

## Seedy Saturday

Vancouver Master Gardeners is bringing its Annual Seedy Saturday Event to your home this year. We reached out to those companies and individuals who have shared their knowledge and gardening products at past Seedy Saturdays to provide you with an introduction to their product offerings and links to their websites. We encourage you to support these friends of Vancouver Master Gardeners

For next year – trowels crossed that we will see everyone at VanDusen Botanical Gardens February 26, 2022!

### Alpine Garden Club of BC

[www.agc-bc.ca](http://www.agc-bc.ca)

The Alpine Garden Club of BC has been pleased to participate in Seedy Saturday events in the past and wishes to do so going forward. Our club promotes the propagation and display of alpine and other hardy plants and supports the sharing of our treasures through a SEED EXCHANGE. This year there were more than 1200 taxa from around the world offered to our members free as part of their membership. We welcome newcomers to experience our excellent speakers, by Zoom for now, our quarterly bulletin and plant sales.



### BC EcoSeed Co-op

[www.bcecoseedcoop.com](http://www.bcecoseedcoop.com)

The BC Eco Seed Co-op started with a handful of farmers who loved seed saving and is now a producers' co-operative of over 20 members providing over 150 varieties of 100% BC-grown vegetable, herb flower, and grain seed that is ecologically grown and certified organic, open-pollinated, regionally selected, and GE-free. All our seeds are grown by us on our farms across the province. Our mission is to increase the quantity and improve the quality of ecological and organic seed grown in BC. From packets to bulk quantities, the co-op has seeds for all growers.

Why does this matter? Local, organic/ecological seeds are good for the planet, the local economy, and regional food diversity and security. We actively strive to educate and demonstrate that seed sovereignty is an essential part of sustainable bioregional and global food systems. We see a co-operative as a powerful model to work together as farmers.

By supporting us, you are not only supporting this small business and the business of all our farmers but you're also supporting the local economy and food system. As a co-operative we follow the seven cooperative principles including democracy and concern for community, while taking a triple bottom line approach to business putting concern for people and the planet at the forefront.



100% BC-GROWN ORGANIC & ECOLOGICAL SEEDS  
BULK & PACKET AMOUNTS AVAILABLE

Local seed from 20+ farmers in 1 online shop!

[WWW.BCECOSEEDCOOP.COM](http://WWW.BCECOSEEDCOOP.COM)

 [bcecoseedcoop](https://www.facebook.com/bcecoseedcoop)  
 [bcecoseedcoop](https://www.instagram.com/bcecoseedcoop)

## Barefoot Books

[www.veronika.barefootbooks.com](http://www.veronika.barefootbooks.com)

At Barefoot Books, we celebrate art and story that opens the hearts and minds of children from all walks of life, focusing on themes that encourage independence of spirit, enthusiasm for learning and respect for the world's diversity. The welfare of our children is dependent on the welfare of the planet, so we source paper from sustainably managed forests and constantly strive to reduce our environmental impact. Playful, beautiful and created to last a lifetime, our products combine the best of the present with the best of the past to educate our children as caretakers of tomorrow.



## Derry's Orchard & Nursery

[www.derrysorchardandnursery.ca](http://www.derrysorchardandnursery.ca)

In 1990, my husband and I moved from Vancouver to five acres of farmland (ALR) in Aldergrove, B.C. I started to plant an orchard of 'heritage' apple trees, some plum trees, a few pear trees, and some Perry pear trees.



This is an organic orchard, but not 'certified organic'. I make Nursery Trees of the 'heritage' apple varieties. To reduce the problems of scab and anthracnose, we decided to shelter our trees with 10 ml clear plastic (see website). The plastic keep the trees dry and at bloom-time, the Blue Orchard Bees are very happy foraging under the shelters.

## Dragonfly Seeds

Email: [mariaehunter0@gmail.com](mailto:mariaehunter0@gmail.com)

Dragonfly Seeds collects seeds from plants that have been grown and harvested on the west coast. We offer seeds that that have good production and great flavour. All are open pollinated, so you can save your own seed for next year. Choose from a wide range of seeds including several varieties of beans, peas, greens, squash, herbs and flowers to name a few. Thank you for supporting local seed saving! For further information and a seed list, please email Maria.

## Edible Oasis

[www.edibleoasis.ca](http://www.edibleoasis.ca)

Edible Oasis is a small backyard, urban nursery and farm located in New Westminster, BC. We provide plants and advice to help create natural, sustainable, edible garden spaces. Inspired by the ethnically diverse and bountiful food gardens lining the alleys of East Vancouver from my youth, the concept of Edible Oasis came about as I slowly transformed my entire urban lot from a simple grass yard into a landscape of edible and native plants, that is both beautiful and edible – it can be harvested and foraged throughout the year.



Native Edible and Ornamental Plants | Fruiting Trees, Shrubs,  
Groundcovers and Vines | Culinary and Medicinal Herbs | Gourmet  
Vegetables | Edible and Beneficial Flowers | Bee Friendly Plants |

## Fresh Earth Products

[www.speedibin.com](http://www.speedibin.com)

Backyard composting made easy! Speedibin composters are all metal and designed to keep out rats. A large lid makes it easy to add materials, a metal screen precludes tunneling in, and the front door lifts out to easily remove compost. Made in BC. Now powder coated and built to last. Free 16 page booklet included. Find lots of composting info at Speedibin.com. Turn waste into Earth!

