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Birding in the Garden

By Jeremy Gordon



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GARDEN HOURS

September
10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

October
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

November
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WEBSITE

www.vandusengarden.org

*Great blue herons are
year-round residents at
the Garden.*

"OK,

everybody look up, there's a black-headed grosbeak at the top of that tall tree...the one with the round leaves..." I really should know my trees better after leading bird walks here for the last four years! The walks came out of my love of birding and involvement with the Vancouver Natural History Society and are arranged with the assistance of Education Coordinator Lorri Espeseth. They last two hours and run a couple of times each spring and fall, with

group size ranging from 2 to 20 (depending on the weather). Everyone is welcome regardless of level of expertise. VanDusen Garden, with its 55 acres of open lawns, trees, bushes and numerous waterways, attracts up to 50 species of birds throughout the year.

In winter the lakes are visited by various ducks while kinglets, bushtits and sparrows feed around bare trees and leaf mold. Spring brings a small migration of 'warblers' heading north for the breeding season. Summer is a slower time but spotted towhee can be seen singing

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from bush tops, and red-breasted nuthatches can be heard calling from the groves of Douglas fir. Finally, fall completes the cycle with cedar waxwings and band-tailed pigeons feasting on the berries and nuts.

With its raised elevation, the Garden is a fine place to see the occasional bald eagle or hawk soaring above the city, often chased by the common ravens that nest in the Garden, or by the ever-present north-western crows. Great blue herons can be seen year-round, and the chatter of the occasional belted kingfisher can sometimes be heard. Recently two barred owls have taken up residence in the Garden.

Despite the richness of the Garden, there are some notable bird absences, such as woodpeckers and blackbirds, and there are fewer swallows and hummingbirds than might be expected. Possible improvements include leaving dead trees for nesting and introducing plants, such as salmon-berries and rushes, for food and shelter, as well as avoiding disturbing known nesting areas.

Next time you're at the Garden, look up at the birds as well as down at the flowers – they make a great combination!

Jeremy Gordon is a Past President of the Vancouver Natural History Society and leads the regular bird walks in the Garden.

VANDUSEN GARDEN BIRD WALKS

Saturdays: October 2; November 6; and December 4
10 a.m. to noon; meet at Garden Entrance.

Grab your binoculars and join Jeremy Gordon for a birding exploration in the Garden. Limited to first 20 people. Free for Members or with Garden admission.

The Great Greenhouse Clear-out SALE in the Lath House

Saturday October 23
10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Members only*
1 p.m. to 4 p.m., open to the public

Propagator Bruce McDonald is clearing out the greenhouse and is releasing many plant treasures:

assorted Rhododendrons and Hebes, *Helleborus sternii*, *Heptacodium miconioides*, *Camassia leichtlinii*, *Convolvulus cneorum*, *Agapanthus 'Bressingham Blue'*, *Clerodendrum trichotomum var. fargesii* plus many, many more.

*Proof of Membership required in order to purchase between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

DON'T MISS THIS ONE TIME ONLY SALE!



6th Annual Scarecrow Festival

A Harvest Celebration at
VanDusen Botanical Garden



Saturday October 23 to Saturday October 30

Free for members or with regular Garden admission

Scarecrow Display 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Family Events: October 23, 24 and October 30

Discover the wonderful ways that children, school classes and local businesses have turned recyclable materials into whimsical garden folk. Vote for your favourite scarecrow and enjoy the fun Family Events, including pumpkin decorating and spooky crafts, storytelling, face painting, a nature fair and lots more!

Scarecrow Festival Sponsors:



Water Conservation

AT VANDUSEN GARDEN

By Jill Cherry



Photo: Michael LeCroy

The underground water reservoir lies just west of the waterfall in the Sino-Himalayan Garden.

I overheard a comment at a recent garden event that the speaker had only started to think about water conservation as an issue for Vancouver as a result of learning about it at VanDusen Garden. Years of living on the 'wet' coast had led her to believe that this was an issue of concern for others to the south and east, but not really for us. My interest was two-fold. First, her surprise at finding out that conserving water is a growing and important issue for our area probably indicates that the public generally may not be aware. Secondly, I was delighted that she had learned of the issue from VanDusen Garden. This tells me that our conservation message is proving to be effective and that the Garden has the potential to make a significant contribution to conservation education.

