

# VanDusen Botanical Garden

## Guide Weekly Update #4: April 21 to April 27, 2019

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### 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.

### Member Mornings Are Back (with a vengeance)

25 April 2019 (Thursday) 8:00am

and

27 April 2019 (Saturday) 8:00am:

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

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Notes from James Warkentin's April walk featuring new projects are now posted on Erica's Notebook at <https://www.ericanotebook.com/gardener-walks.html> You can also find the complete walk schedule for 2019 and a list and map of where gardeners are currently assigned.

## 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

To the north of the drainage garden next to the plaza is a spectacular Korean Spice Viburnum (*Viburnum carlesii* 'Compactum') with a delicious sweet clove fragrance that's unmissable—but you *might* miss that to its right the Ohio Buckeye (*Aesculus glabra*) is leafing out with fresh foliage reminiscent of peonies, and tight clusters of very young buds, beautiful in its own right. This buckeye is one of the *Aeculus* trees also known as a Horse Chestnut (though toxic and no relation to true chestnuts, *Castanea*). If you pass by the white garden (and, to be honest, so many of us do), please, not this week, as it's particularly gorgeous right now. Hopefully you'll be lured in by the showstopping Hybrid Bridal Wreath (*Spiraea x cinerea*), but there's so much more to see, including the silver-sage leaves of this Western Mugwort (*Artemisia ludoviciana* 'Silver King'). *Ludoviciana* is the latinized name for Louisiana, but this aggressive plant has a large habitat and can be found throughout most of North America, where indigenous people often use it for medicinal purposes.



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