Operating Hours

UBC Botanical Garden
Daily 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Shop in the Garden
Daily 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Nitobe Memorial Garden
Weekdays 11:00 am - 4:30 pm

Greenheart TreeWalk
Daily 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

For up-to-date hours and directions visit our website.

Apple Festival - Our 25th Year!
October 15-16, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Celebrate the apple at our 25th annual Apple Festival! A family event for all ages, the UBC Apple Festival celebrates one of BC’s favourite fruits with tastings, juice, cider, a scarecrow contest, children’s area and lots of entertainment for all ages. From learning about the diversity of apples to tasting rare and unusual varieties, the Apple Festival is a great opportunity to discover more about this delicious fruit.

Organized by Friends of the Garden. All proceeds support UBC Botanical Garden. Special thanks to our sponsors Whole Foods, Salmon’s and CHNM. Read more.

October in the Garden

One of the pleasures at UBC Botanical Garden is watching how plants respond to conditions from one year to the next. Variations in autumn colour are usually the result of the availability of late summer sunshine and soil moisture and the more of both of those, the darker will be the colours of the autumn leaves. Read more on our blog.

Volunteer at Apple Festival

Why not consider volunteering at our Apple Festival? There are plenty of opportunities to lend a hand. Come have fun, meet new friends and maybe learn something new about apples! Visit our website, email us or call 604.827.3907 for more information.

October’s Volunteer Orientation: Learn all about fruit trees from Richard Hallman, Pomologist in Residence. October 13, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Register here.

For a complete list of tours, workshops and performances, visit our website.

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Shop & Garden Centre October Update

Prepare for a Thanksgiving feast with autumn-inspired table linens, dishes and placemats, and decorate with a beautiful dried floral arrangement made by our volunteers. Stay warm with a woolen scarf or First Nations toque. We still have a variety of bulbs for sale, perfect for your fall planting. Drop by, have a coffee, sit outside and enjoy these sunny October afternoons at the Shop in the Garden.

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About the Garden

Established in 1916, UBC Botanical Garden curates a collection of approximately 50,000 accessioned plants representing approximately 7,000 taxa from temperate regions around the world.

Follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Our handle is @ubcgarden.

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