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Horticulture Centre  
of the Pacific



July 2023 eNews

Hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Everyday



## A Message from our General Manager

*For my message this month, I would like to invite everyone to join us for our upcoming Arts & Music Festival on August 12th and 13th!*

**Last year we had over 2400 visitors during the 2 days!**

To whet your appetite, here are some photos from our 2019 A&M -

Linda is on the BBQ cooking smokies, the Sunflowers were beautiful as always, and the Victoria Floral Artists Guild had their amazing floral structures on display!

***Hope you can join us for a wonderful time!***



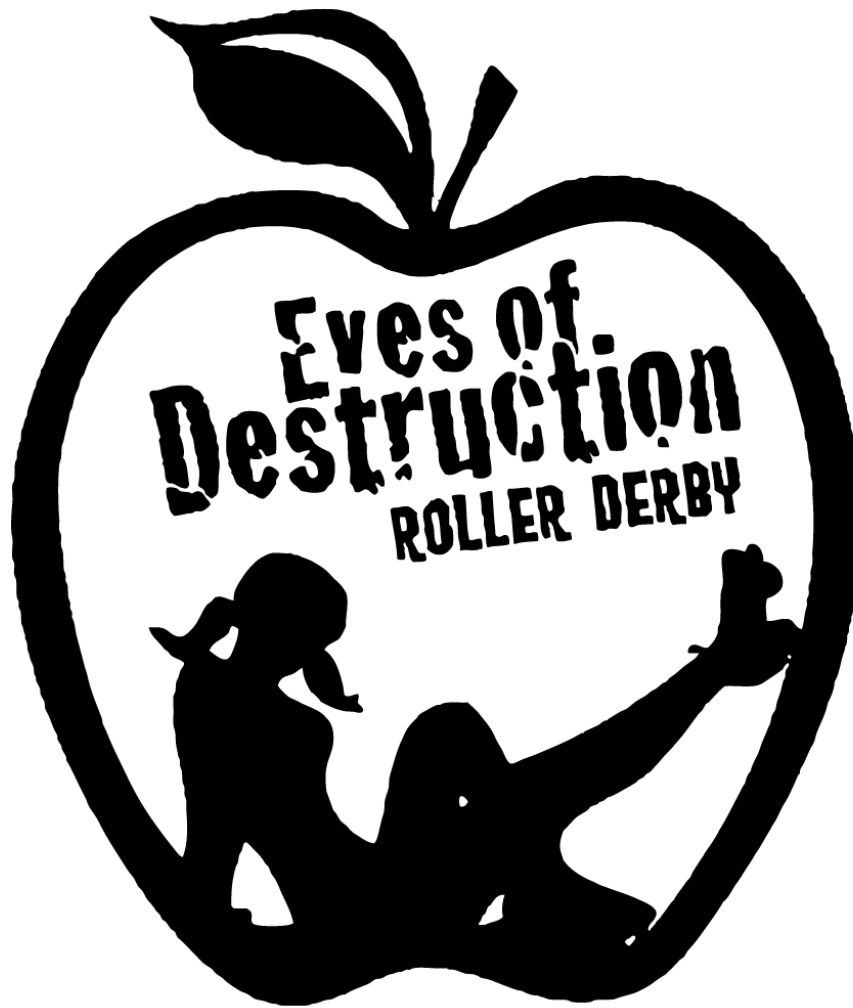
**I would also like to take this time to thank our partners  
for this event....As you all know...it takes a Village!**

This year we have partnered with Eves of Destruction Roller Derby to look after the Field parking on Beaver Road - please be generous with your donations to this wonderful non-profit, and Coastal Ski + Sport/Sports Rent who are providing us with their bike racks and tent again free of charge!



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!

**and looking after the field parking this year we  
have....!**



"The Eves of Destruction are a non-profit roller derby league that have been active in Greater Victoria since 2006. We have nearly 100 members who skate on six teams, including a junior program and an internationally competitive team, the A-Team. The league is a member of the Women's Flat Track Roller Derby Association, where the A-team plays in the North America West region. The team is fundraising for travel to tournaments in Phoenix in July and Salt Lake City in November. Our next home game is on August 19 at Archie Browning. Learn more about us and our events [on our website](#)."



