

Plant Donors and Volunteers: A big THANK YOU!!!!

Many thanks for donating plants, your time, and energy. We had fun. After expenses (\$175 for the tent) we raised \$689.

Once Again, YOU did it!!!

RhodoFest was successful again this year even though the weather was not the best. Julie-Anne Slade of Burnaby did a great job of the overall organization and the entertainment was most enjoyable. We had ten dedicated and hard-working BRAGS volunteers for the setup and 25 on the day of the festival. We auctioned 128 items that were solicited and picked up from all over the Lower Mainland by more of those amazing BRAGS volunteers. The truss display was gorgeous thanks to all the members who contributed trusses.

The Spring Bouquet Competition had ten beautiful entries and over 600 votes. Virginia Rutherford, the 2nd prize winner of the Spring Bouquet competition was thrilled to have been chosen. Upon delivering her prize-winning cheque, June had the opportunity to tour her garden, which included some gorgeous peonies!

We raised almost \$2400 with the Silent Auction. Val and Norbert Wuenche's generously organized the raffle Val reported at the last meeting that they had found \$1.26 under the table which they added to the proceeds. After expenses, they made \$301.21. The money raised from the Plant Sale and Rhodofest will be donated to restoration of Guichon stream and the Catching the Spirit.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 2, 2010

Judy Newton: The Summer Garden. Judy Newton is former special education assistant with UBC Botanical Garden.

The meeting starts at 7 pm, Burnaby Village Museum, Main Building, on 2nd floor. Refreshment is served. All are welcome. Don't forget to bring your own mug to avoid wasting styrofoam cups! Annual membership cost \$12. Members share various gardening interests and enjoy 10% discount of regularly priced items at GardenWorks and by presenting their membership cards.

NO RAFFLE. There will be NO raffle at this meeting. Please do not bring any raffle items until September.

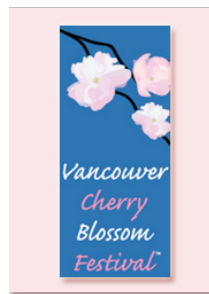
Future Speakers

- **October 6, 2010 "Roses" by Brad Jalbert.** Brad is the owner of Select Roses, a farm-style nursery/greenhouse specializing in the hybridizing and growing of beautiful garden roses. The nursery, located in South Langley, offers the finest in selection and quality of rose bushes in Western Canada. Select Roses was established in 1990 on the same farm that Brad was raised.

- **November 3, 2010 Hardy Orchids by Bill Bischoff.** Award winning and international speaker Bill Bischoff will share his gardening passion for all orchids. Join us for an evening as he explains how one small Phalaenopsis in Toronto, that almost crushed his gardening interest, has grown to over 700 orchids grown in warm & cool green houses, and now has extended to hardy orchids grown in his Surrey garden.



Many thanks to Bob Tuckey for giving us many useful tips on growing vegetables in ground and containers. For information on Bob Tuckey and The Natural Gardener go to www.thenaturalgardener.com



Buy your Birthday Blossoms Cherry Tree Early & Save

The Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival 2011 Community Tree Planting Initiative is delighted to offer you the special opportunity to reserve your ornamental cherry tree.

The David and Dorothy Lam Foundation and the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival are offering you participation in beautifying our city in time for Vancouver's 125th Birthday on April 6, 2011. Get involved in planting these 3,000 cherry trees all over the city on private property, school grounds and company lawns, adding to the blossoming beauty that is Vancouver. To quote our Blossom Benefactor, the Honourable Dr. David C. Lam's belief, "the cherry tree brings joy; one's enjoyment of it brings invisible wealth."

An ornamental cherry tree, valued in excess of \$75, is yours for the Special Offer Price of \$40, until supplies last. Proceeds will help support the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival, a charitable non-profit society dedicated to the education, celebration and preservation of the 38,000 cherry trees that help make our city unique, attracting admirers from around the world.

As supplies are limited, reserve your flowering cherry tree early to avoid disappointment. The trees are growing beautifully now in the Nursery and will be available for pick up from select GardenWorks locations and VanDusen Botanical Garden the first weekend in April, 2011 when they will be four years old, about six feet tall, well established in five gallon pots and sure to bloom soon after planting.