In the March 2004 Bulletin I reported that the Vancouver Park Board was funding a study of water use at the Garden for the purpose of developing alternative strategies for reducing our dependence on the potable water supply. We now have that report, and it contains some really exciting possibilities that would allow VanDusen to not only practise sustainable water use but also to demonstrate it as an educational tool for greater public awareness and inspiration.

The Garden uses approximately 100,000 m³ of potable water annually. Of this amount about 60% is used for irrigation, with the balance consumed by facilities and water features. The report includes a redesign of the irrigation system

to increase its efficiency for better plant maintenance using less water. There are also site-specific recommendations for how the water in our lakes, streams and waterfalls could be recirculated.

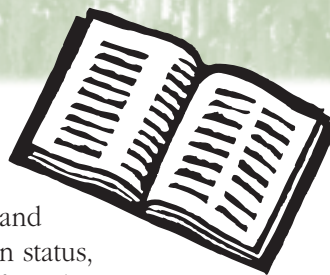
Relative to alternative sources of water, the consultants first verified the structural integrity of the existing, on site, unutilized reservoir and determined that it has a capacity of 15,000 m³. The concept of directing stormwater from adjacent neighbourhoods into the Garden was found to be viable and relatively straightforward. The Shaughnessy development at the western end of the garden currently has separated sanitary and storm sewers, which could easily discharge water onto our site for storage in the reservoir. A filtering system could remove heavy oils and sediments, and the report suggests that a constructed wetland be installed at Forest Lake to further improve water quality. This wetland would be a demonstration of how stormwater can be cleaned through natural processes and would be a valuable interpretive tool for the Garden.

So far so good. However the challenge comes in the dry summer months, once the reservoir has been depleted, and there is no stormwater to replenish it. To solve this problem the consultants recommend we sink a well to tap into underground water, which would again be stored in the reservoir and used as necessary.

The report therefore recommends a combination of improvements. Now that we have a plan of action, it will be a question of implementation over time as funds permit. I expect that over the next few years we will make significant progress towards a more sustainable use of water at the Garden.

Jill Cherry is Director of VanDusen Garden

Leaves in the Library



Did you know that hummingbirds are most attracted to brilliant red and orange, funnel-shaped flowers? Or that Steller's jays tend to arrive at feeders very early in the morning, before most other birds?

Being able to identify and understand the habits of local wildlife serves to connect us to the natural world and can be both an exciting and highly rewarding experience. As the Garden is a great place for bird watching, the library is an important resource to help you learn more about birds and their habits. For those interested in attracting birds to their backyards or balconies, former Audubon Magazine editor John K. Terres's *Songbirds in Your Garden* (1994) is a quirky and humorous book that is full of practical and interesting information.

For those who want to identify local birds, Nancy Baron & John Acorn's *Birds of Coastal British Columbia* (1997) is an indispensable guidebook that identifies more than 200 common birds of our region. The book groups birds by general types (shorebirds, thrushes etc.) and is colour-coded for quick identification.

For more detailed information regarding nesting, feeding, migration,

courtship, habitat, clutch size and conservation status, *The Lives of North American Birds* (1996) by Kenn Kaufman is highly recommended. This encyclopedic avian natural history presents 600 species of birds found throughout North America. It is organized by taxonomic order and groups birds by family. Small colour photographs and range maps accompany each listing, and the text is easily readable.

LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday to Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday evening 7 to 9 p.m.
Sunday afternoon 1 to 4 p.m.

The circulation collection is available to all VBGA members.

Donations Gladly Accepted!

Donations are our life-blood. They are used to supplement our reference and circulation collections or are sold with the profits used to purchase new books.



IPM Integrated Pest Management

Fall traditionally means garden cleanup, and some tasks done now can help protect your garden next year. Remember the birds, the ladybugs and the mulch.

Birds help with insect control but need our assistance if insects are in short supply. When cleaning the garden, leave some seed heads on plants, such as grasses, hostas, rudbeckias and sunflowers, as food for birds.

Ladybugs also help with insect control but they hibernate over the winter.

Put up a ladybug house with some compost or leaves inside so that they have a warm place for the winter.

