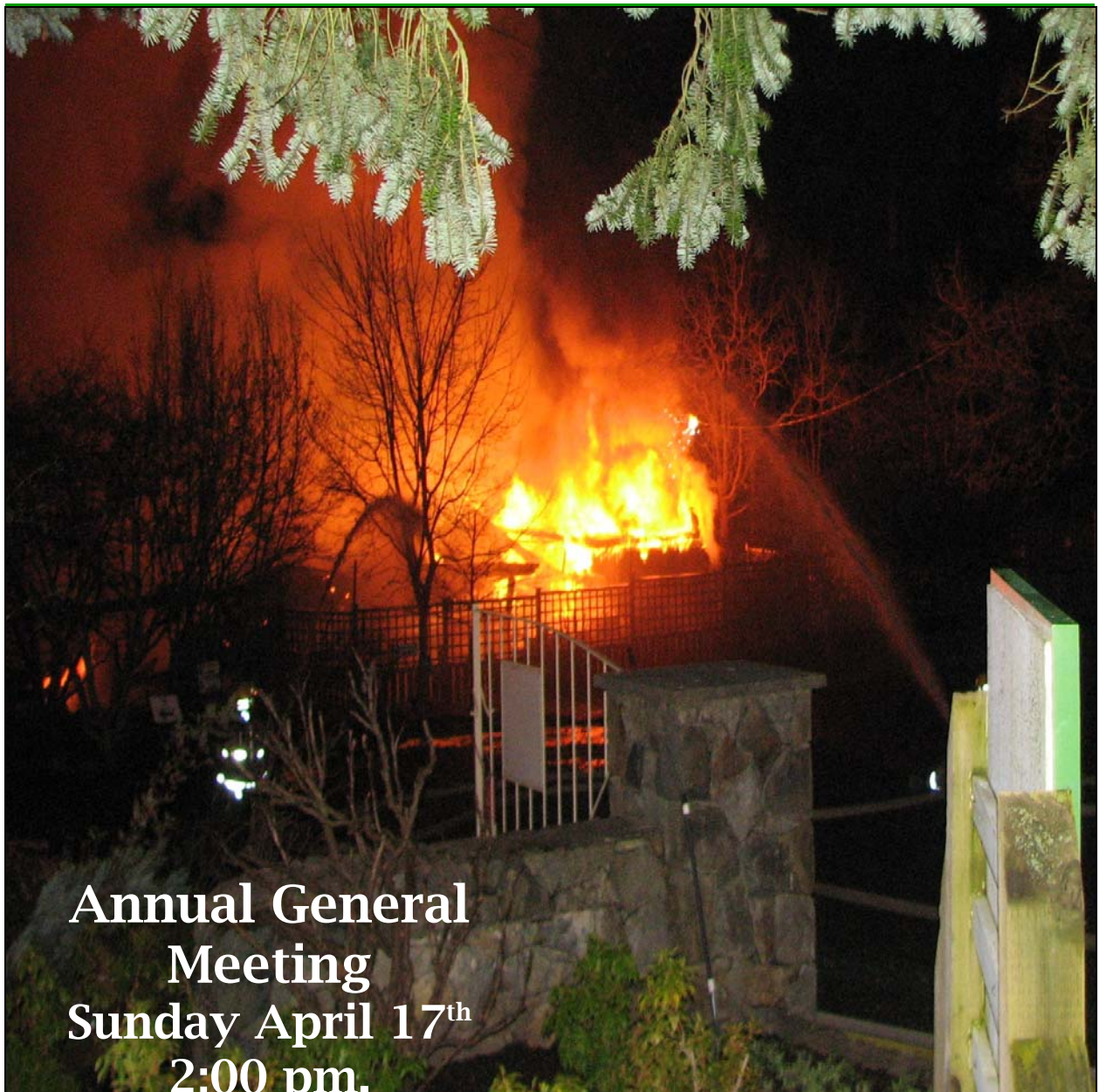




Glendale
gardens
& woodland

Home of the
Horticulture Centre
Of The Pacific
and the
Pacific Horticulture College

March 2011



**Annual General
Meeting
Sunday April 17th
2:00 pm.**

Fire Destroys Garden Icon



You are probably in shock and disbelief on hearing about the February 16th fire that destroyed the Glass House, head gardener's office and tool storage. Like the staff, you may have many memories of events, receptions and memorials that have used the Glass House. And now, at the cusp of another gardening season, it is gone.

The rebuilding process will take a year or more. Insurance will pay for the replacement of a 60-year-old Glass House, but what the community really needs at the Gardens is a modern, all-season structure built to the highest green standards possible. That will cost us time and money.

We invite you to make a contribution to a modern Glass House--one that can be a vibrant centre of the Gardens with four seasons of weddings, education courses, club activities and even Tai Chi. Your donation of \$50, \$250, \$500, \$1,000 or more will help us recreate the Glass House as an energy-efficient demonstration of a functional and aesthetic garden structure.

The staff and volunteers are down but not out. We feel that there is something bigger and better in store for the Horticulture Centre! We have over 200 volunteer gardeners who maintain a 93-acre conservation area and 30 demonstration gardens. We have a thriving and expanding Landscape Certificate Program, Nourish Bistro, gift shop, plant sales, school tours and dozens of community education programs. I think, after taking a breath, we will be able to regroup.

