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Editor's Letter

To Plant a Tree

A Chinese proverb reminds us that the 'best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second time is now.' Inspired, I planted 5 native Serviceberrys (Almenlanchier). Did I mention these are one gallon trees? "You certainly are the optimist" my non-gardening husband commented. YES I am, yes I AM.



Jan Thorsen

Speaking of trees, Douglas Justice one of our presenters at the last Spring Education meeting has sent us his list of 'smallish' trees for city gardens which has been included for your reference.

The VIMGA clinics have been humming along due to the hard work of our district planners. Thank you so much for your organization efforts. It is great to meet new members and chat with the public. In person, I may add.

Another huge thank you goes to Cam Smith. Cam has re-vamped our VIMGA website and it is a work of art. Check it out at www.vimga.org

Within this newsletter you will meet new members, learn about what is happening in other districts and celebrate with Chris Southwick on her latest honour. Also, included is an article of planting with the cycles of the moon with Master Gardener Beth Walrond. Happy planting!

- Jan

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President's Message

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Mike O'Neill

Greetings VIMGA Members!

Great to connect with you via our Newsletter for June 2022. Thanks Jan and your committee for the work you do to keep us all up to date with the latest goings on in VIMGA. Much appreciated.

So many members work hard to make our organization great! It is through these efforts that we enjoy good communications, organization, and the general well being and effectiveness of VIMGA in serving our members and the public. There are so many ways one can contribute and I encourage members to get involved in whatever capacity interests you. Your contribution and enthusiasm will be much appreciated and we need you!

I want to say thank you to our recently retired secretary Carla Sorenson on behalf of the board! Carla has stepped away from her role as Secretary and we have very much appreciated her service to VIMGA in maintaining our board minutes, participating in Board meetings, and responding to emails received at info@vimga.org. Her informative and thoughtful replies have represented our organization very well.

Thank you Carla!

I invite members to step up to serve our organization by taking on a board or committee position. Share your passion and talent with our members so we can continue as a strong organization in service to our members. It just feels good! Talk to a board or committee member to see where you might enjoy being part of the administration and function of VIMGA. There is something for everybody.

I will say the weather has been astonishing for the most part. In looking at clinics we can sometimes see the effect it is having on the public attendance in retail garden centres and other events that are normally well attended. Some clinics have been super busy while others very slow. I recently attended a clinic at which only 8 members of the public posed questions for our MGs and Intern. Weather related I am sure since many would have confused June for March at best.

With the changes from 2020 and 2021 in relaxed restrictions there is a lot more going on in our communities comparatively speaking. Keep in mind that we still face challenges in this transition year and there are a lot of different approaches depending on your comfort level. One must respect that not everybody has the same approach I am mindful of the needs of others in participating in this transition year. I for one am happiest interacting with the public and VIMGA members in person and looking forward to seeing many of you this season at clinics and other events.

We have one more board meeting on June 14 before heading into the summer administration break. Plenty still going on just a respite from monthly board meetings. Enjoy what will eventually be summer on Vancouver Island. With **VIMGA hosting the BCMGA AGM** this year many of us will be busy getting this fun event organized for October.

All the best to you,

Mike

Recognition Awards

The American Rhododendron Society

Silver Medal Award

Congratulations, Silver Medal Winners!

Milner Gardens and Woodland held a gathering for all members of the District 1 of the American Rhododendron Society (all BC Chapters of the ARS). It was held in the Greig Rhododendron Species Garden which was established with help from all District 1 clubs and opened 4 years ago. Part of the occasion was to celebrate two members who were awarded the Silver Medal of the ARS. On the left you see Douglas Justice who has spoken to VIMGA on several occasions, most recently at the 2022 Spring education day and of special significance to us: Chris Southwick on the right.

Chris comes from a long line of Rhododendron Enthusiasts: Her grandparents, Ted and Mary Greig, for whom the Milner Rhodo species garden is named were friends of Veronica Milner and many of the hybrids they created are found in the gardens. Greig hybrids are also found in Van Dusen Gardens, Stanley Park and UBC Botanical Gardens. For all their work, they received the highest medal of the ARS: The Gold Medal. Chris' parents were also great rhododendron growers and received the ARS Bronze Medal. And now Chris received the Silver Medal. Very well-deserved as we all know from her talks on rhododendrons and companion plants and for her wonderful garden.