For more information on how to pre-order please visit www.vcbf.ca/birthdayblossom/birthday-blossoms



A clergyman walking down a country lane and sees a young farmer struggling to load hay back onto a cart after it had fallen off. "You look hot, my son," said the cleric. "Why don't you rest a moment, and I'll give you a hand." "No thanks," said the young man. "My father wouldn't like it."

"Don't be silly," the minister said. "Everyone is entitled to a break. Come and have a drink of water." Again the young man protested that his father would be upset. Losing his patience, the clergyman said, "Your father must be a real slave driver. Tell me where I can find him and I'll give him a piece of my mind!" "Well," replied the young farmer, "he's under the load of hay." - www.ahajokes.com

Out and About (no excuse to be bored this summer!)

May 1 - Oct. 31, every Saturday, 9am - 2pm. Burnaby Farmers Market at North Parking Lot of Burnaby City Hall, 4949 Canada Way at Deer Lake Parkway.

May 29, Saturday, 11am, Garden Clinic: Conversation with Conway at Gardenworks Mandeville (4746 Marine Drive). Enjoy a cup of coffee while Conway resolves your gardening questions. Free.

May 29, Saturday, 12 noon, Garden Clinic: Outdoor Flair at Gardenworks Lougheed (6250 Lougheed Hwy). How to take your entertainment or relaxation area to the next level. It's the little things that make the difference. Free.

May 30, Sunday, 1pm, Garden Clinic: "Treat the Planet Right!" Healthy Pest Control at all locations of Gardenworks. Learn natural methods of control that are safe for you and your garden. The focus will be on using bugs and living organisms to control pests. Free.

June 3, Thursday, 6:30pm, Hands-On Workshop: Low-Maintenance Gardening at Gardenworks Lougheed (6250 Lougheed Hwy). Sedums and succulents in rock gardens, container (bring your own container), and baskets. Non-refundable registration fee: \$10. Call 604-299-0621 or e-mail croberts@gardenworks.ca to register and for more information. Registration deadline: May 27. 10% discount on purchases made on your workshop day. Free registration for Ardent Gardener Members.

June 4, Friday, 6:30pm, Workshop for Kids: Under the Sea at Gardenworks Lougheed (6250 Lougheed Hwy). Paint a pot and put in plants to look like an underwater garden. \$8. Call 604-299-0621 or e-mail croberts@gardenworks.ca to register and for more information. Registration deadline: May 28. Parent participation is required.

June 5, Saturday, 10am, Bird Walk, VanDusen Botanical Garden. Bird Walk Meet at the Garden entrance. Join Jeremy Gordon from Nature Vancouver for a beginners' birding exploration in the Garden. Rain or shine. Limited to the first 20 people. Free for Members or with Garden admission. www.naturevancouver.ca

June 5, Saturday, 10am - 4pm, Burnaby Cactus & Succulent Society Sale at Royal Square Mall, 8th Ave & McBride Blvd., New Westminster. Free. Info: Pat Campbell 604-921-7042

June 5, Saturday, 9am - 4pm, 14th Annual Garden Party - Garden Craft & Plant Sale by Gwynne Vaughan Park Society. Corner of Hope River & Williams Rd (Fairfield Is.), Chilliwack. Info: Phyllis 604-792-6800, gwynnevaughanpark@yahoo.ca

June 5, Saturday, 10am - 4pm and June 6, Sunday 8am - 4pm, West Coast Bonsai Show, Harry Jerome Courtyard, Harry Jerome Rec Centre, 123 E 23 St, North Vancouver. Includes various

demonstrations over the course of the weekend. Free admission. Info: Robert Callahan 604-980-2088, rob_callahan@shaw.ca

June 5, Saturday, 12 noon, Garden Clinic: Landscaping on a Budget at Gardenworks Lougheed (6250 Lougheed Hwy). How to get the biggest bang for your buck. Find out what you can do on your own and which plants work quickly and effectively. Free.

