

# spring Bulletin

April - June 2014

**2014 Plant Sale: Fifty Shades of Green** | By Joan Bentley, 2014 Plant Sale Chair

“GREEN HOW I LOVE YOU GREEN. GREEN WIND. GREEN BRANCHES.”

This is a quote from the Spanish poet Federico Garcia Lorca, who was obviously in love with green! The colour green, linked to new life and fertility, would be without doubt, Mother Nature’s favourite colour. We understand that green is soothing to the senses, and restful to the eyes. I believe that serenity, tranquility and a sense of well-being, washes over us, when we give in to the power of green; when we visit a garden; when we walk in the woods; when we simply sit under the leafy branches of a tree. Here are but a few examples of what you will find on April 27th.

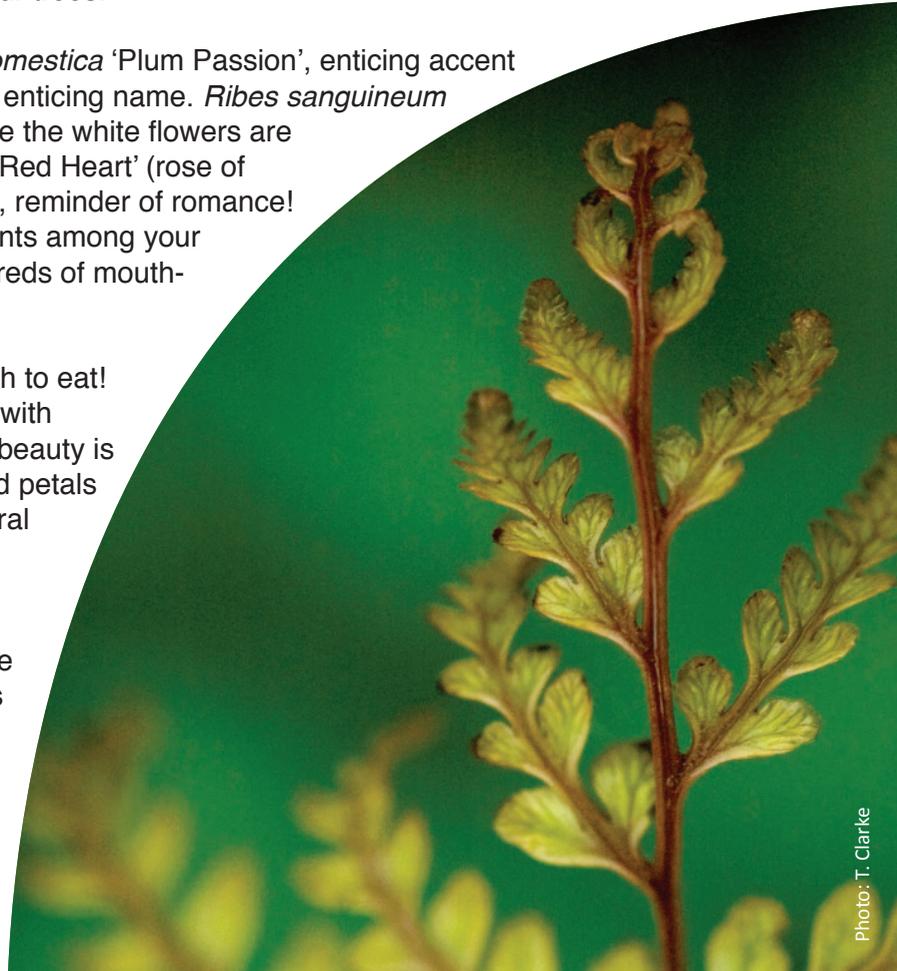
The dappled shade of a Japanese maple is both refreshing and calming. At our Plant Sale look for the *Acer palmatum* ‘Osakazuki’, with upright green form, and intense crimson fall colour, or *Acer palmatum dissectum* ‘Seiryu’ (lace leaf maple), with delicate, lacey-green foliage. There will be many lovely magnolias, perhaps the *Magnolia denudata* (Yulan magnolia) the creamy-white magnolia of Chinese pottery, will catch your eye. Do consider all the seasons when selecting your trees.

Some shrubs you may look for are *Nandina domestica* ‘Plum Passion’, enticing accent shrub with deep purple foliage, and an equally enticing name. *Ribes sanguineum* ‘White Icicle’, cool by name, and more so, since the white flowers are attractive to hummingbirds. *Hibiscus syriacus* ‘Red Heart’ (rose of Sharon), a single white flower, with a red heart, reminder of romance! Many shrubs make wonderful permanent accents among your perennials, and yes, as usual, we’ll have hundreds of mouth-watering varieties available.

