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SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

FEBRUARY 28 - MAINTENANCE FOCUS 	
7:15 am - 8 am	REGISTRATION, TRADESHOW and REFRESHMENTS
8 am - 8:15 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks
8:15 am - 9:15 am	Opening Keynote: PaRx: Prescribing Nature for Personal and Planetary Health
9:15 am - 9:30 am	BREAK and TRADESHOW
9:30 am - 10:30 am	<p><u>Block A</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adapting to Climate Change: Urban Forests and Watering Restrictions S.N.A.P. Crackle & P.O.P. – The Next Generation of Parks Professionals A Shared Vision for Outdoor Recreation in British Columbia
10:30 am - 10:45 am	BREAK and TRADESHOW
10:45 am - 11:45 am	<p><u>Block B</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective Partnerships in Risk Management First Aid for Opioid Poisoning Emergencies - Naloxone Training Making Surrey a Greener Place: How We Plan and Manage Our Municipal Parks
11:45 am - 1:00 pm	LUNCH and TRADESHOW
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2:00 pm - 2:15 pm	BREAK and TRADESHOW
2:15pm - 3:15 pm	Closing Keynote: Knowing Yourself so You Can Lead Others
3:15pm - 3:30pm	Closing Remarks and Prizes



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FEBRUARY 29 - HORTICULTURE FOCUS



7:15 am - 8 am	REGISTRATION, TRADESHOW and REFRESHMENTS
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8:15 am - 9:15 am	Opening Keynote: Living in a World of Difference
9:15 am - 9:30 am	BREAK and TRADESHOW
9:30 am - 10:30 am	<p><u>Block D</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoky Hot Canadian Summers: Maintaining Health in the New Abnormal • Fire Across the Land: Truth and Reconciliation Workshops • Living in our Parks - Unhoused and Human Rights
10:30 am - 10:45 pm	BREAK and TRADESHOW
10:45 pm - 11:45 pm	<p><u>Block E</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healing Forests: A Path to Reconciliation Through Nature • Community Science and Managing for Biodiversity on Parkland • Fighting the Flim-Flam: Urban Tree Canopy Targets and the Lies of the Low-Maintenance Landscape
11:45am - 1:00 pm	LUNCH and TRADESHOW
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	<p><u>Block F</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentoring Strategies for Developing Future Municipal Parks Leaders • Seeing the Soil for the Trees: Regenerative Approaches to Managing Parkland in Surrey's ALR • The Impact of Landscape Design on Park Liability
2:00 pm - 2:15 pm	BREAK and TRADESHOW
2:15pm - 3:15 pm	Closing Keynote: Taking the Easy Road - Adapting My Garden to Climate Change
3:15pm - 3:30pm	Closing Remarks and Prizes

REGISTRATION RATES

Early Bird savings end Feb 1
 Online registration closes Feb 20

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One-Day Pass (Feb 28 or Feb 29)	Member Rate	Non-Member Rate	Student Member
Early Bird Rates (Ending Feb 1, 2024)	\$215	\$320	\$80
Regular Rates (Starting Feb 2, 2024)	\$259	\$385	\$90

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Two-Day Pass (Feb 28 & Feb 29)	Member Rate	Non-Member Rate	Student Member
Early Bird Rates (Ending Feb 1, 2024)	\$310	\$480	\$160
Regular Rates (Starting Feb 2, 2024)	\$370	\$575	\$180

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Additional training opportunities are happening Feb 26, Feb 27 and Mar 1. Extra fees apply. [Jump to page 17.](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION

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British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects (BCSLA) credits and Planning Institute of BC (PIBC) credits must be submitted by Delegates. Applicable credits from the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) have been added to qualifying session descriptions.

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Take advantage of delegate room rates at the Coast Hotel & Convention Centre, 20393 Fraser Highway, Langley, BC.

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Contact the hotel to book your room at 604-530-1500 and reference group CLC-GF10279.

