

Friends of the Summerland Ornamental Gardens

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Chair's Message



This year while we have been waiting and waiting for spring, we've bravely ventured out to clean and trim away some of winter and comment on how cold it still is! I was walking through the Gardens last week, still bundled up, but could see signs of the gardeners and volunteers at work. Spring IS here!

Last year we had an incredibly busy time planting the new West Border, three water-wise beds and the upgrade of the Xeriscape Garden along with our central focus "The Centennial of the Summerland Ornamental Gardens". It was a very positive and action filled time. This year we have intentionally chosen to slow down and complete projects that need attention. The Xeriscape Garden will undergo plantings and irrigation changes this month. We are completing our new Information Centre funded from the balance of our Heritage Canada Grant. Look for our beautiful new banners when you visit and check out our new interpretive sign coming later in April. We hope to give some extra attention and care to the existing borders throughout the Gardens over the summer.

The board and volunteers are happy to support Trina Taylor, our head gardener, who although by no means new to the Gardens is new to her position, and we are fortunate to have Chantel Reems as our a new assistant gardener - together they make a wonderful team. We are excited to watch Eva Antonijevic's new adventures with OXA and the RDOS. Eva remains connected to the Gardens and will support and apply for new grant applications and act as a valued "Advisor".

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Garden's Website!](#)

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GARDEN HOURS

Summer
8:00 am to 8:00 pm
Spring/Autumn
8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Winter
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

(Weather Permitting)

Admission to the Garden is free. A suggested donation of \$5 is appreciated.



We hosted our first "annual" Seedy Saturday on March 25. It was an amazing success, many people who came had never been up to the Gardens and we were given a chance to welcome them. Planning for our annual plant sale May 6 and 7 is well underway and volunteers are helping in the greenhouse and preparing the Gardens. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the sale. Bring a friend, bring someone new and plan to fill your garden with wonderful must have annuals, hardy perennials and our famous tomato plants. This event is our primary source of money to support our gardeners whose salaries are paid for solely by the Friends of Summerland Gardens.

I hope you will take time to make regular visits to the Gardens this year and encourage friends to visit as well.

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spring plant sale

MAY 6TH AND 7TH 8:00 – 4:00



Extensive Selection of Must-Have Plants:

Native Plants • Drought-Tolerant Plants • Annuals
Perennials • Herbs • Vegetables • Tomatoes

- Master Gardeners on site to answer your questions
- Invasive Species Display • Artisans and Garden Art • Bonsai Display
- Meadowlark Festival Booth • Beautiful Selection of Hanging Flower Baskets
- Coffee, Tea, Cookies and “Dogs on the Run”



LIMITED SUPPLIES AVAILABLE – SHOP EARLY

Weekend Events:

9:00 am	Water Wise Planting	Bev Krieger
10:00 am	Drought Tolerant Plants	Pam Willis/Eva Antonijevic
11:00 am	Succulents for Container Planting	Linda McIntosh
Noon	(SUNDAY ONLY) Composting	Dave Weir
1:00 pm	Planting Vegetables in Containers	Kathryn McCourt



[click here to upload our plant sale poster](#)

For more information and/or to register as a volunteers please contact [Connie](#)

Gardeners' Message

Spring greetings! I am happy to be back at the gardens and look forward to my first year as head gardener. It's great to have Chantel Reems assisting me this year. There is a lot to learn and we could not do it without the help and support of all the volunteers.



The greenhouse is bursting with colorful drought tolerant annuals and perennials including herbs and veggies that we have propagated for Gardens as well as for the upcoming **Annual Plant sale fundraiser May 6th and 7th.**

There was a great turnout of volunteers for the March work party and I thank all of you for making the Gardens look great for Seedy

Saturday. We aim to have a monthly work party throughout the year and will keep you posted. We continue to have a great turnout of volunteers on Wednesdays. In the upcoming weeks we will need a lot of help with spring clean-up and prepping for the plant sale.

On **Thursday May 18th** we are **Planting Annuals** throughout the Gardens and hope you can join us. It's amazing how many beds are planted in one day with the help of volunteers.

The start of the season was cool and snowy so that made spring clean-up interesting. The spring bulbs are so colorful now that we have cut down the ornamental grasses and perennials. We hope to see you wandering through the gardens soon.

Trina & Chantel



FREE PRESENTATION

**Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden,
Cape Town, South Africa**

Presenter: Harold Baumbrough

Friday Apr 21, 2017 10am - Noon

Everyone is invited as a part of the Summerland Earth Week Events



Photo: H. Baumbrough

A model for a Native Plant garden Kirstenbosch was established in 1913 to promote, conserve and display the extraordinarily rich and diverse flora of South Africa. It was the first botanic garden in the world to be devoted to a country's indigenous flora. Plants from all the various regions and biomes of South Africa are

King Protea, *Protea cynaroides*,
National flower of South Africa

grown at Kirstenbosch.
Kirstenbosch, other botanic
gardens and nature reserves

are under the care of the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI). In the presentation, slides will be shown of a variety of the magnificent flowers of South Africa and some of the problems that SANBI is facing and trying to solve will be discussed.

