



Vancouver  
Botanical  
Gardens  
Association

# Annual Report 2023



# INTRODUCTION

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The Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association (VBGA) acknowledges that VanDusen Botanical Garden and Bloedel Conservatory are located on the unceded Ancestral shared lands of the x̣ṃəθkwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. We are honoured to be on the lands where these Nations have lived since time immemorial, and where they continue to maintain stewardship and live in balance with nature.

Our mission of connecting people to plants is rooted in place-based education. We work to honour our host Nations' knowledge and protocols and will continue to build relations on trust and respect for the caretakers and knowledge keepers of the land that supports us. In the true spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, we recognize that our work of promoting environmental sustainability and stewardship would not be possible without Indigenous perspectives and knowledge.

VanDusen Botanical Garden and Bloedel Conservatory are jointly operated by the Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association (VBGA) and the City of Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation. Both organizations share responsibility for the day to day running of the Gardens. This close and long-standing relationship is best represented in what we all get to experience every day at both locations.

For the past almost six years VBGA and Park Board have worked together towards the creation of a new Joint Operating Agreement. The first component of this project was the approval of the jointly developed VanDusen & Bloedel Strategic Plan by Park Board Commissioners and VBGA Directors in October 2021.

In April 2024 Park Board Commissioners unanimously authorized their General Manager to sign the Agreement and the VBGA board unanimously authorized the VBGA President to do the same. The Agreement is expected to be signed in May 2024. This Agreement will govern how both parties will work together for the benefit of VanDusen Botanical Garden and Bloedel Conservatory, our members, and the broader community.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2023-2024)

### OFFICERS

Paul Kluckner <i>President</i>	Christine McCaffrey <i>Treasurer</i>
Ann-Marie Copping <i>Vice President</i>	Susan Witter <i>Secretary</i>

### DIRECTORS

Terry Anne Boyles	Elizabeth Taylor
James Harris	Angela White
Anna Hicks	Terri Clark <i>(resigned February 2024)</i>
Victor Huang	
Bill Manning	John Coupar <i>(resigned February 2024)</i>
Colleen Nesbitt	



### A note from VBGA Executive Director Stephen Shapiro

I want to thank those who have contributed to the successful culmination of the new Joint Operating Agreement. There have been many, many people involved in the process and I am thankful to have worked with you all since the beginning of this process six years ago.

With the passing of the new JOA, I expect that on a day-to-day operational level this new agreement will serve to clarify VBGA and Park Board's roles and responsibilities. This clarity will provide a better framework for future planning, the development of capital projects, facility renewal, investments in human talent, increased joint marketing and communications, and generally a more coherent brand identity and recognition by the general public.

All this I fully expect will lead to increased attendance at both facilities, enhanced horticultural and botanical collections, exciting new programs and services being offered to both Members and visitors, and increased financial returns for both the Park Board and VBGA to invest. Exciting things lie ahead!

**Stephen Shapiro**

Executive Director, Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association

# LETTER FROM VBGA PRESIDENT



As the second and final year of my term as your VBGA President draws to a close, I am very pleased with the state of our Association and its operations. 2023 was a big year for our organization, and our Membership, Volunteer, Education and Philanthropy programs continue to thrive.

VBGA's membership program continued to grow. In 2023 and we ended the year with close to 14,000 active adult members. It was a banner year for membership revenue, exceeding \$500,000 for the first time. This revenue provides vital support for botanical collections, Indigenous initiatives, and education bursaries at both VanDusen and Bloedel, as well as sustaining our core programs.

2023 saw transformative donations from philanthropists advancing education and biodiversity. Over 55 years after Prentice Bloedel made the donation that led to the creation of Bloedel Conservatory, the Bloedel Family renewed their commitment to this beloved space with a gift to enhance plant collections and education at the Conservatory. In addition, VBGA was honoured to welcome the Y. P. Heung Foundation as a key supporter of our mission, thanks to a generous gift honouring Mr. Heung's love of gardens and Vancouver.

More than 400 volunteers contributed over 20,000 hours in dozens of mission-focused roles. We evolved Guide and Docent trainings by moving from in-person only training to a more accessible hybrid model combining online learning, self-directed reading and hands-on, in-person elements. This directly supports our mission of engaging people of all ages and walks of life through participation in our programs and services.