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MAINTENANCE FOCUS

PROGRAM - WEDNESDAY, FEB 28



Opening Keynote

8:15 am - 9:15 am

PARX: PRESCRIBING NATURE FOR PERSONAL AND PLANETARY HEALTH

PRESENTED BY MELISSA LEM

Nature prescriptions are being written by healthcare professionals across the planet, from Scotland to Japan to the United States. And rightly so: from improved blood pressure and immune function to reduced stress and ADHD symptoms, the evidence is growing about the health benefits of green time.

In November 2020 the BC Parks Foundation launched PaRx, Canada's national nature prescription program, within British Columbia. Less than two years later it had spread to all ten provinces. Dr. Lem will discuss research highlights from the wide-ranging body of knowledge on nature and health, present an overview of PaRx, including its significant national and international influence, and reveal how prescribing nature can improve both personal and planetary health.

DR. MELISSA LEM is a Vancouver family physician who also works in rural and northern communities within Canada. Director of PaRx, Canada's national nature prescription program powered by the BC Parks Foundation, and President of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, she is an internationally recognized leader in the field of nature and health.

As a widely published writer, climate change panellist on CBC Radio's Early Edition, in-house medical columnist for CBC TV Vancouver, and Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of British Columbia, one of her major priorities is knowledge translation.



MAINTENANCE FOCUS

PROGRAM - WEDNESDAY, FEB 28

Wednesday Block A

9:30 am - 10:30 am

A1: ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE: URBAN FORESTS AND WATERING RESTRICTIONS

PRESENTED BY EDWARD NICHOL AND MEGAN WOOD

Learn about Metro Vancouver's role in providing high-quality drinking water to nearly 2.8 million people in the region. This session will provide:

- 1) An overview of water supply planning and the role of the regional watering restrictions to ensure the supply of high-quality drinking water during the high-demand season, despite the impacts of climate change and the growing region.
- 2) Guidance to maintaining healthy and resilient urban forests across the region in light of climate change impacts such as summer droughts and extreme heat.

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A, M, Bm

EDWARD NICHOL is the Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Housing Services for Metro Vancouver.

MEGAN WOOD is the Senior Project Engineer, Water Services for Metro Vancouver.

A2: S.N.A.P. CRACKLE & P.O.P. – THE NEXT GENERATION OF PARKS PROFESSIONALS

PRESENTED BY LEAH ZIA, ERIN GORBY, SARA YASTREMSKI AND WENDY WIEDERICK

Recruiting and attracting new people into a career in parks operations has evolved over the past 20 years. Learn how two municipalities have successfully fostered and mentored growth within their departments.

ISA CEU: 1
A, M, Bm

A3: A SHARED VISION FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

PRESENTER TO BE CONFIRMED

BC is uniquely positioned to be an exceptional place for outdoor recreation and is already an internationally recognized jurisdiction for outdoor recreation. But BC doesn't have a purposeful vision for outdoor recreation on public lands. Now, there's an opportunity across provincial agencies and Indigenous communities to create a shared vision for outdoor recreation that will ensure BC remains an exceptional jurisdiction in this area for the next 20 years and beyond.

ISA CEU: 1
A, M, Bm



MAINTENANCE FOCUS

PROGRAM - WEDNESDAY, FEB 28

Wednesday Block B

10:45 am - 11:45 am

B1: EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS IN RISK MANAGEMENT

PRESENTED BY MARK WOOD AND RACHAEL INCE

The Capital Regional District (CRD) Regional Parks has an ongoing partnership with Trail Holistics to support the effective management of several popular mountain bike trail networks. Trail Holistics provides the CRD guidance to ensure the trail network is sustainable, safe and provides a high-quality visitor experience. During this presentation Mark Wood from Trail Holistics and Rachael Ince from CRD Regional Parks will share the key elements of the partnership, and how this model could elsewhere.

MARK WOOD from Trail Holistics works with Land Managers across BC to create trail improvement plans focussed on sustainability and public safety. Mark specializes in bike parks and recreational trails.

RACHAEL INCE is an outdoor recreation professional with experience from the UK and Canada. She has worked in a range of roles within outdoor recreation; from coaching and programming to land use planning, and is currently the CRD Regional Parks Outdoor Recreation Specialist.

