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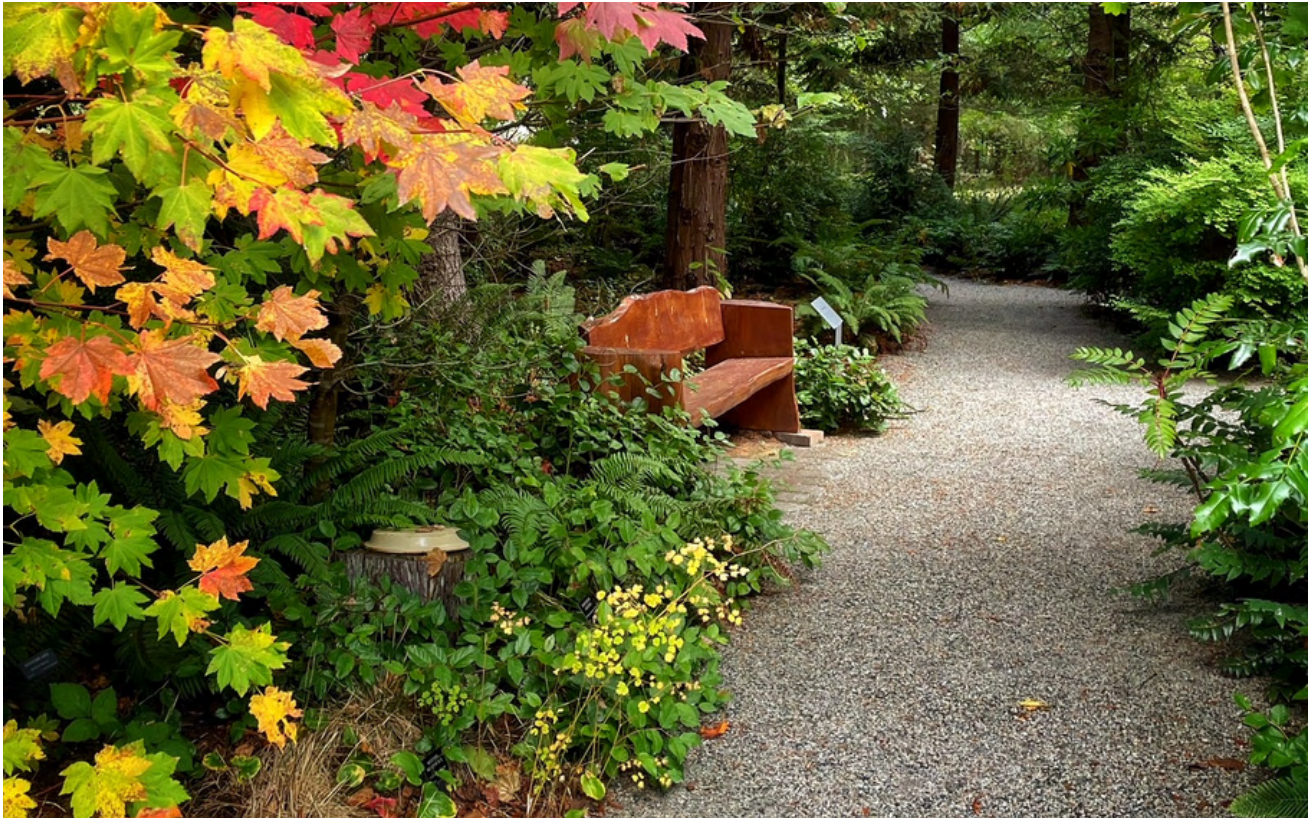
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NEWSLETTER OF THE SUNSHINE COAST BOTANICAL GARDEN SOCIETY

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**ABOVE:** The American Public Gardens Association shared this autumn photo of our Rainforest Grove to their social media channels at the end of October. We were grateful for the recognition!

This fall the Garden treated its visitors to some spectacular colour--even earlier than usual. At the time of preparing this issue of *Salal*, most of the deciduous trees have shed their coats, thanks to some strong windstorms that rolled through in November. The big leaf maple trees in the Censi Creek ravine seemed to go from green to gold, to BARE, in what felt like only a week's time! Now, we prepare for the colder temps, putting garden beds away and decorating for the holidays! We hope you enjoy this issue.