# ARTS & MUSIC

AUGUST 12 & 13, 2023

10:00AM - 4:00PM

LIVE MUSIC | FOOD TRUCKS | BBQ  
OVER 50 VENDORS | CONCESSION

Members get in **FREE!** Pre-purchase your tickets online  
at [www.hcp.ca](http://www.hcp.ca) or get them the day of at the gate.



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***On-line ticket sales open July 29th!***  
***\*\*Reminder that for HCP Members***  
***admission is free so check your expiry date***  
***and renew before the 12<sup>th</sup>!***



A Message from our Head Gardener





## The HCP Cut Flower Garden

This garden was created in 2011 on the site of the original Joan Grimsdick orchard. The fruit trees remaining are a pleasant reminder of the past.

We grow perennials and annuals, selected for color, scent and texture.

The garden is bursting with blossoms in this lovely season of sunshine. Our cut flower garden provides us with an abundance of colour for the bouquets we sell for a modest \$7. Naturally the revenue is put back into the garden and helps subsidize anything from twine to trowels.

Next time you pass the office, stop to admire the creations of our enthusiastic volunteers and take some beauty home.

Thank you to volunteers Jocelyn, Rita and Cedar for keeping the flowers blooming and to volunteers Jocelyn, Mariev and Sarah for creating the lovely bouquets every week!



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 and the Conservation Park.

***Your donations provide essential support.***

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.



**Thank You Volunteers!**



**“In nature, nothing exists alone.” Rachel Carson**

We are very grateful for the large team of volunteers who come together throughout the year to support HCP. The many contributions made by over 250 volunteers has contributed to a vibrant space where all can enjoy the beauty of the conservation lands and the gardens of HCP.

Current openings include volunteering for the Arts and Music Festival (Aug 12, 13), Office Support and Conservation Team Volunteers.



For more information about volunteering or to add your name to the HCP Arts and Music Festival volunteer list, please contact Kim, Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteers@hcp.ca](mailto:volunteers@hcp.ca).



## Giles' Jottings

As we move toward mid-July, we have plenty of warm summer sunshine and also some nice breezes to keep us cool. We have not had enough rain, to be sure, but we should make the most of midsummer's glory while it's here.

Walking in the Gardens there is so much colour to enjoy. The Lily Garden is especially spectacular and the Cutting Garden is bursting with blooms. Unable to mention everything in a single column, I must choose some filter so this month I shall take an alphabetical approach, and start with some A's.



Achilleas, Astilbes, Aruncus (Goatsbeard), Astantias (Masterwort) (l-r)

In the Takata Garden Aruncus (Goatsbeard) and Astilbes are bearing fluffy feathery plumes in white and pink, though perhaps surprisingly they are not closely related, Goatsbeard taking its lineage from the Rosaceae, like Spiraea and Filipendula, while Astilbes are part of the Saxifragaceae.

Astrantias (Masterwort) are growing amongst the rhododendrons next door, their palmate leaves beneath sprays of papery pincushion-like flowers in ivory and pink. Achilleas in the Permaculture Garden have grown tall and their wide flat heads of white florets weigh down the long stems.

Walk up from there to the Hardy Borders and the beautiful white and purple spires of Acanthus mollis (Bear's breeches) stand erect above their famously architectural leaves.





*Centaurea macrocephala* (Yellow knapweed), *Coreopsis* (l-r)

Moving on now to some C's, the *Centaurea macrocephala* (Yellow knapweed) in the Drought Tolerant Garden are looking magnificent, their bulbous flowerheads glowing brightly yellow; the finely cut foliage of nearby *Coreopsis* is topped by equally bright yellow daisies.



*Corydalis* 'Porcelain Blue', *Eryngium variifolium*, *Chitalpa tashkentensis* (l-r)

But two other C's are somewhat more exotic. In the lower bed of the Winter Garden *Corydalis* 'Porcelain Blue' has been flowering for many weeks and I must take a photo of its startling azure blue flowers before they go over. And perhaps more beautiful still, planted into the Great Lawn to commemorate the HCP's 40th anniversary, the *Chitalpa tashkentensis* is a member of the Bignoniaceae and is now displaying beautiful pale pink trumpet flowers with frilly-edged petals.

