



Stay Connected. Stay Rooted.

While UBC Botanical Garden and Nitobe Memorial Garden are closed to public access, we are committed to bringing you opportunities to learn about and connect with nature close to your home. We hope you are staying safe and healthy and look forward to welcoming you back soon.



Paeonia lactiflora 'Bowl of Beauty'

June 2020 in the Neighbourhood

Spring is rolling along into summer and most of us are still sticking close to home. Although this is an unfortunate hobbling of our normal activities, more and more of us are getting out and exploring our neighbourhoods on foot. Every day I go for a walk I see more flowers, more vibrant green growth, and more people enjoying their gardens. This is a good thing. And think about this: had these pandemic difficulties started in the summer, the burgeoning stream of plants coming into bloom after three months of isolation would be diminishing, rather than increasing.

This June in the Neighbourhood features some stunning plants in bloom in early summer, including *Paeonia lactiflora* 'Bowl of Beauty' an enchanting type of peony. Stay tuned next week when we feature five more plants for June in the Neighbourhood series.

Many of the plants featured in May 2020 in the Neighbourhood are still in bloom. Check them out [here](#).

[Read more](#)

UBC Botanical Garden Horticulture Training Program



Egan Davis, Principal Instructor

Horticulture Training Program Video Overview

Egan Davis, Principal Instructor of The UBC Botanical Garden Horticulture Training Program, hosted an information session on Tuesday, June 2 with great turnout.

If you missed the information session, find out more about the Horticulture Training Program in the short overview video by Egan at the link below.

Learn more about applications [here](#).

[Watch the video](#)



Book your shopping time at our Garden Centre

We have added more timeslots for you to book your shopping visits at the Garden Centre!

The Garden Centre's new ongoing hours are **Wednesday to Sunday, 10 am-3 pm** every week. Safely shop for your plants and gardening supplies by selecting an available timeslot when you register online to visit.

Book your visit to the Garden Centre today.

[Plan your visit](#)

Watch Online Sessions



Wild Food Virtual Talk Recap

On Saturday, May 30th, Douglas Justice (Associate Director, Horticulture & Collections) joined [Berkeley Open Source Food](#), [The Sioux Chef](#) and [TEALEAVES](#) to discuss the bounty of biodiversity. Find out more and watch the event recording below.

[Watch the recap](#)



Play & Learn Science for Kids

Dr. Tara Moreau (Associate Director, Sustainability & Community Programs) led two fun [Play and Learn sessions](#) with UBC Recreation & Camps on ecology and citizen science for children at home during the pandemic.

Missed the livestreams? You can find the recorded sessions below.

[Plants and Pollinators \(ages 6-8\)](#)

[Citizen Science and Butterfly Biology \(ages 9-12\)](#)



Grow Green Live Part II: Lawn Alternatives

In this ongoing series by [Metro Vancouver](#), Egan Davis (Principal Instructor, Horticulture Training Program) joins Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Planner Karin England to discuss alternative options to the traditional grass lawn.

[Watch now](#)

[Watch Part I: Food Gardening with Tara Moreau](#)



Home-Grown Food: Growing Food in Containers

Learning to grow food is a great way to connect to nature and to agriculture, all while spending time outdoors. Read the [Metro Vancouver's Grow Green Guide](#) article on growing food in containers, written by experts from the Garden.

[Read the article](#)

Garden Advice

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



Garden Forums

Ask your questions (and learn from others!) through our online plant and gardening community. Horticulturists and plant enthusiasts are ready to help you.

[Go to Garden Forums](#)



Hortline Advice

Call or email us to get advice on a range of topics, including plant identification, diagnosing pests and diseases, and gardening and landscape.

[Click here for more information](#)



Grow Green Guide

A guide to start and maintain eco-friendly lawns and gardens in the Vancouver area.

This resource is a collaborative project between Metro Vancouver and UBC Botanical Garden.

[Go to the Grown Green Guide](#)

Vancouver Trees App

Vancouver Trees is a mobile app that describes commonly cultivated trees in the Metro Vancouver area. Users of the app can browse the extensive catalogue of nearly a thousand different trees and find each tree's identification features, ecological needs and availability.

[Go to Vancouver Trees App](#)

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