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Milner Musings



Our mission is to preserve and enhance Milner Gardens and Woodland, to educate and inspire. All gifts to Milner Gardens help us to achieve this mission.

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The garden is now open and the Spring bloom is spectacular.

Candice and her team of nursery volunteers are busy making preparations for the annual Spring Plant Sale, a major fundraiser for the garden. You won't want to miss this opportunity to purchase interesting, hard to find plants at discount prices. Be sure to put April 24 and 25 on your calendar.

This year's Oceanside Rhododendron Festival, May 15 & 16, will celebrate the Garden's Rhododendron collection with the launch of our new booklet entitled *The Rhododendrons of Milner Gardens and Woodland*. Kristi Ozero and Keith Leinweber have designed and produced this wonderful full colour booklet that tells the story of the genus Rhododendron and explains how our collection came to be. The festival includes regularly scheduled tours of the Rhododendron grove, a truss show of Rhododendrons from the garden and a showing of paintings and watercolours by local artists.

Also, the Rhododendron Festival will see the first ever Canadian participation in the Garden Conservancy *Open Days Program*. Visit one or twelve of B. C.'s best gardens in this prestigious event on May 15, 16 and 18. Your participation will help support the work of the Garden Conservancy as well as the preservation of the Arthur Erickson House and Garden in Vancouver, the Abkhazi Garden in Victoria and here at the Milner Gardens and Woodland. (see more information on p. 7)

The Volunteer Support Group is a new

feature at the garden. This group has been formed for the enrichment and enhancement of volunteer activities. Many new initiatives for volunteers such as guest speakers and off-site bus tours will come from this group.

Some staff changes are taking place this spring. Candice Coghill has decided to focus on plant production and sales and has stepped down as Children's Program Coordinator. Candice's efforts in the development and first offering of the *Roots and Shoots Intergenerational Gardening Program* have created a good foundation for its continuation and growth.

Our new Children's Program Coordinator is former Roots and Shoots mentor, Charlene Forrest. Charlene holds a BSc-Biology from the University of Northern B.C. and is about to undergo her MSc-Botany defense. We are very excited to welcome Charlene to the MGW team. The Children's Coordinator position is made possible by a Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust grant and a \$20,000 donation from Windsor Plywood. This support enables us to plan, develop and further implement the Milner Gardens Children's Program in this community.

Charlene's background and training in forest ecology and her interest in developing activities for children in the forest parallel our current initiative to construct a Welcome and Interpretive Centre and to develop the second phase of the popular Forest Interpretive Trail. Over the next year these

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SNIPPETS

Spring, one of the busiest times of the year for us down in the garden (mark my word, I'll say this again come next newsletter!). So busy that I often forget to look up and see everything that's in bloom around me, too busy planning for the Nursery.

If you have the opportunity to visit the gardens please do. It's a beautiful time of year with the Magnolia buds bursting open, the orchard with a light pink dusting of blossoms, the forget-me-nots, the primulas, the lungwort and the epimediums, the native pink fawn lily and the euphorbias, tulips,

and daffodils, and the many rhododendrons in bloom and soon to be in bloom and so much more.

Take a moment to walk the gardens and just breathe. No hustle, no emails, no faxes, no phone calls, and no meetings. Just you, the garden, the bees, the birdsong and the oceans gentle lapping.

There will be another day for all those other things, I promise. Right now it's a great time of the year to stop and look up!

Candice Coghill
Nursery Grower



Featured Plant Eucryphia

The garden is fortunate enough to be graced with several of these evergreen trees. The Eucryphia is an upright, evergreen woodland tree that is native to Chile and S.E. Australia. It prefers to have its roots shaded and top in the sun. At a maximum height of 10m (*Eucryphia x intermedia* 'Rostrevor') and 15m (*Eucryphia x nymansensis* 'Nymansay') they make a bold addition to any

garden. They are narrower than they are tall making them columnar in shape and manageable in a smaller garden. The dark green glossy leaves are attractive any time of the year but it is the flowering time that makes this tree a welcome addition to the garden. Beginning in August these trees bear beautiful cupped shaped white flowers between 6 and 8 cm across. They are from Zones 9-10 and do well to be protected from severe cold.