## Dear Members,

You will notice this edition of *Salal* looks noticeably different than our issues of the past.

Our most wonderful and talented editor, Heather Till, sustained an injury to her arm in an unfortunate accident and thus we have done our best to put together this Winter newsletter to meet her standards! We wish Heather a swift recovery!



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT | JEAN BENNETT

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Making the transition to another season is always a time for reflection; seeing what the previous season has brought and imagining what a new season will bring.

In this issue of *Salal*, you can read about many of the things that have been accomplished at the Garden during the past 12 months. One of the surprises this season brought for me was becoming president of the Garden's Board of Directors. It wasn't what I'd planned but when former president, Sandy Cunningham, had to step away for family reasons, it only made sense for me to step up despite the fact she left some big shoes to fill. Thank you, Sandy, for your many contributions to the Garden. I'm not alone in this though and am really pleased that the Garden has such a dynamic board with a diverse set of skills and backgrounds.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who makes this Garden such an extraordinary place, our brilliant staff, the dozens of volunteers who contribute hundreds of hours of their time, our donors, our event sponsors and the many visitors who wander our pathways and discover the wonders of this glorious place. - **JB**

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**Pictured above L-R:** outgoing President and retiring board member, Sandy Cunningham, Joyce Gould, Paddy Wales, newly elected President Jean Bennett, newly elected Vice President Cathy Hallam, and Rosemary Bates Terry.

**At our AGM held October 24, 2023,** we elected our Board of Directors for the coming year. The new board includes newly elected President Jean Bennett, newly elected Vice President Cathy Hallam, Joyce Gould, Paddy Wales, Douglas Justice, Susan Chipman, and new Treasurer Will Heerschop. We extend our gratitude to outgoing President Sandra Cunningham for her dedication and leadership, and to our past Treasurer, Nelson Alvarez for his guidance and input. Meet our new and returning Board Members in the following pages.



**Jean Bennett - President**

After living in various rural and urban communities in BC, Jean Bennett moved to the Sunshine Coast in 1996. Jean has worked with a wide variety of community-based non-profits both on the Sunshine Coast and in the Lower Mainland.

She is deeply concerned about biodiversity loss and the impact of climate changes on our local ecosystems and is interested in the role the Botanical Garden can play in mitigating the effects of both.



**Cathy Hallam - Vice President**

Cathy Hallam is a retired Human Resources Professional. Her career spanned 30 years in the BC public healthcare setting. She is particularly passionate about building and maintaining relationships, and values being involved in her community –

through membership and volunteer opportunities. Cathy grew up and lived in the Central Interior of BC for most of her life. Following volunteering for a couple seasons in the Veggie Garden at the Botanical Garden, Cathy was invited to join the Board. Becoming involved with the Botanical Garden shortly after arriving on the Coast, Cathy has discovered that the Garden has “wormed its way” into her heart and she’s very excited to work hard in her new role as Vice President.



**Susan Chipman - Director**

Having the opportunity to give back in a meaningful way and being close to nature and the outdoors are what attracted Susan to the Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden. Susan has spent the majority of her career working in the electronic manufacturing industry, primarily

in sales and relationship development. Susan loves the outdoors and enjoys many of the activities the Sunshine Coast has to offer.

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**Heather Vince** (Interim Editor),  
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Terry, Paddy Wales,**

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The Garden acknowledges its responsibilities as an occupant of this land in the swiya of the shishálh people. We pledge to treat this land with respect and welcome all to share in our journey of learning and knowledge sharing.



**HOURS OF OPERATION**

**Friday - Monday**

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Tuesday - Thursday**

Closed

We will be closed for the holidays beginning December 23 and reopening December 30.

Check our website  
**[coastbotanicalgarden.org](http://coastbotanicalgarden.org)**  
for weather-related closures.



**Joyce Gould - Director**

Joyce has been visiting the Sunshine Coast for over 25 years before moving to the area in 2022. She has had a strong interest in plants for most of her life starting with time spent on her grandparents' farm and gardens, as well as at the family cabin. She went on to get degrees in Botany and Conservation Biology from the Universities of Alberta and Toronto and has worked in the high arctic, Ontario and Alberta documenting the biodiversity of natural places.