After a three-year hiatus (due to Covid), we were delighted to be able to host Pollinator Days, our three-day field trip festival. It was our most successful year to date, with 987 elementary students and teachers at VanDusen Botanical Garden learning all about pollinators and their role in supporting biodiversity. Adult Education hosted 67 in-person and online programs with over 1,100 spots filled and we were pleased to launch our new bursary program for older adults which aims to reduce financial barriers for those wishing to attend our programs.

## Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) Update

For the past almost 50 years at VanDusen, and more recently at Bloedel, VBGA has partnered with the Park Board in protecting and enhancing VanDusen Botanical Garden and Bloedel Conservatory for the benefit of all. For almost six years, both parties have worked towards creating a new Joint Operating Agreement to renew this partnership. The first component of this project was the approval of the jointly developed VanDusen & Bloedel Strategic Plan by Park Board Commissioners and VBGA Directors in October 2021. I am pleased to let you know that Park Board Commissioners on April 8 unanimously authorized their General Manager to sign the Agreement. Our own VBGA board on April 9 unanimously authorized me to do the same.

The new Joint Operating Agreement governs how VBGA and Park Board work together for the benefit of VanDusen Botanical Garden and Bloedel Conservatory, our members, and the broader community. Our focus continues to be on attracting people to the two facilities, running educational and volunteer programs, and raising awareness and funds to support our programs and the facilities.

In creating a new JOA we sought, among other things, to articulate a joint commitment to the success of VanDusen and Bloedel, increase certainty in our relationship with Park Board, and increase our ability to raise and contribute funds to maintain and enhance VanDusen and Bloedel. We built on VBGA's Mission and Vision, the Park Board's VanPlay strategy, and the 2021 VanDusen & Bloedel Strategic Plan. The full JOA document will be available on our website [www.vandusengarden.org](http://www.vandusengarden.org). I look forward to VBGA and Park Board staff transitioning to this new Agreement in 2024, with full implementation beginning January 1, 2025.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all those I have had the opportunity to work alongside during my term as VBGA President, in particular Executive Director Stephen Shapiro and his entire staff, and my colleagues on the VBGA Board of Directors for their commitment, enthusiasm and contributions to our success.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Paul Kluckner". The signature is fluid and cursive, matching the color of the text in the block below it.

**Paul Kluckner**  
President, Vancouver Botanical  
Gardens Association

# VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

For the Volunteer Team, 2023 was a year of rebuilding and evolution with a focus on sustainability, accessibility and inclusivity. More than 400 volunteers contributed over 20,000 hours in dozens of mission-focused roles.

We evolved Guide and Docent trainings by moving from in-person only, to a more accessible hybrid model combining online learning, self-directed reading and hands-on, in-person elements. Through this shift, the volunteer training process has become more accessible to potential and ongoing volunteers, such as working professionals, full-time high school and university students. This directly supports our mission of engaging people of all ages and walks of life through participation in our programs and services.

## Volunteer Impacts:

- The Discovery Station role grew in 2023, expanding to include Bloedel, where volunteers provided interactive educational experiences to 8,000 visitors across both locations.
- Plant Sale volunteers contributed over 1,500 hours over the weekend of the Annual Plant Sale, which took place beside Bloedel Conservatory and provided great service, a wonderful selection of plants, and entertainment for the many attendees over the weekend.
- VanDusen's Seed Collectors celebrated their 40th anniversary at the Garden. Dedicated volunteers collected and processed seeds for 1,700 packets to sell in the VanDusen gift shop and online, allowing visitors to grow a little VanDusen at home. Through their sales they donated \$10,000 to VBGA.
- Fall 2023 saw the first recruitment of Docents at Bloedel Conservatory since 2019. This team increased its visitor interactions by 230% since 2022.
- Adopt-A-Tree volunteers took inventory of and photographed the trees available for adoption. They also reported on tree health to the plant collections staff.
- Guides enhanced the visits of over 17,500 VanDusen visitors through walking and cart tours and the Guide Information Trolley. We experienced a higher number of new Guides completing the season and planning to return next season.