Not finding any obvious D's I am jumping to the E's and the *Eryngium variifolium* in the Drought Tolerant Garden is fabulous. Known as Moroccan sea holly the blue-grey cylindrical flowers are surrounded by stiff white papery bracts forming spikey star-like collars. While in the Winter Garden *Eucryphia*

lucida 'Pink Cloud', a small evergreen tree from Australia, is now displaying simple saucer-shaped flowers with a hint of pink.



F's are accounted for by the wide range of pinks, purples and whites of the many varieties in the Fuchsia Garden but for sheer brightness of colour the first G, Gaillardia (Blanket flower), is hard to beat. Concentric rings of yellows and reds mark their pointy-petalled daisy flowers, and they always catch the eye. Large plants of Geranium 'Rozanne' form marvelous drifts of blue in the Doris Page Garden and the floating flowers of Gaura lindheimeri contribute their clouds of white around the Gathering Place.

One other G, Galega officinalis, brings us sort of full circle with its common name of Goat's-rue. Not really a standard garden plant it does however grow in all sorts of wild areas of the HCP. As a member of the Fabaceae family, it can be usefully grown as a forage crop or green manure and at this time of year it is covered in glorious spikes of white and pale blue flowers.



**Gift Shop**







Many new items! Please stop in when you are in the gardens next and find the perfect gift for someone special!





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Pacific Horticulture College





Certificate students experienced a flurry of activity in June with major project submissions in Landscape Design, Soils and Plant ID. In Special Topics in Horticulture, students were introduced to Environmental Stewardship, Bonsai, Forest Grooming, Water Stewardship and Medicinal Plants – check out the [PHC News](#) section of the website for the student blog posts. After a well-earned two week break the students return to class on July 10<sup>th</sup> and will begin new classes in Plant Health, Integrated Pest Management and Permaculture as well as resuming courses in Plant ID, Practical Skills, Irrigation, and Introduction to Food Growing.

PHC Alumni are invited to join us on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 pm for our Alumni Picnic Night. Bring a picnic basket, listen to live music, chat with fellow alumni, and enjoy a lovely evening in the gardens!

Are you interested in a career in horticulture?

To learn more, please join us for a Pacific Horticulture College Information Session on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Couvelier Pavilion.

**Programs now open for applications:**

**[2024 Landscape Horticulture Certificate Program](#)**

Program Dates: January 15 to November 12, 2024

Application Deadline: November 1, 2023

**[2023 Level 2 Landscape Horticulturist Apprenticeship Program](#)**

Program Dates: August 8 to December 14, 2023

Application Deadline: July 17, 2023

### [2023 Level 3 Landscape Horticulturist Apprenticeship Program](#)

Program Dates: October 30 to December 8, 2023

Application Deadline: October 2, 2023

### [2023 Level 4 Landscape Horticulturist Apprenticeship Program](#)

Program Dates: August 9 to December 16, 2023

Application Deadline: July 17, 2023

### [2024 Level 1 Landscape Horticulturist Apprenticeship Program](#)

Program Dates: January 22 to May 22, 2024

Application Deadline: December 11, 2023

### [2024 Level 4 Landscape Horticulturist Apprenticeship Full-Time Program](#)

Program Dates: January 8 to February 16, 2024

Application Deadline: December 11, 2023 (Waitlisted)

For more information, please visit our [website](#)

Questions? Please email [admissions@hcp.ca](mailto:admissions@hcp.ca)



## Community Education Workshops

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

**Now Available! Workshops & Classes for Groups**



### **community education workshops & classes for groups**

RESERVE A PRIVATE CLASS AT THE  
GARDENS FOR YOUR GROUP

Are you looking for an activity for your garden group, staff or organization? We now offer classes and workshops for groups. The list of available classes, pricing and other information to help you plan your activity are available on our website [HERE](#).

Registering your group for a workshop with us is a great way to support HCP programming and have a great time doing it! More classes will be added to the list regularly including seasonal opportunities, so be sure to check back to see what is available.