She has a strong interest in the conservation of biodiversity, especially rare and endangered plants, and in the communication of scientific findings to the public. She sees botanic gardens playing a huge role in conserving and fostering an appreciation of all plants and is excited to be part of the team.



**Will Heerschop - Treasurer**

Will and his wife made the move to the Sunshine Coast from Calgary in 2015. They both love to camp and are avid mountain bikers who bring along their puppy 'Cadence' wherever they go – he even has his own backpack!

Will currently works with the Sunshine Coast Credit Union in the Commercial Services Department. Prior to this, he worked as an operations manager for a central operations center for a cheque-clearing company. Will also gives his time as a volunteer firefighter with the Sechelt Fire Department. "I enjoy volunteering and giving back to the community. My 'Bubba' always had the best garden and flowers in the neighborhood and I always wanted the same green thumb, so volunteering for the Botanical Garden was a way to extend my green thumb."



**Douglas Justice - Director**

Douglas had his initial exposure to horticulture in his parents' garden in Vancouver and at the family farm in Duncan. His passion for plants eventually led him into nursery work, then to degrees in horticulture and botany, which spurred him to pursue a career in teaching and public garden management.

Douglas is Associate Director, Horticulture & Collections at UBC Botanical Garden. He teaches in UBC's Landscape Architecture program and in the Garden's Horticulture Training Program, and is currently working on a manual of Vancouver's cultivated woody plants.





**Rosemary Bates Terry - Director**

Rosemary moved to the Sunshine Coast in 1994 following careers first as a newspaper reporter and then a CBC Radio producer in Winnipeg and Toronto. Since moving to Sechelt, she worked for five years as programmer for the Festival of the Written Arts, served on the board of the Coast Recital Society, and has co-taught courses at Capilano University's Elder College on the history of everyday essentials such as eating, drinking, gardening, and textiles.

She has served on the Botanical Garden Board for several terms and was a founding supporter of the Garden. With her late husband Bill Terry, she co-authored *Beauty by Design: Inspired Gardening in the Pacific Northwest* (2012, Touch Wood Editions).



**Paddy Wales - Director**

Paddy is a founding member of the Garden, past-president, Board member for several previous terms, and a tireless supporter of the Garden.

She has helped to create many of the Garden's functions, including the first *Salal* (2003), Gardeneers (the first children's program), and the development of the actual Botanical Garden. A former elementary school teacher, long-time garden photographer and writer, she brings broad perspectives. Her vision never wavers for realizing the potential of the Garden and she is an inspiration to us all.

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**MANAGER'S REPORT | MARY BLOCKBERGER**

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People often think of fall as a slower time in a garden. That certainly hasn't been the case here at the Botanical Garden! The fall foliage put on a spectacular display this year, and we saw a large increase of visitors coming to take in the show.

Once the very welcome rains returned, mushrooms of all sorts seemed to spring up everywhere. The leaf cribs constructed last fall were emptied of leaf mold for spreading on the beds and were refilled with this year's fallen leaves. This is a very easy way of turning a free resource into a wonderful soil amendment.

**Photo inset:** Fly Agaric (*Amanita muscaria*)

**Photo behind:** Birds nest fungus (*Crucibulum parvulum*)



We once again welcomed the incoming Grade 12 class from Chatelech Secondary School for their annual planning day and we look forward to welcoming them back for their Prom next spring. Our 'wedding season' started in April and continued right through to October this year, with 14 couples exchanging vows and celebrating the beginning of their lives together.

We are very proud that we've been voted the #1 Event Space Rental Venue in the People's Choice Awards for the second year in a row. Rental income makes up an important part of our annual revenue and we appreciate our rental clients treating the Pavilion and Garden with care and respect.

Our seasonal staff member Rob has now wrapped up his work for the year and we're looking forward to his return next spring. Rob is the one to thank for the carefully mowed grassy areas, the precision weed whacking around planted areas, and a host of other everyday tasks.



**Above:** Sunshine Coast People's Choice 'Favourite Event Space Rental' award.

**Bottom left:** Fountain Grass (*Pennisetum alopecuroides*) glows in the morning light.

Sean celebrated his second anniversary of working here and we consider ourselves lucky to have him. His care of the Native Plant Gardens is exceptional. Nola has been busy potting bulbs for spring displays, preparing the beds for winter, and hanging Christmas lights around the Pavilion to add cheer to the increasingly darker and shorter days. Among all the other tasks Heather has as our Development Officer, this month she has taken on crafting this issue of *Salal*. I was happy to be invited to attend the Climate Impacts and Resilience Workshop at the UBC Botanical Garden where we discussed the impacts of climate change already observed in our gardens and how we are dealing with them.

