

Welcome Gardens! Newsletter

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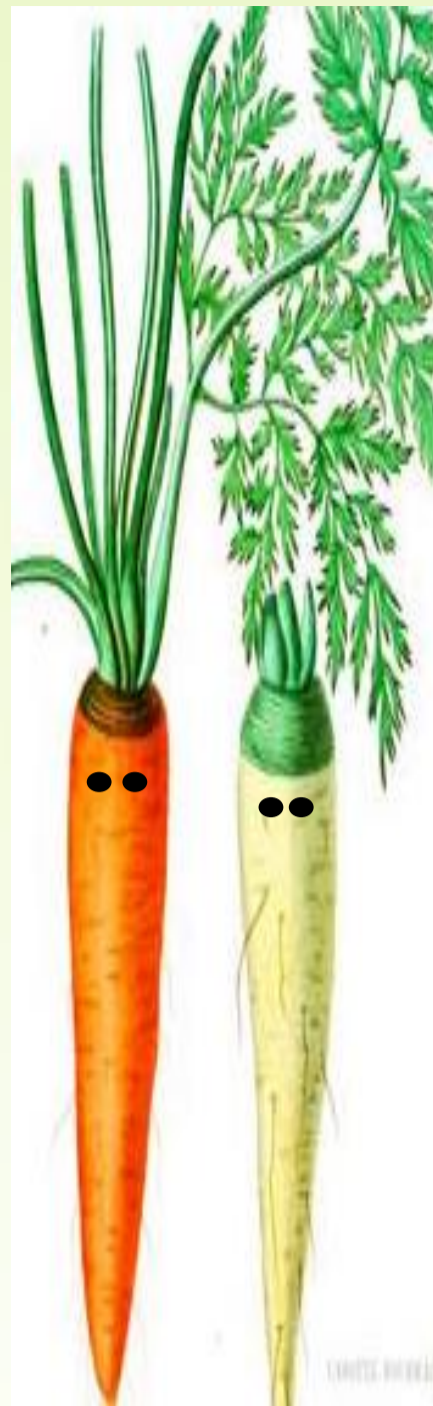
LATEST NEWS!

Tomatoes, Tomatoes, Tomatoes!
Next Welcome Gardens! Workshop
Planting and Growing Tomatoes
Friday, June 2nd
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
VIRCS Courtyard
637 Bay Street

Come learn about planting and growing different types of tomatoes in your garden or in pots! Knowledgeable growers will be available to help with questions.

All levels of experience welcome.

I will have tomato seedlings and containers (limit 1 of each per person), seeds containers and more.



Curious facts about tomatoes

Did you know that tomatoes can be classified as determinate or indeterminate?

Determinate, or bush, types bear a full crop all at once and top off at a specific height; they are often good choices for container growing. Determinate types are preferred by commercial growers who wish to harvest a whole field at one time, Or home growers interested in canning.



Indeterminate varieties develop into vines that never top off and continue producing until killed by frost. They are preferred by home growers and local-market farmers who want ripe fruit throughout the season. The majority of heirloom tomatoes are indeterminate, although some determinate heirlooms exist.

There are a type of tomatoes classified as early tomatoes and cool-summer tomatoes which can produce fruit even where nights are cool, which usually discourages fruit set.

Heirloom tomatoes tend to produce More interesting and flavorful crops, but may produce less and be less disease resistance. The definition of an heirloom tomato is vague, but unlike commercial hybrids, all are self-fertile varieties that have bred true for 40 years or more.



Garden related Activities Happen in Victoria next week

Free Workshop Composting Basic

Learn all the basics of composting and discover which system is right for you!

Free attendance to this workshop is generously subsidized by the CRD

When: Saturday June 3rd

Time: 10:00 am -12:00

Where: Compost Education Centre.
1216 N Park St
Victoria, BC V8T 1C9

Backyard Foraging

This outdoor workshop that will teach you a whole new appreciation for the weeds in your garden! We will discuss identification techniques, edibility, common medicinal uses and how to use weeds as soil condition indicators. Wander around the Compost Education Centre gardens and neighbourhood to examine weeds growing under a variety of conditions and learn to decipher what they are trying to tell us.

When: Saturday June 3rd

Time: 1:00-3pm

Where: Compost Education Centre.
1216 N Park St
Victoria, BC V8T 1C9

Fee: \$20

Do you have recipes or stories? Please share with us welcomegardens@vircs.bc.ca

For more information about times and topics, please visit VIRCS event calendar at www.vircs.bc.ca or Welcome Gardens facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/vircswelcomegardens/>

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