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Summer Classes

Classes are free *except where noted* and last 1 - 1 1/2 hours, but space is limited. Please register by [email](#) and include your phone number.



Good Bugs, Bad Bugs with Beth Close from [Applied Bio-nomics](#)

Beneficial insects play an important role in maintaining a healthy garden. Beth will talk about the most common garden insect pests and how to put beni-bugs to work in your garden. **Saturday, June 18 at 10:00**

Summer Pruning with Noah Alexander

Noah is an ISA certified arborist who has long taught our popular dormant season pruning classes. We thought we would switch it up this year and have him talk about summer pruning as well. There's more to it than you would think. Classes are small so everyone has a chance to ask questions. **COST: \$10.00 (please bring in cash to the class) Saturday, June 25 at 10:30 or 1:00**

Always Trees with Charlotte (Charlie) Trim

It's interesting how we have made trees change over time to suit our needs. How have we done it? Charlie will tell you. She will also talk about grafting and what it really means to a tree, how we can protect and care for our trees and a little bit about what makes some trees unique. She loves trees and it shows! **Sunday, June 26, at 10:00**

Plants to Attract Pollinators with Ingrid Wood

In case you didn't know, it's the **Year of the Pollinator** and the push is on to plant gardens to attract and nurture them, but not all plants are equal in the eyes of bees and other pollinators. Learn how to get your garden buzzing! **Saturday, July 09, at 10:00**

Hanging Succulent Garden Workshop with Faye Ford

Back by popular demand! Create a one of a kind piece of living garden art to hang on a fence or outdoor wall. **COST: \$50.00 +**



GST. Includes the cedar frame, plants and other materials.
Sunday, July 24, at 1:00

Lawn Care the Natural Way with John Close from [Lush Eco Lawns](#). Lawns around here are often in rough shape after a long dry summer and John knows all the tricks for bringing them back to life again. He is a dynamic speaker and always entertaining! **Saturday, September 10, at 10:00**

Plant Collectors Rejoice, Rare HarkAway Perennials are Finally Here!

HarkAway Botanicals is a small grower in New Westminster, owned and operated by **Lyle Courtice**. He is meticulous in his growing methods and seeks out rare and unusual specimens primarily from the mountains of China and Japan. Most of his plants seem to be shade lovers, perfect in woodland settings where they can be enjoyed as specimens or mass plantings.

Two years ago our first shipment from **HarkAway Botanicals** sold out quickly. The offerings this time include the following, but there are several other treats in this collection. **Quantities are limited.**

Beesia calthifolia is strikingly beautiful with its glossy, dark green heart-shaped leaves. Very low maintenance, evergreen and hardy to zone 6b, it grows 45-60cm (18-24") tall and wide.

Brought to North America in 1996 from Yunnan Province in China by Dan Hinkley of the former Heronswood, today's plants are descendants of those original finds. Give it a sheltered, moist woodland site; it plays well with ferns, hostas and asarums.



Beesia calthifolia

***Asarum maximum* 'Ling Ling'**, the Panda-Faced Ginger, hides its magnificent flowers under the skirt of large, glossy green leaves in springtime. A slow-growing evergreen ground cover for shade, this is such a treasure it befits a container by the front door where all can admire in close proximity.

***Roscoe purpurea* 'Cinnamon Stick'** is an erect perennial with an amazing red stem, unfurling vertical layers of slender green leaves. The orchid-like flowers open later in the summer.

***Actaea pachypoda* 'Misty Blue'** is another hardy specimen for part sun/part shade. Lacy blue-green foliage is only the beginning; spring flowers are followed by white berries (they look like doll's eyes) atop short red stems, on a plant that is 60-90 cm (23-35 inches) tall and wide. They are easy care and allegedly deer resistant. Our plants have finished flowering and have the beginnings of the berries forming.

Please pay us a visit and browse through these and all the other interesting and hard-to-find perennials at the nursery; we are proud of our collection!



