

VanDusen Botanical Garden

Guide Weekly Update #24: September 9 to 15, 2018

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Luxury & Supercar Weekend

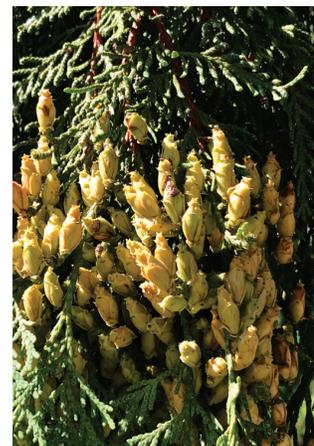
Saturday & Sunday, September 8 & 9, 2018 11 am – 5 pm in the Garden: Canada's premier luxury lifestyle and automotive event, with cars, collectibles, fall fashion, watches, jewelry, specialty foods, wines and spirits.

Guide Education & Meeting

Thursday, September 13: 10:00am in the Floral Hall. There will be two speakers: Candice deRosier presents on Community Gardens, and Maria Keating will speak about Insects in the Garden. Hosted by the Monday guides, and please bring your own mug.

The "Preloved Garden Treasures" Sale will be held Thursday, October 11th. Please bring donated items to the September 13th Guide Meeting, and drop them off at 9:00-10:00, during the break, or after. We're hoping for items that are in good condition, practical or ornamental, but *nothing too heavy, too large, or too long* (e.g. concrete planters, wheelbarrows, rakes are a no-go). Here are some suggestions: plants, garden tools, plant pots, vases, dried flowers, gardening books, vases, or nature-themed pottery, ornaments, cards, paintings, or prints. **All proceeds go the Guides!**

HIDDEN BEAUTY



At the edge of the Grasses is this magnificent Mountain Ash (*Sorbus pseudohupehensis* 'Pink Pagoda'), a true triple-threat with attractive blue-green foliage, grey bark, and stunning soft pink *pomes* (the fruit of the *Malinae* subtribe, from the Latin "poma" for apple). This beautiful tree was introduced by the University of British Columbia, and it's "apomictic" in that its unfertilized seed is fertile and produces exact clones. The prostrate Yew over the Grotto (*Taxus baccata*) has a bumper crop of its own fruit, proving its name (baccata = "having red berries"). These so-called berries are technically "arils," an outgrowth from a seed that at least partly covers the seed—and these arils are not themselves poisonous, but the seeds within are (Google "Yew Jam" for a surprising recipe!) The Western Redcedar (*Thuja plicata*), which I'm guilty of taking for granted at times, is showing a splendid crop of seed cones at the moment (the pollen cones are mere millimetres long and insignificant), as seen here near the Black Garden..

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