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**Horticulture Centre
of the Pacific**



**September 2023
eNews**

Hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Everyday



A Message from our General Manager



FALL PLANT SALE



September 22

*HCP Members &
volunteers only*

**FREE
ENTRY!**

September 23

Open to the public

9:00AM – 4:00PM

All plants are reduced by 25% with additional discounts in our bargain bin. HCP students, volunteers, staff, and **Victoria Master Gardeners** will be on site to answer your gardening questions. All proceeds raised support the development of our non-profit teaching Gardens.



505 Quayle Road, Victoria, BC

250-479-6162 | www.hcp.ca | reception@hcp.ca

The Fall Plant Sale is one of our biggest fundraisers. Please join us. We will have muffins and coffee for \$2 each from 9am - noon each day.

Thank-you for your support!



***Thank-you to our Arts & Music Silent
Auction Donors!***

Thanks to you we raised over **\$1,900!!**



Our Community is incredible! See you all next year!

Thanks everyone!

Deborah



Fall Plant Sale September 22-23

9-4 daily

Friday September 22-exclusive to HCP members and volunteers

Saturday September 23-open to the public

Click [HERE](#) for availability list!

Fall officially begins on September 22! This is the perfect time to add new plants to your landscape. The soil is still warm while the cooler air temperatures and rainfall provide ideal conditions to get plants established. The other advantage of planting in the fall is that all of our plants at HCP are reduced by **25%** for the Fall Plant Sale.

As always, admission to the gardens is free during plant sales. It is worth attending, not just for the bargains, but also for access to the garden knowledge you get from chatting with our volunteers, staff, and students.

Hope to see you then,

Linda



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.

And 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!



“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” Dr. Seuss

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

HCP supports the stewardship of 90 acres of trail and conservation lands, and this fall we have an exciting opportunity to join our Volunteer Conservation Team!

HCP Conservation volunteers work to:

- Remove invasive species
- Improve wildlife habitats
- Maintain native shrubs, trees and plants.

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



Giles is getting ready for the Fall Plant Sale and Giles' Jottings will be back in October.



New Fall Hours: Wednesday - Sunday 9am-2pm

Closed: Monday and Tuesday





Many new items! Please stop in when you are in the gardens next and find the perfect gift for someone special and take a look at our sale table at the Fall Plant Sale! Many great deals!



Fall is for planting! 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, Linda at headgardener@hcp.ca if you have any available.

Plants particularly in demand include:

Rudbeckia 'Goldstrum'

Libertia peregrinans

Ornamental grasses

Brunnera

Aconitum

Amsonia

Gillenia trifoliata

Echinacea

Primula

Geranium sp.

We need properly named varieties only please.



Congratulations to our Certificate students and volunteers on their very successful entries at the Saanich Fair. They won second prize for their Walla Walla onions, Nantes Scarlet carrots and Gold Rush beans. Well done to all! And a special shout out to our Certificate student, Faith Brown, for winning First Prize and Best in Show for her beautiful Red Bor kale! Fantastic job, Faith!

The Certificate students are in the home stretch now with only a few months left of their 10-month program. This month they will complete their second week of work experience. Thanks to Russell Nursery; The Compost Education Centre; Falling Water Landscapes; Fireweed Farms; Aqua Irrigation; Healing Farm; Salt Spring Seeds; Tiny Tree Herb Farm; The Garden (Salt Spring); Saanich Parks; Satinflower Nurseries; Sandown Centre for Regenerative Agriculture; and Metchosin Farm for hosting our students for this second week.

Our Level 2 and Level 4 program students have now settled into their programs. This month the Level 2 students will have courses in Plant ID, Water Stewardship and Softscape Maintenance. And the Level 4 students have Environmental Stewardship, Plant ID and Preparing Estimates.

Thanks to everyone who came out to our Info Session on September 11th! It was a very successful evening, and it was great to see so much interest in our programs. The attendees were able to catch a glimpse of the beautiful gardens where our students gain so much valuable hands-on training.