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- *submitted by Dorothee Kieser*



Douglas Justice and Chris Southwick

The New Face of VIMGA is Up and Running

Our new website went live in mid-March and is located at: <https://www.vimga.org>.

The new website is available to both the public and to VIMGA members. Obviously, the public access is limited, but provides information about what VIMGA is all about and how to contact us. Both the public and members have access to events calendars and links to other resources, such as local garden clubs and nurseries, plant databases, and more. Members-only sections include the VIMGA Members' Manual, the membership list, with full contact information, and, of course, access to the Record of Volunteer Hours form, clinic forms and reports and statistical information.

If you are uncertain about how to access the site, go to: <https://www.vimga.org/documentation/docs-access-instructions/> (no login required to access). That will give you full instructions for accessing the site and how to enter/change your password.

Tips for the Record of Volunteer Hours form

Full instructions for working with the RoVH form can be found here: <https://www.vimga.org/documentation/working-with-your-record-of-volunteer-hours-form>

Each row in the RoVH represents one activity: an advice clinic, attending/viewing an educational event, attending a VIMGA committee meeting, etc. **Note that advice clinic hours are automatically added by the system, based on information entered by the District Planners; you cannot change this entry.**

The "**Clinic Advice Hours**" column shows hours for each of the Advice Clinics you signed-up for. The next column, "**Other Advice Hours**" are for advice hours that are not included in clinics. This will include GAPS (Garden Advice Parties), writing GAL (Garden Advice Line, in conjunction with Milner Gardens) articles, writing articles for other publications, outside presentations (to other clubs or organizations), etc. You are responsible for entering this information by creating a new row (using the "Add Row" button) and filling in the appropriate info.

NOTE that your total advice hours for the year are the sum of the Clinic Advice Hours and the Other Advice Hours.

The next two columns, "**Continuing Education**" and "**Admin**", are similar to Other Advice Hours: you must add a row and enter the appropriate information. The system will not do it for you.

As always, if you have any questions or difficulties working with the website, don't hesitate to contact me: webmaster@vimga.org

Submitted by Cameron Smith



The public face of the new VIMGA website.



"What Would Jeremy Say?"

By Beth Walrond

Jeremy Clarkson took over the management of his 1000-acre farm in the Cotswold and ran it himself. Clarkson Farm documents his experiences, frustrations with the weather, government regulations and the local council. It is sometimes hilarious and often painful to watch a man with no experience in farming launch another unresearched plan or idea. I put myself into his efforts, purely in my imagination, to share one idea.

Jeremy and I are having an administrative meeting in his office. Spring planting schedule is priority. Before he launches into his next crazy idea, I want to make sure he knows about a somewhat controversial idea that may help his crops.

"So, Jeremy, do you have this year's copy of The Old Farmer's Almanac?" I ask.

"Why, do I need that?" Jeremy is quick to respond.

"For the Moon phase dates, of course," I say.

"What?" he says, looking a bit confused and wary.

"Yes, you need it for knowing when to plant. The moon gravitational pull at the New Moon creates a soil tide that helps seeds absorb water and break open faster. The plants are also stronger and better established when you plant and transplant by the phases of the moon."

Farming is new to Jeremy. He has learned so much in his first year. But this is news to him. His brow furrows and he wait for me to continue, so I lay it out. Just the main points. I don't want to overload his mind.

I continue:

There is the waxing of the moon and the waning of the moon.

Two days before the New Moon plant short and extra-long-germinating seeds (that is most vegetables and herbs) in flats or beds.

In the seven days following the new moon there is a balanced increase in the rate of root and new leaf grown. In the second 7 days there is an increase in leaf growth rate. At the full moon Transplant seedlings from flats into beds and plant long germinating seeds (most flowers) in flats and/or beds.

In the third seven days following the full moon there is an increased root growth. And the last 7 days, as the moon wanes there is balanced decrease in rate of root and leaf growth. This is a resting period.

I stop talking as Jeremy rolls his eyes and looks askance.

And this is what Jeremy said.

"This is all bullocks".

