The Garden may be closed, we're still here if you need gardening advice.

UBC Botanical Garden is honoured to support the Granny Gardens project through a donation of seeds donated to Heiltsuk Nation Granny Gardens Food Security Initiative. The Granny Gardens initiative by the QQS Project Society is an educational and community-based project that promotes food security and well-being in isolated communities. The Granny Gardens project is supported by Metro Vancouver through its Green Heart Projects, which aims to create more green space and promote sustainable living in the region.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many communities are facing issues of food insecurity due to reduced transportation of essential goods. Isolated communities such as Bella Bella on the west coast of Vancouver Island have been particularly affected. To address this issue, Granny Gardens aims to help residents grow and harvest their own food. The Granny Gardens Food Security Initiative partners with local communities to provide gardening advice, seeds, and support, enabling residents to grow their own food and become more self-sufficient.

In April 2020, the UBC Botanical Garden launched a new blog post called "April 2020 in the Neighbourhood". The blog post features photographs and descriptions of plants familiar to those living in the community. The blog post includes social-distancing recommendations to ensure safety and includes health and safety guidelines to ensure a safe outdoor experience. The blog post also includes a virtual tour of the Greenheart TreeWalk, allowing gardening enthusiasts to experience the canopy adventure from their homes.

This virtual tour of the Greenheart TreeWalk is available through the UBC Botanical Garden's website. The virtual tour is presented by The Sustainable Communities Field School and is accessible to anyone with a computer or mobile device. The virtual tour allows gardening enthusiasts to experience the beauty of a BC rainforest from the comfort of their homes and enjoy the health and wellness benefits of visiting a rainforest setting without leaving their home.

The Vancouver Trees App is a mobile app designed to help gardening enthusiasts identify trees and learn about their ecological needs. The app contains an extensive catalogue of trees, including a thousand different trees, and allows users to browse and identify trees using various features such as identification, ecological needs, and availability. The app also includes features for diagnosing pests and diseases, providing gardening advice, and sharing plant and gardening information with others.

UBC Botanical Garden and Nitobe Memorial Garden are closed to public access, but the garden is committed to bringing you opportunities to learn about and connect with nature close to your home! While UBC Botanical Garden and Nitobe Memorial Garden are closed, we are offering a virtual tour of the Greenheart TreeWalk, allowing gardening enthusiasts to experience the canopy adventure from their homes.

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