

# Langley Demonstration Garden Workshops

at Derek Doubleday Arboretum, 21177 Fraser Hwy

# 2024

## Garden Smart Workshops and Garden Events

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Join Werner Klann from the Mason Bee Company as he answers your questions all about mason bees. Mason bee houses and bees will be for sale.

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**Tuesday April 23, 5:30 – 6:30pm**

### Planning Your Garden for Drought

The past few summers have seen extended drought conditions in Langley. This workshop will discuss ways to plan the garden to withstand drought, with water conservation in mind. Includes overviews of soil, composting, mulching, plant types, edible crops and more.

**Saturday May 4, 10 – 11:30pm**

### Visible Mending

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**Tuesday May 14, 5:30 – 6:30pm**

### Festival of the Bees

Explore the wild world of bees and pollination! Meet a variety of bee-wise folks who will educate and inspire. Wear a costume! Bees, butterflies, flowers, and other springtime costumes are encouraged.

**Saturday May 25, 10am-2pm**

### Planting for Functional Beauty

Join Master Gardener, Amanda Smith, as she guides you through planting a space that is beautiful and functional using a blend of edible and ornamental plants that also supports pollinators and wildlife.

**Friday June 7, 5:30 – 7pm**

### Flower and Garden Photography

Broaden your creative approach to photographing flowers and the landscape they inhabit. Bring a camera or smart phone and learn how camera techniques, lighting and exposure settings make your photos really stand out.

**Tuesday June 11, 6 – 7:30pm**

### Xeriscape Gardening

As our summers get dryer and municipal water restrictions become tighter, using a xeriscape design style can be advantageous. This allows for the selection of plants that can survive with only the water that is naturally captured from rain. This workshop will cover a variety of locally hardy plant material that you can use for xeriscape gardens.

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### Good Soil thru Greenwaste Recycling

A different take on composting! Greenwaste is both organic and garden waste, any biodegradable materials that will decompose in your garden. Learn what types of materials are appropriate and how they can be used to build organic matter, retain soil moisture and improve your production.

**Wednesday July 10, 5:30 – 7pm**

### Natural Dyes

Learn how to identify and prepare natural materials for dyeing. Gather items such as leaves, flowers, and berries from the garden, and discover techniques and methods to dye naturally. Each participant will make a natural dyed bandana. This workshop has a \$15 fee to cover materials and supplies.

**Tuesday July 16, 5:30 – 6:30pm**

### Seed Saving 101

Hoping to learn how to store, clean, and harvest seeds? Learn the simple techniques of seed saving from Master Gardener Amanda Smith.

**Wednesday August 14, 5:30 – 7pm**

### Blackberry Bake Off and Open House

The can't miss event of the summer since 2002, combining education about invasive species and, of course, a fiercely competitive bake-off for the prestigious title of Langley's Best Blackberry Chef!

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### Small Scale Vegetable Production

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### Pumpkin Walk

Take a tour through the pumpkin-lined paths of the Demonstration Garden. Learn about nocturnal animals and make a bat craft. Costumes are encouraged!

**Register today!**

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