I wish you all happiness and health in this holiday season and the coming year. - **MB**

I spent some time this fall looking at archived photos and flipping through newspaper clippings documenting the transformation the Garden has undergone since it was incorporated as a Society 21 years ago. It's quite astonishing really, but every time I come across a familiar name or face, whether it's a donor, a member or a volunteer--often they are all of the above--I'm reminded just how fortunate the Garden is to have had such supportive friends stay with us on this entire journey.

I recently heard from a visitor, that although they had been to the Garden many times over the years, they had only just learned that we are a non-profit organization and not privately-owned. This caught me by surprise, but maybe it shouldn't have.

That the Garden is a Living Wage Employer, that this beautiful property and our collections are given meticulous care and attention, that we can conduct research, offer programming, and hold events; that we can keep the lights on--none of this would be possible without the financial support and time and energy of the people who believe in the importance of a Botanical Garden. So dedicated are all of you, that to anyone looking in, it would appear the Garden is established, like it has always been here, always flourished.

If you are reading this newsletter, you are one of those people we have to thank.

By the time you read this, you've likely already



received our first email in a series for this year's year-end fundraising campaign. Along with highlighting some of our current initiatives, I plan to share some of the archives, to show those of you who are newer to the Garden, and remind those of you who aren't, just how much has been accomplished to date.

We hope you are proud and just as excited as we are for what's ahead. We've got some big goals in 2024 and we would love to have you right there alongside us.

My heartfelt gratitude to all of you, and wishes for happiness and health to you and yours in the year ahead. - **HV**

Thank you

Many, many thanks to our members, donors, volunteers, board members, event sponsors, community partners, event attendees, workshop facilitators and special friends Vicki Gabereau and Ed Hill for making 2023 such a memorable year!

*It's the most wonderful time of year—the time to choose your seeds, that is! Before you get wrapped up in the seed catalogue, there are a few things to keep in mind.*

Bigger crops, brighter flowers, easier to grow, pest resistant – the alluring pictures and descriptions in seed catalogues can lead to expensive purchases and, sometimes, disappointing results. Multinational companies have taken over some seed suppliers, pushing varieties which need more fertilizers or pesticides while ignoring the wide range of cultivars which used to be on offer. Their seed growing fields are far away, some in very different climates from ours, and the seeds may be treated with fungicides, making them inappropriate for organic gardens.

Tomato growers find from experience that usually our summers are not hot enough for a successful crop of the Beefsteak tomatoes which do well in Ontario. Here we need to plant short-season tomatoes, for which a Canada-wide catalogue may not be the best source.

There are some alternatives:

- **West Coast Seeds**, a family owned company selling organic seeds, originally only for the West Coast, whose catalogue is a comprehensive growing guide.
- **Other smaller companies** selling seeds grown in BC. A list can be found at <https://farmfolkcityfolk.ca/find-seeds/bc-seed-suppliers/>.
- **Seedy Saturdays** where local companies sell their products, and there is a seed exchange for green-thumbed individuals to share their successes.
- **Library seed exchanges.** It is not necessary to bring seeds to exchange initially, but if you “borrow” some it is expected that you will save some seed for next's year's exchange.



Locally grown seeds are harvested from crops which thrive in our environment. It is not hard to save seeds of many flowers and vegetables in our own gardens, taking them from plants which mature earliest for instance, or have the best colours. I mark with a string the best specimens of annual poppies while they are in flower, and allow their seeds to ripen. The seeds are harvested and kept in paper bags or envelopes until spring. 30 years ago I was given some pole bean seeds originating in Yugoslavia, a vigorous purple-flowered variety with a flat pod, and I still plant these each year, remembering with gratitude the person who gave them to me.