We invite you to be our garden angel. Your financial support of \$50, \$250, \$500, \$1,000 or more will help bring magic and energy back to this local treasure. To make a charitable contribution, mail your cheque payable to HCP at 505 Quayle Road, Victoria BC V9E 2J7, online at www.glendalegardens.ca or call 250-479-6162.

We will rebuild! But for now, there is only an incredible garden setting, 21 weddings and hundreds of would-be garden students patiently waiting.

Roger Charles, Executive Director



HCP President's letter

Dear HCP Members

As I write this letter, the heavy equipment is starting to remove what remains of the Glass House, the gardeners' office and the tool shed after the devastating fire early on the morning of February 16. The Saanich Fire Department supported by the Saanich Police did a marvelous job containing the fire and our own staff, led by Executive Director Roger Charles, Caretaker Peter Rassenti, and Head Gardener Chris Murphy (the former two working tirelessly from 2:30 am the morning of the fire), ensured that disruption to the HCP's normal operations was kept to a minimum. Within a couple of days we should be left with two large cement slabs where the burned buildings formerly stood. We are blessed that no one was injured in the fire.

While an obvious setback to what has otherwise been a very positive start to 2011, planning is already underway to replace this multipurpose

structure as soon as possible. We are seeking proposals from an architect who has been tasked with coming up with an exciting concept which will address our needs while not necessarily mirroring exactly the plans of the destroyed structure. In the interim, we have every intention of being able to keep to our commitments to host a number of functions, including several weddings.

We did have insurance on the destroyed buildings, but this will only cover part of the costs we can expect if we are to take advantage of the opportunity to construct exactly what we need. We need to ensure that we have an attractive and functional hospitality area as well as proper accommodation for our gardeners and the garden tools. Members have been very generous in the past in supporting HCP causes, and in this era of tightened budgets we shall be counting again on your help (and that of all levels of government, the corporate sector, and other private individuals). We expect to announce the details of our fund drive shortly.



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A small part of the Glendale site will now be fenced off, but this should not deter members and visitors from visiting. We are just coming to a time of vibrant growth in our flowers and plants—a time when, in spite of this week's cold spell, the garden is full of signs that Spring is not far away. To make your visits even better, the Nourish Bistro is now open from Thursday to Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. We all look forward to seeing you soon.

Simon Wade

Letter from the Executive Director

Welcome to 2011. When I first drafted this message to the membership, it was a celebration of our success in 2010 and our plans for 2011. Wednesday, February 16, changed the substance of my message.

February 16th was the day fire destroyed the Glass House, the head gardener's office, the tool shed, the mud room and the work shop. In total, the general estimate of damage was in excess of \$200,000. While the cause of the fire cannot be determined absolutely, the best guess provided by the insurance investigator was a rat(s) chewing on electric wire in the tool shed. The Saanich Fire Department and the fire investigator have ruled out arson or vandalism as a cause.

I would like to thank the Saanich Fire Department and Police personnel for their extremely professional and polite help during the fire and afterwards. We have received tremendous outpourings of support from the Municipality of Saanich, the City of Victoria, the Uplands Golf Course, members, neighbours, brides-to-be and the community in general. It has been really quite moving how many people, who may not normally speak of the HCP, have come forward to offer help because they believe in it.

Operationally, we have been shut only one day, the day of the fire. The next day the students returned to class, the gift shop was open and we carried on our activities as normal. It is our intention to replace that which was destroyed. Insurance will cover part of the rebuilding cost,

and the balance we will raise as part of our overall building campaign.

The Board believes it is important to view this as an opportunity rather than a disaster. David Rutherford, a Board member and for 30 years manager of Royal Roads, is undertaking a review of all our operational procedures. This will assist in determining what and how the destroyed buildings will be replaced. In the meantime, we have arranged to rent a large tent in place of the Glass House for the variety of events that are to take place this summer. It is unlikely construction of new facilities will take place before the fall of 2011. (continued pg 5)





We are replacing the tools and equipment that were lost as quickly as possible so that the students, volunteers, and the full-time gardeners can get on with their work with a minimum of disruption. The gardens are open, the gift shop is open, the restaurant, Nourish, is open and the vistas from the parking lot have been dramatically improved. We welcome you all to visit.

Finally, I would like to report that we had a very successful financial year in 2010. It is our intention to keep that success continuing in 2011.

Roger Charles

New Volunteer Coordinator

Hello everyone! I am **Doug Mutch**, your new Volunteer Coordinator. Besides introducing myself, I would like to share the story of how I came to be a part of the great things happening at Glendale Gardens and also explain a particular project in which I am involved.



After spending 7 years in the Caribbean skipping a fleet of retired America's Cup race boats, I arrived in Victoria in 2002. I then opened up a

take out restaurant on Keating Cross Road, selling fare from local farmers and protein producers. Following that, I got involved in the wine industry at Victoria Estate winery as an assistant winemaker and headed up the tour-and-tasting team.