**"Every time I go to the Garden, I leave feeling even more positive than before - about the people, the programs, the plants, - all of it."**

- VBGA Volunteer



- Garden Hosts spent over 1,200 hours welcoming visitors and members to VanDusen, answering questions, and highlighting what to see.
- Today in the Garden volunteers contributed over 600 hours highlighting cuttings of the Garden plants awaiting visitors. Those visitors' enjoyment of the Garden plants was enhanced by Plant Labeler volunteers, who support Garden staff with plant inventory and signage.
- The Fresh Flower Arrangers brought the botanical beauty inside the atrium through their regular floral displays.
- Office and communications volunteers dedicated over 700 hours behind the scenes.
- Volunteers in the Library allowed us to offer longer hours and popular Preschool Storytimes to visitors.
- Birding volunteers led dozens of tours, many of which sold out.
- Field Trip Guide volunteers supported 50 school-age groups while they connected to nature in the Garden.
- 22 volunteers strengthened the experience of youth at Spring Break Camp and Summer Camp.
- Education Program Hosts enhanced the class experience of in-person and online programs by creating a welcoming environment for learners and supporting instructors.

# MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

With unlimited access to the Garden and Conservatory, VBGA members continue to enjoy the many benefits of more time spent in nature. They also enjoy express entry (with the tap of a valid membership card) and a variety of additional benefits, including discounts on educational programs, and priority registration on nature camps for kids. Additional benefits include discounted tickets to select special events such as Sakura Days Japan Fair and Festival of Lights; discounts at Shaughnessy Restaurant and the Garden Gift Shop; and discounts to partner businesses including garden centres. We also introduced some new benefits in 2023 including a free annual digital magazine subscription to Better Homes & Gardens and discounted digital membership to Fine Gardening.

VBGA's membership program continued to grow and thrive in 2023 and we ended the year with close to 14,000 active adult members. The number of member households also remained strong in 2023 at 9,847 compared to 9,838 at the end of 2022. The program enjoyed a 3% increase in revenue in 2023 to a total of \$505,889, compared to \$492,139 in 2022, which provides vital support for botanical collections, Indigenous initiatives, and education bursaries at both VanDusen and Bloedel.



We were thrilled to host our fall Member Appreciation event to coincide with the member-exclusive Garden Gift Shop sale in November. We served complimentary coffee, tea, and cookies, and connected with hundreds of members who enjoyed first dibs and great discounts on gifts and holiday merchandise followed by a beautiful, sunny late fall afternoon at the Garden.

Our Membership team remains committed to providing exceptional service at our Membership Desk in the Visitor Centre, over the phone, and online, which would not be possible without our team of Member Service Associates and the generous support of our volunteer Garden Hosts.

We are grateful for our growing community of new and renewing members who support VBGA's long term sustainability and help conserve, protect, and enhance the Garden and Conservatory for generations to come.

**“Despite the fact that it was a very beautiful and busy day at the Garden, the service we received from the Member Service Associate was patient, caring and helpful.”**

- VBGA Member

# VBGA EDUCATION

*Growing plant-based literacy*

Biodiversity, which refers to the variety of living species on Earth, is observed and preserved in botanical gardens. VBGA's Education Team carries out the organization's mission of engaging people in the importance of biodiversity in our lives through programming. In 2023, the Education Team explored biodiversity, bio-cultural diversity, and the importance of incorporating diverse human perspectives within environmental education. This resulted in exciting and engaging programs for all ages. In fact, we shared our passion for plants more than ever before, with over 35,400 educational engagements.

As members of the American Public Gardens Association (APGA), VBGA Education team members were selected as presenters at two international conferences in 2023, engaging in professional development and networking with other public garden industry leaders. Our Assistant Director of Education presented on the topic; 'Sparking Wonder in Teachers to Ignite Learning in the Classroom' in February at the APGA Education Symposium in Huntsville, Alabama. Our Director of Education presented on the topic; 'Beyond a Land Acknowledgement - Honour with Action' at the APGA Annual Conference in Fort Worth, Texas.



**"The people guiding the tours are very knowledgeable and the kids really like it too. They love being outside and seeing different things that they can't see otherwise"**

*- Grade 1 Field Trip, Teacher*

## Expanding Our Community

In 2023, the Education Team focused on looking for new opportunities to expand our community beyond the Garden walls and pathways, developing exciting partnerships with like-minded community organizations and exploring avenues for creative collaborations with other professional institutions.