Mulching is very important. When cleanup is finished, topdress with compost, chipped or shredded leaves, bark nuggets or pine needles. Mulches act as weed suppressants and help warm the soil in spring. In summer they help retain moisture, which cuts down on watering. All of this will help you grow healthy plants, and healthy plants are more resistant to diseases and insects.

FALLEN LEAVES

With great sadness we advise members of the passing of longtime Guide Nan Sherlock. Nan was a member of the very first Guide group at the Garden. She was renowned for her remarkable knowledge of botany and was often called upon by her peers for this reason. The Garden extends condolences to the Sherlock family, which includes former VBGA staffer Jennifer and her husband, VanDusen gardener Gerry Gibbens.

Dendrologist Alan Turner has also passed away. A passionate collector of species trees, Alan was a longtime friend of VanDusen Garden, to which he donated several rare specimens.

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PLANT SALE 2004

From the look of eager anticipation on the faces of the patient folks waiting in the line that stretched from the Garden entrance out into the brilliant sunshine, to the last weary volunteers clearing the site, it was an exceptional day.

As I watched the first rush of enthusiastic people running down the steps into the Garden, a young woman stopped short beside a large pot of narcissus in full bloom. She bent down, smelled them, turned to me and said, "What a beautiful perfume they have!"

She had waited more than an hour in line, yet took the time to 'smell the roses'.

A wonderful start to the day!

I noted that many satisfied customers made their selections, put their plants in the holding area, and then enjoyed a stroll through the Garden.

More than 400 volunteers contributed an enormous amount of time – more than 7,000 hours over a period of eight months – plus energy and expertise to make this Plant Sale a record-breaking performance.

On behalf of the VanDusen Plant Sale Committee, I would like to thank all who supported this event – our volunteers and staff; those who donated plant material and pots; the various businesses who contributed in many different ways; and, last but not least, our wonderful customers.

To quote our treasurer, "It was a vintage year!"

Joan Bentley, 2004 Plant Sale Chair



VBGA President Margie Knox (left), Garden Director Jill Cherry (centre) and 2004 Plant Sale Chair Joan Bentley (right) at the 2004 Plant Sale.

Photo: Michael LeGeyt



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our new Board for agreeing to lead the VBGA over the next year. The following individuals were recently elected at our annual general meeting: Joan Bentley, Adrienne Brown, Ann Buffam, Paul Daniels, Nancy Dickson, Victoria Garland, Kirsten Gimbert, Lawrence Guerra, Ian Haywood-Farmer, Jean Hurst, Norene Kimberley, Margie Knox, Michael LeGeyt, Maureen Maclachlan, Scott McCloy, Rolly McLeod, Andeen Pitt, Tory Ross, Jane Stock, Bob Wakefield and John Zaplatynsky. At our June Board meeting, we also added Jim Brookes to our ranks. Ingrid Hoff represents UBC Botanical Garden and Eva Riccius, the Vancouver Park Board, as *ex officio* members. All these busy people are committed to work in the best interests of the Garden and to lead VBGA activities.

Spring and early summer are always a very busy time at the Garden. I would like to thank all the Plant Sale volunteers and, in particular, Chair Joan Bentley for the highly successful 2004 sale. Immediately after the Sale, the Garden gears up for the Garden Show. Under the very able leadership of Jean Hurst, over 500 volunteers

worked months in advance and throughout the Show to make it one of the best ever. Thanks to Jean, the Volunteer Council, all our volunteers, the staffs of the Garden and the VBGA, and our producer, Fireworks Marketing Group, for their enormous efforts.

One week later, about 500 members toured 11 spectacular gardens in this year's Private Garden Tour. The outstanding gardens demonstrated excellence in design, artistry, whimsy and plant material. Several were superb examples of environmental awareness, including waterwise and organic gardening techniques and the use of native plants. Our sincere thanks to the garden owners for opening their gardens, and to the Guides and Master Gardeners who acted as informative garden attendants.

Lastly, let me encourage all members to visit the Garden during the lovely fall months and enjoy the changing season. Take one of our excellent Garden courses or attend the wonderful lectures in our Cedar Series. Thank you for your continued support of the Garden. See you there!

