

# VanDusen Botanical Garden

## Guide Weekly Update #6: May 5 to May 11, 2019

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### 9 May 2019 Thursday: Guide Education

At 10:00am in the Flora Hall. Ashley Lambert-Maberly speaks on “Dutch Treat: the Netherlands in April” (I know the speaker well, he’s terrific), with special emphasis on three major public gardens.

### 9 May 2019 Thursday: Emeritus Guide Tea

At 11:00am in the Floral Hall, following the talk. Sunday guides are hosting, but as usual we’d like every team to provide at least one plate of food (per team, not per guide).

### 11 May 2019 Saturday: Bird Walk

And this time, it’s actually Bird Week too! Meet Jeremy Gordon at 9:00 for an informative stroll around the Garden. Free for members (or with Garden admission).

## PERFECT PAIRINGS

► The Tree Peonies are blooming! (Including this *Paeonia mascula* along the path between Livingstone Lake and the Woodland Garden). Behind the peonies all the way up to the Mediterranean Garden are several boxwoods, including the lovely Yellow-Edged Boxwood (*Buxus sempervirens* ‘Marginata’). Boxwood has persisted in gardens since Roman times, being especially suited for topiary, but its scented foliage so perturbed Queen Anne (of movie *The Favourite* fame) that she ordered all the Boxwood at Hampton Court ripped out. Because box is slow growing, it produces extremely hard wood that lacks evident growth rings, making it ideal for marquetry, tool handles, or wind instruments. Native box is found from the south of England to Morocco, and east as far as Turkey. ► You can’t miss the Hybrid Dogwood (*Cornus* ‘Eddie’s White Wonder’) next to Heron Lake lawn, but while there turn around and mention the oft-seen but little-discussed Weeping Golden Willow (*Salix x sepulcralis* ‘Chrysocoma’) which has become the most popular weeping tree in warm temperate regions. It’s a cross between *Salix alba* ‘Vitellina’ for frost-hardiness and *Salix babylonica* (the first weeping willow) for weepiness, and is therefore more hardy and long-lived than its pendulous parent.



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