We furthered VBGA's mission through diverse outreach opportunities including; featuring in SFU's IDEAS graduate research Podcast Series; sharing educational messaging through frequent social media videos; and attending events such as the Vancouver Heritage Foundation Fair.

With a growing interest in community-based science education, ten of VBGA's Environmental Educators collaborated to write an academic article titled: 'Fostering a Lifelong Love of Plants: Educator Stories from a Botanical Garden' that was published in the SFU Educational Review journal. This special issue focused on disrupting and decentering dominant science education teaching practices. It was wonderful to share the passion, skills and dedication of our diverse team of educators who work to animate the Garden with meaningful nature-based education programs. This project also highlighted the importance of botanical gardens as places of non-formal education programs in communities.



## The Return of Pollinator Days

After a three-year hiatus, we were delighted to be able to once again host Pollinator Days (our three-day field trip festival). It was our most successful year to date, with 987 elementary students and teachers coming to VanDusen Botanical Garden to learn all about pollinators and their role in supporting biodiversity. We had 16 distinct activity stations throughout the Garden, some of which were facilitated by community partners including: Community Bat Programs of BC, Entomological Society of BC, Fresh Roots, Main Street Honey Shoppe, Stanley Park Ecology Society, West Coast Seeds, and the Vancouver Avian Research Centre.

**“I had the pleasure of attending your Pollinator Days with my class and we had an amazing time.”**

- School Teacher at Pollinator Days



## Education Highlights:

**Adult Education** hosted 67 in-person and online programs with over 1,100 spots filled. We were pleased to launch our new older adult bursary program, which aims to reduce financial barriers for those wishing to attend our programming.

**Yosef Wosk Library and Resource Centre** welcomed 3,652 library visitors. Library programming included; Preschool Storytime, The Rae Warner Speaker Series, art exhibitions, book clubs and job shadowing with the Pacific Autism Network.

**Camps:** We welcomed 1,538 children aged between 5 and 10 to our camps in 2023. And, we provided bursaries so that 15 children were cumulatively able to attend 107 days of camp free of charge.

**Field Trips:** We welcomed 7,479 participants to our field trip programs and through generous donations, twelve of our new curated seasonal and curriculum aligned nature kits were distributed to underserved schools, and each kit is now available for teachers to borrow from our library.

**Family Programming:** We offered 23 intergenerational family programs in 2023. Our Family programming connected participants of all ages to the world of plants and the ecosystems they support including; learning how to participate at home in citizen science projects like the Great Backyard Bird Count, and looking closely at the natural world through a Nature Journaling workshop.