### Seedy Saturday Special Offer

**Get \$50 off for Vancouver Seedy Saturday with promo code Compost 101. Apply at checkout.**



## Fruit Tree Magic Consulting

[www.richardhallman.ca](http://www.richardhallman.ca)



Fruit Tree Magic is a consulting business focused on improving the success of fruit tree gardeners in South West BC. This business provides 'Virtual Fruit Tree Coaching' in your garden to guide you as you prune, train, graft, trouble shoot and organically protect your trees.

Your virtual fruit tree coach, Richard Hallman, is an experienced professional fruit tree horticulturist and espalier master.

### Seedy Saturday Special Offer

**50% off one 30 minute virtual coaching session; regular price \$75. Register this offer with an email containing FTM 2021 before March 31, 2021 and use before November 1, 2021. Only in Canada**

## Urban Fruiterery

[urbanfruiterery@shaw.ca](mailto:urbanfruiterery@shaw.ca)

Urban Fruiterery has been providing unique and heritage fruits and the knowledge to successfully grow them in the Coastal and Greater Vancouver region for over 20 years. We have grafted heritage apple trees for the UBC Apple Festival, provided connoisseur apples and berries for the VanDusen Plant sale and for countless local Seedy Saturday events. Our products include apples, blueberries, huckleberries, saskatoon berries, raspberries, rhubarb, gooseberries, black and red currants and elderberries and somehow we squish all of this and our big ideas onto a regular sized city lot.



## The Twining Vine Garden

[www.twiningvinegarden.com](http://www.twiningvinegarden.com)

Celebrate nature's plant diversity with us as we continue to expand our selections of rare, difficult to find and unusual tree, perennial, and veggie seed from our garden and wild collections. We have something for every gardener. All our seed packets include our tried and true no-brainer germination instructions. Our website is expanding to include bare root plants such as Trillium rhizomes to heirloom asparagus roots. Follow us on Facebook for our latest news. Organic since inception in 1995.



### Seedy Saturday Special Offer

**Free packet of seed (basil, tomato, something rare and exceptional or a packet of our Skookum Grow). On check out type "Lynn sent me" in the order form notes**

## Strathcona 1890

[www.strathcona1890.com](http://www.strathcona1890.com)

### Urban Seed Collections

In 2012, Judy Kenzie started Strathcona 1890 as a way to inspire more people to embrace local food sovereignty. Whether you are looking to grow a garden box of edible flowers or a homestead garden to survive the next Zombie Apocalypse she's got you covered. You can even buy a kit to grow food in a seashell.



### Seedy Saturday Special Offer

**Spend over \$35 and receive a free seedy soap single with promo code seedygift**

## VanDusen Botanical Garden

[www.vandusen.org](http://www.vandusen.org)

Rare and unusual seed varieties collected from VanDusen Botanical Garden are available online for purchase. The seeds collected contribute to conserving plant biodiversity and environmental sustainability.

As new harvests ripen, our volunteers collect, clean and prepare the new seeds. Our online store is constantly updated with new seeds available for purchase, so be sure to check back from time to time to see what's new.



Unfortunately due to COVID-19, our volunteer activities have been suspended. Sign up on our webpage to be notified when our webstore is open for sales once more. For a little bit of history on the VanDusen Seed Collectors, please watch: <https://youtu.be/xrPRKLa2978>

*Thank you to the following participants of past Seedy Saturday Events. We encourage you to visit their websites:*

Bartlett Tree Experts	<a href="http://www.bartlett.com">www.bartlett.com</a>
BC Seeds	<a href="http://www.bcseeds.org">www.bcseeds.org</a>
City Farmer	<a href="mailto:cityfarmer@gmail.com">cityfarmer@gmail.com</a>
Elmo's All Natural Farm	<a href="mailto:elmo.goboy@gmail.com">elmo.goboy@gmail.com</a>
Grist Mill & Gardens Keremeos	<a href="http://www.oldgristmill.ca">www.oldgristmill.ca</a>
Invasive Species Council of BC	<a href="http://www.bcinvases.ca">www.bcinvases.ca</a>
Kelpman	<a href="http://www.kelpman.com">www.kelpman.com</a>
Neighbourly Bee	<a href="http://www.NeighbourlyBee.com">www.NeighbourlyBee.com</a>
Salt Spring Seeds	<a href="http://www.saltspringseeds.com">www.saltspringseeds.com</a>
Seeds of Diversity	<a href="http://www.seeds.ca">www.seeds.ca</a>
Spectrum Gardening	<a href="mailto:spectrumgardening@outlook.com">spectrumgardening@outlook.com</a>
West Coast Seeds	<a href="http://www.westcoastseeds.com">www.westcoastseeds.com</a>

### *Join us in March for Spring Back 2021*

Renowned gardening experts from the UK and the Pacific Northwest will focus on the theme of Resilience to offer advice on growing food in small spaces, trends in natural floral landscapes, plants that triumph over extreme conditions and plant-protecting tactics in a climate changing world.

March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 9am - 1pm. Tickets are \$50

**For more information go to:** <http://mgabc.org/node/2867>



**SPRING BACK 2021**  
JOIN US FOR 2 MORNINGS OF RENEWAL AND RECONNECTION  
RESILIENCE

SPEAKERS: Dr. Noel Kingsbury, Jonathon Jones, Egan Davis, Fergus Garrett.  
Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott, Lorene Edwards Forkner, Andrea Bellamy.

DATE: March 27 & 28, 2021 (9am - 1pm) TICKETS: \$50 @ [Karelo.com](http://Karelo.com)

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