Margie Knox, President

Kids and Conservation

A Natural Connection



“Wow, did you see that?”

“I didn’t know bugs were so cool!”

“My favourite part is everything!”



Picture a bright, sunny day at the Garden and overlay a soundtrack that includes shrieks of delight coupled with laughter and excitement. Focus in more closely and what do you see? A group of children lying on their stomachs, trolling Cypress Pond with hand-held nets. Unfolding before you is a typical school program at the Garden – this one called Pond Peering.

What you don’t see and may not realize are the effects that such programs have on their participants. Schoolchildren leave the Garden with a greater respect for nature, an increased understanding of how all its components interrelate and, most importantly, their own role in stewarding the natural world. Children are encouraged

to use all their senses to explore the world about them. Their joy at experiencing its wonders is profound.

For instance, in Passionate Pollinators, students from grades two through four are guided through the complexities of plant pollination. ‘Why do plants have flowers?’ ‘What is pollen?’ ‘What do flowers turn into?’ ‘How do they do it?’ ‘What do insects, such as bees and moths, have to do with it?’ ‘Why do plants need to create seeds?’ These are big questions. Do you know the answers? Any eight- to ten-year old who has been to a VanDusen school program will be able to tell you. When the children see, smell, feel, touch and sometimes even taste what pollination is all about, abstract concepts become real and meaningful. They learn the value of living things and come to see that it is all connected.



By Nancy Wong
and Maggie Kilian



Photos: Maggie Kilian



Above: Meeting a tree
Top Left: Pond Peering
program in action
Left: Playing a game
called 'Life Cycle'
Top right: Examining
a moth flower

By participating in nature's magic, children are taught the importance of conservation. Children who have experienced that joy and wonder begin to care about the environment and may be inspired to share their experience with family and friends, or seek further information in books or online. They may join an environmental club; or take part in a school or community garden; or plant a seed in a pot and tend it. No child comes away from a field trip to VanDusen Garden untouched – each takes away special memories.

For nearly 30 years, VanDusen Garden has been connecting kids to nature and, by extension, to conservation. Some of the Garden's volunteers first came here as small children; now they return with their own, or occasionally come back as teachers leading classes. All programs are guided by a dedicated volunteer trained in interpretive techniques to make nature come alive for children. Teachers are supported with a pre-trip information package that reinforces the learning experience in class.

The small fee that the Garden charges does not begin to cover the costs of providing teaching materials, tools and volunteer training. The program is supported in part by the generosity of individual donors. Thanks to continued support from the RBC Foundation and their Bursary Fund, students from financially-challenged schools are also able to participate.

Some of the program's most eloquent spokespersons are the participants themselves.

"I learned that plants are under water and the pond has zillions of creatures. Thank you so, so,so, so,so much."
Romina (grade 2)

"It was so exciting! That was the best field trip ever!"
Judy (grade 3)

"The field trip fired their imaginations and enabled them to appreciate plant life from an 'adventuring' point of view."
Nuala (a parent)

"I'm not afraid of bees any more."
Farid (grade 4)

"What is your favourite thing in the pond? Are there frogs the colour of a rainbow?"
Sharon (grade 3)

The next time you are in the Garden and come across a school group, take a few moments to join them in their pond peering or bee-to-flower journey. See the world through their eyes – it's an amazing place!



Nancy Wong is VBGA Director of Marketing. Maggie Kilian is VBGA Youth Education Coordinator.

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Safari to Botswana

Lecturer: Michael LeGeyt

Thursday October 7

Pack your tent and join Bulletin editor Michael LeGeyt for a rainy-season safari to Botswana. Visit Okavango Delta, one of Africa's premier wetlands, located on the northern edge of the Kalahari Desert, a delta that supports an astonishingly diverse community of bird and animal life – lions, leopards, hippos and elephants. See baobab trees, native wildflowers and learn about the myths and realities of ethnobotany as practiced by the local Bushmen. The lecture will conclude with a visit to spectacular Victoria Falls on the Zambezi River.



