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# Growing in the City

## Tree Care

### Fruit Tree Care

An introductory workshop on fruit tree care throughout the year. Following a seasonal schedule, we will outline the tasks that can be done to enhance the health, beauty and productivity of fruit trees. Topics covered will include when to prune, fertility, soil management and common pests and diseases.

**Location:** Fernwood NRG, 1240 Gladstone Avenue

**Instructor:** Tim Fryatt, LifeCycles Project Society

Sep 10 Sat 1-3 p.m. FREE [32773](#)



### National Tree Day Panel

More food trees? Yes please! On National Tree Day join City staff and local experts to hear about how to get involved with the urban forest – from learning about City initiatives that support community organizations in stewarding trees on City property, to how to get involved in harvesting fruit trees in your community, as well as resources to help you plant a tree on your own property. This will be a great primer for the budding urban orchardist in you!

**Location:** Online

Sep 21 Wed Noon-1 p.m. FREE [33760](#)

### Winter Moth Banding

Are your favourite trees and shrubs being eaten each spring by little green caterpillars? These are winter moths and soon they'll be eyeing up trees for their winter homes. Join City of Victoria Parks staff to learn how to protect your trees with bands of sticky adhesive applied in the fall and reduce the need for pesticides in the spring. Garry oak, maple, fruit trees, basswood, ash, blueberry, poplar and other trees and shrubs can all benefit from banding. Please dress for the weather as the workshop will take place outdoors, rain or shine.

**Location:** To be announced

Oct 12 Wed 1-3 p.m. FREE [33414](#)

### New! Planning A Community Orchard

Do you wish there were more fruit and nut trees in your neighbourhood? Do you dream of cultivating abundance in public spaces? Come to this workshop to make your dreams come true! Drawing on the Fernwood Community Orchard and other local examples, we'll take a look at design considerations, tree selection, community mobilizing, permit requirements and other resources to help you get your dream project off (or into) the ground.

**Location:** Fernwood NRG, 1240 Gladstone Avenue

**Instructor:** Tim Fryatt, LifeCycles Project Society

Oct 15 Sat 1-3 p.m. FREE [32945](#)

### Tree Appreciation Day

Join us for a community celebration of Tree Appreciation Day! Trees play an important role in our urban ecology and provide many benefits to our community. Join us for a day of tree-focused activities, including fresh pressed hot apple cider. This event is free and registration is not required. For more information visit [victoria.ca/growinginthecity](http://victoria.ca/growinginthecity)

**Location:** Beacon Hill Park

Nov 6 Sun Noon-2 p.m. FREE



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## Gardening Skills

### **New!** Wreath Making: from Icky Invasives to Beautiful Boughs

For many, creating a seasonal wreath to hang on the door is a cherished winter holiday tradition. But what plants are we using to create these wreaths and how does that impact our local environment? In this workshop, we'll learn about safely sourcing our craft materials from invasive plants, which we'd like to over-harvest! We will also cover how to safely dispose of your wreath. Materials are included in the cost of the workshop, and you'll go home with your own handmade wreath.

**Location:** Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre, Brereton Room  
**Instructor:** Rue MacDonald

Dec 7      Wed      1-3 p.m.      \$50/1      [32979](#)

### **New!** Wreath Making: Brews and Boughs

Join us for a fun and festive evening of winter crafting at a local brewery! Together we will make some seasonal wreaths using primarily invasive plants and talk about options to source your craft materials. Bring a friend and make a date of it. Craft materials are included in workshop cost and you will go home with your own handmade wreath. Snacks and beverages are not included.

**Location:** Herald St. Brew Works, 506 Herald St.  
**Instructor:** SUPPLY Victoria

Dec 14      Wed      6-8 p.m.      \$50/1      [32983](#)

### **New!** Putting the Garden to Bed

Fall is the time to put the garden to rest. Whether you have overwintering crops in the vegetable gardens or perennials that need pruning back and tucking in, autumn is the time to ensure the soil is protected from winter winds and rains. In this workshop we'll cover the best techniques for building soil all winter long, preferred mulches to protect soils, vegetable crops that overwinter well, which crops need which type of insulation and winter care, making compost in cooler temperatures and wintertime garden maintenance.

**Location:** Compost Education Centre, 1216 North Park  
**Instructor:** Kayla Siefried, Compost Education Centre

Sep 15      Thu      6:30-8 p.m.      \$15/1      [32907](#)

### **New!** Hot Water Bath Canning

Ever wonder what to do with all those tomatoes? How about the epic number of beets your neighbour gifted you? Or do you want to make your own berry jam to enjoy in the dark days of winter? In this workshop, we will cover the basics of safe produce preservation using the hot water bath canning method. You'll get to taste some home canned goodies and we'll make and can a batch of jam together. You will come away with a basic idea of how to can the season's abundance safely and have a list of resources to consult for further learning.

**Location:** Fairfield Gonzales Community Centre, 1330 Fairfield Rd.

**Instructor:** Kayla Siefried

Sep 21      Wed      6-8 p.m.      \$30/1      [32904](#)

YEAR OF THE GARDEN

#### DID YOU KNOW?

2022 is the Year of the Garden. Year of the Garden is a national campaign to celebrate and recognize the contributions that gardens and gardening make to our quality of life, climate action goals and food security, as well as the creation of safe and healthy places to make social connections.



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## Food Systems Tours & Info Sessions

## **New!** How to Start an Urban Farm

### **New!** Urban Food Tour – Boulevard Gardens

Join us for another urban food tour, this one focused on inspiring boulevard gardens in the Gonzales neighbourhood. Boulevards are an often under-used urban growing space, but we are lucky to have some beautiful and productive examples to draw on. We will take a walking tour of these gardens and discuss the various plants and techniques we find. If you leave inspired to convert your own boulevard, join us for the next event in this mini-series, *Transform Your Streetscape - Boulevard Garden Hands-On* on October 1.

**Location:** Gonzales neighbourhood - meeting location will be emailed to registered participants

**Instructor:** Kayla Siefried, Compost Education Centre

Sep 24 Sat 2-4 p.m. Free [32772](#)

Have you ever looked at your neighbour’s lawn and seen rows of beets, or wondered whether that building across the street could fit a greenhouse? Or maybe you’ve got several seasons of growing vegetables under your belt and you’d like to apply those skills to the urban landscape? Come, learn and network with City staff and other local urban agriculture businesses to glean contacts and information that will help you take the next steps in your planning process.

**Location:** TBD

Nov 22 Tue 4-6 p.m. Free [32976](#)

### Transform your Streetscape – Boulevard Garden Hands-On

Join us for a fun, hands-on activity and leave with the skills to transform your landscape. Sheet mulching is an effective and low-cost method for converting lawn into productive garden space and for building healthy soil. If you are looking for inspiring examples of what you can achieve with this technique, join us for our *Urban Food Tour - Boulevard Gardens* walking tour on September 24.

**Location:** Fernwood Neighbourhood - meeting location will be emailed to registered participants

**Instructor:** Kayla Siefried, Compost Education Centre

Oct 1 Sat 10 a.m.-Noon \$15/1 [32944](#)

### **New!** Good Food Network Lunch and Learn

An informative and engaging webinar for anyone who is curious about our local food system. Good Food Network members work together to promote sustainable, equitable, healthy food systems in the Capital Region, and this workshop will highlight various organizations, initiatives and leaders working to build connections between land, food and communities.

**Location:** Online

**Instructor:** Capital Region Food and Agriculture Initiatives (CRFAIR) Roundtable

Oct 26 Wed Noon-1:30 p.m. Free [32951](#)



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