There are two upcoming Landscape Integrated Pest Management courses on November 4-6 and November 22-24. Please visit our [website](#) for information and to register.

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 3 Landscape Horticulturist Apprenticeship Program](#)

Program Dates: October 30 to December 8, 2023

Application Deadline: October 2, 2023 (Waitlisted)

[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



Community Education Workshops

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

[Plant Identification & Culture Workshops with Jane Tice](#)

Next dates: Saturday, September 16 & October 21 - 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

Edible & Medicinal Herbs for the Home Herbalist - Fall Workshop

Sunday, October 1 - 9:00am - 12:00pm



Join Registered Holistic Nutritionist and Herbalist Racheal Schnarr for the Fall installment of the "Edible and Medicinal Herbs for the Home Herbalist" series. During the first installment of this class we will review and taste the best herbs to use during the upcoming cold and flu season. During the second installment we will get our hands dirty making the traditional folk remedy of fire cider! Gloves optional! You will leave this class with your own batch of fire cider and the confidence to make this revered traditional remedy for yourself, your family, and your friends.

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

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Introduction to Backyard Beekeeping

Saturday, October 14 - 9:30am - 12:00pm



introduction to backyard beekeeping class

WITH GORDON MACKAY

Have you ever wanted to start keeping bees but didn't know where to start? Would you like to see improved fruit production in your garden along with the potential of having your own honey? Learn the basics of beekeeping with Gordon Mackay.

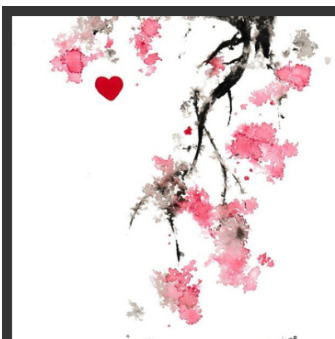
In this workshop we will cover the basics of how to start your first colony. We will look at the various parts of the hive and what is involved in setting up and maintaining your colony in your first year. We will talk about some of the potential challenges and ways to mitigate these. The favourite plants that honey bees are attracted to will also be covered.

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

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"Gratitude Blossoms" - Watercolour on Japanese Art Paper Workshop

Saturday, October 14 - 1:00pm - 4:00pm



community education

"gratitude blossoms" watercolour workshop

WITH RICHARD WONG



As the seasons change, fall brings an opportunity to express gratitude. Follow Richard Wong's gentle guidance to create your very own and personal "Gratitude Blossoms" to give away or keep. Choose to work with a "heart", as in this sample image, or with a "bee", "butterfly" or "songbird" image, which will be provided in class as options. Everyone is welcome!

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

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

Willow Chair Workshop

Saturday, October 15 - 9:00am - 5:00pm



community education **willow chair workshop**

WITH ANDREW KENT



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

Mason Bee - Fall Cocoon Harvest & Cleaning Session

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



mason bee - fall cocoon cleaning session

AT THE HCP

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.

Participant Fee \$10

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

Finger Painting without the Paint Workshop



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

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

"Watercolour Miniatures" - Christmas & Winter Themes, Watercolour Workshop on Japanese Art Paper



Join us for a delightful afternoon creating watercolour miniatures with Richard Wong (all new designs). Richard will guide you through several Christmas and Winter related miniature scenes that you can use as personalized greeting/Christmas cards. This workshop has become a popular annual gathering! Everyone is welcome.

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

[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

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

Wreath Making Workshops

Registration for our popular wreath making workshop will open in October. To be notified when workshop registration opens, please add your name to the mailing list [HERE](#).

Pre-order kits along with an instructional video will also be available for those who prefer to work at home or set up their own wreath making party. Sign up for the Wreath Kit pre-order list [HERE](#).