From there it was off to the Canoe Brewpub as their general manager. While at Canoe, I found myself becoming more and more interested in food security and a connection to the land. I left Canoe after about 5 years and started to follow this growing interest in food security, sustainability and regenerative communities by enrolling in a body of study called Permaculture. (Permaculture is a design philosophy for regenerative communities.) I was slowly introduced to Glendale through **Haley** and **Dominique** of Nourish Café who both worked with me at Canoe.

On meeting **Roger**, I learned there was an opportunity of heading up a grant program designed to connect seniors with lots of food-growing experience with individuals and families in the community who wish to learn to grow food at home. I readily accepted the challenge and am pleased to announce that the program is now launched. It is called *Grow it, Cook it, Eat it*.

Classes will start on March 19th and end in September. **Linda Petite** is the instructor for the classes that will be held here at Glendale, both in the classroom and in the garden. Together with **Chris**, our head gardener, and the Veggie Volunteers, we are expanding our food production--mainly in the lower food garden. (I would like to call this area the "Farm Garden.") Most of the food produced here will be used to supply Nourish Café. The program also includes some basic cooking techniques that will be taught by a local executive chef. Our senior mentors will be involved both here at the garden and will also be making a visit once a month to the participants' homes to give them advise specifically about their own gardens.

If anyone would like to be a part of *Grow it Cook it Eat it*, or know someone who would be interested, contact me at volunteers@hcp.bc.ca

Doug Mutch

Outerbridge Park Annual Report 2010

Background

In the spring of 2010, Glendale Gardens entered into a 5-year agreement with the District of Saanich for the maintenance and operation of Outerbridge Park. The private 10-acre estate was acquired by Saanich several years ago and had not been maintained for over ten years. Saanich Parks has retained responsibility for capital improvements, which has included construction of walkways and a parking area over the last two years. The intention is to restore the area around the main pond as a horticultural area while preserving most of the site as a natural woodland and bird sanctuary.

Volunteers

Work at the park was initiated on May 13 with three volunteers. With the efforts of **Sandra McConnell**, the volunteer coordinator for Glendale Gardens at the time, we were able to attract 28 volunteers to Outerbridge Park for a total of 1150 hours. We continue to meet on Thursday mornings from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. The volunteers are commended for the amount of work that has been completed and the dramatic improvement that is occurring in the park.

Operations

In the absence of routine maintenance, the park had been taken over by invasive species, including broom, blackberry and English ivy. In addition, a wide variety of perennial weeds, such as buttercup, thistle, alder and redosier dogwood had infested the garden area.

Priority was given to the removal of broom and poison hemlock in the horse barn area and the open area to the northeast of the barn. The broom was piled and chipped. As we attracted more volunteers, we were able to expand the removal of blackberry into the old garden area around the main pond. We cleared out many of the garden areas of weeds and other undesirable plants adjacent to the pond. In December we initiated the placing of leaf mulch over these weeded areas and will continue the work in the new year.

We also have a small construction crew of three volunteers that has been busy renovating an old chicken coop that had become our tool shed and storage for wheelbarrows and other supplies. The also cleared the barn interior of horse stalls and replaced a supporting post.

The Barn

The barn has become our meeting place to start work and have coffee. There is a convenient vehicle access to this area off Blenkinsop Road. In 2010 we hired an architect to prepare a renovation plan for the barn so that we could continue to use this facility as an operations centre. The work would include lighting, insulation, heating and drywall. We are hopeful that the first phase will be completed with 2010 funding and include new roofing. We did discover that there was a water service to the barn, and we were able to have the electrical service reconnected late in the fall.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I would like to recognize **Trevor Jones** for filling in for me when I have been absent and providing his expertise and assistance to me in a wide variety of activities. I should also like to thank our Executive Director, **Roger Charles**, for providing the administrative support to us as well as the contact with Saanich Parks.

Dave DeShane



Community Education Courses

Please note that many of our classes are limited to a small number of students so that individual attention can be given.

Plant Identification and Culture

All year long, one Saturday a month, Diane Pierce will introduce students to 30 new plants: Latin and common names, plant descriptions, cultural requirements, general maintenance and landscape uses. A perfect course for new and experienced gardeners and those new to Victoria. This is an on-going course and can be joined at any time. HCP Members \$350.00 Non-HCP Members \$490.00

How to Design your Garden

Mondays Feb. 21st- Apr 25th 6:30 pm- 9 pm
A comprehensive 9-session course with Barb Kohlman that includes design theory, basic principles and an exercise in drawing basics, using your garden space. The goal is to have a finished design that can be installed in your garden. Lesson plans will be available. Contact info@glendalegardens.ca or 250-479-6162 for the details. HCP Members \$300.00 Non-HCP Members \$420.00

Spring Maintenance

Saturday March 12th 1 pm - 4 pm
Professional gardener Jane Tice will cover: the tools she prefers and how to use them for the best results, general maintenance techniques and pruning basics. Following the classroom session, the class will go into the gardens to find examples of the material covered. Please dress accordingly.
HCP Members \$25.00 Non-HCP Members \$35.00