"No, no it isn't." I reply. "My grandfather swears by all this and I didn't believe him till, one year unintentionally, I planted my carrots at the time of the new moon and they germinated in 4 days instead of the usual 10 to 14 days. Now, I just get the chart of the time and date for phases of the moon for our area and have it by my planning calendar. Of course, if the weather is too wet or too cold you may have to wait a bit, but there is some leeway."

"Next you're going to tell me to talk to my plants", says Jeremy.

"Well..." I'll wait to introduce that folklore idea.

I leave him to think about it. I am sure he will come up with a plan.

The above conversation is purely imaginary, but the facts are gleaned from the following resources.

This article first appeared in the May/June edition of "Island Farm & Garden"

References

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Garden Folklore that Works, by Charlie Ryrie

The Old Farmers Almanac www.timeanddate.com/moon/phases/year2022



Beth Walrond

An outing and education opportunity in the native garden of Caroline Josefson (VIU).

(and they got free strawberry plants—bonus!)

*Pictures submitted by
Dorothee Kieser*



Meet Our Members

Susan Lewis

I have always had an interest in gardening. The Master Gardener course has been terrific learning experience and I have met some real Really great people.

Outside of my gardening passion I lead the event division at Lewis & Sears Marketing & Event Management, specializing in impeccable Detail and exceptional results. I also work part time at Milner Gardens.



Susan Lewis

Ruth Beilman

The other week while attending a session at Chris Southwick's amazing garden an intern asked me if I specialized in anything ... I said no – I am a generalist. I love roses, I love tomatoes, I love rhododendron, I love sweet peas, rhubarb, hellebore, annuals, natives, perennials, trees.....

I have yet to find my garden specialty and don't know if I could pick just one.

A huge thank you to Dorothee Kieser and Jo Canning for being the best mentors ever and all the MGs who volunteered with zoom clinics so we could get our advice time. What a great community this is.



Ruth Beilman

Marion Waters

My first experience with gardening was poking seeds into the ground (marigolds I think) with my mother when I was about five years old. I'm not sure if that was the event that hooked me, but certainly my mother's lifelong interest in gardening was an inspiration. Eight years ago, my husband and I bought a five-acre property in Black Creek. I now have a large veggie garden, chickens, a small orchard, and several (small-but-ever-expanding) beds for flowers and shrubs. Most of the property we have left to nature so we can enjoy the many benefits of living next to a forest. There is always something fun to observe from pileated woodpeckers to Indian pipes.

Ever since I retired after a long career as an educator, I have wanted to become a Master Gardener, mostly so that I could learn how to correct my misguided practices! I love learning about the science behind plant and insect life because that knowledge influences all my gardening decisions now. I really enjoy the clinics and helping other gardeners find their way through their issues. I always learn something interesting! Writing is another hobby of mine and of course gardening is a frequent topic. I am also lucky to have two wonderful grandchildren. My three-year-old granddaughter already loves helping me poke seeds into the ground.



Marion Waters

VIMGA and VIRL Expand Our Partnership

Our partnership with the Vancouver Island Regional Library was expanded this spring with a few trial clinics at several branches. All three (Duncan, Sooke, Ladysmith) proved very popular, and we've been invited to return next year to each branch as often as we can schedule them. As usual, VIRL did wonderful marketing, and put gardening book displays for each clinic. In June, Debora Gurrard and Jo Canning will offer a clinic at Cumberland.

We hope to expand to Nanaimo, Courtenay and Campbell River next year, and an outreach to those branches is underway. Because the Victoria Library is not part of the VIRL libraries, our presence won't be seen there, but we

hope in the near future to have at least one clinic at every VIRL branch on the Island. The gift of the pandemic -- our wildly successful zoom seminars with VIRL -- continues apace and will be offered monthly on a Monday evening through October. April Ripley, the Adult Education Librarian recently moved from Nanaimo to Sooke, reported to me that our virtual gardening series is the single most successful educational offering that VIRL has hosted. To date we have reached over 2,500 members of the gardening public. Many thanks to the stalwart MGs who have taken the (considerable) extra time to share their knowledge with the public through these seminars. The gardening public now has living books and reliable reference lists of publications and websites to rely on, a legacy we can be proud of. A review of gardening books in the VIRL collection is underway. We are also compiling a list of books for in-branch reference. _Richard Bernier will be heading up the 2023 project, so please consider adding your knowledge to the library next season.