*Echinacea* ‘Coconut Lime’, scrumptious enough to eat! Fully-double flowers are white to yellow-green with pompom-like lime green center cone. Another beauty is *Echinacea purpurea* ‘Green Envy’ with rounded petals of clear green, surrounding an inky-green central cone.

*Stipa tenuissima* (Mexican feather grass) is a great plant for mass planting, particularly where there are windy conditions. All summer it bears a profusion of soft, feathery panicles, which mature from foamy-green to blonde. It is native to the Americas.

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## Fifty Shades of Green...continued from page 1

*Astrantia major* 'Sunningdale Variegated', possibly the most beautiful variegated foliage plant in spring. With large, pointed leaves, elegantly marked with yellow and cream, it is irresistible for garden design or flower arranging. Branching stems of white, flushed-pink, posy flowers are an added bonus for summer-fall. This perennial electrifies the spring garden!

*Primula* 'Green Lace', has frilly, green flowers and a yellow eye, and blooms from spring to early summer. It is a wonderful garden performer for moist sites, with the added bonus of attracting butterflies.

*Anemone nemorosa* 'Green Fingers', is a petite, bewitching Wood Anemone. In early spring this makes a dense carpet of coarse ferny foliage and small white flowers with stamens that are thickened and green. "The degree of this unabashed happily concupiscent display varies from flower to flower" – now that delightful description is from our friend, Kelly, at Far Reaches Nursery!

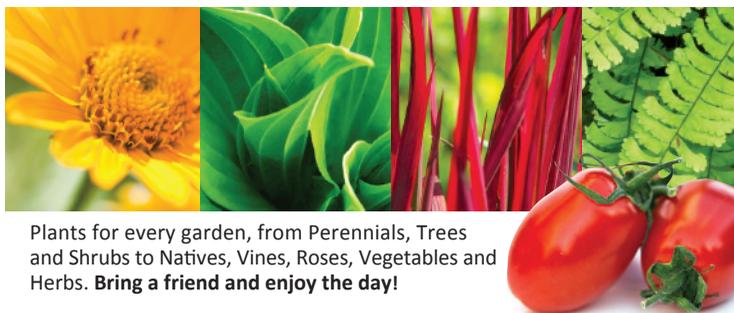
Of course it's limitless the number of plants we could add to our 'shades of green' list!

There are rhododendrons, hostas, ferns, native plants, roses, succulents, orchids and clematis. With the fragrance and amazing diversity of flowers, fruit and foliage, how can we not succumb to the garden's lure, the siren call of the garden? So play with the Fifty Shades of Green in your garden, and since green is also thought to add to our intelligence, we'll get smart in the process! 🍃

### Plant Sale

More than 40,000 plants

Free Admission | Sunday April 27, 2014 | 10 am to 4 pm



Plants for every garden, from Perennials, Trees and Shrubs to Natives, Vines, Roses, Vegetables and Herbs. **Bring a friend and enjoy the day!**



Enjoy a day in the Garden at the Plant Sale

Photo: N. Wong

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

VanDusen Botanical Garden Association

Notice is hereby given that an Annual General Meeting of the Members of VanDusen Botanical Garden Association ('the Association') will be held in the Visitor Centre at VanDusen Botanical Garden, 5151 Oak Street, Vancouver, British Columbia on Monday, April 14, 2013 at 7 p.m. for the purpose of:

- presenting Volunteer Recognition Awards,
- considering the financial statements of the Association for the year ended December 31, 2013,
- considering the report of the Board of Governors to the Association,
- electing Governors,
- appointing an auditor,
- authorizing the Board of Governors to fix the remuneration of the auditor,
- considering, and if thought fit, passing any special resolutions for which proper notice has been given, and
- transacting such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

By Order of the Board  
Tony DuMoulin, Secretary

### Adopt-a-Tree

at VanDusen Garden to commemorate a significant event or remember a loved one.

For further information: [vandusengarden.org](http://vandusengarden.org)  
or Development Office 604-257-8190

Photo: N. Wong

## Botany and Beyond Connecting People with Plants in New Ways

The Adult Education courses at VanDusen have always had a strong focus on gardening and ecology, with additional options in art and wellness. This season, we are certainly offering a fun mix of ecologically-sound gardening classes, including many on growing food in the city, but we are also trying out a number of different ideas. You don't have to be a gardener to take a course at the Garden!

Treat your nose to an olfactory workshop with a master perfumer and explore VanDusen's rose collection and other plants used for perfumes. Find inspiration in the Garden and allow your words to flow during the Write with Nature series, or one-day writing workshop. Summertime Yoga in the Garden will be on Tuesday evenings under the trees, while Sunday mornings are perfect for Qi Gong in the Garden. New at VanDusen this year, Qi Gong (Chi Kung), is an ancient Chinese health care system that uses gentle, rhythmic movements to build stamina, reduce stress, and enhance the immune system.