How to Create a Winter Garden

Saturday March 5th 1 pm-4:30 pm
While the rest of the country is busy shoveling snow, we in Victoria can have gardens awash in colour. Rafe Mooney, a Pacific Horticulture College graduate and devoted Doris Page Winter Garden volunteer, will provide an overview of plant choices that will brighten and enliven your garden in winter! Design layout suggestions and the top ten winter plants will be covered, with a focus on blooms, fragrance, foliage and bark. Dress for a comprehensive tour of the garden.
HCP Members \$25.00 Non-Members \$35.00

Learn to Mosaic

3 Sundays in March: 13th 10 am-3 pm, 20th 10 am -1pm and 27th 10 am -12 noon
In 3 sessions, artist Anne Swannell will teach students all the basics and discuss more advanced techniques. You will learn how to prepare the base, cut and adhere the tiles, grout and seal. No experience is necessary. All will go home with a beautiful 16" square floral mosaic panel that can be wall mounted or used as a table top. To ensure personal attention, this class will be **limited to 8 students**. All materials and tools supplied. HCP Members \$135.00 Non-HCP Members \$190.00

Pruning Techniques

March 15th and 16th 6:30 - 9 pm and Saturday March 19th 9 am-12 noon.
Patty Brown will teach this **3-session** course on the pruning theory and technique needed for evergreen and deciduous ornamentals. Two in-class sessions will cover the theory and the third, on a Saturday morning, will be a practicum in the Glendale Gardens. New and experienced gardeners will benefit from this comprehensive course. HCP Members \$90.00 Non-HCP Members \$125.00

Build a Mason Bee Condo

Saturday March 19th 9:30 am-12:30 pm
Bring our native pollinators to your backyard by learning how to build a successful bee condo. The design encourages periodic viewing of the bees within and it has two styles of channel widths to attract a range of species throughout the summer season. Materials, tools and instruction from Gord Hutchings will be available. Students will go home with a bee condo ready to paint and set up in the garden. No prior carpentry experience is necessary but some basic sawing and hammering skills would be a benefit.
Fee includes all material HCP Members \$40.00 Non-HCP Members \$55.00

Rock and Alpine Gardening, an Introduction

Sunday March 20th 1pm - 4 pm
We have the rock but growing this group of plants can be a challenge in our climate. Expert plantsman, Gordon Mackay can teach you all you need to know to be successful. Included

will be: the materials required, how to construct the site, the soils and compost required, planting, aftercare and propagation. A demonstration will show how to construct and plant a crevice garden in a trough.

A unique selection of plants will also be available for purchase.

HCP Members \$25.00 Non-HCP Members \$35.00

Introduction to Mason Bees

Sunday March 27th 1pm-4 pm

Orchard mason bees are just one of the native bee pollinators found locally and are the most beneficial species for pollinating orchards and berry crops. Learn about the complete life-cycle and biology of this species and how best to manage looking after them and encourage them as captive pollinators in your garden or orchard. This introductory class will incorporate condo design, condo maintenance and bee husbandry, as well as how best to look after the long-term sustainability of this popular species of native bee. Learn with hands-on techniques.

HCP Members \$25.00 Non-HCP Members \$35.00

Herbs and Edible Flowers

Saturday April 2nd 1pm-4 pm

A well thought out herb garden can provide you with herbs and edible flowers for the year round. **Lynda Dowling** will take you through the steps and show you how everything goes better with herbs!

Session will include: basic designs, bed preparation, seed and plant selection, cultivation, harvesting and preserving methods. Cost incl. plants and blends to go.

HCP Members \$40.00 Non-HCP Members \$50.00

The Garden Story

Sunday April 3rd 1pm-3 pm

Does your garden tell a story? Many of the most memorable gardens can tell their story with a single sentence. Build your garden with a story and you will find you are able to achieve the perfect space. **Jeff de Jong** will help those who are stuck, uncertain or frustrated with the direction of the garden and help create a perfect space. HCP Members \$15.00 Non-HCP Members \$25.00

Integrated Pest Management Certificate

April 2nd *and* 3rd 9am to 4pm

Exam Monday April 4th 6pm -9pm

Obtain or renew your Pesticide Applicator's Certification and learn to manage insects, diseases and weeds in ornamental plantings and turf. This course is for anyone applying pesticides on public land or applicators providing pest management services to clients on private land.

\$460 including textbooks and exam fee.

Introduction to Basketry Level 2

Cedar Cross Warp Twined Basket

Sat. April 30th *or* Sunday May 1st

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

In this follow up to the Introduction to Basketry workshop, **Joan Carrigan** will introduce a round base basket woven over a mould. The cross warp pattern is an open weave pattern that utilizes twining with yellow cedar bark. Yellow cedar bark is a dream to twine with and offers a wonderful material to help fine tune your skills.

Tools to bring: scissors with a sharp point, an old towel, spray bottle, curved upholstery needle and a ruler. Fee includes all material.

