August 2019 in the Garden

August is a bountiful time for gardeners. That is unless you’re like me in being lazy and forgetting to water when the temperature rises in summer (I’m a shade person). Thankfully, staff at the Botanical Garden are more responsible. About this time in the Food Garden, globe artichokes, *Cynara cardunculus Scolymus Group*, are ripening, but they are not allowed to flower. Artichokes are harvested when the phyllaries (the green bracts that encircle the flowerhead) are plump, but before they begin to spread apart and dry out. The artichoke’s wild progenitor, the cardoon (\(Cynara cardunculus\)) has tougher, spinier, inedible phyllaries, but is a valued ornamental.

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Upcoming Events

**Rumour Mill**

**August 15 | 5:30 pm - 7 pm**

Don’t miss our next performance of the Summer Amphitheatre Series with Rumour Mill. With catchy melodies, soulful harmonies, and skilled songwriting, Rumour Mill will sweep you off your feet with its unique indie-pop sound. Missed past performances? See the recap in our Instagram Highlights.

**Courtyard Sale: Indoor Plants**

**September 6 | 10 am - 4 pm**

Featuring ferns, succulents, tropical plants, containers, and accessories. Expert gardeners on-site for advice.

**Recap: The Garden of Secrets Launch**

Catch up on the Garden of Secrets, from screenings and discussions, to a one-of-a-kind tea blend by TEALEAVES.

25% off $25 or more in the Garden Centre

*Includes regularly priced in-stock plants only. Does not include seeds. Must present coupon to receive discount. Limit one coupon per customer. Not to be combined with any other special offers or discounts. No cash value. Offer valid until August 18th, 2019.

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