B2: FIRST AID FOR OPIOID POISONING EMERGENCIES - NALOXONE TRAINING

PRESENTED BY SEAN HEALY

Opioid poisonings are not just happening on the streets of Vancouver. This is a nation-wide crisis impacting all ages and demographics across Canada. In 2021, approximately 6,000 Canadians lost their lives to opioid toxicity. How can you end the stigma and be prepared to help?

SEAN HEALY came to the recreation field through his background as a competitive swimmer and his early work as a lifeguard. With a long tenure of municipal work, he continues to be a faithful supporter of the aquatics industry most recently as a trainer and consultant.

B3: MAKING SURREY A GREENER PLACE: HOW WE PLAN AND MANAGE OUR MUNICIPAL PARKS

PRESENTED BY NEAL AVEN

Do you love spending time in nature, enjoying the fresh air, green spaces and recreational opportunities that parks offer? Do you want to learn more about how the City of Surrey plans, designs, builds and operates its municipal parks to meet the needs of the community? If so, this presentation is for you! Discover the elements of parks, the frameworks that guide park management, and how the city uses engagement to create and maintain parks.

ISA CEU: 1 A, M, Bm

NEAL AVEN is the Director of Parks at City of Surrey where he has been working for more than 25 years. Here he delivers professional and inclusive park services for a diverse and rapidly growing community. He is currently serving his third year as a BCRPA Board Director



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PROGRAM - WEDNESDAY, FEB 28

Wednesday Block C

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

C1: NAVIGATING STRESS AND CONFLICT IN 2024

PRESENTED BY CHRISTINE MCLEOD

Do you want to create more intentional interactions with colleagues and clients alike? In this session, you'll gain the skills to be more present and less reactive despite surrounding pressures. Key takeaways include establishing the link between our pace through life and our health, how to recognize "red zones" before you enter them, and learning strategies to move through and avoid conflict before it materializes.

C2: CREATING A SUCCESSFUL DOG PARK: STRATEGY TO LONG-TERM IMPLEMENTATION

PRESENTED BY KEVIN FRASER, PAUL DE GREEFF AND JACQUELINE LOWE

In this panel presentation, learn the fundamentals and practical considerations of planning, creating, and maintaining dedicated on and off-leash dog park spaces. Guided by the work of Richmond, Saanich, and the Township of Langley, explore topics including the trials and tribulations of public engagement, adjusting and enforcing bylaws, meeting the growing demand for dog parks, expanding beyond pilot projects, best practices and more. A lively Q&A discussion with the presenters will conclude the presentation.

C3: FIRESMART LANDSCAPING

PRESENTED BY KARLA HOFFMAN

What is FireSmart landscaping and why it is so important in the wildland-urban interface? Are there fire-resistant plants, and do hardscaping and mulching choices make a difference? How does FireSmart landscaping fit with other parts of the environmental picture? Are FireSmart recommendations compatible with basic landscape design principles? Learn about the answers to these questions and other FireSmart landscaping best practices during this session and explore possible signage suggestions and where to find wildfire risk reduction funding.

ISA CEU: 1
A, M, Bm

CHRISTINE MCLEOD is a leadership advisor, facilitator and trainer. She works with leaders in organizations of all sizes who want to take their skills to the next level. Her vision is a world where each of us are "Everyday Leaders" – making contributions to better workplaces, communities and the world through our actions and personal leadership.

KEVIN FRASER is a landscape architect and Park Planner with the City of Richmond, where his work is motivated by the conviction that public space should offer comfort and respite for all people.

PAUL DE GREEFF is the Manager of Parks Planning & Development for Saanich Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

JACQUELINE LOWE is the Project Manager, Parks Design & Development for the Township of Langley. Jacqueline is a Registered Landscape Architect with 17 years experience of leading Landscape Architecture projects across the Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island.

ISA CEU: 1
A, M, Bm

KARLA HOFFMAN has designed, installed, and maintained landscapes - from small residential sites to commercial, university, and municipal grounds. For more than a decade she led a public education campaign about plant health, integrated pest management, and how to conserve landscape water. She worked on the FireSmart Canada Guide to Landscaping and more recently contributed to the FireSmart BC Landscaping Guide.