Biography: Harold Baumbrough was born and raised in Vernon. After graduating from UBC, he taught general science and biology in a Vancouver secondary school. In 1964 he and his wife, Lydia, moved to Penticton where he taught biology at Penticton Secondary for the next 31 years. Harold's love of wildflowers and photography has been a life-long passion. He often guides groups on explorations of our natural areas and has been part of the Meadowlark Festival over the years.

Intergenerational Landed Learning Children Gardeners



We are excited to begin our Landed Learning program again this year. We have 16 volunteers working with our Grade 6's from KVR middle school, and our Grade 8's from Summerland Middle School. Bev Krieger led a workshop last week to review the topics that will be covered this year. Again, our main themes include "Soil", "Seeds", "Pollination", and "Biomes". On April 7th we will explore and test the soil, and on April

21st we will plant our early crops. On May 12th we will plant our later crops, and on June 9th we will harvest our salad ingredients for the annual windup luncheon.

Landed Learning is a very exciting experience. Watching adolescents learn to love growing their own food is extremely rewarding.

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If you would like to join us to observe or help, please let Bev Krieger know.

We welcome new volunteers! bevkrieger@gmail.com

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many volunteer opportunities at the Gardens.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE OF THE BORDERS

Volunteers and gardening staff meet every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 8am - 2:30 pm. You are welcome to join us at this time and stay for as little or as much time as you can spare.

Working crew take coffee at 9:30 and lunch break at 12:30 at the Big House. Meet there or look for large white sandwich board at driveway entrance directing you to the work area of the day. Bring along your favorite tool and gloves.

PLANT SALE

We are also seeking volunteers for our Plant Sale and will be contacting you soon. There will be lots of fun jobs for volunteers for the plant sale including: transplanting seedlings, potting garden plants, plant labeling, preparation for the day, set up and tear down, plus specific roles for the two days of sale.

SPRING PLANTING-OUT WORK PARTY

Mark your calendars: 'Spring Planting-out' Work Party May 18th. Details TBA.

For more information about volunteering opportunities contact

New Centennial Interpretive Sign Construction



Volunteers working on the construction of our new interpretive sign



Our partially constructed new interpretive sign and benches.

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Plant of the Week - NEW Social Media Campaign!

In your garden continuous blooms are possible throughout the season. Helping you achieve this goal the Friends will be posting a **Plant of the Week** that will include a plant photo, water rating and links to growing information.

Check out our:

Facebook www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Summerland-Ornamental-Gardens

Twitter [@summerlandgrdns](https://twitter.com/summerlandgrdns)

Instagram [friends_of_summerland_gardens](https://www.instagram.com/friends_of_summerland_gardens)

Website www.summerlandornamentalgardens.org

Please renew your membership or become a member of the Friends of Summerland Gardens!



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The Friends depend on a strong membership to ensure we can uphold the mission of keeping the Gardens maintained for all of us to enjoy. We encourage you to keep your membership up to date as your support is needed to keep us growing.

Donation

As an organization directed by a volunteer Board, we know the value of contribution and we trust that you will agree that gifts to the Gardens are beautiful, accessible and lasting.

All donations are tax deductible. You can make a secure online donation right now

via our Canada Helps donation page. Donate by [clicking here](#)



FOG Mandate

- FOG (the official name is "Friends of the Summerland Research Station Gardens") is a non-profit charitable organization formed in 1991 with a mandate to inspire the community to embrace sustainable gardening, and maintain, enhance and enjoy the historic Summerland Gardens.
- The Gardens are nationally significant and comprise the Okanagan's largest public botanical collection and are a top regional attraction for both residents and visitors.
- The Gardens serve as the Okanagan's leading demonstration site for landscaping in dry ecosystems and include Canada's first and largest Xeriscape Demonstration Garden where the Friends have been engaging and educating the community about water conservation landscaping since the 1990's.

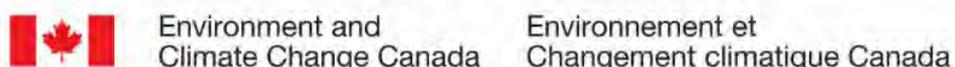
Membership Benefits & Opportunities

- Garden tours, workshops and presentations
- Increase your plant and garden knowledge
- Participation in our planting and special events
- Help preserve and maintain one of the most spectacular places in British Columbia!
- Participation in future planning
- Be an advocate for horticulture and heritage preservation
- Newsletter
- *Gardening in the Dry Interior of British Columbia*, published by FOG in 2006

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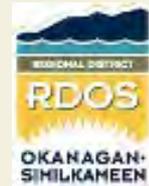


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