If you have any questions, please contact [communityed@hcp.ca](mailto:communityed@hcp.ca)

## Save the Date - Registration for the Master Gardener Program

This popular program will be opening registration to those on the waitlist on **September 12**. If you are not on the waitlist, we recommend that you sign up asap to improve your chances of getting a space. The waitlist will be open for 2024 registration until the end of July. To read more about the program or sign up for the waitlist please visit our [website](#).

## Plant Identification & Culture Workshops with Jane Tice

Next date Saturday, August 19 & September 16 - 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

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

## Finger Painting without the Paint Workshop

Saturday, July 22 - 9:00am - 1:00pm



Have FUN in the Gardens with Artist and Author Wendy Picken. Explore the mixed medium techniques she has developed over the past 30 years. Learn how to create beautiful flowerscapes while exploring the Gardens on paper. This class is suitable for beginners. All supplies are included.

Fees: HCP Members \$70/Non-Members \$80

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

### **Eco Printing Workshop with Lorelei Textile Design**

Tuesday, July 25 - 4:00pm - 7:30pm



Join Carly of Lorelei Textile Design as she leads you through a beginner-friendly eco printing workshop! Engage in an afternoon of plant-infused play with a lovely community of inquisitive minds! Attendees will be provided with a handmade and upcycled bandana and a set of 2 vintage hankies to explore different techniques and applications of eco-printing. All flowers and foliage are also provided. You will leave this workshop with the foundational skills to continue exploring this fascinating practice at home, your very own eco printed bandana and hanky set, and an instructional booklet full of resources for further research and experimentation.

HCP Members \$65/Non-Members \$75

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

### **Edible & Medicinal Herbs for the Home Herbalist - Summer Workshop**

Saturday, July 29 - 9:00am - 12:00pm



Join Registered Holistic Nutritionist and Herbalist Racheal Schnarr for the summer installment of "Edible and Medicinal Herbs for the Home Herbalist".

In this hands-on class we will sip on refreshing iced herbal tea while we discuss some of the best herbs for iced teas and herbal salves. Next, we will dive right into creating our own herbal salves and iced tea blends! You will leave this session with your own salve to lather on for the rest of summer and beyond or add to your herbal first aid kit, as well as a herbal iced tea blend.

\*Please note that our salves are not vegan and will be made with beeswax.

HCP Members \$45/Non-Members \$55

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### **Sunflowers - Watercolour on Japanese Art Paper**

Thursday, August 17 - 12:30pm - 4:00pm



Indulge in some summer fun at the Gardens. "Sunflowers" bring happiness and are always enjoyable to sketch and paint. Follow Richard Wong's gentle guidance to help you experience the joy of creating your own sunflower painting. Choose to work from cut Sunflowers grown at HCP with Richard's guidance, and/or from Richard's class image. All levels are welcome.

Class Fee: \$80 not including supplies/\$90 includes all supplies

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

### **A Gardener's Journal with Exposed Spine Binding with Trisha Klus**

Saturday, October 28 - 10:00am - 3:00pm



Exposed bindings are one of the most versatile structures for books. By learning just the basic stitching pattern, a whole world of possibilities opens for the participants to mix and match the different sewing patterns or to create their own. In this workshop the participants will create a blank journal



with covers made from handmade papers. Exposed stitching will decorate the spine. This journal is perfect as a garden journal, a trip journal, for collage or sketching. Basic concepts of book binding will be discussed including tool usage, book binding terms and paper grain.

All materials required to complete this project will be provided by the instructor. A supply list will be available upon registration.

HCP Members \$110/Non-Members \$120

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

### Unlimited Possibilities in the Garden with Trisha Klus

Saturday, November 25 - 10:00am - 3:00pm



Get ready to make your own Artist's Book with a garden theme. We will create a hard covered book secured with a ribbon tie. Each page will be different and ready for your own special touch with pop-ups, pull outs, mini books, hidden panels and more. Although this workshop will have a garden theme, this book can be adapted in unlimited ways for a truly creative piece of art. All materials required to complete the project will be provided by the instructor, a supply list will be provided upon registration.