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PROGRAM - WEDNESDAY, FEB 28

Closing Keynote

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

KNOWING YOURSELF SO YOU CAN LEAD OTHERS

PRESENTED BY CHRISTINE MCLEOD

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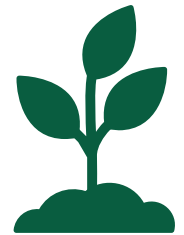
Self awareness comes from truly recognizing your personality traits, both your strengths and areas for growth. During this session, learn how self-aware leaders successfully build relationships and achieve results. Key takeaways include reflecting on your own traits to find opportunities this year, becoming a more effective team builder, problem solver and delegator by levelling up your self-awareness, and knowing how to bring in complimentary personality styles to different areas of work.

CHRISTINE MCLEOD is a leadership advisor, facilitator and trainer. She works with leaders in organizations of all sizes who want to take their skills to the next level. She has lived in Whistler and Squamish for over twenty years and when she is not leading through work contracts, she is leading through volunteer roles in her daughters' schools, the Squamish BMX club and an organization close to her heart, 100 Kids Who Care Squamish Chapter. Her vision is a world where each of us are "Everyday Leaders" – making contributions to better workplaces, communities and the world through our actions and personal leadership.



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PROGRAM - THURSDAY, FEB 29



Opening Keynote
8:15 am - 9:15 am

LIVING IN A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

PRESENTED BY BETTY LEPPS

ISA CEU: 1
A, M, Bm

What does it mean to live in a world of difference? How do we all contribute to this world with our own unique and different gifts? During this conversation we will explore working with difference and how it intersects with our ability to be equitable, diverse, and inclusive.

Appointed by the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation in 2022 to help fulfill the City of Vancouver's humanitarian responsibilities and improve safety in Vancouver's parks, Betty Lepps' work on systemic change with vulnerable populations is highly lauded at the local and national levels. Betty brings her years of experience, strong values and collaborative approach to this work, which addresses social issues as part of the Restorative City process.



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PROGRAM - THURSDAY, FEB 29

Thursday Block D

9:30 am - 10:30 am

D1: SMOKY HOT CANADIAN SUMMERS: MAINTAINING HEALTH IN THE NEW ABNORMAL

PRESENTED BY DR. SARAH HENDERSON

There was a time when people who worked outside all summer felt sorry for people stuck at their desks in air-conditioned buildings. But summers in BC are changing due to drought, high temperatures, and wildfires. While working outdoors is still a pleasure for many people, the heat and smoke can affect their health. Review the impacts of climate change in BC and the effects of heat and wildfire smoke on human health, while exploring climate projections for BC and strategies for health protection in the summers to come.

D2: FIRE ACROSS THE LAND: TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WORKSHOPS

**PRESENTED BY BRAD MARSDEN, DR. TARA MOREAU AND
LAUREN JACKSON**

In November 2019, the BC government passed the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act as the Province's path forward to respect the human rights of Indigenous Peoples. Hear from Indigenous facilitator Brad Marsden and UBC Botanical Garden about their collaboration since 2018 to host Truth and Reconciliation workshops. Explore your role as a land steward and learn how parks and gardens are building relationships with Indigenous Peoples to advance understanding of reconciliation.

D3: LIVING IN OUR PARKS - UNHOUSED AND HUMAN RIGHTS

PRESENTED BY BETTY LEPPS

We are seeing more and more people sheltering in parks across the country. What does that mean for those who work in parks and how do we utilize a lens of Justice, Equity, Diversity, Decolonization, and Inclusion (JEDI) while fulfilling our daily operations and ensuring we are respectful to those we encounter.

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DR. SARAH HENDERSON is the Scientific Director of Environmental Health Services at the BCCDC and the Scientific Director of the NCCEH. She oversees a broad program of applied research, surveillance and knowledge translation to support evidence-based environmental health policy and practice in BC and Canada.

BRAD MARSDEN is a Truth and Reconciliation Cultural Expert from the Gitksan First Nation. He is a Residential School counselor and facilitator, suicide awareness and personal growth advocate and delivers workshops that support people to learn and understand the history and impact of colonization on Indigenous Peoples.

DR. TARA MOREAU is the Associate Director of Sustainability and Community Programs at UBC Botanical Garden where she oversees educational programs, sustainability initiatives and community-based research.