-submitted by Jo Canning, VIRL Seminar Coordinator



At Dinter Nursery: Fern Hietkamp and April Johnston



Fern Hietkamp, Carla Sorensen, Jasmine Oberste and Bernie Dinter

Pictures submitted
by Gwen Redcliffe



Fern Hietkamp, Martha Jean Clarke and Louise Sawchuk

Message from Cowichan Area

submitted by Gwen Redcliffe, Cowichan District Planner

The first half of 2022 has been eventful with new venues and the welcoming of our 3 three Interns Sandra Lee, Jasmine Oberste and Louise Sawchuk. Our Cowichan District membership now totals 19 and includes 3 Alumnus (welcome back Sue Marr) and 2 on Leave of Absence (welcome back Dom Turgeon). We also want to thank Jacqueline Sherk for being our past District Rep and welcome Ute Holewa, a last year's graduate who has taken on this position.

Thanks to VIMGA's financial support our Cowichan District purchased a tent and held a tent raising rehearsal combined with a Pruning GAP on February 27th. March was a busy month with Saltair Seedy Sunday March 6th followed by Duncan Seedy Saturday March 12th, an outdoor event where we tried out our new tent. Through the initiative of our member Jo Canning, we held new venues at the Duncan, Ladysmith and Sooke Libraries with great success March 21st, 25th and May 15th.

Our clinics at Dinter Nursery are now out of doors and again kudos to VIMGA we have a new banner (ten foot width) with the logo "Gardening Questions Answered Here". We've changed our hours at Dinter Nursery to include 2 shifts per day. Our Interns will achieve the majority of their credits with the 8 days scheduled on alternate Saturdays throughout the year March through June and in September.

Gwen Redcliffe's talk on "My Affair with Dahlias" was well received at the Ladysmith and Saltair Garden Club on April 21st. We're looking forward to making a video of the "Tuber 'Rap Mantra". The Ladysmith Garden Club appreciated our MGs participation at their plant sale on May 7th with great enthusiasm. The donated plants were sold out within hours also at the Sylvan United Church Plant Sale on May 14th in Mill Bay.

May 29th was a full day of garden tours for our MG's participating at one garden with the Ladysmith Rotary Club and four gardens with the Cowichan Family Life. It has been a great opportunity to learn from the garden owners about air layering with rhododendrons and the hugelkultur method of gardening, the use of sheep manure for fantastic rose blooms, crevice gardening, and the advantage of garden rooms on a small city lot.

We congratulate Joanne Barwise's anniversary in May for initiating our Cowichan District's column Gardening Hoe Down in the Take Five Magazine. Thank you to our members including Joanne, Jo Canning, Fern Hietkamp, April Johnston, Ute Holewa, and Jacqueline Sherk. You can read their articles submitted on line with Take Five Magazine's back issues. June's issue will be, Bee Smart – Be a Pollinator Partner by Joanne (to promote pollinator week June 20-26). We are happy to advertise the Gardening Advice Line. Go to: GardeningAdvice.MilnerGardeners@shaw.ca where our members help answering gardening questions.

Jo Canning continues to encourage our participation with the VIRL Vancouver Island Regional Library (Harbourfront) to present webinars on many gardening topics. Thank you to our members who have contributed this year. Joanne Barwise will be presenting "Be Firesmart: Gardening Practices to Protect Your Home" on June 6th.

We look forward to a few Garden Advice Parties in the summer and the Cowichan Fall Fair.

Area Representative Updates:

Nanaimo District Rep – Cameron Smith

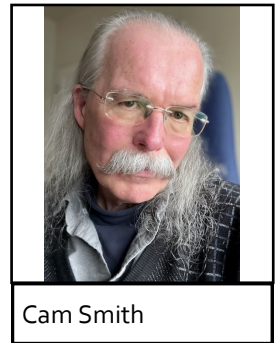
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Rain, rain, and more rain! We are certainly into January now, having lived through Maycember! And I know many of you will cringe, but my tomatoes are in the ground and doing OK. Potatoes are doing well, the deep crimson flowers on the favas and the bright yellow Brassica blossoms are attracting many pollinators, but no scapes on the garlic, yet. Strange times, indeed.

