

Upper Lonsdale Garden Club Speakers List 2023

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| Jan 12 th | <p>Lori Snyder: Share the Wisdom of Plants Email: earthandcompanyinfor@gmail.com Website: www.lorisnyder.com Phone: 778-869-3217</p> <p>Lori Snyder is a Métis herbalist and educator who shares the wisdom and traditions of her indigenous roots. Tsuu T'ina, Anishinaabe, Cree, Nakoda, and Nipissing Nations are mixed with her Scottish, French, and Celtic ancestry. She loves honouring the plants and their medicines which are growing in our Province. She will provide a First Peoples perspective on identifying wild, edible and medicinal plants and homemade products. She will highlight how to reintroduce indigenous plants into our urban landscapes.</p> |
| February 9 th | <p>Lucretia Scharnfarber : "SuperFood-Canopy Gardening: A New & Better Way of Living on MamaEarth." Email: lucretia.scharnfarber@gmail.com Phone: 250-285-2213 Website</p> <p>Lucretia Scharnfarber is a writer, editor, certified nutritional consultant and a "no-dig" garden teacher dedicated to spreading the good news about the glories of gardening. She hosts a weekly radio show "Gabbing about Gardening", writes a regular column for Maple Magazine and hosts occasional zoom gatherings for gardeners with popular guests on a myriad of topics.</p> <p>She will highlight how to grow delicious foods for healing and nurturing our bodies and our soil using natural plant canopies to protect plants, soil, and habitats. Lu's entertaining and fast-paced slide show yields practical tips and inspiring stories from her own gardens and from regional experts.</p> |
| March 9 th | <p>Helen Law: Hycroft Garden Restoration Email: helenhlaw@gmail.com Phone:</p> <p>Hycroft Manor was built by General Alexander Duncan McRae between 1907 and 1911. In 1942, the McRaes donated Hycroft Manor to the Canadian Government. It was repurposed by the Federal Department of Veterans' Affairs as a convalescent hospital for war veterans. In 1962, the University Women's Club of Vancouver (UWCV) purchased the property and soon restored the manor to its former glory, but the gardens were in a terrible state of decay. The gardens that exist today at Hycroft reflect the work of Hycroft Garden Club members since 1963. It is a very beautiful and particularly unique because of the number and variety of heritage trees on the property including a giant sequoia, purple beech, citrus atlanticus, black walnut, poplars, magnolia and rhododendrons. The mandate of the Hycroft Garden committee is to restore, maintain and retain the garden features with the Edwardian Garden scheme in view.</p> |

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| April 13th | <p>Julia Guest : Garden Tourism Email: JuliaG@travelg.com Phone: 604-340-7715 Website: www.travelconcepts.com</p> <p>Julia Guest has been a Travel Consultant, agency manager and owner in West Vancouver for over 30 years and her passion for travel remains strong. Julia has a fine reputation as an organizer of small, intimate tours, and a garden aficionado whose knowledge gained from leading fellow enthusiasts to gardens around the world is life enriching. Julia has designed, planned and escorted small groups since 1990 to England, France & Italy, New Zealand, China & India and most recently to the United Kingdom. Over the years and working with Vancouver Landscape Designer Ron Rule and gardening personality Des Kennedy have refined her scope; now the gardens visited are chosen not only for their garden excellence but what they can tell us about the society and culture, where we have come from as well as a study of English garden history and design. Ever the questions – “What are gardens for?” and “How to visit gardens?” – are being asked.</p> |
| June 8th | <p>Kirsten Ridd Email: kirsten.m.ridd@gmail.com Phone: 604-313-6236 Website:</p> <p>Kirsten Ridd will speak on Dutch Naturalism in Garden Design highlighting the beauty of these landscapes and sharing insights through photos taken on a recent trip to the Netherlands early 2022.</p> |
| September 14th | <p>Marilyn Holt: Fertilizers and Soil Email: mizholt@gmail.com Phone: Website:</p> <p>It is amazing what misconceptions are out there regarding fertilizing and organic fertilizers. A lot of people do the work, fertilize but the results aren't what they expected. Taking the myths out of fertilizers and encouraging success is so important.</p> |
| October 12th | <p>Gary Lewis – The Complete Talk on Ground Covers: Plants that reduce maintenance, control erosion, improve the environment, and beautify the landscape Email: phoenixperennials@shaw.ca (Attn: Gary Lewis) Phone: Website: www.phoenixperennials.com</p> <p>In a companion talk to his recently published encyclopedia “The Complete Book and Ground Covers”, Gary will highlight the functional and aesthetic uses of ground covers in the landscape including tips and tricks for designing with ground covers to take your outdoor space to the next level and a discussion on the diverse services ground covers can provide to make gardens more sustainable. He will illustrate all these benefits and uses of ground covers with beautiful photos taken from his travels to gardens around the world!</p> |