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initiatives will offer positive changes to the Milner Gardens public program

Pam Jonnson has decided to make the move to a position in the Physical Education Department at Malaspina's Main Campus in Nanaimo. Pam's contribution as a member of the team that implemented the public and volunteer programs at the garden has been enormous. We will all miss her and wish her well in her career change. We plan to have the new Executive Assistant on board by late April. Pam will stay on for a training period for two days per week.

This summer, in addition to practicum students from the Malaspina University-College Horticulture Technician Program, we will be hiring three students from the Malaspina U-C Recreation and Hospitality Management Program. We look forward to their involvement in various aspects of visitor services, and

their assistance with Special Events.

These are wonderful opportunities for students to receive on the job experience in their chosen field and to contribute in a real and helpful way to the Milner Garden project. Each year we are able to employ summer students with the help of the Frank Gregory-Milner Forest Award, The Milner Gardens & Woodland Landscape Award and the Veronica Milner Memorial Award. This year Roy and Janet Taylor have made a generous donation of \$7,000 in support of employing a Recreation and Hospitality Management Program student. You can support this program by making your donation to the garden in support of a student.

We look forward to seeing you in the garden. Don't forget to renew your membership and bring all your guests to this island treasure. A great big thank you to all 2003 donors.

Cheers

Jim Cadwaladr Executive Director

THE AFFAIR OF NOTE SUNDAY, JUNE 20

2:00 TO 5:00 p.m.

This year Milner Gardens is presenting a relaxed approach to music in the garden. This year's Affair of Note will feature local musicians - Jennifer Cluff and Cindy Speelman, a flute duo back by popular demand, as well as the Marie-Andrea Gray String Quartet, the John Capon Brass ensemble and the John Forrest Jazz Trio.

We invite you to come and enjoy outstanding musical performances in our spectacular garden setting. Raffle and silent auction opportunities will help round out a delightful afternoon experience.

Most performances will be held on the main lawn so feel free to bring a blanket.

Refreshments and a no-host beer & wine bar will be available.

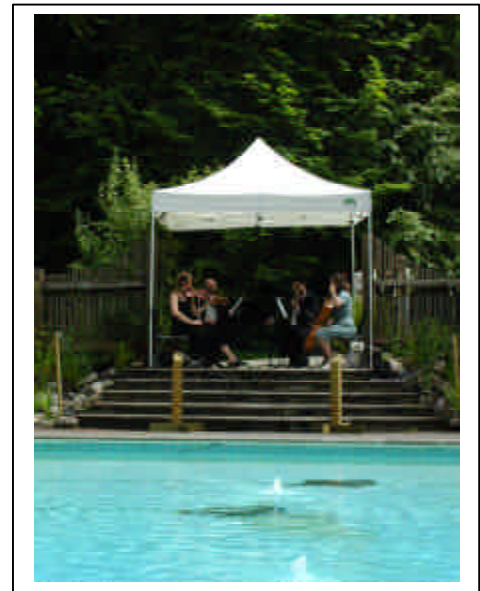
Tickets for this fundraising Affair of Note are \$20 per person, in advance or at the gate, however due to limited capacity in the garden we encourage you to purchase your tickets in advance & not be disappointed.

Tickets will be available at the Milner Gardens Entry Gate, both Mulberry Bush Bookstores, Turley's Florist and The Quilted Duck in Nanaimo. For further information - contact (250) 752-8573.

"Welcome and Interpretive Centre" Campaign

Much like Spring and the anticipation of new beginnings the Welcome and Interpretive Center fundraising committee was thrilled to have David Tarrant lend his support to our project. The turnout and support from our community was equally thrilling and deeply appreciated. We are also pleased to have Inge Lloyd and John England, two long-term volunteers and contributors to the Gardens as part of the fundraising team. We have passed the halfway mark for the building portion of the drive and look forward with great anticipation to the ground breaking.

Morganne Pickering
Campaign Coordinator



I am interested in supporting the Welcome & Interpretive Centre Campaign

Name _____

(please print)

Address _____

Phone (res) _____ Phone (bus) _____

I wish to donate: (circle one)

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 other \$ _____

Donation is made by cheque credit card

Cheque(s) payable to Milner Gardens and Woodland Society

Cash _____ (in person only)

Cheque _____

Visa/MasterCard

_____ (credit card number)

____/____
(expiry date)

_____ (name on credit card)



Spring Fundraiser

PLANT SALE EVENT

Sat. April 24th – Sun. April 25th 10am

PERENNIALS

- * Daylilies * Iris * Sedums
- * Hellebores * Campanula
- * Penstemon * Salomon Seal
- * Rudbeckia * Shasta Daisies
- * Soldanella **and lots more!**