Our district planner, Chris Southwick wanted me to pass along her thanks to the Nanaimo members “for putting up with all of the emails and also to all of the Nanaimo members and a few others for stepping up to ensure that all of the clinics have been filled this spring and summer.” She also notes there are still a few clinics that are able to add a third member (see the clinic list on the website: <https://www.vimga.org/reports/advice-clinic-table>), if anyone needs to add more hours.

The Nanaimo District has 57 clinics that have been conducted or planned, for a total of about 535 advice hours. This year we’re appearing at two Farmers’ Markets: The Island Roots Market (every other week for a total of 10 clinics) and the Cedar Farmers’ Market (six clinics). At this point we have only one GAP scheduled.

We have 21 active members (including 5 interns), 3 on LOA, 2 lifetime members, and 4 alumnus members.



VIMGA Cowichan District Rep - Ute Holewa

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It’s already June! Feels like March most days; so my plants tell me. But surely the tomatoes and peppers will get their day in the sun one of these days! I recently attended the Cowichan Family Life Garden Tour as an MG. Carla Sorensen and I had a perfect day in a magical urban garden with two delightful owners and 275 garden enthusiasts who passed through the “jewel box” garden, marveling at what was on display and exuding their genuine love of plants. My kind of people!



I would like to introduce myself as the new Cowichan District Rep, taking over from Jacqueline Sherk who has moved on as VIMGA’s Rep to the MGABC. My role is to act as liaison between Cowichan members and the Board of Directors. Please feel free to contact me with your ongoing activities, ideas and concerns about our organization and I’ll strive to keep you informed on VIMGA events and issues that arise at board meetings. I continue to work closely with Gwen Redcliffe, our District Planner who will fill everyone in regarding Cowichan venues.

Kudos to Cowichan members continuing their plant related education. Four that I’m aware of are:

Joanne Barwise is enrolled in the Master Mettologist Program at Extension Services, Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon.

Area Representative Updates con't

Martha Jean Clarke taking “Meadow Makers”, Restoration of Garry Oak Meadow Eco Systems with Native Plants. The course is hosted by Satin Flower Nursery in Saanich and runs from April to October. Studies are on line and in person with field trips.

Fern Hietkamp taking courses with the Organic Land Care program with Gaia College (located in Duncan) over the past few years to enhance knowledge and develop skills in garden design, plant choice & garden care. www.gaiacollege.ca/our-mission.html

Jacqueline Sherk as an ISA certified arborist, having completed a re-accreditation course called 'Tree Risk Assessment Qualification' followed by an exam and a successful performance re-evaluation.

Teaser Watch for WILD Tuber 'Rap Mantra' coming to a video near you! (October 2022)

VIMGA Qualicum/Parksville District Rep - Ruth Beilman

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Congratulations to Karen Laity and Susan Lewis on your graduation!

PQN would like to introduce our 4 new interns:

Diane Buirs, Jean Carr, Norma Kilpatrick and Deb Seibel.



Ruth Beilman



Deb and Jean at the MARS Garden Advice Tour Advice Clinic



Area Representative Updates con't

North Island District Rep—Cathy Lund

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Cathy Lund

I'm very happy to feel that spring is actually here in the Comox Valley. North Island CMGs and interns are on track for completing required volunteer hours. There has been a lot of volunteering already done this year including activities beyond what's included in the reports so everyone has been busy.

It's been a learning exercise getting back into clinic mode after almost 2 years and the April and May weather wasn't as conducive to getting a lot of people into the nurseries.

Volunteering started in February with 9 GAPs.

March volunteer events included 1 GAP and 1 pruning clinic.

April included 3 GAPs and the first 2 nursery clinics.

May 2 GAPs were held and 1 nursery clinic.

Most of the CMGs have met the interns in the clinics. It's a good group and really nice to increase our numbers plus have representation further north to Campbell River.

Campbell River Garden Center Advice Clinic April 24th. This is the first advice clinic at this nursery. Helps to have one of the interns work there previously, Marion Waters. Thanks to Jane Kerr for securing 2 nurseries in Campbell River this year for advice clinics. Hosts were amazingly welcoming. Shauna took the following photo and posted it on Facebook to let people know that we were there. Nigel updated the wording on the sign at the entrance to the nursery to do the same. I'm looking forward to going back there in August.



