

Upper Lonsdale Garden Club Speakers List 2024

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Jan 11/24	<p>ZOOM Meeting Linda Gilkeson: Resilient Gardens in a Changing Climate Email: gilkeson@shaw.ca Website: lindagilkeson.ca</p> <p>Linda spoke to our club in March 2022 on Where have all the insects Gone, and we are pleased to welcome her back again. Linda's comprehensive gardening book, Backyard Bounty: The Complete Guide to Year-Round Organic Gardening in the Pacific Northwest, became a BC best seller and has just been republished in a new, considerably expanded edition. She continues to self-publish books for local gardeners, most recently Resilient Gardens: Pollinator Gardens, Garlic Diseases, Pest Update. As a private consultant, Linda is a regular instructor in the Master Gardener programs in BC and is busy year around giving workshops on pest management and organic gardening. Linda has served as President of the Entomological Society of Canada, the Professional Pest Management Association of BC, the Entomological Society of BC and the Salt Spring Island Garden Club.</p>
Feb 08/24	<p>ZOOM Meeting Abigail Hyde: Planting for Pollinators Email: info@satinflower.ca Phone: 778-679-3459 Website: satinflower.ca</p> <p>Abby from Satinflower Nurseries will speak about the importance of native plants with particular attention paid to their ability to restore and enhance habitat within the urban context.</p> <p>Satinflower Nurseries is a native plant and seed nursery that inspires and empowers people to connect with nature through native plants. They grow plants and produce seed native to a variety of habitats in the Victoria area, including meadows, woodlands, forests, wetlands, beaches and more.</p> <p>Please join us to hear how we as individuals can convert our properties into pollinator-friendly landscapes and how native plants restore biodiversity.</p>

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Mar 14/24	<p>In Person Meeting Joan McLeod: Flora of the Arctic- How do Plants Adapt to this Environment Email: joan.mcleod@telus.net Phone: 604-922-0165</p> <p>Many people think of the Arctic as either white or a barren expanse. On several trips to the Arctic, Joan has discovered that it can be very colourful and provide extensive food items for wildlife and humans. She has learned from various experts that plants have many ways to adapt to their environments in what we might consider inhospitable circumstances. Joan is a Program Coordinator for the Capilano Garden Club and an avid gardener for many years. She has taken 2 trips to the Arctic, Greenland & Labrador. Joan will provide a delightful presentation of photos she took during those trips as she unlocks the mystery of flora survival in harsh conditions.</p>
April 11/24	<p>In Person Meeting Jason Crutch: Growing Great Roses</p> <p>Jason Crutch of Fraser Valley Rose Farm will debunk the myth that roses are difficult to grow, showing instead how straightforward it can be with the right guidance. He'll cover topics such as selecting robust varieties, preparing the ideal planting site, and the basics of fertilization, watering, and pruning. Plus, he'll introduce companion planting to naturally boost your garden's health and aesthetics. Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, this talk will provide valuable tips to help your roses thrive, proving that these beautiful plants can be a simple addition to any garden</p>
June 13/24	<p>In Person Meeting Anastasia Dushnya: Creating an All Season Herb Garden Email: ana.apothecary@gmail.com</p> <p>Ana is a botanical pharmacology specialist with more than 12 years of experience in pharmaceuticals and knowledge of European Medicinal plants. She has presented to the ULGC in the past (2020). She has a Masters of Science in Pharmacology.</p> <p>Note: Speaker did not speak about the proposed topic, but instead gave an overview of medicinal herbs.</p>

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Sept 12/24	<p>In Person Meeting Lorelle Oldford-Down: Containers and Small Spaces</p> <p>Laurelle is a Certified Landscape Designer and Horticulturalist. She has owned and run her own design company and has designed exquisite residential gardens for enthusiastic gardeners from North Vancouver to White Rock. A couple of decades ago, she got into grafting and selling heritage apple trees and buying and reselling berry bushes at Seedy Saturday and the VanDusen plant sale. She is also a member of the BC Fruit Testers Association and grafts heritage and connoisseur apples. She will talk about growing fruit trees in containers and small spaces like patios and balconies</p>
Oct 10/24	<p>In Person Meeting Amy Fell: Bouquet Making with Local Flowers</p> <p>Amy is the founder of Grotto Garden Blooms and she has started a micro flower farm in the heart of East Vancouver which she uses to create beautiful flower arrangements throughout the year. She will teach us how to select and arrange a variety of blooms and foliage—using everything from delicate seed pods to show-stopping dahlias—to create unique, seasonal bouquets that reflect the beauty and abundance of our gardens. Amy says "Whether you're looking to enhance your home décor or celebrate a special occasion, this session will inspire you to use nature's bounty in a sustainable and creative way."</p>