

VanDusen Botanical Garden

Guide Weekly Update #3: April 14 to April 20, 2019

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Sakura Days

13-14 April 2019 (Saturday 11am-7pm & Sunday 11am-5pm):

A family-friendly celebration of the cultural arts of Japan, featuring Japanese vendors, food, arts and crafts, and over 50 performances.

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Member Mornings Are Back (with a vengeance)

17 April 2019 (Wednesday) 8:00am:

Enjoy VanDusen Garden before the public gets in: first 50 members get free coffee!

VGBA Annual General Meeting

17 April 2019 (Wednesday) 7:00pm:

This evening event won't impact your tours, but you might want to attend. The doors open at 6:30—the volunteer awards ceremony will be held separately, later in spring.

Eggciting Easter Hop

19-21 April 2019 (Friday-Sunday) 10:00am-1:00pm:

Where contrary to received wisdom, several children will indeed put all their eggs in one basket.

Donations Needed for the Plant Sale Potluck

To donate, call Jean at (604) 261-4556 or Margie at (604) 261-1868. They welcome perennials, small shrubs, native plants, and plastic pots (particularly square).

PERFECT PAIRINGS

For this week's perfect pairings we start at the Cypress Pond, where you likely have pointed out the mysterious knees of the *Taxodium distichum* (Bald Cypress). Nearby, a *Cornus alba* 'Sibirica' rises through the fallen needles of the Cypress, up past the knees, and it's a beautiful sight. *Cornus alba* is native to Asia (it's sometimes called Tatarian Dogwood after the Tatars). *Cornus* comes from the Latin *cornu*, meaning "horn" (likely a reference to the strength of its wood). Near the Heather Garden is the unfathomable twists and turns of the *Corylus avellana* 'Contorta' (Harry Lauder's Walking Stick), but just across the path is the quite fathomable *Pinus strobus* 'Radiata' (Dwarf Eastern White Pine), with fluffy silvery-blue needles. It's from Eastern North America, and in non-Dwarf form it has been known to hit 200 feet, though this is admittedly a rare occurrence.



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