Annual “Orcas” to Make Downtown Victoria Home

VICTORIA, BC – For the third consecutive year, a mother and baby orca – in the form of a three-dimensional horticultural display – will make downtown Victoria their home this summer. The impressive four-metre tall and six-metre long garden display consisting of a mother and baby orca riding a wave, will arrive by crane tomorrow morning at the southeast corner of Humboldt and Government Streets.

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What: “Orcas” Plant Display Installation Downtown
When: Wednesday, May 16, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Where: Southeast corner of Humboldt and Government Streets

Constructed out of galvanized steel, the display’s frame supports 5.5 cubic metres of soil mixed with sand. The garden display contains 15,000 plants consisting of a variety of Alternanthera and Santolina, annuals that are known for their colourful foliage. The re-planting of the frame took place this spring at the Beacon Hill Park nursery.

In 2010, the City of Victoria and the Downtown Victoria Business Association collaborated to introduce “The Orcas,” inspired by similar garden structures in Burnaby and Old Montreal’s Mosaiculture Garden. The unique garden display is designed to enhance Victoria’s downtown.

A temporary, seasonal installation, the display will be transported in the fall to the Beacon Hill Park nursery to winter in a greenhouse. It is the first horticultural display of this magnitude on Vancouver Island.

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