Dates for wreath making classes are:

Saturday, November 25 - 10am - 12pm

Saturday, November 25 - 1pm - 3pm

Saturday, November 26 - 10am - 12pm

Saturday, November 26 - 1pm - 3pm

Saturday, December 2 - 10am - 12pm

Saturday, December 2 - 1pm - 3pm

Saturday, December 3 - 10am - 12pm

Saturday, December 3 - 1pm - 3pm

Saturday, December 9 - 10am - 12pm

Saturday, December 9 - 1pm - 3pm

Saturday, December 10 - 10am - 12pm

Saturday, December 10 - 1pm - 3pm

Basketry Workshops with Joan Carrigan



basketry workshops
WITH JOAN CARRIGAN

Joan Carrigan is a full time basketmaker and basketry teacher living on Salt Spring Island, BC. Over the past 25 years, her passion for baskets has led her to study, travel and explore many different techniques and materials within the medium. These classes are popular, so sign up for the Basketry Enthusiast list to receive notices of upcoming classes.

To add your name to the Basketry Enthusiast List, please click [HERE](#).

Save the Date - Registration for the Backyard Farmer Program



community education
the backyard farmer
program
URBAN FOOD GARDENS 2024

This course will teach participants everything they need to know to produce food crops in their backyard, front yard, balcony or boulevard. The course is a strong foundation for beginner gardeners and also home gardeners with some experience.

Our local climate allows for a long growing season and we are fortunate in that we can grow edible crops for most of the year. There will be a strong emphasis on selecting varieties for our local growing conditions and how to make the best of small urban spaces. Participants will learn how to plan a food garden, grow from seed and how to grow various food plants including fruits and vegetables. Harvesting, storage and seed collection will also be covered. This program runs once per month January until October 2024.

Registration opens on September 19. Registration can be done on the [website](#) or via phone - 250 479 6162.

Save the Date - Registration for the Master Gardener Program



community education the master gardener program

2024

Lifelong learning is at the heart of the Victoria Master Gardener Association, the idea that no one can possibly know it all. You have to start somewhere and the Master Gardener Program is the place. You will learn current, reliable home gardening basics – the framework to pin everything else to. You will also learn how to look it up, who to ask and how to share that knowledge of sound, environmentally responsible gardening practices with the community. This course is a requirement to join the Victoria Master Gardener Association. It is also a great course in garden basics for hobbyists and homeowners.

Registration opens on September 19 at 9am. Registration can be done on the [website](#) or via phone - 250 479 6162.

Now Available! Workshops & Classes for Private Groups



community education workshops & classes for groups

RESERVE A PRIVATE CLASS AT THE
GARDENS FOR YOUR GROUP

The list of available classes, pricing and other information to help you plan your activity are available on our website [HERE](#).



Children & Youth Programs



Look what is happening this 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](#)
- **STUDENTS JOBS & VOLUNTEER opportunities.** Looking for experience working with children during our JMG Garden Camps this school year? Contact youthprograms@hcp.ca for details.
- **HARVEST FESTIVAL** - Save the date Saturday, October 28!
- **Wreath Making for Families Workshops** - See below for dates.

Do you have an idea for a workshop? Are you interested in being a HCP Kids facilitator? youthprograms@hcp.ca

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



BIRTHDAYS in The Garden!

We offer 90 minute birthdays for children in the garden. Our parties are based on fun and engaging nature experiences using a theme of your choice, including Terrarium Gardens, Mythical Creatures, Fairy Gardens, and Herbal Creations, among others. See our complete list of workshops [HERE](#) . For more information contact our School & Youth Programs Coordinator at youthprograms@hcp.ca .

HOME LEARNERS

We offer a unique program selection for home learning families and networks! Whether you are a homeschool parent or group teacher, these garden based nature programs are filled with curriculum rich learning experiences for your child. We offer full day, drop in and series programs. If you are looking for inspiration for program ideas, in addition to the program listed [HERE](#), please take a look at [SCHOOL PROGRAMS](#), these can also be provided for your group as can can of our HCP Kids – Workshops.

If you are interested in having us design something for your needs, please reach out to us at youthprograms@hcp.ca .

