From all of us at the Garden, Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2021! We hope you had a safe and restful holiday season. January 2021 will look a little different than in previous years. UBC Botanical Garden will remain closed this month. Nitobe Memorial Garden will remain closed until Spring. Please stay tuned for an update on the rest of our 2021 operational schedule.

While our Gardens remain closed, we are excited to virtual to see and know our Gardens-related virtual events and videos. See dates for the 2021 Winter Walk linking to Garden Division Faculty Lectures and Dr. Megan Aronson. UBC Botanical Garden and The Shop in the Garden are both closed for the month of January.

Since the Garden is closed in January, you will be missing January 2020 in the Garden, where Douglas Justice (Associate Director, Horticulture & Collections) highlights the Garden horticulturists' plans for seasonal maintenance and how they acquire new seeds. Winter is a good time for planning. When it's cold, the horticultural and curatorial staff spend considerable time planning for the next growing season—what to plant, what to remove, what to prune, and what infrastructure needs upgrading.

TEALEAVES Virtual Talk with Garden Director
Patricia Lewis
Thursday, January 14, 2021, 8:30 AM
Join us for this free talk on biodiversity concerns in tree planting as part of the World Biodiversity Forum. Tree planting dominates political and popular agendas, and is often portrayed as an easy answer to the climate crisis and effective mitigation for corporate carbon emissions. However, it is not a simple solution. Planting the wrong trees in the wrong place can cause considerably more damage than benefits, failing people and nature.

Surely it is common sense to incorporate biodiversity, botanical data, and botanical expertise into both the planning and practice of tree planting? This may not be the case. Learn more from experts, including Garden Director Patrick Lewis, Dr. Paul Smith, Secretary General (CEO) of Botanic Gardens Conservation International, and Dr. Megan Aronson, Dean, UBC Faculty of Science.

An Education in Propagation
Follow along as our Artist in Residence, Dr. Erin Despard, explores propagation. Propagation is the practice of using plants to make more plants. There are two main ways to do it. The first—collecting and germinating seeds—depends on sexual processes of reproduction. The second, which encompasses a range of techniques—everything from root division to stem cuttings, grafting, and layering—depends on vegetative reproduction or cloning. Learn more about Dr. Despard's work here.

Christmas Tree Recycling
accepting trees until January 10, 2021
10 am to 2 pm
Recycle your Christmas tree! Proceeds directly support Thunderbird Elementary, a school with a high percentage of vulnerable students. Garden lessons, provided by SPEC (Society Promoting Environmental Conservation), provide students the opportunity to observe, learn, and connect to their natural world through engaging hands-on activities in their school garden. Find out how here.

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