**“Staff are incredible! So sensitive to kids’ needs, thoughtful. Programming is exciting and educational”**

- VBGA Camp Parent

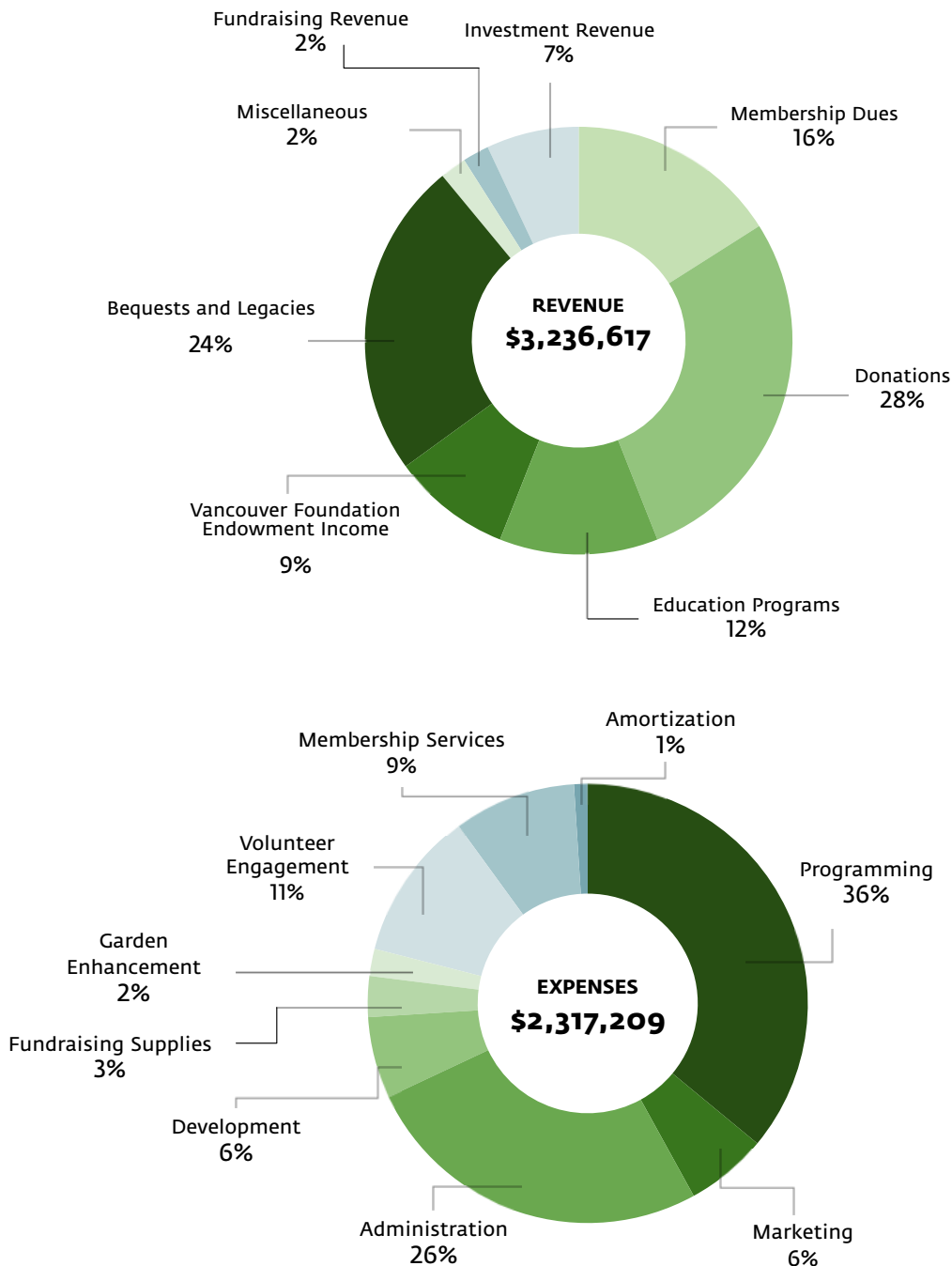
**Teacher Professional Development:** Recognizing that educators are tasked with the role of engaging and interpreting complex environmental and sustainability issues with their students, we hosted 20 nature-based professional development sessions, including our popular annual Teacher Open House attended by 487 teachers.

**VBGA Fellowship Program:** We awarded 3 fellowship roles to UBC and SFU graduates through the Institute for Environmental Learning. The fellows research focused on evaluating and assessing environmental learning efforts in a culturally-diverse urban context. Their research included enhancing the educational experience at Bloedel Conservatory, evaluating the effectiveness of VBGA field trip programming, and disrupting human centredness in the current knowledge production system.



# FINANCIAL RESULTS

VBGA has completed the fiscal year with a surplus of \$919,408. Our financial statements are audited by BDO Canada LLP. A copy of our full audited financial statements is available on our website, [vandusengarden.org/about](http://vandusengarden.org/about).



\*The administration costs shown are not allocated to specific program areas and are centralized support services.





# 2023 DEVELOPMENT

The passion of our donors is a clear reflection of how deeply valued the Gardens are as a place of beauty, respite, and learning within our community. Despite a challenging economy, hundreds of Garden lovers came forward in 2023 to support VBGA's mission resulting in the many incredible accomplishments you have read about in this report.

We were thrilled to welcome many first-time donors, whose newfound appreciation of our mission empowered us to reach more people than ever before. These new supporters, coupled with the dedication of our most loyal and longstanding donors, created an environment where the Gardens could truly flourish. The impact of these donations can be seen in every aspect of our work; from the children who had their first ever experience in a botanical garden, to the stunning new additions to our plant collections, all made possible thanks to the support of our donors.