HCP Members \$95.00 Non-HCP Members \$135.00

Introduction to Basketry Level 2

Pine Needle Coiled Basket

Friday July 15th *or* Sunday July 17th

9:30 am - 5:00 pm

In this session with **Joan Carrigan**, you will make a pine needle coiled basket using both raffia and waxed linen thread. It begins with a short/long stitch using the raffia and the sides are plain and V-stitched with waxed linen thread. Joan will have extra long California pine needles for you to use but she will talk about gathering and preparing local varieties of pine needles. Tools to bring: an old towel or tea towel, scissors with a sharp point, tapestry needle (size 20 or 22)

HCP Members \$95.00 Non-HCP Members \$135.00

Propagation from Cuttings

May 7th 1 pm to 4 pm

Judith Mclauchlan will teach this comprehensive course on propagation from cuttings and will concentrate on how to get the best results with plants that can be a challenge even for the

experts! She will cover: set-up including materials required, how and when to take cuttings and aftercare. Participants are encouraged to bring what they would like to propagate-please call for instructions on how to collect samples. All will go home with a great collection for their gardens!

HCP Members \$45.00 inc. text and all materials
Non-HCP Members \$60.00 including text and materials

Make a Lavender Wreath

Friday July 8th *or* Sunday July 10th

9:30 am-12:30 pm

Spend a morning surrounded by all the fresh lavender you'll need to complete a decadent, artistic bit of Provence. This class will be at **Lynda Dowling's Happy Valley Lavender Farm** in Metchosin.

Go home with a floral wreath full of sunshine and fragrance that will capture the very essence of summer.

Please bring a snack, drink, good scissors and a hat- everything else is included.

Happy Valley Lavender Farm is located at 3505 Happy Valley Road

HCP Members \$70 Non-HCP Members \$100.00

Limit: 6 students per session



There are currently three groups of volunteers working on our conservation areas: the Harvest Woods, the Native Plant Demonstration Garden and the Conservation Park.

Although they always need more volunteers, there's one particular person out there that they would like to find and who could be a great help to everyone.

He/she would be someone interested in seeing that the conservation areas are kept in good order year round. Also, this person would have some experience and ability in using "big boy's toys," i.e. mowers, brush pruners, etc., or at least be willing to get some instruction from Hoke.

For more details e-mail Hoke and ask him what's involved: hoke@telus.net

Events 2011

Hellebore Sunday

March 6th

12 noon to 3 pm

Heather Sale

March 12th

Lecture 9 am - Sale 10 am

Spring Plant Sale

April 30th & May 1st

9 am to 4 pm

Arts & Music

August 6th & 7th

11 am to 5 pm

Fall Plant Sale

September 24th & 25th

9 am to 4 pm

Harvest Festival

September 24th

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By the time you read this spring will be well on the way. Nourish closed our doors over the holiday season to prepare for what is to come. Last

year, the doors opened without much preparation time, so we are fully using the quiet time to finish... and start some great projects. Lots to fill you in on, but I will keep this brief.

Dom is having a baby!! We expect the little one to arrive at the end of April. She is taking a behind-the-scenes role for a little while and will be working from home, creating new recipes and searching for new things for Nourish to offer to you.

I was at a friend's house for a dinner not too long ago and one of the guests brought a beautiful and tasty jar of peach preserve. I did a little prying. Super happy to announce, **Katherine Murphy** will be joining our team. We have already named her the Preserve Goddess.

The Veggie Volunteer Crew is incredible. We are working hard to bump up the amount of produce that will be grown this year in innovative, inspirational, and educational ways. All the goodies from the garden will be used in our kitchen for you to eat.

Renovations are underway too. The kitchen is busting at the seams, so it's a natural decision to expand it slightly. We are expanding the lower "Farm Garden" and playing around with permaculture concepts. On the Nourish Patio, we will be testing out ways to grow fruits and veggies vertically in containers as not all of us have time or land to grow a full garden. Our goal is to provide you with achievable ideas to take to your own home.

Nourish has partnered up with Sea Cider Farms! We will be combining some of their products with some of the produce and herbs grown in the garden to create some really unique goodies for both their tasting room and retail space.

Lastly, spread the word! We will reopen our

doors on the 24th of February. Nourish, in the years to come, will be a gathering space to encourage, educate, and enable our community with nourishing food choices from seed to stomach. We are looking to support local talent that shares our values. If you, or someone you know, are an artist, foodie teacher, or culinary creator of goodies or baking that keeps health at the top of their minds in their business, we would love to promote them within our business.

Really looking forward to seeing all of you very soon!

Health and happiness,

Hayley

This is the place I want to be

This is the place I want to be at this time of my life. I want to be among people who feel as strongly as I do about helping to create gardens of all sorts. I

want to be among creative people who bounce ideas off one another until new and interesting projects emerge from fertile



brains, just as lovely plants emerge from fertile soil. Once our children have grown up and away and living their own busy lives, we need the camaraderie of a place like Glendale Gardens, even if it's only one or two days a week.

Our grandchildren - once cute little tads - have also grown to have their own busy and productive lives, and we don't see them as often as we would like. This leaves us, in our retirement years, to be free to pursue interests we didn't have enough time for previously. And so, to come full circle, this is where I want to be - at Glendale Gardens and Woodland, and particularly in the garden that suits my need for a creative outlet.

Bob Clarke

Book Reviews

HCP member, **Pat Marshall**, is an avid reader of gardening/horticulture books in our library and has kindly submitted the following notes. We hope that they will prove useful to members who are considering using the library but are wondering where to start when faced with nearly 3,000 volumes! Other users of the library are encouraged to pass on to the librarian comments about books they have liked - or considered a waste - so that others can benefit.

