June in the Garden

High on my list of must-sees (and must-smells) is *Rosa filipes* 'Kiftsgate'. This is an outstanding climber, now more than 20 metres into a large Douglas fir at the corner of Forrest and Rock Trails in the David C. Lam Asian Garden. In June 'Kiftsgate' smothers itself in creamy buds that open into large rounded clusters of perfumed white blooms. These are followed later in the summer by a spectacular display of small red fruits. The cultivar name refers to the garden where it originated, Kiftsgate Court, in Gloucestershire, which is next door to the famous Hidcote Manor Garden.

Upcoming Events

New! Amphitheatre Summer Series

Join us in the Roseline Sturdy Amphitheatre for our new Summer Series. We've got a mix of entertaining performances lined up for June 21, July 19, & August 16. Event details will be posted on our website early this week. Stay tuned for an email announcement.

Volunteer Orientation June 14

Turn over a new leaf and learn more about plants and ecology with us! Our summer orientation session will take place on June 14th. Learn more

Garden Days Tours June 16

Join us as we search for exciting birds or discover eco-friendly garden designs and plants with the Grow Green Guide from Metro Vancouver. Learn more

Bumblebee Parade & Picnic

Search for flowers and their fuzzy bumblebee companions with experts Brian Campbell and Marika van Reeuwyk.

Ecoprinting on Silk Scarves

Spruce up your summer wardrobe with hand-dyed botanical prints.

Herbarium Workshop: Create Your Own Plant Specimen

Learn the art behind one of the earliest plant cataloguing techniques.

For a complete list of upcoming events and activities visit our website: Events & Activities

Team Building with our Sustainable Communities Field School

Want to reward your hard-working employees? Book a 3 hour team building tour in the spectacular 20-metre high Greenheart TreeWalk and the Food Garden between June-Aug and receive a complimentary continental breakfast upon arrival. Promo code FSCOMP.

Research Spotlight

Recent research examines the effects of incorporating more native tree species into the urban tree canopy for ecological and social benefits. Tree species selection and management practices determine the functional and social benefits of urban forests, yet how and why trees are selected is unclear. We measured the preferences and tree selection criteria of property owners in Vancouver, BC, using a range of methods from interviews to community mapping projects. We found that property owners' preferences are shaped by social, ecological, and aesthetic factors, and that they value trees for their ecological benefits more than the social benefits. Our findings have implications for urban forest management, as they suggest that property owners are more likely to value trees that are ecologically beneficial, even if they are not socially desirable. Read More

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