

Welcome Gardens! Newsletter

March 16th/2017

LATEST NEWS!

Join us on Saturday **March 25th** for our food preservation- Learning the Basics Workshop!



Time: 10:00 - 2:00 pm

Place: Gordon Head Middle School kitchen.
1671 Kenmore Road, Victoria.

Topics: Food Dehydrating and Water Bath Preserving Methods

You will be provided with produce, jars (do bring along your own if you have them), snacks and beverages.

We are able to register 18 people for this workshop. For information or registration please send an email to pam@vircs.bc.ca



Other garden activities happening in Victoria this week!

➤ **Digging irrigation and weeding at Spring Ridge Commons in Victoria**

When: Saturday, March 18

Time: 9:45am to 1:00pm

Where: Fernwood Community center 1240 Gladstone Ave, Victoria, BC

Meet @ Spring Ridge Commons

➤ **Friends of Moss Rocks Park volunteer work party.**

When: Sat 18,

Time: 9-11am

Where: Meet at corner of Eberts Street and May Street near Park. Remove invasive plants and help to restore Moss Rocks Park.

Tools and gloves provided, students welcome. Friends of Moss Rocks Park via Pat Johnston: patty.j@shaw.ca

➤ **Haliburton Farm Open House and Info Session.**

When: Saturday, March 18

Time: 12 noon - 2 pm

Where: 741 Haliburton Rd, Victoria.

Farm tour, complimentary farm snacks, meet EcoFarm instructors

www.haliburtonfarm.org <https://www.facebook.com/events/1268925956521640/>

➤ **Duncan Seedy Sunday.**

When: Sunday, March 19

Time: 10 to 2pm

Where: Cowichan Tribes Si'em Lelum Gymnasium (5574 River Rd) Duncan. An event for local gardeners to source locally and ecologically grown seeds, garden starts, and perennials. Activities for children, gardening workshops. \$2/person. Children under 13 years free. Cowichan Green Community: jennifer@cowichangreencommunity.org

➤ **Agricultural Planning: From Balcony to Back 40**

When: Saturday March 25

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Where: Compost Education Centre. 1216 North Park Street Victoria, BC V8T 1C9

How much food (and land) would it take to feed me? my family? every one?...With a broad understanding of our "foodprint", participants will extend their planning skills in contexts as small as a balcony and as large as the back 40.

Fee: \$ 20 registration is required. You can register for workshops through our [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) page, by calling the Centre at 250-386-9676, or by emailing us at office@compost.bc.ca

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

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