Photo: Mary Simpson

Above: Wading elephant in Okavango Delta

Right: A view in the Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden



Photo: Courtesy of Carolyn Jones

The Enchanted World of the Miller Garden

Lecturer: Carolyn Jones

Thursday November 4

Do you know that tucked away on the outskirts of Seattle is a very special botanic garden that only admits 500 visitors a year by appointment? We are fortunate that the Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden's director/curator is former VanDusen horticulturist Carolyn Jones. She will take us on a 'virtual' tour of this botanic jewel, highlighting Mrs. Miller's signature woodland garden, the Garden's educational programs and the development of the Mediterranean garden to trial waterwise plants suited to the Pacific Northwest.

A Gulf Islands Gardener in the Gardens of Ireland

Lecturer: Des Kennedy

Thursday December 2

When it comes right down to it, all of Ireland is a garden. Our favourite Celtic scribe, Des Kennedy, has led several tours to this fabled Garden Isle. Many of Ireland's gardens were created by some of the most talented experts from around the globe. Join Des for a rollicking exploration of these beautiful creations. Des has been a Gulf Islands gardener for 33 years. He was born and raised in Liverpool, England of Irish parents and enjoys visiting his ancestral homeland.

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Invite a family member or friend to join us at our lectures and garden courses. Gift certificates can be purchased for a specified course or dollar value by calling 604-257-8151.

GARDEN COURSES

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For more information:
www.vandusengarden.org

Botanical Hike to Burns Bog

Sat. Sept. 11, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Member: \$29 Non-member: \$34

Terry Taylor

Designing a Small-space Garden

Some homework required.

Tues. Sept. 14, 21, 28, 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Member: \$70 Non-member: \$77

Estelle Bogoch

Spectacular Spring Bulbs

Sat. Sept. 18, 10 a.m. to noon

Member: \$20 Non-member: \$25

Roy Jonsson

Seed Collecting

Sat. Sept. 18, 10 a.m. to noon

You will take home seeds from the Garden.

Member: \$25 Non-member: \$30

Egan Davis

NEW Nature and Wellness

Sat. Sept. 18, 1 to 4 p.m.

Member: \$29 Non-member: \$34

Shelagh Smith

Plant Identification for Gardeners

Sun. Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 17, 24

2 to 4:30 p.m.

Member: \$95 Non-member: \$105

Cindy Sayre

Garden Design Fundamentals

Some homework required.

Thurs. Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14

7 to 9:30 p.m.

Member: \$90 Non-member: \$99

Nancy Moore

Fall Gardening Tips

Sat. Sept. 25, 10 a.m. to noon
Member: \$20 Non-member: \$25
Roy Jonsson

Year-round Interest for Containers and Balconies

Sun. Sept. 26, 10 a.m. to noon
Member: \$20 Non-member: \$25
Michael Lascelle

Botanical Basketry

Sun. Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Member: \$65 Non-member: \$70
Shan Melzak

Garden Fine Art Photography

Mon. Sept. 27, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Member: \$29 Non-member: \$34
Harold Ma

Basic Gardening – Level 1

Sat. Oct. 2, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Member: \$95 Non-member: \$105
Egan Davis

Garden Renovation Workshop

Hands-on class in the Garden.
Sat. Oct. 2, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Member: \$29 Non-member: \$34
Gerry Gibbens

Creating an Autumn Trough

Hypertufa container and plants supplied.
Sun. Oct. 3, 10 a.m. to noon
Member: \$45 Non-member: \$50
Michael Lascelle

Getting the Most from Your Greenhouse

Sat. Oct. 16, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Member: \$29 Non-member: \$34
Roy Jonsson

Introduction to the Perennial Border

Heritage Perennial Guide included.
Sat. Oct. 16, 1:30 to 4 p.m.
Member: \$39 Non-member: \$44
June Condruk

Design Essentials

Tues. Oct. 19, 7 to 10 p.m.
Member: \$29 Non-member: \$34
Ayuko Inoue

Designing with Plants

Thurs. Oct. 21, 28, 7 to 10 p.m.
Member: \$50 Non-member: \$55
Ayuko Inoue

NEW Coloured Pencil Sketchbook

Sat. Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Member: \$65 Non-member: \$72
Moira Carlson

A Place For Children

KID FRIENDLY FAMILY PROGRAMS

Preregistration is required by calling 604-878-5860.

