

LGBTQ+ Wedding Package: Special Offer!

Sunday, July 25, 2021

In recognition of [Pride Month](#), UBC Botanical Garden is excited to share a special offer for members of the LGBTQ+ community looking to getting married this summer.

We are offering a discount on COVID-friendly, elopement-style wedding packages for LGBTQ+ couples getting married at UBC Botanical Garden on Sunday, July 25, 2021. This special offer includes the beautiful outdoor venue of [Wharton Glade](#), support with ceremony set-up, and more.

This offer aims to increase access for communities that may face barriers to getting married and expressing their love.

To book this wedding package (available only Sunday, July 25, 2021), please contact garden.bookings@ubc.ca.

Learn more at the link below.

[Book now](#)



Lobelia tupa

July in the Garden

July in UBC Botanical Garden is mostly about colour. Much as I like to encourage visitors to look beyond the flowers, the early summertime is a period of floral bounty. It is worth celebrating for that alone.

The [E.H. Lohbrunner Alpine Garden](#) has its share of in-bloom cotton lavenders in the Europe section, but the major attractions in the Alpine Garden are arguably in the Africa and South America sections. In the South American section, [Lobelia tupa](#) (devil's tobacco) holds court at a high point in the garden. The American lobelias are exceptional plants for their attractiveness to hummingbirds, and the rich crimson red of this species' blooms is a magnet for Garden visitors, as well.

Fuchsias, too, have significant appeal both for humans and our winged friends. There are several around the corner from the lobelia. The common [Fuchsia magellanica](#) (hardy fuchsia) has slender upright stems and slim purple and pink flowers. The lovely palest pink fuchsia (labelled *F. magellanica*) in the same area is likely a hybrid as well— note the strongly recurved sepals, a feature indicating that this is not the pure species.

[Read more](#)



Investigating the Cause of Yellow-Cedar Decline

The yellow-cedar, a native to northern BC, has been in decline for decades — and no one really knows why.

Through sampling the yellow-cedars and related conifers in the [BC Rainforest Garden](#) at UBC Botanical Garden, PhD student Milos Simovic aims to determine whether the cold intolerance of the cedars' root tracheids, exacerbated by climate change, may be what's driving yellow-cedar decline.

Learn more about this research and how it might help in the conservation of this native species.

[Read more](#)

Photo by Lauren Oakes



The Regenerative Beauty of Self-Propagating Plants

In a new blog post, [Artist in Residence](#) Dr. Erin Despard explores a new way of experiencing gardens— by understanding that plants have agency and work with horticulturists and gardeners to grow with their environment.

Regenerative practices, such as those used in the [David C. Lam Asian Garden](#), can help both horticulturists and plants to nurture and manage beautiful, resilient natural spaces.

Take a look at how understanding the agency of plants opens up a new kind of perspective of beauty when you visit gardens.

[Read more](#)



The Butterflyway Project: A Citizen Science Collaboration

UBC biology student Alex Wong shares his insights from working with the [Butterflyway Project](#), a citizen science collaboration between UBC Botanical Garden, [David Suzuki Foundation](#), faculty and volunteers.

Over 700 school students across BC became eager citizen scientists during a week-long "bioblitz" to record pollinator data in local areas.

Through citizen science initiatives, adults and kids can nurture their love for nature and get involved in conservation efforts.

[Read more](#)



Visit UBC Botanical Garden

Enjoy the season to the fullest by visiting UBC Botanical Garden.

We recommend that you book your next visit in advance online as spots are filling up quickly!

Hours:

Wednesday-Sunday: 10:00 am-5:00 pm

(last entry time at UBC Botanical Garden is at 3:30 pm and visitors must enter the Greenheart TreeWalk by 4:30 pm)

Monday-Tuesday: Closed

[Reserve your tickets here](#)



Visit Nitobe Memorial Garden

Experience harmony in nature at Nitobe Memorial Garden.

Plan your next visit to Nitobe Garden by booking an appointment in advance online.

Hours:

Wednesday-Sunday: 10:00 am-5:00 pm

(last entry time at Nitobe Garden is 4:30 pm)

Monday-Tuesday: Closed

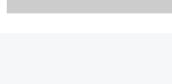
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