The Encyclopedia of Ornamental Grasses

Text by John Greenlee, Photography by Derek Fell

This is a very comprehensive book on grasses, classified carefully with all but the newest varieties listed. As any other book associated with Derek Fell, the photographs are excellent and the text both comprehensive and succinct. Planting suggestions are carefully composed.

Home Outside - creating the landscape you love, by Julie Mar Masevvy

This book is full of charming design ideas that are easily adaptable to our homes. A brief outline of landscape design for the layman helps one to understand basic principles and apply them to your own situation. The only criticism I had was that the subject of decks was not addressed.

Working with Nature - Shifting Paradigms

(Organic Horticulture) by Heide Hermary
A fascinating and highly instructive book on soil structure and amenities, water and pest management. There are also some amazing studies on plant sensitivities. Highly readable though technical.

The Green Tapestry - Perennial Plants for the Garden by Beth Chatto

As with any book by this master plants-woman, there is much to be learned. Beautifully illustrated and well written.

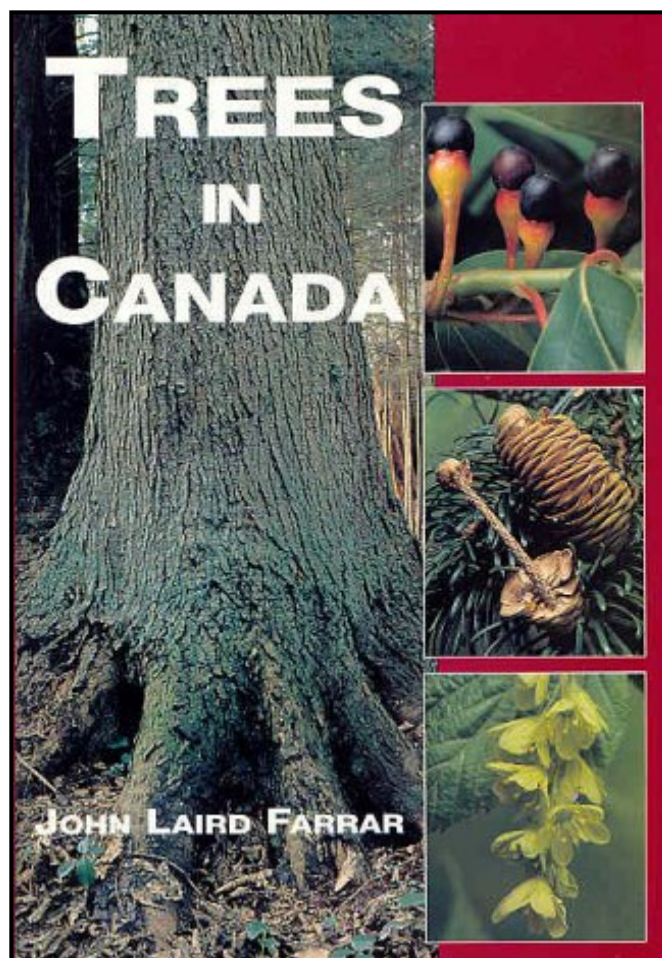
The Garden Book Phaidon

With 500 of history's famous gardeners, this book is a great catalogue. Unfortunately, as each is accompanied with an illustration, the print is so fine as to be a struggle to read.

TREES IN CANADA Book Review

Written by **John Farrar**, *Trees in Canada*, updates the very popular *Native Trees in Canada* series. The book describes 300 native and naturalized species with comprehensive descriptions and drawings or pictures of leaves, twigs, cones and seeds. The excellent quality colour photographs, including close-ups of plant details, make tree identification much easier. Colour maps show the geographical range of native species.

Of great value to the reader is the organization of species into twelve groups according to leaf shape and leaf arrangement in addition to the usual deciduous - coniferous divisions. This aids the reader in locating unknown species. One can readily find similarly described species by group. Another helpful addition is the 'Quick Reference' sidebar for most species. These points summarize all the unique identifying traits for that particular tree, making it easier



to compare and contrast similar species. *Trees in Canada* includes detailed keys to the species in each of the twelve groups plus winter keys for the deciduous species.

The author had a long career in forestry: industry, Canadian Forest Service and University of Toronto Faculty of Forestry. The author acknowledged the help of colleagues at U. of T., UBC, U. of A., McGill U. and Lakehead U. for their regional expertise and thanked Canadian Forest Service personnel including well-known Victoria entomologist and gardener Bob Duncan.

The addition of non-native trees and trees used in garden landscaping makes this book one of the most comprehensive books on trees in Canada. This book would therefore be a valuable addition to the reference library of anyone interested in garden trees. I give it 4 1/2 stars out of 5.

Brian McCutcheon

Forester and Master Gardener.



Spring Plant Sale April 30 & 1 May

Photo Credits

We would like to thank Glendale Gardens neighbour David Gray for reporting the fire to 911 and for his exceptional photos of the glass house fire (cover and page 1). They are a first for the Gardens. However – Once is enough. Photos of deer have never looked so good!

Report from the Head Gardener

I would like to thank the volunteers and staff at the HCP for their warm congratulations regarding my new post as Head Gardener at Glendale Gardens and Woodlands. I would also like to thank your previous Head Gardener, Derek Duffy, for his advice and insights for the gardens. He will be missed as he and Leslie start their new lives in Bellingham, WA.