HCP Members \$110/Non-Members \$120

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## Children & Youth Programs



## Look what is happening this Summer and Fall at HCP Kids!

- **SCHOOLS** - Bookings are now open for **2023-24** [HERE](#)
- **HOME LEARNERS'** - Sign up your child or a group [HERE](#)
- **BIRTHDAYS** - popular themes include Fairy Gardens & Mythical Creatures [HERE](#)
- **Up-coming Pro-D Day Camps: Sept 22, Oct 20, Nov 20, Feb 16 & May 17.** Registration Opens August 22 for [Family Membership](#) holders
- **Harvest Festival Event** - Saturday, October 28 (9am - 3pm)

### ***POLLINATOR DAY IN THE GARDENS!***

*Thank you to all who joined us for this year's Pollinator Day in The Gardens! We really enjoyed having Rocky Point Bird Observatory as partners. Their knowledge of birds is phenomenal and inspiring. Be sure to see what they are up to this summer and for upcoming programs at HCP this fall!! It was wonderful to have HCP volunteers welcoming our visitors for the day. Thank you to Victoria Master Gardeners for the knowledge and suggestions they shared with the public. A big thank you to our staff who continue to support these family friendly events!*

*Paula McCormick, School & Youth Programs Coordinator*

**To see more details about a program please use the link in the title.**



### **[Stories in the Garden](#)**

Imagine a gentle nature walk with your child to calm and inspire you both, followed by a story. Plan to bring along your favourite story blanket and snack. **Age:** 3 + years recommended (all welcome:)

- **Date:** Wednesdays, August 2, 9 & 16
- **Time:** 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
- **Fee:** \$37.50/3 classes or \$30/3 classes with a [Family Membership](#)
- [Register](#)

### **[Tea Time Workshop](#)**

Tea brewing is an art form that goes back to ancient times. This makes a great “friends meet up” for your child for an afternoon of creativity, gathering and fun! **Age:** 6+ years

- **Date:** Tuesday July 25, 2023
- **Time:** 1:30-3:00pm
- **Fee:** \$30/child
- [Register](#)

### [Flower Pressing Workshop](#)

Remember pressing flowers as a child? Enjoy some creative time with a child in your life and sign up for two! All materials are provided. **Age:** 6+ years

- **Date:** Wednesday July 26
- **Time:** 1:30-3:00pm
- **Fee:** \$30/child
- [Register](#)

### [Fairy Garden Workshop](#) - It's TeaCupTime!

Join us for some fun and creative time as we enter the world of fairy garden making! Bring along a wide mouth cup & saucer (no need to match) of your choice. Consider signing up with your child and making one of your own!  
**Age:** 4+ years (6 and under must be accompanied by an adult)

- **Date:** Wednesday August 9, 2023
- **Time:** 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
- **Fee:** \$30/participant, \$25/accompanying adult or second child
- [Register](#)

### [Herbal Creations](#)

Many of us grow herbs in our gardens, but what can you do with them? Participants will make items to take home and share with their family and friends. **Age:** 4+ years (6 and under must be accompanied by an adult)

- **Date:** Thursday August 10, 2023
- **Time:** 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
- **Fee:** \$30/participant, \$25/accompanying adult or second child
- [Register](#)



**Coming this Fall -**

- [Garden Friends](#) - 13 September
- [Stories in the Garden](#) - 13 September
- [Herbal Creations](#) - 16 September



- [Fairy Gardens](#) - 7 October
- [Pumpkin People \(Family\)](#) - 14 & 28 October
- [Mythical Creatures](#) - 21 October

### [Garden Nature Academy](#) - Fall Session is *Now open!*

The outdoors offer safe and seasonal opportunities for your preschooler to explore through play, games, songs and activities! We welcome parent participation. (Cost \$23-\$25 per 2.5 hour class) **Ages:** 3 - 6 years

- **Dates:** Tuesdays & Thursdays September 12 - November 30, 2023
- **Times:** 9:00 am - 11:30 am
- **Fees:** \$550/child for [Family Memberships](#) (2 day/week for 12 weeks), \$600/child for HCP members + public
- [Register](#)

### **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. **Ages:** 3 - 14 years

- **Date:** Saturday's, September 16 - October 21, 2023
- **Time:** 9:30 am - 11:00 am
- **Fee:** \$80/ 6 weeks
- [Register](#)

Please contact [youthprograms@hcp.ca](mailto:youthprograms@hcp.ca) to discuss the suitability for your child if you like.