Cathy Lund, Marion Waters, Shannon Dumouchelle



Fall into Gardening is Back and so is Our AGM

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Qualicum Beach Civic Centre

Theme: Your Garden and Climate Instability

VIMGA has again teamed up with the Mount Arrowsmith and Nanaimo Rhododendron Societies to host a one-day fall gardening workshop on Sunday, October 23. Our VIMGA AGM will be held over the lunch hour so as not to miss out on the excellent speakers.

Details to follow in our September newsletter.

Bringing the WILD into our Gardens' -- 2022 MGABC AGM

Greetings Vancouver Island Master Gardeners! As your VIMGA representative on the provincial executive council and a member of our Master Gardener Association of BC Annual General Meeting planning committee, I wish to invite one and all VIMGA members to our exciting 2022 AGM event being hosted by our own chapter on October 2nd. This year and every year our Annual General Meeting brings all six chapters of BC Master Gardeners together for this annual event that also includes up to the minute educational themes and gardening fun for all.

I hope you have already marked your calendars for October 2nd – if not, please take a moment right now to do that so that you don't double book yourself and end up missing out on this special day. (Most importantly, when you receive the message that registration has opened, register right away so that you don't miss out on the draws. Registration is free, but note that the deadline for being included in the draws is September 30th).

One more thing to add, we want to see your gardening photos! Please share as many as you like by sending them via email to Cameron Smith at gardenpictures@vimga.org. Labels are desirable, but optional. Cameron will compile our photos into a slide show that will roll out periodically throughout the day. I hope to see all of you on October 2nd!

- submitted by Jacqueline Sherk, MGABC VIMGA Representative

MARS Plant sale and clinic April 23 – Qualicum Beach

The plant sale was a success! \$384.00 was raised.

A great big thank you goes out to all who donated and delivered the beautiful plants.

I would also like to give a very big thanks to Dorothee who mentored/assisted/organized/delivered and donated so much allowing my first CMG clinic and plant sale organizing event to go without a hitch!!

The plants which were left went to the Nanaimo Rhododendron show and sale and almost all remaining plants were sold for an additional \$144.75. Thanks Jan Thorsen for working the sale.

- submitted by Ruth Beilman



Dorothee Kieser at the Qualicum Beach Sale .



Dorothee Kieser and Ellen Stewart at
Wheelbarrow Nursery, Gabriola (in warmer times).
Photo by Sybille Dorn



VIU students at
Propagating workshop,
Milner Gardens.

*submitted by
Ruth Beilman*

Small and Smallish Trees for City Gardens

The following are all relatively "easy care" and disease and pest resistant, as long as the soil drains, there is good air circulation and modicum of summer moisture and full sun (unless otherwise indicated). Invasives have been stripped from the list. Broadleaf plants are deciduous unless otherwise noted. Conifers are evergreen.

Abies koreana
Abies pinsapo (deep soil best)
Acer buergerianum
Acer circinatum (best in part shade)
Acer griseum
Acer japonicum (best in part shade)
Acer komarowii (syn. *A. tschonoskii* subsp. *koreanum*) (best in part shade)
Acer micranthum (best in part shade)
Acer palmatum (many) (best in part shade)
Acer shirasawanum (best in part shade)
Acer tataricum subsp. *ginnala*
Acer triflorum
Albizia julibrissin (eventually very broad)
Arbutus unedo (eventually a tree)
Betula utilis subsp. *albo-sinensis*
Calocedrus decurrens
Catalpa bignonioides 'Aurea'
Cercidiphyllum japonicum (large tree with a small footprint) (drought intolerant)
Cercis canadensis
Clerodendrum trichotomum (will sucker)
Cornus 'Eddies White Wonder'
Cornus controversa ©Variegata©
Cornus kousa ©Satomi©
Cornus mas
Cotinus coggygria (eventually a tree if unpruned)
Cotoneaster 'Cornubia' (evergreen)
Crataegus 'lavalleyi
Cunninghamia lanceolata 'Glauca'
Embothrium coccineum (Zone ³) (evergreen)
Enkianthus campanulatus (eventually a tree if unpruned)
Eucryphia 'intermedia 'Rostrevor' (evergreen)
Eucryphia 'nymansensis 'Nymansay' (evergreen)
Fagus sylvatica 'Dawyck' (large tree with a small footprint)
Koelreuteria paniculata
Magnolia cylindrica
Magnolia 'Leonard Messel'
Magnolia sieboldii (best in part shade)
Magnolia 'soulangeana cultivars
Oxydendrum arboreum
Picea omorika
Pieris japonica (eventually a tree) (best in part shade) (evergreen)