Pro-D Day Camps

Please Click on the date to register

[Sept 22](#) (1 place remaining)

[Oct 20](#)

[Nov 20](#)

[Feb 16](#)

[May 17](#)

Everyday Wreath Making for Kids

Children love to create with natural materials and this class is perfect for those who enjoy crafting and using their hands. Using a variety of materials, including invasive plants and grapevines, we will create some interesting projects to take away.

Date & Time: September 23 - 1:30 - 3:30 pm

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

Fairy Gardens

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.

Date & Time: October 7 - 1:30 - 3:00 pm

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

Pumpkin People

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. All ages welcome

Dates & Times: [October 14 - 1:30 pm](#), [October 14 - 2:30 pm](#), [October 28 - 10 am](#); [October 28 - 11 am](#)

Register: Online by selecting the date and time or call 250-479-6162

Mythical Creatures

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 & Time: October 21 - 1:30 - 3:00 pm

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

Lantern Making with Pressed Flowers

Treasure each petal, leaf and flower in your garden as an art form with this lantern making

workshop using pressed flowers. Together we will explore how to collect botanicals, press them, and the steps of making a paper lantern using pressed flowers. Each participant will make their own lantern to take away.

Date & Time: November 4 - 9:30 - 11:30 am

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

Wreath Making for Families

Join us for this annual gathering to prepare a wreath for your home this holiday season. Using a selection of greenery along with friendly guidance, create a unique wreath to enjoy or gift! These small sized workshops offer a slower and easier pace for small hands to lend assistance with. All materials are provided.

Date & Times: [December 1, 10:00 am](#), [December 2 10:30 am](#), [December 2, 1:30 pm](#), [December 3 10:00 am](#), [December 3 1:30 pm](#)

Register: Online by selecting the date and time or call 250-479-6162

Nature Centrepiece Workshop

Using our gardens and natural spaces for inspiration, we will explore designs and a variety of materials to create a beautiful centrepiece for your holiday season. All materials are provided.

Date & Time: December 9 - 10:00 - 11:30 am

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

Holiday Gift Making

Touch someone this holiday season with handmade gifts inspired by the garden! We will explore a variety of easy and unique gifts made with local materials that will be a delight to give and receive.

Date & Time: December 9 - 1:30 - 3:30 pm

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

Please contact youthprograms@hcp.ca to discuss the suitability for your child if you like.

SAVE A TAPE

Save Country Grocer receipts and receive 1% in return in the form of Country Grocer gift card(s)

Country Grocer's Save A Tape program is available to local community groups, sports teams and not for profits located on Vancouver Island.

For program details and registration view our website
countrygrocer/community/saveatape



Thanks to our wonderful volunteer Bev for bringing this fundraising opportunity to us! We have collected almost \$15,000 in receipts so far!

Please drop off your Country Grocer receipts at the Front Desk, it's as easy as that to support our Volunteer cookie program!

Thanks again everyone!

Deborah



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 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.



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.