Large 1 gallons and
select 2 gallons



SALE \$ 6.00

tax included
Members price \$ 5.00

In the Upper Parking Lot

* **Discounted entry with
min. plant purchase**

* **Master Gardeners**

* **Cash, Visa, M/C, and
cheques accepted**

WE PAY THE TAX

SPECIMEN TREES

- Eucryphia x intermedia
'Rostrevor'
- Eucryphia x nymansensis
'Nymansay'

5 gallon size REG. \$29.99

SALE \$ 15.00

tax included
Members price \$12.00

VINES

- * Winter Jasmine * Clematis
 - * Honeysuckle * Boston ivy
- Large 1 and select 2 gallon sizes

SALE \$ 7.00 tax included

Members price \$ 6.00

FLOWERING SHRUBS

- * Forsythia * Hydrangeas * Lavatera * Pieris
- * California Lilac * Sweet box * Myrtle
- * Leucathoe * Kerria * Hardy Fuchsias

Large 1 and 2 gallon sizes

SALE \$ 7.00 tax included

Members price \$ 6.00



HOSTAS & ROSES

- *several varieties
- 2 gallon size

SALE \$ 9.00

tax included
members price \$ 8.00



GROUND COVERS

- * Wood Anemones
 - * Sweet woodruff * Oxalis
- Assorted sizes

SALE \$ 3.00 - \$ 6.00

tax included
Members price \$ 2 - \$ 5

FRUIT TREES

- * Heritage fruits trees
- * Grafted seconds
- * Assorted sizes

SALE \$ 5.00 tax included

Members price \$ 4.00

Come early for the best selection of plants. All plant material propagated on site with the dedicated help of volunteers. All proceeds help support the operations at Milner Gardens and Woodland.

2179 West Island Highway, Qualicum Beach, BC, 752-8573

Special Events 2004

Spring Plant Sale April 24th & 25th

Add a piece of this heritage garden to your own yard. A vast selection of propagated material will be offered for sale. Last chance for spring shoulder season admission rates to the Garden.

Oceanside Rhododendron Festival May 15th & 16th

Come and enjoy the named and labeled collection of Rhododendrons and other spring flowering plants. Join in a walk talk about the plants in a fabulous garden setting.

An Affair of Note June 20th

We will be featuring a return engagement by popular demand of the flute duo, the string quartet, the brass ensemble and the jazz trio. The focus will be on presenting you outstanding musical performances in a spectacular garden setting.

Art & Photography in the Garden July 24th & 25th

Meet, mingle and be inspired by local artists at work. Artists will be painting, sketching, carving and photographing the beauty of this artist's garden.

Fall Plant Sale October 2nd & 3rd

Fall is a great time of year for planting. We will be offering discounts on heritage trees, shrubs and perennials propagated on site. Shoulder season admission rates to the Garden apply.

Milner Christmas Magic November 26th, 27th, 28th and December 3rd, 4th, 5th

An old fashioned, family oriented festival of lights and music in the Garden. Santa will be here!

Membership Renewal:

If you purchased or renewed your Milner Garden and Woodland membership last spring, please take a moment to renew your membership now.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Individual	\$25	Member benefits for one
Household	\$40	Member benefits for two adults and children living at the same address

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- ◆ Free admission to the Gardens during regular garden hours (excluding some special events)
- ◆ Priority registration for education courses
- ◆ 'Milner Musings' Quarterly Newsletter
- ◆ Gift Shop & Nursery – 10% discount off regularly priced merchandise and plants
- ◆ Discounted Guest Passes @ \$7.50

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Individual \$25

Household \$40

Ms. Miss Mrs. Mr. Dr. Full Name (1) _____

Ms. Miss Mrs. Mr. Dr. Full Name (2) _____

Address _____ City _____

Province _____ Postal Code _____ E-mail _____

Phone (Home) _____ Phone (work) _____

Visa/Master Card: _____ expiry date: ____/____

Cheque: Payable to Milner Gardens and Woodland

Spring/Summer 2004 Courses Come Learn at Milner Gardens



Bugs at Work

This course will take the use of beneficial insects one step further than the simple application of ladybugs into the garden. We will examine the interdependent relationship of all insects, why we encounter pests and what we can do to prevent them. We will identify who is a "good bug" in the garden and what we can do to encourage native beneficial insects by demonstrating the construction of a pocket insectary.

