

# VanDusen Botanical Garden

## Guide Weekly Update #21: August 19 to August 25, 2018

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### Social Sundays

19 August 4:00-6:00pm: VSO Chamber Players performs a free concert, with food available for purchase (event is dependent on weather). Plan on saying “it’s to your left, just follow the hundreds of other people going in that direction” an awful lot.

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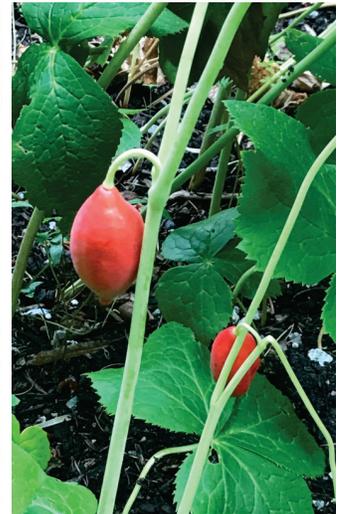
### First Nations Culture Talk & Walk: for Guides!

Tuesday August 21, 2018 10-11:30 am: First Nations Culture with Geronimo, Canadian Heritage Educator, continuing from last week, as planned. Meet in the Cedar Room, then take an interpretive walk in the Garden. (For current Guides only).

### Orchid Sale

Won't impact guiding. This sale of orchids (and companion plants) is being held 10:00am to 4:00pm in the Floral Hall, presented by the Vancouver Orchid Society.

## HIDDEN BEAUTY



Stretch your legs (or drive your cart) and guide all the way to Sino-Himalayan garden where, on the main path (adjacent to the Lawn) is the Ginger Lily (*Hedychium spicatum*), bearing tropical good looks despite our temperate climate; it's used in medicine and perfumery (the rootstock, mainly, for both). Beside it, the spectacular dangling sprays of the False hemp (*Datisca cannabina*), whose stems can be a dozen feet long, arching outward from a small central source. Exit the Fern Dell via steps and turn toward the Princess Tree; in the small bed before you find the large bright fruit of the Himalayan Mayapple (*Podophyllum hexandrum*) which is supposedly edible when ripe (when exactly is that?) and provides both a taste reminiscent of paw-paws and tomatoes, and a laxative effect.

You can DOWNLOAD all my photos from Flickr. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/VanDusenUpdate>, and each week I'll keep adding more shots.