## Events at HCP

Our 2024 wedding bookings are open, and we've still got some room in the summer! August 2024 is almost full for the weekends, but we've still got some room for July & September.

Please reach out to me at [events@hcp.ca](mailto:events@hcp.ca) with any questions or inquiries! I'm happy to connect and make sure your special day will be perfect!

We are always booking our pavilion throughout the year for corporate events, meetings, memorials, workshops, birthdays, and more! We are always excited to hear what event you'd like to hold at our beautiful Gardens.



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Are you interested in learning more about what is happening at the Gardens or browsing through gardening articles? Then please visit our website and check the [HCP Blog](#). If you have a suggestion for an article or if you are a writer who would like to contribute, please email us at [communityed@hcp.ca](mailto:communityed@hcp.ca)



## 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:

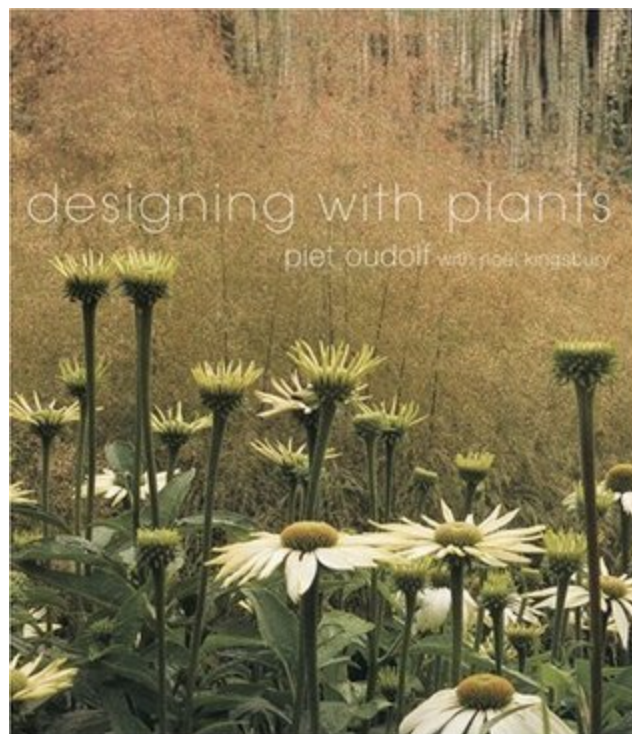
- Free admission to the Gardens
- A free guest pass with each membership
- Discounted rates for additional guests
- 10% off plants and gift shop purchases
- Discounted member rates on Community Education Workshops
- Borrowing privileges at the HCP Library
- Discounts at select garden centers throughout Victoria
- 20% off Admission at Victoria Butterfly Gardens



- Free admission, free parking, or other discounts at participating gardens in the American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Admissions Program



**The Bookend**



## **Designing with Plants**

Piet Oudolf with Noël Kingsbury

Gardens with emotion and mood are the hallmarks of Piet Oudolf's garden designs. In *Designing with Plants* Oudolf re-evaluates the concept of beauty in the garden. Beyond colour, he considers form, texture, light, and movement in the seasonal lifecycle of plants.

This overview of Oudolf's theory and practice is informative and visually stunning. As Noël Kingsbury says in the introduction, it's aim is to explain his work and make his method accessible. His naturalistic style uses perennials and grasses to create gardens that are full, abundant, and relaxed. His broad design principles balance specific details, such as a directory of key plants. In his own words, "Gardening is a living process, which is why this book proposes the creation of something that changes through the years, even from day to day."

Piet Oudolf is an award-winning garden designer, nurseryman, and author. Contemplate his thought-provoking insights on garden design by reading *Designing with Plants*. Available to borrow now from the HCP Library. Find other books by Piet Oudolf and Noël Kingsbury in our online catalogue. His documentaries "5 Seasons" and "Paradise within Arm's Reach" are available on YouTube.



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