- **Ages:** 5-14+ years
- **Fees:** [Registration HERE](#)

Short Series Programs for Home Learners

CHILD & YOUTH NATURE PROGRAMS

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Habitat Series

Come explore the different habitats in and around the gardens while connecting to other home learners in your community. Through hands-on activities, games, and crafts, we will discover the many plants and animals that live in neighbouring wetlands, forests, meadows, and of course, a

backyard garden! Please note, this is a drop-off program. See you at The Gardens!

- **Dates:** [Wednesdays February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023](#)
- **Time:** 9:30 am - 11:30 am
- **Ages:** 5 - 7 years
- **Fee:** \$85

Our Garden - Short Series Programs

Families looking for confidence to grow their own produce can join us for Our Garden. This 2 part series is all about hands-on techniques to prepare your garden space for planting. Week 1 will include the use of overwintering crops for soil development, preparing plots, and harvesting of fall and winter crops, and making room for the spring growing season. During week 2, we will seed trays for a variety of vegetable crops to plant out in the future. Summer planning will also be an important part of this spring series. Parent and child participation is encouraged/welcome.

- **Dates:** [Mondays March 6 & 13, 2023](#)
- **Time:** 9:15 am - 12:15 pm
- **Ages:** 8 - 14 years
- **Fees:** \$70/participant + parent

Garden Creatures - Short Series Programs

Join us for a fun morning in the gardens! These drop-in sessions focus on the different animal species we find in the garden and the important role they play in that habitat. Each session will include hands-on activities, games, crafts, and garden explorations! Sign up for one or all four sessions.

- **Date:** [Fridays April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2023](#)
- **Time:** 9:30 am - 11:30 am
- **Ages:** 5 - 14 years
- **Fee:** \$25/session; \$85/4 session bundle



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



Identification of **Trees and Shrubs in Winter** using Buds and Twigs

Bernd Schulz



Identification of Trees and Shrubs in Winter Using Buds and Twigs

Bernd Schulz

As well as cleaning tools and reading seed catalogues, there is now an opportunity for gardeners to take a close look at plants in their winter state. For the enthusiast there is a guide to identifying almost every temperate tree that we are likely to find growing in our gardens and arboretums. *Identification of Trees and Shrubs in Winter Using Buds and Twigs* is a monumental taxonomic reference work published by Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

To help guide us through a systematic approach to the identification of deciduous woody plants in winter, this book by Bern Schulz includes an identification key and a quick reference key. Over 1900 drawings and paintings by the author make this comprehensive manual a practical tool.

Most of this hefty volume covers true dicotyledons, but other angiosperms and gymnosperms are also studied. The Basics of Botany chapter covers the structure of woody plants including stems, prickles and fruit. The Index to Botanical Terms helps make it more accessible.

While visually very attractive, this authoritative study is not a light read. But if you want to see the difference in winter between a clematis and a ginko, or if you want to identify your species of willow, this book just might be the one for you. It's available to borrow now from the HCP Library.

Library Hours

Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 10am to 1pm

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