For families with children over 4 years old. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Members free; non-members, included with Garden admission.

Dress for the weather.

Super Seeds!

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a ... seed! Meet some super seeds and find out how they travel through air, water and on land.
Sunday September 26 1:30 to 3 p.m.



Spider Surprise

Do spiders help the Garden grow? Find out how when you explore the Garden for spiders and their webs.
Sunday October 17
1:30 to 3 p.m.



Bats, Man!

What creature flies at night, sees with its ears, and eats tons of mosquitoes? Bats! Come play some batty games and look for bat habitat in the Garden.
Sunday November 7
1:30 to 3 p.m.



Growing Orchids for Beginners

Orchid included.
Mon. Oct. 25, 7 to 10 p.m.
Member: \$44 Non-member: \$49
Margaret Nakahara and Koichi Nakahara

Fungus Among Us: An Introduction to Mushrooms

Tues. Oct. 26, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. (classroom) and
Sat. Oct. 30, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (off site hike)
Member: \$50 Non-member: \$55
Paul Kroeger and Terry Taylor

Botanical Illustration Workshop

Some previous training in drawing or watercolors recommended.
Sat., Sun. Oct. 30, 31, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Member: \$109 Non-member: \$119
Mary Comber Miles

NEW Landscape Maintenance for Strata and Property Managers

Tues. Nov. 9, 7 to 9 p.m.
Member: \$20 Non-member: \$25
Roy Jonsson

NEW Rustic Twig Broom

Supplies included for hearth or outdoor broom.
Mon. Nov. 15, 7 to 9:30 p.m.
Member: \$35 Non-member: \$40
Jan Tuytel

Herbal Spa

Body powder, polish and lotion, bath salts and bath bombs made in class.
Tues. Nov. 16, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Member: \$45 Non-member: \$50
Marina Pellerin

Fresh Holiday Wreath

All materials supplied.
Sec. A: Mon. Nov. 29, 7 to 10 p.m.
Sec. B: Thurs. Dec. 2, 7 to 10 p.m.
Member: \$49 Non-member: \$54
Marilyn Mount

Festive Holiday Tree

All materials supplied.
Wed. Dec. 8, 7 to 9 p.m.
Member: \$39 Non-member: \$44
Marilyn Mount

MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

Enthusiastic gardeners are invited to share their knowledge with the gardening community. Phone 604-257-8673 to receive an information package for the January 2005 course (12 consecutive Tuesdays).

Need plants identified or problems solved? Call the Plant Information Line at 604-257-8662 on Mondays and Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m.

Gifts to the Garden

For more information on donor opportunities contact Dawn Russell, Development Director at 604-257-8190 or or via e-mail at drussell@vandusen.org.

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY!

We are busy planning the 2005 programs and annual projects to be undertaken at the Garden. Stay tuned for education program news and enhanced Garden development that your 2004 end-of-year and 2005 spring donations will assist in funding.

YOUR DONATION COULD BE WORTH TWICE AS MUCH!

Does your employer match employee charitable contributions? If so, your donation to the VanDusen Botanical Garden Association will double! Let us know if your employer has a matching gift program and, if applicable, pick up a matching gift form from your personnel office.

WILL AND ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

We will be holding a free Will and Estate Planning Seminar and Garden tour (weather permitting) on

Wednesday October 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. Our presenter, Mary B. Hamilton, is a very experienced Wills, Trusts and Estates lawyer at Davis & Company. Mary will speak about wills, powers of attorney and related documents and will answer questions afterwards. Because space is limited, please call 604-257-8677 by October 15 to reserve.

DID YOU KNOW?

Your donation or pledge made through the United Way may be designated to the VanDusen Botanical Garden Association. Simply fill in the full name of the Association on your United Way donation/pledge form. Your gift may be given to support our current needs, the Endowment Fund, the Library or new Garden initiatives. Donations of all size help to sustain and grow the Garden. *Your support is greatly appreciated!*

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by 'adopting' a tree at VanDusen Garden to commemorate a significant event or to remember loved ones.

Contact Louise Dyer 604-922-9798 or Kirsten Gimbert 604-321-4526 for further information.