*Date: Sat April 24th
1:00-2:30pm*

*Instructor: Jessica Dawe, the Bug Lady
Regular: \$16.83+gst=\$18
Memb/Vol: \$10.28+gst=\$11*



Patio, Pots and Plants

How to plan, plant and care for small spaces

*Date: Sat. May 1, 1-4pm
Instructor: Rose Lynn Fleury
from Sunburst Gardens*

*Regular: \$26.17+gst=\$28
Memb/Vol: \$19.63+gst=\$21*



Making Hanging Basket

Learn how to make your own great hanging baskets

*Date: Wed. May 12, 1-3pm
Instructor: Rose Lynn Fleury
from Sunburst Gardens
Regular: \$29.91+gst=\$32
Memb/Vol: \$23.36+gst=\$25*



Nature Photography Workshop

The use of available light. Learn from local photographer Richard Sillery.

*Date: Wed July 28th
10am-3pm
Instructor: Richard Sillery
Regular: \$29.91+gst=\$32
Memb/Vol: \$24.30+gst=\$26*

To register for a course, fill out the form below. Keep an eye on our website for more courses coming soon!
www.milnergardens.org

Course Registration Form

Please include payment with registration form

Cheque payable to: **Milner Gardens and Woodland**
Applications by mail or in person to:
Milner Gardens and Woodland
2179 West Island Highway
Qualicum Beach, B.C. V9K 1G1

Applications by mail (Visa/MasterCard cheque)

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____
(Please print)

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Cash ____ (in person only)

Cheque ____
Visa/MasterCard

(credit card number)

____/____
(expiry date)

(name on credit card)

Course		Fee
	TOTAL	



STAFF AT MILNER GARDENS

Jim Cadwaladr
Executive Director

Geoff Ball
Horticultural Supervisor

Executive Assistant

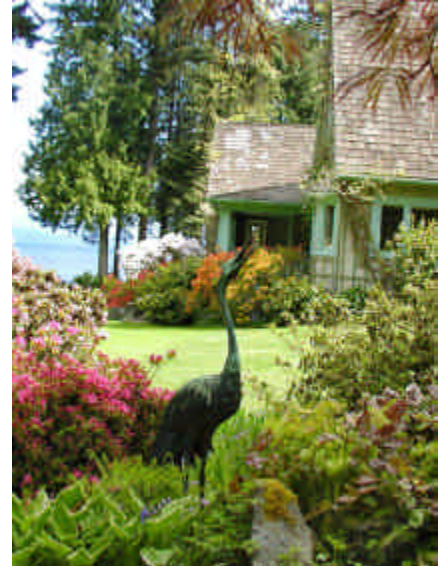
Candice Coghill
Nursery Grower

Carol Hansen
Tea Room/Gift Shop Coordinator

Charlene Forrest
Children's Programs Facilitator

Open Days

Visit 12 of
British Columbia's
best gardens through
The Garden Conservancy's
Open Days Program.



North Saanich & Victoria
Saturday, May 15th

Lantzville & Qualicum Beach
Sunday, May 16th

Vancouver
Tuesday, May 18th

All you need to participate is a love of gardens and a copy of
The Garden Conservancy's Open Days Directory — West
Edition.

Available for \$6 through the Garden Conservancy
at 1-(888) 842-2442 or
visit www.gardenconservancy.org/opendays.html
or at

Milner Gardens and Woodland Gift Shop

The Open Days Directory lists descriptions and directions
to all of the British Columbia gardens as well as private and
public gardens in Arizona, California, Colorado, Texas,
Oregon, & Washington.

The directory also includes one free admission ticket
(a \$6 value).

Open Days are a program of The Garden Conservancy. To
learn more about our preservation work, visit us on-line
at www.gardenconservancy.org.

**Milner Gardens and
Woodland**
2179 West Island Highway
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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
APRIL 1ST TO OCTOBER
11TH

SEVEN DAYS/WEEK:
MOTHER'S DAY TO
LABOUR DAY

THURSDAY TO SUNDAY
AND STATUTORY
HOLIDAY MONDAYS
APRIL 1ST TO MAY 9TH
SEPT 9TH TO OCT 11TH

Administration: 752-8573
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Open 7 Days/Week!
Mother's Day to Labour Day

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