Nature makes humans healthy, happy, and more productive. This is why we need parks and gardens in dense urban environments, why we need windows, and why garden-based programs are booming in schools, hospitals, seniors' centres, community gardens, neighbourhood houses, social service facilities, correctional facilities, etc. To support and encourage this growing awareness, we're offering many hands-on ways to learn more. Hear of the global body of research that is proving the immense ways that we benefit from time in nature, or take a Mindful Nature Walk, and walk the Garden with Shelagh Smith and a purpose. Shelagh, lead instructor of VanDusen's Horticultural Therapy Certificate Program, will also be teaching Seasonal Activities for Garden Programs to share garden and nature-based activities and how to adapt them to specific functionalities. We're so excited about this that we have scheduled it three times - spring, summer and fall!

VanDusen's members, and the broad Metro Vancouver community, come to the Garden for a range of reasons. We all form our connections with plants, and the rest of the natural world, in ways that resonate with our individual interests, skills, emotions, and personal needs at any given time. We hope that the diversity of walks, courses and workshops at the Garden this season present opportunities for everyone to deepen those connections.



Photo: G. Drake

*Seeding lettuce at Summer Camp*



Photo: N. Wong

*Explore our rose collection  
with a master perfumer*



*Our docents with trainers Alan and Vicky*

## Graduation at Bloedel Conservatory

On March 1st, the VBGA was so pleased to complete the training of 17 new docent-guides who will be available most weekends in 2014 at the Bloedel Conservatory. We owe the trainers – Alan Reid and Vicky Earle – a huge debt of gratitude for the volunteer time and effort they put in to create and deliver the training program. Thanks to our docents' commitment, we will be able to truly enrich the visitor experience at the Conservatory in the same way that we are able to do so in the Garden. Congratulations to all!

*– Shawn Mitchell, Association Director*

## Wills & Estate Planning & Advance Care Planning Seminar

Woodland B, VanDusen Visitor Centre  
Presented by Mary Hamilton  
and Kate Bake-Paterson of Davis LLP  
Tuesday, June 10 - 1:30pm to 4pm

### Our Presenters:

**Mary Hamilton** is associate counsel with Davis LLP and leads the firm's Wills, Estates and Trusts group. Mary has almost 25 years of experience in matters relating to wills, trusts and estate administration.

**Kate Bake-Paterson**, Davis LLP associate, practises in the area of corporate/commercial law with a particular emphasis on advising charities and not-for-profit organizations.

### Wills and Estate Planning: what's W.E.S.A. and what does it mean for me and my estate?

The law of Wills and estates is changing in BC on March 31, 2014. We'll discuss the new law and what it means for estate planning and estate administration in BC. We will discuss what happens if you die without a Will; who should be an executor; types of trusts you might want to include in your Will; dealing with your TFSA, RRSP, RRRIF, RESP and life insurance; and all manner of other issues that come up when doing estate planning.

### Advance Care Planning: who will make your financial, legal and health care decisions if you are no longer capable? And what decisions will they make?

We will discuss representation agreements; living wills; advance medical directives; powers of attorney; and committees. We'll look at the Margot Bentley case that is causing such a stir and discuss the documents you can put in place to address personal and financial decisions when you are no longer capable.

Pre-Register by June 5th for free seminars by phone 604.257.8677 or email [fundraising@vandusen.org](mailto:fundraising@vandusen.org)



A hummingbird enjoys a sunny spring day

## Special Mother's Day Draw Prize Purchase or Renew a Membership to WIN

We love all of the wonderful women in our lives and, to celebrate them, we're holding a very special draw. Purchase or renew any membership or gift membership **between April 25 and May 9\*** and you will automatically be entered into a draw to win a gift certificate from Erikson's Daylily Gardens and a selection of fine food products from Epicure Selections (total prize valued at \$200).

The prize draw will take place on Friday, May 9, 2014 – just in time for one lucky winner to take home something extra-special this Mother's Day!

*\*You don't have to be a mom to be eligible. Anyone who purchases or renews a VanDusen membership will be entered to win.*



View all of our upcoming events at  
[www.vandusengarden.org](http://www.vandusengarden.org)

## Yes, I will help the Gardens flourish

Please select one:

Here is my/our gift for annual programs  I/we prefer to give to Plant Collections  My/our gift is for Bloedel Conservatory  
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Please contact me about:

Adopting a tree  Making a will bequest to VBGA  Major gift opportunities at the Garden and the Conservatory

Please make the cheque payable to: VanDusen Botanical Garden Assoc. Development Office, 5251 Oak St. Vancouver, BC V6M 4H1  
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