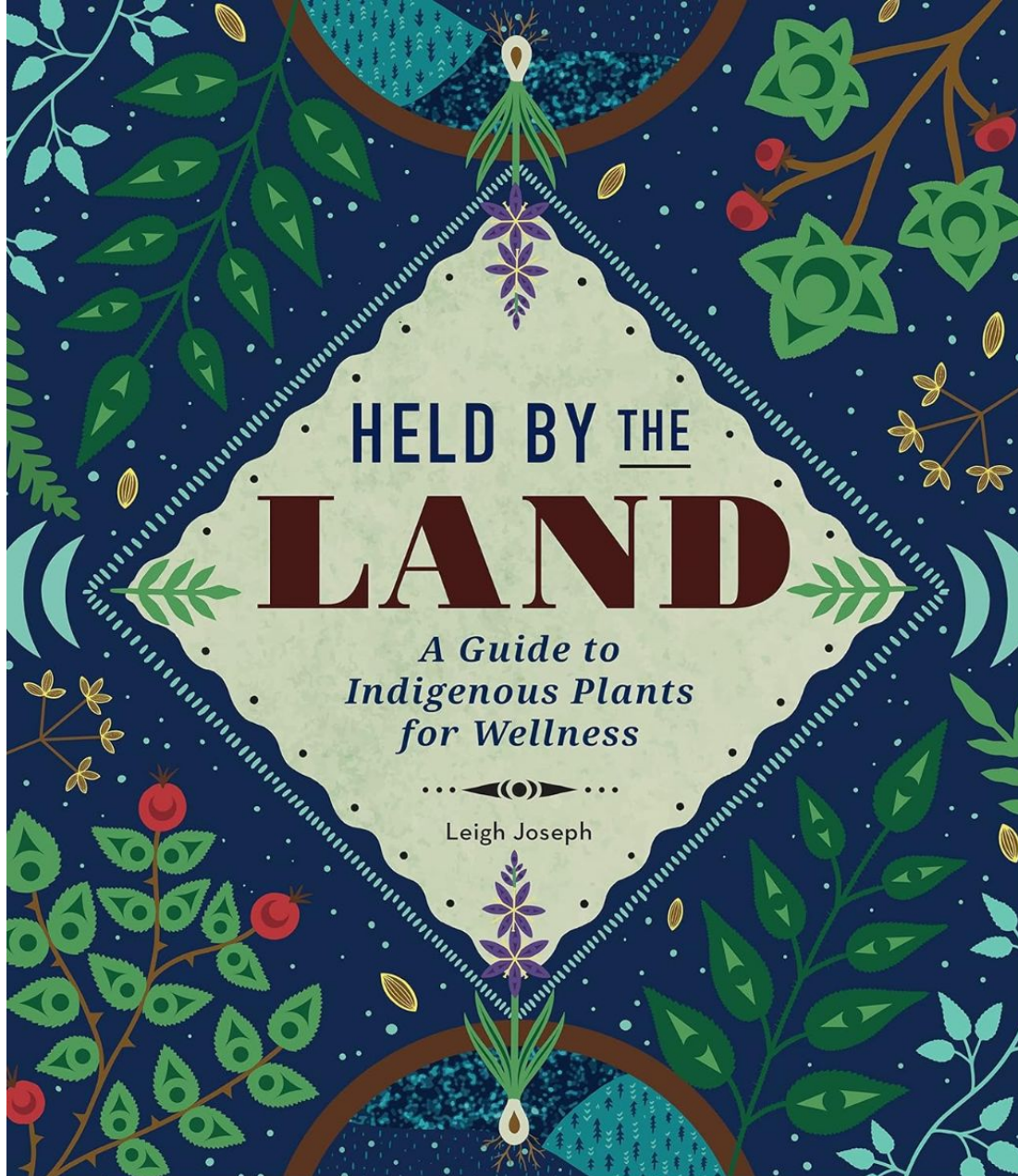
Memberships are a great value and include:

- 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





Held by the Land (Wa ch'ích'istway ta temíxw)

Leigh Joseph

In *Held by the Land*, Leigh Joseph describes how treasured moments in her life have been spent on the land where she was at ease, sure and connected. While planting, harvesting, sharing meals and more she felt supported and held by the natural world. She sees this connection as a relationship where the earth shares its bountiful botanical gifts with us, but we also have a responsibility to give back to these relatives.

Held by the Land is part narrative, part botanical field guide and part recipe book. Joseph's love and respect for her Squamish culture and its important plants come through clearly. She teaches us that we owe it to future generations to build sustainable and respectful relationships with plants. Healthy ecosystems will result when we recognize our interconnectedness with the natural world.

Mindfulness is an important aspect of Joseph's harvest practices. She explains what it is, how we can integrate it and gives her example of wild rose harvests.

Plant profiles are offered for trees, shrubs, flowering herbs and more. Each listing discusses building relationships, habitat, a botanical description, sustainable harvesting, plant gifts and a recipe. With camas there is a description of how to grow this culturally important food plant to support its restoration.

To borrow this new book and learn how to be 'a good future ancestor' contact the HCP Library today.

And to see other books new to the library check out our [Recent Acquisitions](#).



Library Hours

Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 10am to 1pm

Contact us at library@hcp.ca

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