LAUREN JACKSON is the Education and Engagement Programming Assistant at UBC Botanical Garden, where she coordinates and delivers in person and online programming such as tours, workshops and events.

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PROGRAM - THURSDAY, FEB 29

Thursday Block E

10:45 am - 11:45 am

E1: HEALING FORESTS: A PATH TO RECONCILIATION THROUGH NATURE

PRESENTED BY PATRICIA STIRBYS & PETER CROAL VIA ZOOM

Throughout Canada, individuals and communities are coming together to dedicate green spaces to the first inhabitants of the land and their descendants, to educate people about this country's tragic past, and to offer people a chance to begin their own personal journey toward reconciliation. They're called Healing Forests, and they offer tangible actions that promote health, healing and community.

PATRICIA STIRBYS and PETER CROAL are co-founders of the National Healing Forests Initiative.

E2: COMMUNITY SCIENCE AND MANAGING FOR BIODIVERSITY ON PARKLAND

PRESENTED BY PAMELA ZEVIT & SHANNON CRESSEY

Citizen science, or what is referred to as community science is becoming an increasingly invaluable resource for local governments. Residents and visitors alike are contributing essential data on the state of biodiversity and ecological health in our parks. Community science also has its challenges, including lack of integration of local Indigenous knowledge, and equity barriers to participation. This presentation will look at the City of Surrey's journey in embracing and promoting community science using past and present examples, data management needs and how information is being or will be applied.

**ISA CEU: 1
A, M, Bm**

PAMELA ZEVIT is a Registered Professional Biologist whose career focus has been on landscape ecology, species at risk and biodiversity conservation.

SHANNON CRESSEY has spent the last 20+ years sharing her passion of nature with others. In her current role as a Stewardship Programs Coordinator with the City of Surrey, she creates opportunities for people to explore, discover, and care for Surrey's parks and natural areas.

E3: FIGHTING THE FLIM-FLAM: URBAN TREE CANOPY TARGETS AND THE LIES OF THE LOW-MAINTENANCE LANDSCAPE

PRESENTED BY DOUGLAS JUSTICE

Money is short and expectations are high. How can we benefit ecology, biodiversity and our communities while doing what's best for our parks, streetscapes and the people who maintain them?

**ISA CEU: 1
A, M, Bm**

DOUGLAS JUSTICE's first career in nursery work led to degrees in horticulture then botany, spurring him to pursue a career in teaching and public garden management. Since 2000, Douglas has been at UBC Botanical Garden where he has been responsible for horticulture and the collections, the Horticulture Training Program and teaching in UBC's Landscape Architecture program.



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PROGRAM - THURSDAY, FEB 29

Thursday Block F

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

F1: MENTORING STRATEGIES FOR DEVELOPING FUTURE MUNICIPAL PARKS LEADERS

PRESENTED BY LYDIA BRAAM & RYAN SENECHAL

Parks operations teams face big challenges as cities grow and political directions introduce considerable changes to operational norms. UBC's Lydia Braam and Ryan Senechal provide background on novel approaches to prepare operations teams for this through formal and informal mentoring, and building partnerships.

**ISA CEU: 1
A, M, Bm**

LYDIA BRAAM is a Student Engagement Officer with UBC who also leads the Forestry Orientation and Transition program.

RYAN SENECHAL is a Sessional Lecturer at UBC's Faculty of Forestry and a practicing consulting arborist/urban forester with experience across municipal, commercial, education, and nonprofit sectors.

F2: SEEING THE SOIL FOR THE TREES: REGENERATIVE APPROACHES TO MANAGING PARKLAND IN SURREY'S ALR

PRESENTED BY PAMELA ZEVIT

Agricultural stewardship is a key component of Surrey's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy. With this in mind, Surrey Parks recently completed a plan to guide existing and future agricultural activities for parks within the Agricultural Land Reserve. This presentation focuses on work underway with the local farming community and Kwantlen Polytech University's Institute for Sustainable Food Systems to implement components of that plan. In particular a pilot to assess and improve soil health through regenerative practices that enhance food production and ecosystem services.

