

WEEKLY UPDATE #21 – AUGUST 20 – AUGUST 27, 2017

NOTED ON FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST, 2017

- The Black Gum *Nyssa sylvatica* 'Haymanred' Red Rage, planted in 2015 on the Autumn Stroll, on the left going towards the Sequoias, has some bright red leaves.
- The female *Ginkgo biloba* behind the 'Rain Garden', has small, green cherry-sized 'fruit'.
- There are many kiwi fruit on the vines on the side of Shaughnessy restaurant.
- The grasses collection overlooking Livingstone Lake is at its best.
- The Golden catalpa seed pods, *Catalpa bignonioides* 'Aurea' (Indian bean tree), appear to be a good food source but they have no known edible uses.¹
- The grape vine near the medicine wheel has many bunches of grapes.
- The Himalayan honeysuckle, *Leycesteria formosa*, is blooming beside the path through the bed below the Japanese garden, alongside the Rhododendron Walk, at the corner facing the Goat Horn tree *Carrierea calycina*.
- The Chilean Garden has a fine display of dangling red and blue massed heads of fuchsias.

INVASIVE JAPANESE BEETLE

Dorothy M has passed on the news that a Japanese Beetle, *Popillia japonica* (Newman), has been found in the False Creek area of Vancouver. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has full details² with photographs.³

SOCIAL SUNDAYS AT VANDUSEN IN AUGUST⁴

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

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.

¹ <http://homeguides.sfgate.com/catalpa-edible-90090.html>

² <http://inspection.gc.ca/plants/plant-pests-invasive-species/insects/japanese-beetle/eng/1328048149161/1328048244390>

³ http://inspection.gc.ca/DAM/DAM-plants-vegetaux/STAGING/text-texte/pestrava_popjap_factsheet_1502894719505_eng.pdf

⁴ <http://vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/vandusen-social-sundays.aspx>

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 Buchanan's absence over the next few weeks, please send any comments, suggestions for future "Weekly Update" topics, questions etc. to: malcolmjhunter@hotmail.co.uk