June 5, Saturday, 11am, Garden Clinic: Outdoor Garden Rooms at Gardenworks Mandeville (4746 Marine Drive). Merchandising master Michelle Tornai will discuss how structure, furnishings, and plantings combine to create ambience and atmosphere in your garden. Free.

June 5, Saturday, 1pm - 3:30pm, Seminar: Artful Flowers, Instructor: Hitomi Gilliam. UBC Botanical Garden: 6804 SW Marine Dr, Vancouver. Learn to arrange flowers, artistically incorporating interesting materials straight out of your garden. Cost: \$60 General, \$55 Members. Info: 604-822-3929, botg@interchange.ubc.ca, www.ubcbotanicalgarden.org

June 6, Sunday, 1pm, Garden Clinic: Strawberry Alarm Clock at all locations of Gardenworks. Free. Wake up to the joy of strawberries and cream. But so many strawberries to choose from... Summer bearing? Ever bearing? Day-neutral? What is it all about?

June 10, Thursday, 6:30pm, Hands-On Workshop: bog Gardens and Water Gardens at Gardenworks Lougheed (6250 Lougheed Hwy). Pick your plants and learn how to put them together. Non-refundable registration fee: \$10. Call 604-299-0621 or e-mail croberts@gardenworks.ca to register and for more information. Registration deadline: June 3. 10% discount on purchases made on your workshop day. Free registration for Ardent Gardener Members.

June 11, Friday, 6:30pm, Workshop for Kids: Pressed Flowers at Gardenworks Lougheed (6250 Lougheed Hwy). Come see how creative you can be with these. \$5. Call 604-299-0621 or e-mail croberts@gardenworks.ca to register and for more information. Registration deadline: June 4. Parent participation is required.

June 12, Saturday, 10am-noon, Fall & Winter Vegetable Gardening at Eagles Estate Heritage Garden **5655 Sperling Ave.** Do you know that you can grow food all year in coastal BC? Join Sharon Hanna – instructor for Gaia College's "Growing Food in the City" program, creator of school gardens, and writer for GardenWise and Gardening Life to learn more about extending the growing season. Winter veggies need to be started as early as June through to early July. Find out what you can grow throughout fall and winter and explore the use of cloches and coldframes. Pre-registration required 604733-2313 or Iralph@conservancy.bc.ca. \$30 fee with proceeds to The Land Conservancy.

June 12, Saturday 10am-5pm and June 13, Sunday 10am-4:30pm, 2010 Annual Cactus & Succulent Show and Sale, VanDusen Botanical Garden. Free admission.

June 12, Saturday, 1pm, Garden Clinic: Rose Care for June at Gardenworks Mandeville (4746 Marine Drive). Conway Lum will discuss how to ensure beautiful blooms for June through autumn.

June 13, Sunday, 1pm, Garden Clinic: Growing Herbs for the Kitchen Variety at all locations of Gardenworks. Free. Discover herb combinations that complement any cooking style and learn the secrets to growing them.

June 14, Monday, 12pm - 1pm, Irises by Martha Bassett, UBC Botanical Garden, 6804 SW Marine Dr, Vancouver. Enjoy an illustrated overview of the iris in art, history, horticultural and the Botanical and Nitobe Gardens at UBC. Cost: \$5. Info: 604-822-3929, botg@interchange.ubc.ca, www.ubcbotanicalgarden.org

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June 17, Thursday, 6:30pm, Hands-On Workshop: It's Your Choice! at Gardenworks Lougheed (6250 Lougheed Hwy). Didn't get your containers, herb pots or hanging baskets planted? Maybe you saw something you'd like to try to create. This is your night to come in and get the project done with a little expert help! Non-refundable registration fee: \$10. Call 604-299-0621 or e-mail croberts@gardenworks.ca to register and for more information. Registration deadline: June 10. 10% discount on purchases made on your workshop day. Free registration for Ardent Gardener Members.