**ISA CEU: 1
A, M, Bm**

PAMELA ZEVIT is a Registered Professional Biologist whose career focus has been on landscape ecology, species at risk and biodiversity conservation. She has worked as a Conservation Planner for the Province of BC, and as an independent adviser, researcher, and consultant. In 2010 she became Program Coordinator for the South Coast Conservation Program, transitioning to her role with Surrey in 2019 leading implementation of the City's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy.

F3: THE IMPACT OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN ON PARK LIABILITY

PRESENTED BY DOUG WYSEMAN VIA ZOOM

Landscape design can have a major effect on liability risks in parks. In some situations, the land itself has been used as an effective risk management tool. Experience has shown that design decisions can reduce or increase liability risks in parks. Using "real life" examples, this session will examine some cases where landscape design had a major impact and provide information to maximize the benefits of landscape design on liability risks.

DOUG WYSEMAN has worked in risk management for over 40 years. He is the president of Municipal Risk Services Limited which specializes in risk assessments of parks, recreational lands, and trails as well as the development and implementation of risk management initiatives. Doug has been called as an expert witness on a variety of parks liability matters, and has taught risk management for CPRA, NRPA and the College of the North Atlantic.

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Closing Keynote

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

TAKING THE EASY ROAD - ADAPTING MY GARDEN TO CLIMATE CHANGE

PRESENTED BY THOMAS HOBBS

ISA CEU: 1
A, M, Bm

Join Thomas Hobbs for an inside look at his garden in Langley, which is far more than a garden. With a sweeping landscape of rolling hills, a river and a large man-made lake alongside massive cedars, firs and maples, Thomas has also built a fenced-in area for breeding iris and growing vegetables and many, many dahlias.

There is no watering system, instead plants are watered by hand or forced to survive on their own. Thomas has created a striking vision of mass plantings, using drought-tolerant, hardy perennials such as eryngiums, kniphofias, lavenders and peonies.

THOMAS HOBBS has devoted a lifetime to plants and creating beauty. He opened his first store fifty years ago and has only worked for himself ever since! He sold his florist shop upon acquiring Southlands Nursery in 1991. "Shocking Beauty" and "the Jewel Box Garden" are loved worldwide.



ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Feb 26, 8:30am - 4:00pm **SOLD OUT**

PLAYGROUND SAFETY AWARENESS CERTIFICATION COURSE

FACILITATED BY ADAM WALSH

Become certified in Playground Safety Awareness and ensure that playgrounds in your community are safe for everyone to enjoy all year round. During this training, you'll gain the skills and knowledge you need to detect hazards and non-CSA-compliant installations.

- Location: Habitat Systems Inc Office (3762 Napier St, Burnaby, BC)
- Member Rate: \$215; Regular Rate: \$240



Feb 27, 9:00am - 4:00pm

RISK MANAGEMENT FOR RECREATIONAL TRAILS & PARKS TRAINING

FACILITATED BY MARK WOOD

Gain a comprehensive understanding of modern risk management principles for effective management of recreational trails, skills parks and bike parks. Participants are introduced to the legal requirement of an established Duty of Care and the applicable Standard of Care required, dependent upon the asset in question. Current industry standards, guidelines and other regulatory requirements are covered, when and how they apply to provide a "reasonably safe experience" for the public.

- Location: George Preston Recreation Centre, Room C (20699 42 Avenue, Langley Township, BC)
- Member Rate: \$300; Regular Rate: \$350

ISA CEU: 5
A, M, Bm



March 1, 8:30am - 12:30pm

DARTS HILL GARDEN PARK TOUR

FACILITATED BY DOUGLAS JUSTICE & GARDEN STAFF

Enjoy a guided tour of Darts Hill Garden Park, a feature garden in South Surrey with many species of plants from all over the world! This park features 7.5 acres of historic gardens and facilities with an additional 7 acres to explore. In 1994, the garden was gifted to the City of Surrey, allowing everyone to enjoy it and learn more about plants in the city.

- Location: Darts Hill Garden Park (1633 - 170 Street, Surrey, BC)
- Member Rate: \$80; Regular Rate: \$105

ISA CEU: 3
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