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Knowing how deeply the public supports our mission, the VBGA looks forward to an exciting year ahead. Construction of the long-awaited McGrane-Pearson Garden Lab finishes summer 2024; seniors in need will be able to access new funding to participate in Garden activities; and we are exploring ways to mitigate the impacts of climate change on the Gardens. These projects will have a huge impact on our community, and all of it has been made possible thanks to the ongoing support of our donors.

To all of you who made 2023 a year of beauty, learning, and respite within the Gardens, you have our heartfelt gratitude. Your kind support made it all possible.

## THANK YOU 2023 SUPPORTERS

Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association gratefully acknowledges the generosity of our donors whose support is critical to sustaining our activities, programs, and services allowing us to continue connecting people to the importance of biodiversity and deepening their connection with nature. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this list. If there are errors or omissions, please accept our apologies and contact our development team at 604-257-8677.

### LIFETIME CUMULATIVE GIVING

*(1985 to  
December 31, 2023)*

#### ALMA SOCIETY (\$15,000 plus)

The Glenn and Annetta Agnew Memorial Fund, held at the Vancouver Foundation  
Loretta and Glenn Barr\*  
Eulalie Bloedel Schneider  
BMO Financial Group\*  
Dick and Val Bradshaw\*  
Alan and Alix Brown  
Irene Brown Fund, held at the Vancouver Foundation  
Canadian Museums Association  
CH Family\*

The Christopher Foundation  
CIBC\*  
Brian and Adrienne Clark\*  
John and Patti Cleghorn\*  
The Mark and Phae Collins Fund, held at the Vancouver Foundation  
Audrey Dewan  
Nancy and Bill Dickson\*  
Environmental Careers Org.  
Rhys and Lynn Eyton\*  
The Garden Club of Vancouver\*  
The Grayross Foundation, held at the Vancouver Foundation\*  
Peggy Gunn\*  
John and Cheryl Heady

Shirley and Sholto Heberton  
Katherine (Kitty) J. Heller  
Endowed Fund, held at the Vancouver Foundation  
Y.P. Heung Foundation  
Sheila Hildred\*  
Robert and Greta Ho  
HSBC Bank Canada\*  
J.M. Hurst\*  
Kaatza Foundation\*  
Margie and Tony Knox\*  
Lagniappe Foundation  
David and Dorothy Lam  
Foundation  
Larkspur Foundation\*  
Eugene Lee

London Drugs Foundation\*  
Godfrey H. Lynum  
Grace MacInnes  
Alec and Marlene Mackenzie  
Carel Marshall  
Larry and Linda Marshik  
Master Gardeners Association of BC\*  
Christine and Ronald McCaffrey  
The McGrane-Pearson Fund, held at the Vancouver Foundation\*  
The McLean Foundation  
Rowland McLeod and Jacqueline Kelly\*  
Heather Merilees  
Mirhady Family Fund, held at the Vancouver Foundation  
Nature Canada  
Glen and Marjorie Olds Fund, held at the Vancouver Foundation  
Phillips, Hager & North\*  
Proof Productions Inc.  
Kay Raisbeck  
RBC Foundation\*  
Tory Ross\*  
Rotary Club of Vancouver  
Arbutus\*  
Marjorie-Anne Sauder\*  
Joseph and Rosalie Segal\*  
Service Canada  
Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust  
Stewart Fund, held at the Vancouver Foundation\*  
Beverley Tamboline  
TD Canada Trust\*  
United Way British Columbia  
VanDusen Dried Flower Arrangers  
Alma VanDusen Garden Fund, held at the Vancouver Foundation  
VanDusen Garden Guides\*  
VanDusen Plant Sale  
VanDusen Seed Collectors  
Victoria Foundation  
Paddy Wales  
Whole Foods Market  
Eric Wilson  
Yosef Wosk\*  
Charles and Dale Young  
Sandra and Rick Zipay  
Estate of Margaret Ellen Beatty  
Estate of Irene Gladys Brown  
Estate of Mary Millicent Reta Chase  
Estate of William Henry Dickenson\*  
Estate of Noreen Fairweather  
Estate of John Devereux Fitz-Gerald  
Estate of Lauren Geneva Glen  
Estate of Vivian Glyn-Jones  
Estate of Katherine J. Heller