Drum roll please... It's not often we get to be the first ones to see a brand new plant, but when *Hakonechloa macra SunFlare*TM, developed by **Lyle Courtice** was unveiled at **Southlands Nursery** recently we were there!

It will be available to wholesale growers in the spring of 2017 and in limited quantities to retailers later in the year.

[Click here for the press release](#)

Simple Containers *by Susan Tice*

Colourful containers sprouted up everywhere when we moved to our current home and I suddenly had lots of sun. My long pent up desire for pots overflowing with petunias and other summer beauties could be indulged almost endlessly. A few years later, the novelty wore off a little - it was a lot of work to plant up all those pots every year; time to look at alternatives. Perhaps a single, perfect specimen instead of a riot of colour... [Read On](#)



Hosta 'Empress Wu'



Tomato Pruning *by Faye Ford*

Seriously?? Yes!! Just like other garden plants, tomatoes that are pruned and staked properly will be healthier and more productive. [Read on to find out how...](#)

A bumper crop

It's not too late to plant more tomatoes! We still have a good selection of tomatoes, winter squash and cucumbers. We have potted up many of our favourites into larger containers, so they have a nice big root system for those of you who may be late getting them into the ground.

Let's all rate our favourites and plan some 'tasting parties' to find the very best. We'd love to hear from you with your results!

With good pruning and staking practices, you'll have your best crop ever.

Heads up, it's Time to Think About Winter Veggies!

How strange to be writing an article about **growing vegetables in winter** in the same newsletter as one on **pruning tomatoes**, but the reality is that now is definitely the time to start planning what, where and when to grow. [Read on...](#)

Join the Salish Sea Greenhouse Gardeners Group

When Margo Fryer, one of our customers, had a greenhouse installed recently, she asked if we had some way of connecting people with greenhouses so they could share information and learn from each other. We didn't have anything in place but we thought it was a great idea. So Margo created a Facebook group called **Salish Sea Greenhouse Gardeners**.

The group provides a forum where greenhouse gardeners can ask questions and discuss what works and what doesn't in our local Vancouver Island environment. Being on Facebook means it's easy to ask questions, give advice, recommend helpful websites, share photos, and take part in the discussions.



You have to be on Facebook to join, but if you don't have a Facebook account, it's easy to get one. *(You can limit your Facebook activity to being a member of this group if you don't otherwise want to be on Facebook.)*

To join go to the group page, [click here](#) and either log onto Facebook or sign up for an account. **When you get to the group page, click on the Join button.** Once the group administrator has approved your request to join, you'll be able to ask questions, make comments, add photos, etc.

We think this will be a great way for local gardeners to make the greenhouse learning curve a little less steep, adapt their practices to local conditions, and get the most out of their greenhouses. Feel free to spread the word about this group. Members don't have to have purchased a greenhouse from us. Everyone with a greenhouse on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands is welcome!

Bedazzled by Dahlias	Just in: A new crop of	Follow us on
Dahlias are "in" again and are so very	beautiful hanging baskets. Take off the	Instagram
		for updates on what's

fascinating. Now at RN is a collection of beautiful sought after dahlias in 1 and 2 gallon pots from a local grower.

[Click here](#) for the list

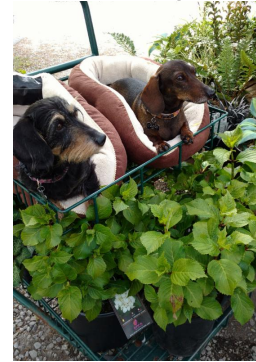


Dahlia 'Suffolk Punch'

hanger and nestle into an empty pot for instant flower power.



new, beautiful and interesting around the nursery.



Keeping an eye on 'mum'.

(Thanks Corinne!)



Russell Nursery is the authorized BC distributor for **Halls English Greenhouses**. These quality greenhouses are available in a variety of sizes and models and several are set up at the nursery. For information please visit our [website](#).



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