In order to keep the original varietal genes, some crops such as squash, which cross-pollinate very easily, need to be kept isolated from each other. Other crops, such as lettuces, can be grown as mixtures, with some plants doing better in a hot summer, others preferring cooler conditions. Just let some of the best ones go to seed. Mixtures of wild flowers are not usually our native wild flowers, though they give an attractive display. For native plants refer to the website above. - SW

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Our growing year actually starts at the end of the calendar year. Since most of our harvest goes to the food bank, we have a meeting with them at the end of our active harvesting to get feedback on what works, what didn't, and any requests they have.

We then have a year end review meeting with all Veggie Garden volunteers to discuss the Food Bank's feedback, volunteers' feedback on how to improve yield and extend harvesting season, any new or interesting vegetables to grow, plus any problems or issues and suggestions on how to improve.

All the above factors go into our planting plans for the new year.

Last year, at our meeting with the Food Bank, they mentioned that their client numbers increased by about 40% due to the rapid increase of food prices. At our year end meeting last year, we decided we would try to increase our yield, as well as extend the harvesting season. We are happy to report that this year, our year-to-date donation to the Food Bank is 3,393 pounds, which is more than double the highest of any previous years' outputs. We'd like to share how we achieve that so you can also increase your yield if your growing space cannot be increased.

**1. We increased the size of each vegetable bed** by reducing the path. Some beds just by 6 inches each side, some by a foot. For example, a 7'X7' bed becomes 8'X8' or a 9'X9' bed. In this way, we increased the growable areas by about 40%.

**2. We took a page from the French intensive method** and planted veggies closer together. We used the minimum recommended planting distance instead of the maximum. Overall, we estimated 30% more vegetables planted.



**Pictured above:** Veggie Garden volunteers Sybil Young, Doris Hawkins and Vanessa Choo

**3. We grew vertically where possible.** This year, we trained cucumbers up on a trellis and managed to get 3 times as many cuke plants in the bed than if they sprawled. We also grew some vining spinach that went to 6 feet tall.

**4. We tightly managed succession plantings** so that a bed is never left empty for long after it's been harvested.

At the moment, we have Kale, Swiss Chard, winter lettuce, radish, daikon, broad bean, chicory and collard growing as we attempt to showcase year-round vegetable growing. This means our Tuesday harvesting group will still be working every 2 to 3 weeks until snow hits.

Of course all the above means much more work for volunteers, both the planting team and the harvesting team, and we are exhausted; some of us are talking about scaling back a bit.

This year our volunteers put in over 920 hours to achieve the above results and have my heartfelt thanks. Cheers to all of you, give yourselves a pat on the back! We hope that some of you gentle readers will be inspired to come volunteer at our Veggie Garden so we can keep up the momentum. - VC

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*Gathering plants to brighten the dark days is a joyful celebration of nature! Read on for suggestions of natural elements to consider in your festive decor.*

As the days shorten, I love to gather boughs, sprigs, branches and berries for the Wreath Workshop at the Garden, always an early sellout.

It's my excuse to look closely at the wealth of plants that shine in winter. Most of what I gather will be used at the Garden, but I save some for my own winter décor.

Salal that is cut back will regrow with smaller, cleaner leaves, so I pick from the same patches each year. It never seems to deplete the patch. Western red cedar acts similarly – where I picked last year will regrow densely. Not so with other conifers; be careful where on the plant you snip as any bald patch may show for years.

After a windstorm, I look for Douglas fir branches fallen from higher on the tree as they are denser. I mainly use them outdoors though, as the needles will drop. Also watch for fir or pine cones or even lichen-clad alder branches.

Almost all evergreens are lovely – yew, cypress, even rhododendrons or evergreen viburnum. One to avoid is hemlock whose tiny needles drop quickly.

Red- and yellow-twig dogwood branches add zest, lasting well outdoors or in water indoors. Lacy sprigs of huckleberry do too, but any leaves will gradually fall.

If you have access to holly or ivy, the “traditional” plants of Christmas, be sure to dispose of them carefully as they could become invasive.



One of the easiest ways to use your sprigs and boughs is in a planter outdoors. Push the stems right into the soil! Or bundle twigs with attractive twine, or if desired, add a ribbon or even tie on a Christmas tree decoration.

When boughs and berries are used indoors, they may need to go out into the rain from time to time to keep them fresh, so needles stay on the branch rather than the floor. - **PW**

### DID YOU KNOW?

Wild-collected Salal from the Sunshine Coast is shipped all over North America for use in wreaths and arrangements as it lasts so well.