Join the Team – Become a Volunteer

For information on volunteer opportunities, contact Judy Aird at 604-257-8674 or via e-mail at volunteer@vandusen.org.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION DAY

Saturday September 11,
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bring your lunch, we'll provide refreshments. Dress for the weather. Meet at the Totem Poles near the Garden Entrance at 10 a.m. Learn about the many volunteer opportunities at VanDusen. Meet representatives from the VBGA staff and Board. Tour the Garden with experienced Guides who will share their knowledge and enthusiasm.

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TRAVEL 2005

MAY TOUR TO ITALY

Fly into Rome and home from Florence. Plans include visits to villas, gardens and hill towns in Tuscany; the isles of Ischia and Capri; Pompeii and the magnificent garden at Ninfa; and, possibly, the Vatican Gardens.

Details will be published in the December Bulletin. If you would like information or a preliminary itinerary when available, please call Joan Paterson at 604-263-7378 or Peggy at Carlton Wagonlit Travel, 604-736-1261.

To register or for more information, call Judy Aird. Orientation is a prerequisite for volunteer activities at VanDusen Garden. The next orientation will take place on Saturday November 13.

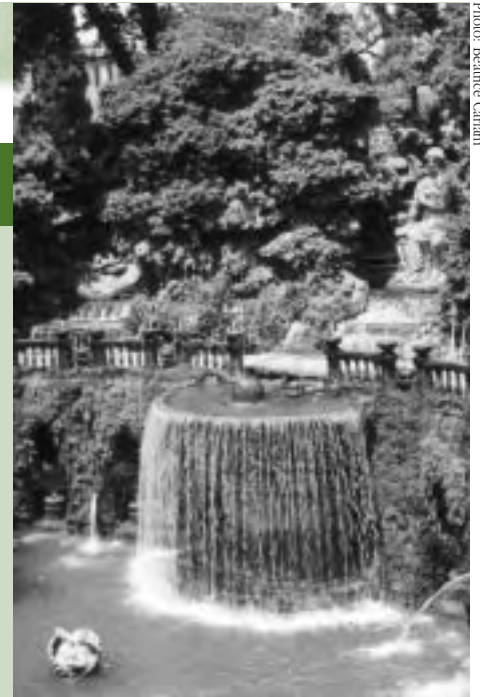
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Education Volunteer

Now is the time to consider becoming a Youth Education volunteer. Training will take place in mid-September. Volunteers lead elementary school groups in discussions, walks and activities to enhance the school curriculum and interest young people in the Garden, ecology, botany and nature. If you have an interest in working with school-aged children, this could be the right opportunity for you!

Guiding

Don't miss this once-a-year opportunity to get involved with guiding at VanDusen. Guide training will take place on seven consecutive Thursdays, starting in late February 2005. If you are interested in being a guide, be sure to register for an orientation soon as



Villa del Este, near Rome

prospective guides must complete 12 hours of volunteer activity at the Garden in order to qualify for the program.

Compost Sale

Only have a little time? Consider volunteering a few hours at the Compost Sale on Saturday September 25 or on the Wednesday, Thursday or Friday beforehand. Call Judy to sign-up.

Scarecrow Festival: A Harvest Celebration

This expanding family event needs volunteers on the weekends of October 23 and October 30. Volunteers will assist with such activities as pumpkin decorating, face painting, story telling and the nature fair. Volunteers are also needed to be greeters and hosts.

Festival of Lights

December brings the return of the spectacular Festival of Lights to the Garden. Many volunteers are needed in late October to help string the lights. We will also need volunteers during the Festival in December.

Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Guided Walking Tours – Daily at 2 p.m. plus Wednesday mornings at 11 a.m. Free with Garden admission. Meet on the Deck.

Cart Tours – For seniors and the disabled, every day at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. plus Monday and Wednesday mornings at 10 and 11. Weekdays: Advance booking required, 604-257-8666. Weekends and holidays: First come, first served.

Special Seniors' Group Tours – Offered on Monday and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Two business days advance booking required, 604-257-8666.

Group Tours – Specialized walking tours for 10 or more. Advance booking required, 604-257-8666.