June 18, Friday 12pm - 3pm, Espalier by Tony Maniezzo. UBC Botanical Garden: 6804 SW Marine Dr, Vancouver Espalier, training trees into interesting shapes, is a great skill for people wanting to grow fruit trees in a small space. Cost: \$40 General, \$33 Members. Info: 604-822-3929, botg@interchange.ubc.ca, www.ubcbotanicalgarden.org

June 19, Saturday 10:30am - 12:30pm or 1:30 to 3:30 pm. HSBC VanDusen Family Program, Splash! VanDusen Botanical Garden. It's Pond Season: for families with children ages 5 to 11 years. Join our program leaders for hands-on look at pond life. Collect some critters with our pond-dipping nets and check them out up-close with our microscopes back at the Education Centre classroom. Price: Member Family \$10, Non-Member Family \$15 (includes garden admission). Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration required by calling 604-718-5898 or familyprograms@vandusen.org

June 19, Saturday, 12 noon, Garden Clinic: Roses! at Gardenworks Lougheed (6250 Lougheed Hwy). Come get answers to questions you didn't even know you had to ask! Beauty and inspiration come together. Free.

June 20, Sunday, 12pm - 4:30pm, Annual Vancouver Rose & Craft Show at VanDusen Botanical Garden. Admission \$4.00. For information contact Lesley at kfinlay@telus.net

June 20, Sunday, 10am - 4pm, East Vancouver Garden Tour. Tour over a dozen creative, attractive Commercial Drive area gardens and meet the gardeners. Self-guided walkable tour starts at Figaros Garden Centre, 1896 Victoria Drive. Get your map and head out. Tickets \$10, in advance. Contact Figaros at 604-253-1696.

June 20, Sunday, 12pm - 3pm, Medicine Wheel Ceremony at the First Nations' Medicine Wheel in the Canadian Heritage Garden, VanDusen Botanical Garden. Join elders from the First Nations community in a spiritual ceremony to mark the changing of the season. Wear clothing appropriate for the weather, bring a small stone to bless and leave at the wheel as well as a food item to share at the pot luck meal at the conclusion of the ceremony. Information: VanDusen's Librarian Marina Princz at library@vandusen.org or 604-257-8668

June 24, Thursday, 1 - 3pm, 2010 Herb Seminar Series: From Landscape to the Kitchen with Norma Matlock, Amsterdam Greenhouses, 19100 Dewdney Trunk Rd. Pitt Meadows. Learn landscape techniques regarding soil requirements, formal and informal herb gardens, hedges, centerpieces, pathways and ornaments in respect to "Cooking with Herbs." Cost: \$10 per person. You will receive a 10% discount on any regular-priced items purchased on this day. Pre-registration is required. Register in person or by phone: 604-465-6614, fax: 604-465-6768, or email: info@amsterdamgreenhouses.com

June 26, Saturday 10am-noon, Bumblebee Conservation at Eagles Estate Heritage Garden 5655 Sperling Ave. Urban spaces tend to be highly fractured ecologically, join Brian Campbell to learn how to make your neighbourhood more bee-friendly. Brian has a certificate in Permaculture Design, is a Certified Bee Master, and is very active in food security and conservation issues. Bumblebee biology and life cycles will be covered and you will learn some simple techniques to encourage and support these beautiful and important creatures. Help make bee corridors through our city environment so bees can continue helping us grow lots of food! Pre-registration required 604-733-2313 or ralph@conservancy.bc.ca. \$30 fee with proceeds to The Land Conservancy.

June 26, Saturday, 12 noon, Garden Clinic: Small Water Features at Gardenworks Lougheed (6250 Lougheed Hwy). Adding bowls and fountains to your landscape. Free.

June 26, Saturday, 1pm, Garden Clinic: Small Trees for Urban Gardens at Gardenworks Mandeville (4746 Marine Drive). Learn what trees are most suitable for a small-space garden. Free.

July 3-4, Saturday - Sunday, 10am - 4pm, Erikson's Daylily Gardens 9th Annual Open House. Come and see hundreds of daylilies in full bloom. Other nurseries will have displays, along with local artists, VanDusen Master Gardener Clinic, the Aldergrove Daylily Society club tent, auction and much more. Admission by donation. Partial proceed goes to Critter Care Wildlife Society.

August 7, Saturday, 12 noon, Garden Clinic: Winter & Spring Veggies at Gardenworks Lougheed (6250 Lougheed Hwy). Find out what to start now for your winter and early spring harvest. Free.