

Welcome Gardens! Newsletter

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LATEST NEWS!

How are your seedlings doing?

Have a look at how well are doing Lennor's plants



Next Welcome Gardens! Activity

Learning tour at the Pacific
Horticulture Community
Center

Where: Pacific Horticulture
Community
505 Quayle Road (off West
Saanich Road)

When: Friday, May 12th

Time: 12:30 pm - 2 :30 pm

We will tour their veggie
gardens and then their
horticulture instructors and
Master Gardeners will talk
about soil, pH levels, and all
about mason bees and
plants that attract
pollinators!

Other activities happening in Victoria

**How to use
garden machines** workshop
offered by UVic community
campus open for all who
are interested. **Free
attendance.**

When: May 10

Time: 3:30-5pm

Where: 2100 McKenzie Ave

Healthy transplants provide better harvest

Selecting healthy transplants ensures a great start to a productive garden. Using the best transplants generally provides reliable plant establishment, reduces pest problems and decreases the time to obtain a bountiful garden harvest.

Inspect plants for signs of insects, diseases or poor care.

Examine plants and select strong, firm plants with deep green or appropriately colored leaves. Avoid plants with leaves that are dropping, floppy, curled or spotted, or that have holes or brown leaf edges. Be sure to check the underside as well as the top side of the leaves.

Remove flowers from your new transplants. Young transplants without flowers will adjust to their move from the pot to the garden more readily than those in full bloom. Flowering transplants expend their energy on flowering and forming seeds instead of developing the roots needed to support good plant growth and yield.

Adapted from Mary Wilson, University of Michigan-
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/files/E3175_-_Selecting_Healthy_Transplants.pdf

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