Dogwood at Duncan Library,
photo by Jo Canning

Pinus parviflora Glauca Group (eventually large)
Prunus 'Pandora'
Prunus 'Shogetsu'
Prunus 'Umineko' ('Snow Goose' is similar)
Pyrus salicifolia (eventually a tree)
Rhododendron decorum (eventually a tree) (best in part shade) (evergreen)
Rhus typhina (will sucker)
Robinia pseudoacacia 'Frisia'
Sciadopitys verticillata
Sorbus glabriuscula
Sorbus 'Joseph Rock'
Sorbus pseudohupehensis
Sorbus aria 'Lutescens'
Stewartia monadelphica (best in part shade) (eventually large unless contained)
Stewartia pseudocamellia best in part shade) (eventually large unless contained)
Styrax japonicus
Syringa vulgaris (will sucker) (eventually a tree)
Trochodendron aralioides (best in part shade) (evergreen)
Tsuga mertensiana (cooler location)
Viburnum cinnamomifolium (eventually a tree) (evergreen)
Viburnum lantana (eventually a tree)

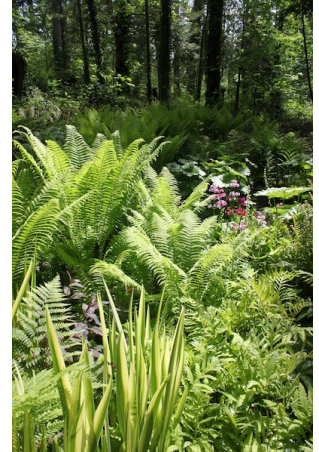
Milner Gardens and Woodland News



To see what is happening at Milner Gardens go to:

milnergardens@shaw.ca

For Your Education Pleasure.....



Present MARGOT MOSER
to speak on
Beautiful BC Native Ferns for Alpine & Rock Gardens

Monday, June 27, 2022
7 – 9:30 p.m.
(doors open 6:30),
QUALICUM BEACH CIVIC CENTRE,
747 JONES, Q.B.

\$3 at door includes entry in plant draw & coffee/tea & goodies.

Sunday, June 12 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm:

ALTRUSA GARDEN TOUR

Self-guided tour of 6 lovely Gardens in Nanaimo. Fundraiser to Support Women, Children and Literacy in Nanaimo.

Tickets are \$20 available at the following:

Green Thumb; KC's Boutique & Petite; Little Tree Garden Centre; Turley's Florist; and Janie's Got a Bus

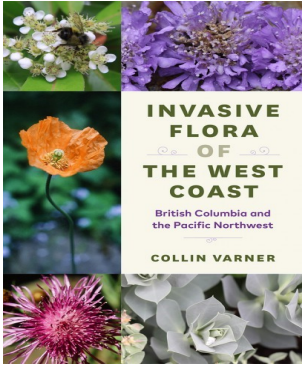


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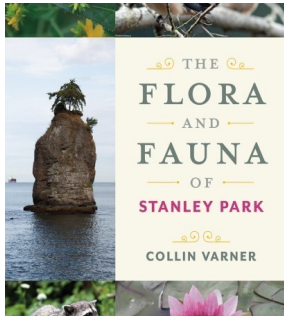


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Varner is the author of two of Heritage House's bestselling nature guides: [*The Flora and Fauna of Coastal British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest*](#), Expanded Edition (2021) and [*Edible and Medicinal Flora of the West Coast*](#) (2020).

Invasive Flora of the West Coast: British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest is a compact, full-colour field guide to the growing number of invasive plant species spreading across coastal and the Pacific Northwest, highlighting their hazards and uses.

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The Flora and Fauna of Stanley Park is a concise, full-colour guide to more than 200 native and introduced plant and animal species found in Vancouver's famed city park.

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