



March in the Garden



March is a tricky month for floral predictions. Weather forecasts have gotten better over the years, but knowing with any certainty what's coming more than two weeks ahead shouldn't be a reasonable expectation at this time of year. We can all remember years when a long period of mild weather at this time is suddenly interrupted by an unexpected plunge into the deep freeze, just as flowers are opening. You may remember me recounting an infamous year when the International Magnolia Society visit followed hard on the heels of a particularly spiteful Arctic blast. All I remember is blacked buds.

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Horticulture Training Program Information Session

Earn your horticulture certification at UBC Botanical Garden

The only skilled trades program on UBC's campus, set in the university's oldest botanical garden.



Do you dream of a fulfilling career in horticulture or working with plants? Are you a landscaper seeking to add skills and develop credentials? If you've answered "yes", then **UBC Botanical Garden's Horticulture Training Program is your gateway to a vibrant and satisfying career.**

Join us for an online information session on March 6th, 2025 5:30pm - 6:30pm led by our Interim Principal Instructor, Kelvin Devries. During this session, Kelvin will introduce you to the breadth of our highly-regarded program and offer a sneak peek into what you can expect. Don't miss the chance to get your queries answered during the Q&A session at the end!

[Register Here](#)

UBC Giving Day Happens April 3rd



UBC Giving Day on **April 3, 2025**, invites the community to support impactful causes like research, sustainability, and student success. Donations create a global ripple effect while offering opportunities to champion and fundraise for UBC initiatives.

This year, **UBC Botanical Garden** welcomes support for the **2025 Giving Day Picnic Tables Initiative**. Your gift will help create a welcoming space where visitors can pause, reflect, and

experience the restorative benefits of nature.

Picture a quiet place to sit, take in the garden's beauty, and enjoy the sounds of nature—a space to pause, connect, and appreciate the world around you.

Donate today to help UBC Botanical Garden grow, thrive, and inspire.

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Explore the Beauty of Nature Through UBC Botanical Garden's Educational Tours



At UBC Botanical Garden, we are dedicated to promoting the understanding, value, and celebration of plants as essential components of a biodiverse world. Our **guided walking tours** provide visitors with the opportunity to explore our many gardens and connect with nature.

During these tours, guides from our Sustainability and Community Programs Team share information about the plants in our collections and their role in promoting biodiversity. Visitors will be introduced to the ways in which these plants support ecosystems, sustain wildlife, and contribute to global environmental health.

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The Shop in the Garden Reopens on

March 1st!



The Shop in the Garden will reopen on **March 1st from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM** on Tuesdays-Sundays, offering a selection of local goods and books. In anticipation of spring, our book buyer's put together a carefully curated collection of insightful reads:

The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World

A Cedar Waxwing enjoying a bush laden with serviceberries becomes a metaphor for reciprocity economics. Beautifully written by the celebrated author of Braiding Sweetgrass.

Good Nature: Why Seeing, Smelling, Hearing and Touching Plants is Good for Our Health

A ground-breaking investigation into newly discovered evidence.

Backyard Bounty Revised and Expanded 2nd Edition

Packed with a wealth of information specific to the Pacific Northwest, and perfect for both novice and experienced gardeners, Dr Linda Gilkeson covers everything you'll need to grow a successful vegetable garden.

Gardening with Native Plants of the Pacific Northwest

The standard text for anyone who wants to garden with Pacific Northwest native plants. Horticulturalist Dr Linda Chalker-Scott, has fully updated the classic text by the late Arthur R. Kruckeberg, incorporating the latest in gardening science and over 900 colour photographs.

Trees, Leaves, Flowers and Seeds: A Visual Encyclopedia of the Plant Kingdom

Packed with more than 1,000 incredible images and full of fascinating facts, this beautiful children's book takes us on an exciting expedition through the wonders of the plant kingdom.

The Snail with the Right Heart

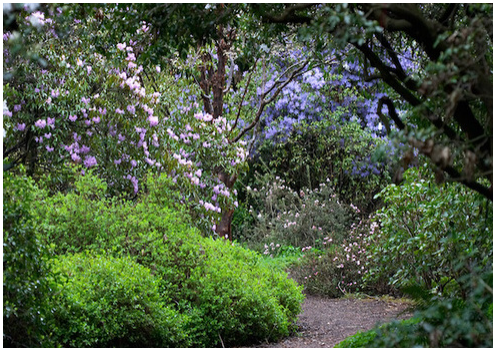
A wonderful story about science and the poetry of existence, appropriate for all ages.

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Visit

UBC Botanical Garden

Explore the world of wild-collected plants from around the globe

Hours:

Tuesday-Sunday: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Closed Mondays

Shop in the Garden is open from March 1st onwards from Tuesday-Sunday: 10:00am - 4:30pm

Visit

Nitobe Memorial Garden

Experience harmony in nature at Nitobe Memorial Garden

Hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

We will be back to regular hours from March 15th onwards! We will be open from Tuesday-Sunday from 10:00am - 4:30pm



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