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Royal Botanical Gardens is a horticultural/information/research centre and we wish to provide you with educational resources to assist your clubs, societies and organizations. This quarterly newsletter outlines upcoming shows/events and informative educational programming. In conjunction with this newsletter, we are also very pleased to offer any Horticulture related programs to your membership at 15% savings, when five or more of your members register for a program. Please call our Program Booking Clerk at 905-527-1158 ext. 270 to register your group and receive your discount. To see our "RBG Experiences" publication, go to <http://tickets.rbg.ca/PEO> or go to our website at [www.rbg.ca/publicprograms](http://www.rbg.ca/publicprograms).

## **RBG EXPERIENCES**

### **September to December**

#### **MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT**

Free to Members Only. Members are allowed to bring one guest free of charge. "Plus" members can bring one additional guest beyond the guest allocation noted in their Plus Membership. RVSP to Danielle, [ddaigle@rbg.ca](mailto:ddaigle@rbg.ca) 905-527-1158, ext. 514

#### **THE LITTLE KNOWN STORY OF THE BOREAL FOREST IN FIGHTING CARBON POLLUTION**

Thursday, September 24;  
7 to 8:30 p.m. at RBG Centre.



#### **WHERE HAVE ALL THE BEES GONE?**

Thursday, November 5;  
7 to 8:30 p.m. at RBG Centre.



For more detail on these talks go to  
[www.rbg.ca/publicprograms](http://www.rbg.ca/publicprograms)



## **AN UPDATE ON THE ROCK GARDEN REJUVENATION PROJECT**

Despite two harsh winters that impacted construction schedules, Royal Botanical Gardens is in the final stages of completing the rejuvenation of its famous Rock Garden. RBG will phase the Rock Garden's opening schedule, beginning with scheduled sneak peeks for members and donors, and exclusive tours and events taking place this fall. An official grand opening will take place in May of 2016 to coincide with spectacular spring blooms.

## **EVENTS**

### **The Auxiliary of RBG Fall Plant Sale**

September 12; 9:00 a.m. - noon  
Arboretum | All items are half price! Before you put your gardens to bed, give them one last makeover. Interesting perennials, shrubs, ornamental grasses, and more. We accept MasterCard, Visa, cheques, debit and cash.

## **FOR THE LOVE OF LAVENDER**

Saturday, September 26;  
2 to 4 p.m. at RBG Centre.  
Fee: \$30 (Members 10% off)

Anita Buehner discusses lavender as a growing niche market in the farming community. She outlines the process of growing, harvesting and extracting the oils for creating popular products used for culinary, medicinal and industrial purposes.



## **HOME INVASION — INVASIVE SPECIES IN THE HOME GARDEN**

Wednesday, September 30; 7 to 9 p.m. at RBG Centre.  
Fee: \$30 (Members 10% off)

There may be plants in your garden that are considered invasive which can cause labour pains for you and the natural ecosystem. Learn which ones to avoid and how to eliminate them responsibly.

## **FALL PRUNING: TREES AND SHRUBS**

Saturday, November 14; 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
at the Nature Centre.  
Fee: \$30 (Members 10% off)

While touring the Arboretum, Jim Lounsbery outlines proper pruning techniques to remove dead, broken, diseased or insect infested wood. For novice and/or intermediate gardeners. Come prepared to be outdoors.

## **MEDICINAL HERBS PLANT WALK**

Saturday September 19, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at RBG Centre.  
Fee: \$15 (Members 10% off)

Join Elizabeth Boyd, registered herbalist, as she takes you for a 2-hour walk through RBG explaining which plants can be used for common ailments. Participants review common “weeds” and also tour Medicinal Garden. Elizabeth explains what parts of plants to use and how to prepare them so you can start making your own preparations.

## **Fall Migration Fest**

September 19

10:00AM - 3:00PM | Arboretum

Join us in the beautiful backdrop of fall colours at the Arboretum as we celebrate fall and migration season. Before our feathered and fluttering friends head south, join us for a day full of exploration, hands-on activities, special guests, and fun for everyone! There will be lots to see and do as we celebrate autumn!

## **Identification Workshops**

Botanical identification workshops for conservation and environmental professionals, ecologists, and horticulturists. Through illustrated lectures and hands-on practical sessions, RBG’s botanists demonstrate key identification characters for tricky plant groups and share their expert tips for identification. Participants study plants in the field and in the classroom using herbarium specimens.

## **Aster & Goldenrod**

### **Identification Workshop**

Thursday and Friday, September 17, 18; 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fee: \$275 (RBG members: \$250; students: \$200)

## **Lichen Identification Workshop**

Thursday and Friday, October 1, 2; 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fee: \$275 (RBG members: \$250; students: \$200)

## **HORTICULTURAL THERAPY BASIC TRAINING**

Thursday and Friday,  
October, 1, 2; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
at Twin Lakes Terrace Long  
Term Care Community, Sarnia

Fee: \$225 (refreshments and workshop materials)  
And

Friday and Saturday, October 23, 24; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
at RBG Centre.

Fee: \$225 (refreshments and workshop materials)

This two-day training session covers special populations,  
writing proposals, plants, season programs and project  
ideas, and more. A certification of attendance is provided  
upon completion.

See [www.rbg.ca/horticulturalthrapy](http://www.rbg.ca/horticulturalthrapy) for details and  
online registration.



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