

# VanDusen Botanical Garden

## Guide Weekly Update #26: September 23 to 29, 2018

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### Medicine Wheel Ceremony

23 September, Sunday 12:00 - 3:00pm: the Canadian Heritage Garden will, as usual, serve as the venue for this spiritual event.

### Soil Sale

29 September, Saturday 10:00-3:00pm: in the parking lot (you can pre-order via the web)

The Speaker Series begins again! 25 September, Tuesday 7:00pm in the Volunteer Lounge. It's limited to the first 35 people. Local artist Dante Baies will speak on Monet's garden in Giverny, where he volunteered over the last several years, followed by a tour with a focus on the library's collection of art books.

## HIDDEN BEAUTY



At this time of year, with fewer plants coming into flower, it's exciting to see the Japanese (or Chinese, or Korean) Angelica Tree (*Aralia elata*) doing its thing, on the north side of the Winter Walk. Pale mauve flowers ringed with darkest purple float about the topmost leaves. It's exceptionally hardy and will grow in Zone 2, despite its exotic appearance. In the Australian/NZ garden, this small Alpine Mint Bush (*Prostanthera cuneata*), first formally described in 1848, is blooming (perhaps reblooming?); its leaves give a minty fragrance when rubbed. And good old sedums are especially valued now, such as this variety "Dazzleberry" with grey foliage and bright pink flowers, bred by Chris Hansen who (now here's commitment) moved to Michigan so he could more accurately test his plants for winter hardiness. It's on display in the Backyard Bird Garden, since apparently thirsty birds eat the juicy, succulent leaves of these plants (sedums in general, not just this variety).

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