Having spent the better part of the last 20 years as a professional landscape gardener, I received my original horticultural training at the University of Guelph. For my final year at the U of G, I received a scholarship from the Royal Botanical Gardens. Since moving to BC in 2000, I have owned and operated a successful landscape company, focusing on habitat restoration, and redeveloped the landscape horticultural technician program for the Continuing Education department at Okanagan College.

Joining me in the garden this year are Gwyn Herperger and Steve Purdy. Gwyn continues to be a cornerstone of the garden staff. She has also taken on the roll of Lead Practical Skills Instructor. Steve is a recent graduate of the college at HCP. Collectively, this team is the most experienced and dynamic garden crew I could ask for. we are looking forward to our collaborations in the gardens and with the volunteers.

We will be working closely this spring with David Rutherford. David is looking at altering some long-standing inefficiency within the garden, as well as raising our safety standards. Some other projects this spring are the revitalization of the front entrance and the creation of a high-density vegetable garden called "The Farm". The Farm will be a teaching area for the "Grow it, Cook it, Eat it" program headed up by Doug Mutch and Linda Petite. The hope is to supply Nourish Café with fresh produce from our veggie gardens.

I am looking forward to taking on the challenges and the rewards of managing a garden of this caliber. Please feel free to come forward with any questions or comments.

Chris Murphy

New Furniture to Arrive Soon

A very big thank you to all who contributed to the furniture fund. I have placed the order - delivery in April. So exciting!

We have also been accepted as a dealer for the Breezesta line and will offer our members 10% off all suggested retails. All the proceeds will go into buying more furniture for the garden. (We need umbrellas, too.)

Now we do not want the much-loved, long-serving old furniture to end up in the dump so if you would like to have a piece-- for a donation (remember the umbrellas)--please let us know. All the pieces are in need of some repair and a new paint job but are still solid and very comfortable. They will be available as soon as the new pieces arrive.

Jane Tice

Heathers

The common name heather is of Scottish origin, presumably derived from the Scots word HAED-DRE. Haeddre has been recorded as far back as the fourteenth century, and it is this word which seems always to have been associated with ericaceous plants.

There are a number of reasons why heathers are so abundant with such a wide distribution. Firstly, the plant's reproductive capacity is high, with seeds produced in very large numbers. Each tiny heather flower has 30 seeds, so it is quite possible for one large plant to produce up to 150,000 seeds per season. Small and light, the seeds are readily dispersed by wind and insects, with the germination period lasting up to six months. This long period is advantageous to the heather as it means there will be reserve seedlings to take over if the first seedlings should fail.

Most heather seeds are normally shed during November and December, with germination proving most successful on soils with a pH of between 4.5 and 7.5 (although it is better on soils tending to the lower end of this scale). But Heather is a very versatile plant. It readily adapts and thrives

in soils which are not only acid, but also those which are poorly supplied with the mineral elements normally essential to plant growth. Heather can survive in many soil types, from those which are peaty with a high water content to those which are free draining and relatively dry.

The hardiness of heather is demonstrated by its ability to flourish in regions where winter temperatures may drop to -32°C and reach above $+40$ in summer. (from David Lambie, *Introducing Heather*. Firtree Pub. 2000)

Over 200 heathers will be on sale March 12th. Lecture 9 am in the classroom. Heather Sale 10 am to 4 pm. See the list following.



Spring 2011 Heather Sale March 12th 10 to 4 pm

Erica carnea

Golden Starlet	White	6" x 16"	Dec. - Mar.	Yellow	Fol. lime grn in winter
Isabell	White	6" x 14"	Feb. - Apr.	Bright Green	Upright
Nathalie	Purple	6" x 16"	Jan. - Apr.	Dark Green	Compact
Rosalie	Bright Pink	6" x 16"	Jan. - Apr.	Bronze Green	Upright, flowers well
Schneekuppe	White	6" x 12"	Jan. - Mar.	Bright Green	Neat, compact
Tanja	Dark Red	6" x 14"	Jan. - May	Mid Green	New variety
Vivellii	Heliotrope	6" x 14"	Jan. - May	Dark Green	Foliage tinged bronze
Wintersonne	Magenta	6" x 14"	Feb. - May	Bronze Green	Red-brown foliage

Erica x darleyensis

Ghost Hills	Deep Pink	12" x 32"	Nov. - May	Light Green	Long flower spikes
Kramer's Red	Magenta	14" x 24"	Jan. - Apr.	Bronze Green	Good flower color
Spring Surprise	Dark Rose	12" x 18"	Mar. - May	Dark Green	Broad, upright
White Perfection	White	16" x 28"	Dec. - Apr.	Bright Green	Vigorous, long spikes
White Spring Surprise	White	12" x 16"	Mar. - May	Dark Green	Flowers late
Winter Surprise	Pink	14" x 24"	Nov. - Apr.	Mid Green	New variety
Winter Treasure	Salmon Pink	24" x 36"	Nov. - May	Mid Green	New variety