Estate of Paul Heller  
Estate of Ruth Elizabeth Hodge  
Estate of Margaret Ann Irving  
Estate of Patricia Mary Nikolsky Jachontoff  
Estate of Anne Marie Kaplan  
Estate of Robert Stuart Kidd  
Estate of Pauline Frances Main  
Estate of George McWilliam  
Estate of Nora Mary Parsons  
Estate of Carla Ann Poppen\*  
Estate of Eileen Miriam Rapson  
Estate of Mollie Thackeray  
Estate of Elizabeth B. Walker  
Estate of Beverley Gordon Walsh  
Estate of Brian Clark Willoughby  
Estate of William John Winder  
Estate of Lillian Jenda Woodcock

### **FRIENDS OF ALMA (\$10,000-\$14,999)**

The Alpine Garden Club of B.C.  
Joan Anderson  
Joan and Vic Bentley  
Jan Bertold  
May Brown  
Nigel Bunning  
Janet Campbell  
Canadian Wildlife Federation Inc.  
Emmerich and Marie Ceschi  
Anne and Doug Courtemanche  
Diamond Foundation  
Fairway Fund, held at Vancouver Foundation  
Federation de la Jeunesse Canadienne Francaise  
Charles and Lucile Flavelle  
Laurie Grant and Tony Ryan  
Henry and Jane Hawthorn  
Heathcliff Foundation  
Wendy Jacobs  
Michael LeGeyt and Don Knight  
Sally Maclachlan  
JW Marriott  
Roblox Corp.  
Gwynneth Rogers  
Rotary Club of Vancouver  
Tony Sessions  
Leila Trinidad  
Colin and Jane Warner  
Bruce and Dianne Wells Ledingham  
Angela White  
Gill Wills  
YMCA of Greater Vancouver  
John Zaplatynsky  
ZLC Foundation  
Estate of Janet M Allan  
Estate of Ann Margaret Hotter  
Estate of Jean Irene Nemi  
Estate of Alma Phillion

Estate of Claire R. Spencer  
Estate of Elizabeth Margaret Stirling  
Estate of Barrie Wharton

## **ANNUAL GIVING**

*(January 1st 2023 to  
December 31st 2023)*

### **ALMA SOCIETY (\$15,000 plus)**

Eulalie Bloedel Schneider  
Irene Brown Fund, held at the Vancouver Foundation  
Canadian Museums Association  
The Mark and Phae Collins Fund, held at the Vancouver Foundation  
The Grayross Foundation, held at the Vancouver Foundation\*  
Y.P. Heung Foundation  
Alec and Marlene Mackenzie  
Glen and Marjorie Olds Fund, held at the Vancouver Foundation  
United Way British Columbia Vancouver Foundation  
Alma VanDusen Garden Fund, held at the Vancouver Foundation  
Estate of Noreen Fairweather  
Estate of Robert Stuart Kidd  
Estate of Mollie Thackeray  
Estate of Brian Clark Willoughby

### **FRIENDS OF ALMA (\$10,000-\$14,999)**

The Christopher Foundation  
Fairway Fund, held at Vancouver Foundation  
JW Marriott  
The McLean Foundation  
Service Canada  
VanDusen Seed Collectors  
Estate of Jean Irene Nemi

### **RED CEDAR (\$5,000-\$9,999)**

BC Hydro  
CH Family\*  
Diamond Foundation  
Katherine (Kitty) J. Heller  
Endowed Fund, held at the Vancouver Foundation  
Honda Canada Foundation  
J.M. Hurst\*

Weihao Lu  
Master Gardeners Association of BC\*  
Nature Canada  
University of British Columbia  
Karen Zahn

### **DOUGLAS FIR (\$2,500-\$4,999)**

Heather Bolton  
DP World (Canada) Inc.  
Natalie Drache  
Environmental Careers Org.  
Wendy Fletcher  
Oriana Green  
Beverley Gropen  
Bill Lang  
Cynthia Lau  
Christine Lo  
Christine and Ronald McCaffrey  
MediaValet Inc.  
Aileen Mira  
Kelly Talayco  
Elaine Taylor  
Claire Wei  
Young Canada Works