I like growing what most people consider houseplants outside during the summer. I especially love growing begonias. They are a perfect substitute for coleus, having equally beautiful leaves that are well-suited for shade, but are avoided by slugs and deer. They are also very easy to propagate.

For sunnier conditions, I grow Pelargonium (the “annual” geranium), tender succulents, and amaryllis – all slug and deer-resistant. Best of all, it’s easy to overwinter them.

You could place them inside by a window, but as a fervent propagator, every horizontal surface with light in my house is occupied. Instead, I place my tender treasures in the crawlspace (where it doesn’t freeze), in a cool cupboard, or if I’m desperate, in a storage box under a guest bed. The trick is not to water them. In the dark, the leaves fall off leaving a ratty-tatty stem. But come spring when it’s warm enough to put them outside, just add water.

You can do this with a lot of other tender plants. Keep them dry, preferably on the cool side where they can go dormant. Other gardeners have had success with *Brugmansia* (Angel’s Trumpet), bananas, tender shrubby *Hibiscus*, *Mandevilla vine*, pomegranates, and *Tropicana canna*. For those living in especially dry climates such as the prairies, you might want to add a bit of water every few months to keep the roots viable. There is dry, and then there is dead dry.

Some plants we considered tender are actually hardy in zones 6 or 7. Many *Agave* (zone 5+), *Mangave* (z 7+), *Sinocrassula* (z 7+) , *Aeonium* (z 8+) and *Echeveria* (z 4+) can be grown outside on the Coast so long as they are kept out of the winter wet. It’s not the cold that kills, but the excessive rain.

Come fall, move them to a covered porch or under the eaves. It’s best to grow these plants in pots as they demand good drainage. Just remember that when growing any plant in a pot, its hardiness increases about one zone unless it is given additional insulation. For example, if a plant is normally hardy to zone 7, you should anticipate its hardiness to zone 8 in a pot. - **AF**



Above is my *Agave parryi* with and without its winter protection. I know from experience it’s best to grow agave in pots. Even with winter protection and sandy soil, the moisture in the ground can kill a well-established plant. And then there are those plants that are perfectly hardy in someone else’s yard but live on “the edge” in your specific growing conditions.

In my clay-based garden, I place a large container over my *Cynara* (both artichoke and cardoon) and many *Arisaema* (jack-in-the-pulpit) in winter to help keep them drier. I live on a hill so there is more drainage than expected for clay soil.

It’s best to use translucent containers but it isn’t necessary – the plant is dormant. If you are using something opaque, remove it at the first sign of new growth in spring. I use the lid from an old kitty-litter box to shield my artichoke only because it’s too big for anything else. Large, clear, rigid food containers pushed into the soil work especially well over dahlias.

Not only do they keep the tubers drier during the winter, but the new shoots are also protected from slugs in the spring until the leaves get large enough to withstand the onslaught. That dahlia you thought died over the winter may have just been eaten to death in the spring.

## 2023 - A YEAR IN REVIEW

We were happy to start the new year with our annual 'Hair of the Dog Day' and in February with the ever-popular 'Pruning Workshop' led by board-certified arborist Cheryl Topping. Master Gardeners Paddy Wales and Sheila Watkins presented 'Drought and Deluge' giving timely advice and information on preparing gardens for harsher weather.



After an on-site visit from Meaningful Access Consulting, a plan was developed to complete the first phase of improving the accessibility of our garden paths. This first stage of the project was completed by April 2023 under budget and was fully funded by our Accessible Path campaign. Our hope is that over the coming years, we can continue to increase the accessibility in more areas of the Garden.



In the Spring we were pleased that the One Straw Society partnered with us and held a 'Seedy Saturday' event at the Pavilion. Richard Hoath offered a 'Worm Composting' workshop, and Tony Greenfield led a Bird Walk in May.

The teachers brought the school kids for lessons with over 200 kids plus parents and teachers, and several artists rented the Pavilion for an art show. The hard-working Potting Group provided many plants for the plant sale in May, which continued through to early Fall with much success. Sean collected seeds and Sheila Watkins and her group also gathered seed and perennials last fall to grow material for the plant sale this Spring.