Calluna vulgaris

Alexandra	Crimson Buds	12" x 16"	Aug. - Dec.	Dark Green	Bud bloomer
Alicia	White Buds	12" x 16"	Aug. - Dec.	Bright Green	Long flowering
Annemarie	Double Rose Pink	20" x 24"	Aug. - Oct.	Dark Green	Good cut flower
Arina	Lilac	16" x 24"	July - Aug.	Mid Green	Orange tips in spring
Colette	Crimson	10" x 14"	Aug. - Sept.	Lime Green	Fol. red-brown in winter
Cream Steving	White	16" x 24"	Aug. - Sept.	Bright Green	Cream tips in Spring
Dark Beauty	Semi-double Red	10" x 14"	Aug. - Oct.	Dark Green	Compact
Dark Star	Semi-double Red	8" x 14"	Aug. - Oct.	Dark Green	Compact
Firefly	Deep Mauve	18" x 20"	Aug. - Sept.	Orange	Foliage red in winter
Flamingo	Lavender	12" x 20"	Aug. - Sept.	Dark Green	Red tips in spring
Hoyerhagen	Crimson	10" x 14"	Aug. - Sept.	Orange Gold	Deeper colors in winter
Jana	Double Red	14" x 20"	Aug. - Sept.	Dark Green	Good flower color
Kerstin	Mauve	12" x 18"	Aug. - Sept.	Grey Green	Yellow & red tips in spring
Kinlochrue	Double White	10" x 16"	Aug. - Oct.	Bright Green	Flowers well
Larissa	Brick Red Buds	12" x 18"	Aug. - Nov.	Dark Green	Bud bloomer
Leslie Slinger	Lavender	8" x 14"	Aug. - Sept.	Mid Green	Orange & red tips
Moon Glow	Purple	14" x 20"	Aug. - Sept.	Dark green	Yellow tips in spring
Red Fred	Lilac Pink	14" x 18"	Aug. - Sept.	Mid Green	Red new growth
Ruby Slinger	White	10" x 14"	Aug. - Oct.	Bright Green	Yellow tips in spring
Spring Cream	White	14" x 18"	Aug. - Nov.	Bright Green	Cream tips in spring
Spring Torch	Mauve	20" x 24"	Aug. - Oct.	Mid Green	Red & pink tips in Spring
Sun Sprinkles	White	14" x 18"	Aug. - Sept.	Bright Green	Yellow tips in Spring

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Erica cinerea

C. D. Eason	Bright Magenta	10" x 20"	June - Sept.	Dark Green	Flowers well
Lime Soda	Lavender	12" x 22"	June - Oct.	Lime Green	Spreading
Rosabella	Red	12" x 24"	June - Sept.	Dark Green	Spreading
Stephen Davis	Magenta	8" x 18"	June - Sept.	Dark Green	Compact

Daboecia

cantabrica Alba	White	16" x 28"	June - Oct.	Mid Green	Large flowers
cantabrica Rainbow	Deep Purple	22" x 28"	June - Oct.	Variegated	Leaves flecked red & yellow

Erica x. darleyensis

Ghost Hills	Deep Pink	12" x 32"	Nov. - May	Light Green	Long flower spikes
Kramer's Red	Magenta	14" x 24"	Jan. - Apr.	Bronze Green	Good flower color
Spring Surprise	Dark Rose	12" x 18"	Mar. - May	Dark Green	Broad, upright
White Perfection	White	16" x 28"	Dec. - Apr.	Bright Green	Vigorous, long spikes
White Spring Surprise	White	12" x 16"	Mar. - May	Dark Green	Flowers late

6" Pots

Nathalie	Purple	6" x 16"	Jan. - Apr.	Dark Green	Compact
Tanja	Dark Red	6" x 14"	Jan. - May	Mid Green	New variety
Arina	Lilac	16" x 24"	July - Aug.	Mid Green	Orange tips in spring
Firefly	Deep Mauve	18" x 20"	Aug. - Sept.	Orange	Foliage red in winter
Flamingo	Lavender	12" x 20"	Aug. - Sept.	Dark Green	Red tips in spring
Hoyerhagen	Crimson	10" x 14"	Aug. - Sept.	Orange Gold	Deeper colors in winter
Jana	Double Red	14" x 20"	Aug. - Sept.	Dark Green	Good flower color
Kerstin	Mauve	12" x 18"	Aug. - Sept.	Grey Green	Yellow & red tips in spring
Red Fred	Lilac Pink	14" x 18"	Aug. - Sept.	Mid Green	Red new growth
Ruby Slinger	White	10" x 14"	Aug. - Oct.	Bright Green	Yellow tips in spring
Spring Cream	White	14" x 18"	Aug. - Nov.	Bright Green	Cream tips in spring
Spring Torch	Mauve	20" x 24"	Aug. - Oct.	Mid Green	Red & pink tips in Spring

Erica arborea Alpina	White	80" x 36"	Mar. - May	Mid Green	Good cut flower
Erica arborea Estrella Gold	White	48" x 30"	Apr. - May	Lime Green	Flowers well
Erica arborea Spring Smile	White	60" x 32"	Apr. - May	Light Green	Yellow tips in Spring
Erica x veitchii Exeter	White	50" x 26"	Mar. - May	Light Green	Scented flowers



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