

## WEEKLY UPDATE #20 – AUGUST 13 – AUGUST 20, 2017

The weather forecast promises some showers in the days ahead, but the stresses caused by the summer drought has already led some trees to prepare for autumn with deep red hues apparent on a few of the Red maples.

### NOTED ON FRIDAY 11TH AUGUST, 2017

- The Eastern redbud, *Cercis canadensis* 'Forest Pansy', on the 'rose family' path behind the Black Garden, with its glorious reds and oranges, looks particularly good with strong light passing through the leaves.
- The display of rose hips in the Black Garden gives a colourful contrast. Rose hip syrup is a concentrated source of Vitamin C.<sup>1</sup>
- Sunflowers in the Alma VanDusen meadow are tall with massive blooms.
- Hibiscuses are flowering in the Camellia bed.
- Pineapple lilies, *Eucomis*, in the Black, Phyllis Bentall and South African Gardens are giving their best 'pineapple' impressions.
- Doll's Eyes Baneberry, *Actea pachypoda f. pacypoda*, stare with beady eyes in the Eastern North America Garden.
- The Chinese trumpet creeper, *Campsis grandiflora*, is in full orange red bloom high in a ginkgo beside the stream near the waterfall.
- The Lamb's Tails, *Ptilotus exaltatus* 'Joey', are wagging in the Southern Hemisphere Garden.

### MYSTERY PLANT

The flowers in the Black Garden, on the lake side, that look like tiny lit red cigars, are on the Cigar Plant *cuphea ignea*. See: <https://www.rhs.org.uk/Plants/5037/Cuphea-ignea/Details>

### COURSES<sup>2</sup>

- Knee Deep in the Organic Veggie Garden with Claire Smith **Available: 3/15**  
Wednesday, August 16, 2017 from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM.
- New! Soil Stroll with Egan Davis **Available: 3/15**  
Saturday, August 19, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Call 604-718-5898 (Tues – Fri, 10 AM – 4 PM)

**Members receive 10% off the non-member price.**

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<sup>1</sup> [http://readynutrition.com/resources/the-benefits-of-rose-hip-syrup\\_25092013/](http://readynutrition.com/resources/the-benefits-of-rose-hip-syrup_25092013/)

<sup>2</sup> <http://vandusengarden.org/explore/events/#courses>

## **SOCIAL SUNDAYS AT VANDUSEN IN AUGUST<sup>3</sup>**

Free with Garden admission. Sunday afternoons - 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM on the Great Lawn.

### **August 13: Coldwater Road**

- Coldwater Road (50s era with folk and country) rich in harmonies. Coldwater Road is folk music with a reason to dance.

### **August 20: Company B Jazz Band**

- Company B Jazz Band (20s and 40s era), a Vancouver-based 6-piece group in the style of the Andrews and Boswell Sisters, rouses crowds for dancing and smiles with their cheerful renditions of classic repertoire from the 1920s through to 1940s.

### **August 27: Day Trippers**

- The Day Trippers (60s and 70s) are a Vancouver based Beatles tribute band that transport you back to the touring days of the early 1960s.

During Patti B's absence over the next few weeks, please send any comments, suggestions for future "Weekly Update" topics, questions etc. to: [malcolmjhunter@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:malcolmjhunter@hotmail.co.uk)

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<sup>3</sup> <http://vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/vandusen-social-sundays.aspx>