We enjoyed visits from the Gibsons and Sechelt Garden Clubs, Memory Café participants, and the Pender Harbour Seniors group.

The work done in the Garden is only possible due to the many loyal volunteers, and we were excited to welcome back the folks from the Telus 'Day of Giving' to do a blitz of the vegetable garden in May.



The Veggie Garden group, who diligently produce myriad vegetables, reported over 3,300 pounds donated to the Food bank by end of the 2023 growing season.

## 2023 - A YEAR IN REVIEW.... continued

Our staff, led by Manager Mary Blockberger, includes Heather Vince (Fund Development), Gardeners Sean Harper and Nola Honeywell, and our jack of all trades Rob Donald. They love what they do and it shows.

In June, we launched a new website designed and created by Heather Vince.

Our *Salal* editor and past board member, Heather Till, once again produced stunning issues of *Salal* with help from the editorial team and numerous contributors, and we appeared in several magazines and articles. This exposure helped us become one of the favourite spots on the Coast resulting in the Garden being voted as the 'Favourite Event Space Rental' winner by the 2023 Sunshine Coast People's Choice award.

The Garden Development Committee set out recommended priorities for the next three years:

- replace our fossil-fuel-powered equipment over time
- install interpretative signage,
- propagate native plants and provide leadership on integration of native plants into ornamental gardens, listing rare or endangered species at the Garden to ensure that we can protect important habitat and communicate the level of biodiversity at the Garden;
- a long-term focus on an Arboretum, an area devoted to specimen plantings of trees and shrubs, grown for research, educational, and ornamental purpose.

Some of these items have been realized such as the interpretative signage, replacement of some equipment, and the Plant Propagation program.

We also started our fiscal year in July mortgage free! Thanks to a wonderful donor, this very generous gift has put us in a great position.

Sharing our knowledge is one of our guiding principles, as is giving back to our community. Sean Harper accompanied some people from the shíshálh Nation on a couple of salvage digs and had them up to our Garden to share some plants to be used in landscaping around their buildings.

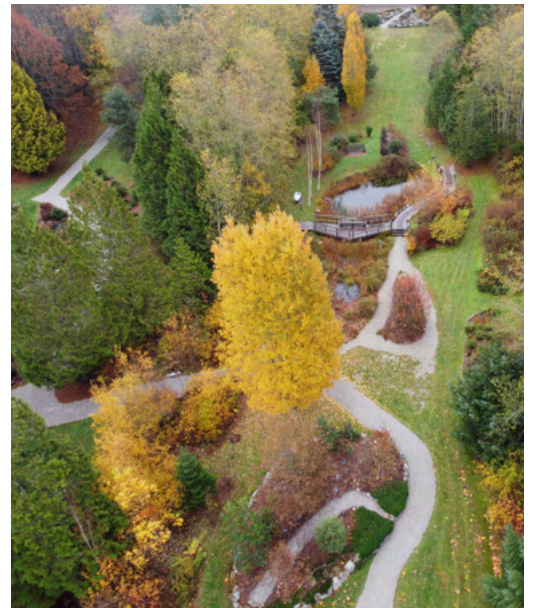


## 2023 - A YEAR IN REVIEW.... continued

In August we saw the return of our Garden Party gala fundraiser, with 160 guests all dressed in white and ready to kick off fundraising for our new Plant Propagation program.

We welcomed the community back for Harvest Festival on Labour Day weekend, and now we prepare to close off 2023 with Woodland Christmas, a Solstice celebration, our year-end fundraising campaign and a few other holiday events.

This is just a glimpse of what goes on at the Garden. We depend on the support of our donors, members, volunteers, and our staff to maintain and develop this delightful setting, so we thank you all!





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**Woodland Christmas**  
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm.  
Admission by donation.

**DEC  
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**Suncoast Phoenix Choir**  
7:00 pm.  
Admission by donation.



**DEC  
21**

**Winter Solstice Celebration**  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm.  
Admission by donation.

**JAN  
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**Hair of the Dog Day**  
11:00 am - 4:00 pm.  
Admission by donation.  
Dogs must be on leash.



**FEB  
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**Tree Pruning with Cheryl Topping**  
Check our website for more details.



**Many thanks to our community partners who supplied the Garden with materials, tools and people power to help us grow this year!**

**Rona  
Southlands Nursery**