4 & 5 Saturday & Sunday – *50th Annual Show*, Vancouver Dahlia Society, in Floral Hall & Cedar Room. Saturday: 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday: 1 to 4 p.m. Admission \$3. Information: Louise Stewart 604-929-1503

6 Monday – *Piper in the Heather*, special themed tours at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Celebrate Labour Day by listening to our Piper in the Heather! Free for Members or with Garden admission.

11 & 12 Saturday & Sunday – *Early Flowering Chrysanthemum Show*, Point Grey Chrysanthemum Association, in Floral Hall. Saturday: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission by donation. Information: Ian McGlashan 604-581-6638

19 Sunday – *Annual Plant Sale*, Alpine Garden Club of B.C., in Floral Hall, 1 to 4 p.m. Information: Ian Plenderleith 604-733-1604

25 Saturday – *VanDusen's Annual Tremendous Compost Sale*, in the parking lot from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$5 per 20 kg bag or bag your own for the same price.

26 Sunday – *Super Seeds!* Family adventure for families with children aged 4 and older. See page 9 for details.

OCTOBER

For guided tours – Refer to the September information. These tours will be offered until October 31.

2 Saturday – *Annual Show*, Vancouver Bonsai Association, in Cedar Room, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission by donation. Information: Pauline Neilsen 604-261-6060

2 & 3 Saturday & Sunday – *Dried Flower Sale*, in Entrance Pavilion, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sale of dried flower centrepieces and vibrant autumn wreaths.

2 Saturday – *Bird Walk*, see page 2 for details.

7 Thursday – *Safari to Botswana*, Cedar Series Lecture with Michael LeGeyt. In Floral Hall at 8 p.m. See page 8 for details.

17 Sunday – *Spider Surprise*, Family Adventure for families with children aged 4 and older. See page 9 for details.

20 Wednesday – *Will & Estate Planning Seminar*, in Floral Hall, 2 to 4 p.m. Reservations recommended, 604-257-8677. See page 10 for more information.

23 Saturday – *Great Greenhouse Clear-out Sale*. Don't miss this unique event! Early bird entry for members only, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Lath House. For early admission proof of Membership required. See page 2 for more details.

23 & 24 Saturday & Sunday – *Dried Flower Sale*, in Entrance Pavilion, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sale of dried flower topiaries, wreaths and bouquets made from Garden materials.

23 to 30 Saturday to following Saturday – *Sixth Annual Scarecrow Festival*, A Harvest Celebration. Scarecrow Display: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Come and meet the mascots of the harvest! Visit the scarecrows on display created by local children and vote for your favourite. Special events on the weekends include storytelling, face painting, crafts and natural history demonstrations. See pages 2 and 11 for more details.

24 Sunday – *Annual Mushroom Show*, Vancouver Mycological Society, in Floral Hall, Cedar Room & Covered Walkway, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information: Paul Kroeger 604-322-0074

NOVEMBER

4 Thursday – *The Enchanted World of the Miller Garden*, Cedar Series Lecture with Carolyn Jones. In Floral hall at 8 p.m. See page 8 for details.

6 Saturday – *Bird Walk*, see page 2 for details.

6 & 7 Saturday & Sunday – *Dried Flower Sale*, in Entrance Pavilion, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sale of dried flower topiaries, wreaths and bouquets made from Garden materials.

6 & 7 Saturday & Sunday – *Artisan Craft Fair*, in Floral Hall, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information: Lin Hainstock 604-739-9002

7 Sunday – *Bats, Man!* Family adventure for families with children aged 4 and older. See page 9 for details.

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DECEMBER

2 Thursday – *A Gulf Islands Gardener in the Gardens of Ireland*, Cedar Series Lecture with Des Kennedy. Floral hall at 8 p.m. See page 8 for details.

4 Saturday – *Bird Walk*, see page 2 for details.

How to Reach Us

24-hour Info Line	604-878-9274
Bulletin Advertising	604-257-8151
Course Registration	604-878-9821
Facilities Rental	604-257-8661
Family Activities	604-257-8669
Flower & Garden Show	604-257-8671
Garden Office	604-257-8666
Garden Shop	604-257-8665
Gifts to the Garden	604-257-8190
Library	604-257-8668
Membership	604-257-8675
Plant Information Line	604-257-8662
Restaurant	604-261-0011
Volunteer Co-ordinator	604-257-8674