### **WESTERN HEMLOCK (\$1,000-\$2,499)**

Loretta and Glenn Barr\*  
Dick and Val Bradshaw\*  
Thomas and Dorothy Burgess  
Memorial Fund, held at the Vancouver Foundation  
Brian and Adrienne Clark\*  
Brian Forster  
Cheryl Heady  
Shirley and Sholto Heberton  
Shelley James  
Harry Jongerden  
G. Peter and Barbara E. Kaye Fund, held at the Vancouver Foundation  
Paul Kluckner  
Carman S. Lau  
Brenda Letts  
Jane Macdonald  
Mirhady Family Fund, held at the Vancouver Foundation  
Ron Morrill  
Patsy Pugh  
Shelley Riley  
Tory Ross\*  
Shayla Steeves  
Beverley Tamboline  
Wendy Tanchak  
Bruce and Dianne Wells Ledingham  
Linda Westerlund  
Robyn Whitcher  
Angela White  
Whole Foods Market  
Eric Wilson  
Jill Wright

## **ARBUTUS (\$500-\$999)**

Ginger Abell  
Pam Cooper  
Ann-Marie Copping  
Cliff and Carolyn Davis  
Audrey Dewan  
A. Jean Elder  
Mark Emanuel  
Marilyn Goebel &  
Fredrick Newmeyer  
June Victoria Harrison  
Hub International  
Jane Hutton  
G Alan Hutton  
Alison Hyatt  
Jane Juda  
Shirley Klassen  
Larkspur Foundation\*  
Bruce and Marlene Loraas  
Kurt and Else Maurer  
Fund, held at the  
Vancouver Foundation  
Melody McDougall  
Mercury Transport Inc  
John Pappajohn  
Jean Pirie  
Sheila Rogers  
John and Judy Shinnick  
Southlands Nursery Ltd.  
Ian and Jane Strang  
Wawanesa Insurance  
Terry Wilkinson  
Susan Witter  
Patti Zettel

## **DOGWOOD (\$250-\$499)**

Rick and Kitty Ashe  
Paul and Elizabeth Beckman  
Dagmar Bernstein  
Alison Buchan  
Catherine Busby  
Dorothy Dawson  
Nancy and Bill Dickson\*  
Peter and Joyce Goodwin  
Bruce and Bronwyn Hackett  
Jack and Elaine Hurst  
Signe Jurcic  
Lynn Kagan  
Norene Kimberley  
Marilynn King  
Judy and Hugh Lindsay  
John and Maureen Maclachlan  
Peter and Farshad Malkin  
Theresa Marks  
Jo McDaniel

Hilda McLennan  
Rowland McLeod and  
Jacqueline Kelly\*  
Jan Miko  
Brian Moore  
Mike and Lesia Muzykowski  
Colleen Nesbitt  
Craig Ogilvie  
Penny Pearse  
Kay Raisbeck  
Mary Stott  
Kumi Sutcliffe  
John and Lillian Toews  
Whitelaw Twining  
Daniel Worsley

## **SAPLING (\$100-\$249)**

Diane Ash  
Lily Auyeung  
Margo Barber  
Jo Baxendale  
Donald Bennett  
Dennis and Jennifer Bettiol  
David and Georgia Black  
Sharon Bleuler  
Barbara Bolton  
Steven Bracher  
Myrna Braun  
Alex Campbell  
Frances and George Casey  
Jane B. Cherry  
Joyce Collins  
Rae Collins  
Deborah Cooper  
Satya Danu  
Iris Davidson  
Hazel Devall  
Ann L. Doyle  
Jonathan Dron  
Teresa Duke  
Andrew Blair East  
Margaret Ellis  
Linda Farrell  
Rosalie Fine  
Elizabeth Fleming  
Rita Fok  
Elaine Forsey  
David Forsyth  
Allan Foster  
Ron Fulton  
The Garden Club of  
Vancouver\*  
James and Marion Geros  
Nancy Graham  
Janet E. Hamilton  
Loretta Hands  
Judith Hansen  
Evelyn Harden

Pamela Hartstone Wright  
Shirley Heibein  
Peter Herd  
Linda Holden Clode  
Janet Horne  
Teresa Hwang  
Janis Johnson  
Margaret Jonsson  
Lorena Kanke  
Lori Kay  
Elizabeth Kerklaan  
Claire Kermacks  
Susan Kindersley  
Philip and Margaret King  
Vonda Kotynski  
Helga Kuhn  
Yu-Hang Kuo  
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