

February 2025 LINKS

Seed germination table - <https://savvygardening.com/how-long-do-seeds-last/>

Expansion of Pollinator Meadows in CNV: <https://www.cnv.org/City-Hall/Council-Meetings/Council-Agendas,-Minutes-and-Videos> – click on the Feb 10 meeting.

Judith Brook's info on Farmers' Markets – movie clip

<https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/canada/current-trade-war-has-prompted-a-buy-canadian-mentality-that-is-helping-farmer-s-businesses-grow/vi-AA1yUaVT?ocid=msedgdhp&pc=HCTS&cvid=269136bad7ed40cdc2358919d8a3f826&ei=107>

Agricola Website: <https://fermeagricola.com/>

Riley Park Winter farmers' market: https://eatlocal.org/markets/riley-park-winter/?gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAiAqrG9BhAVEiwAaPu5zv14YanRIJZv2EpQtUeu68z2r3utBPYd2hHI89YmFiK_fNv2VSHW9xoCDq4QAvD_BwE

The BC Climate Emergency Campaign (Signed by the Lynn Valley Garden Club) (this is what we signed on to – and wish to see progress on)

- <https://bcclimateemergency.ca/>

The REPORT CARD – this is the shameful lack of progress: <https://www.wcel.org/sites/default/files/publications/2025-01-BCCEC%2BProgress%2BReport%2B2024.pdf>

<https://www.todayinbc.com/news/watchdog-gives-bc-government-multiple-failing-grades-on-climate-change-7759046>

Eastern Grey Squirrel ALERT: <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/?ogbl#label/Newsletter?projector=1>
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/invasive-species/reporting-invasive-species>

BC Council of Garden Clubs – judging: <https://bcgardenclubs.com/judging/>

THE BULLETIN

: <https://bcgardenclubs.com/resources/newsletter/>

Bradner Flower show info: at: facebook.com/bradnerhall or <https://www.bradnerhall.ca/events.html>

Gardenworks FREE workshops: <https://www.gardenworks.ca/activities>

Vancouver Avian Research Centre \$5 - <https://www.birdvancouver.com/>

Wingspan Magazine https://drive.google.com/file/d/129J-rWFDpw8Jb_MyRfspakSW-GEekCzP/view

BC Communities in Bloom: <https://www.bccib.ca/>



Fleurs de Villes – Downton Abbey – Vancouver <https://www.fleursdevilles.com/event-page/vancouver-downton-abbey-2025>

Interesting info in a changing world (somewhat political)

1. USE ECOSIA (instead of Google) AS A BROWSER – AND PLANT TREES. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFvTXnGqmQ0/?igsh=bXRmNmsxeG50c2to>
2. International ECONOMIC BLACKOUT – Feb 28 – this is important: the world is changing fast around us – and this is a simple weapon that we do wield. <https://www.instagram.com/p/DF70kKjR8r0/?igsh=amVoY3V1N2NobWZo>
3. This is an interesting list of how to be more sustainable, less US and “broligarch”-dependent. This account has a lot of cool home-made things going if you look at other posts. https://www.instagram.com/p/DFgMCKFiN51/?igsh=aGJmNnlrMHdjNWtm&img_index=1
4. NASA’s video on global temperature change – info graphic – worth watching! <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DE7TWofzMy0/?igsh=bzBpeGo5YnNncnp0>
5. Lawns and the Ego-system: https://www.instagram.com/p/DFjEmC8slCG/?img_index=1&igsh=MXh3Nm9zeTFnOWljcQ%3D%3D
6. Growing food instead of lawns in California Front Yards – you need to swipe to move the pics along: https://www.instagram.com/p/DFIE5iySHHj/?igsh=MXF4YXhtMzQ4OGdubw%3D%3D&img_index=1
7. Moss lawn – not grass! <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DE0RqVKsQVK/?igsh=eXNiMnc2M212ZzRv>
8. The pesticides and herbicides in US agriculture. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFiV-ucM5G5/?igsh=cXNwZHRsd2Jtd3Rn>
9. Glyphosate – the backstory: https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFNsk_wMQL3/
10. And what it all does and the movement to return to regenerative agriculture <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFeZc62SYzn/?igsh=eng0dWVzaWhzcG82>
11. Zach Bach’s actual movie – the Farmer’s Footprint. <https://farmersfootprint.us/films/>
12. Sustainable agriculture: https://www.instagram.com/reel/DExiTg4p_fP/?igsh=MXM5OHBlATJocGR1dA%3D%3D
13. The guy who switched from industrial agriculture: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DE2qYtZMbBY/?igsh=MTJyN3pwazlwNW1vbw%3D%3D>
14. Fruits and vegetables are less nutritious than they used to be: <https://www.instagram.com/p/DFbcfF-PLVd/?igsh=MWFwNXdibjRtdnEweA%3D%3D>
15. How organic vs “supermarket” ve decompose: this is scary!! <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DF7xk9cMg-r/?igsh=MWV6OGJpZnKxMjlyNg%3D%3D>
16. Jane Goodall’s words – not mine: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DGJMIQopakG/?igsh=MWtkeHowbGN5YTVvbA==>
17. Plant blindness – I think modern urban/industrial communities suffer from this. https://www.instagram.com/p/DFVpGwhNhho/?igsh=M2VsMmV0cDJsZ3J0&img_index=2
18. How ecosystems break down – phenological mismatch. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DEu08MVtswA/?igsh=eDhhaXZ2aWwwdjdg>
19. Never give up – every bit of climate resilience we build makes a difference. <https://www.instagram.com/p/DExwfW0vFf/?igsh=d3M4dmYyeWF1cDM0>

Horticulture

Pruning

1. Conifer hedge maintenance: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFupngetUQo/?igsh=MXd4MzhvZGQ5MnlpcQ==>
2. *Eonymus fortunei*: if you look at his other posts, there are all sorts of useful bits on wisteria and other stuff: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFxEggRtN9w/?igsh=MW92bWtuaGZqaGxqaA==>
3. How to prune *Lavender* (and use the prunings to propagate more) – I always massacre mine... <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFpeOGXtJAX/?igsh=aW52OWhsaXRhYTdk>
4. Christmas Cactus Pruning https://diyeverywhere.com/2024/08/17/heres-why-you-need-to-prune-your-christmas-cactus-now-and-how-to-do-it-right/?src=fbfan_82696&t=fbsub_gardeningtips_xp&fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR25wClqTBIXBu5_fAZN5BbUlcdRcen-VKGaWm8_cIYVKI-Tf8zs6_Xl5l_aem_QX11vVOIL5bRb-WJATkTWw

Acquisition

5. What to look for when buying fruit trees: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFz3gv2uQg8/?igsh=MTdlMTVvaWoxYXdnZg%3D%3D>

Herbaceous

1. Grow pineapple sage – it smells good and is medicinal: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFXIDVKO7dh/?igsh=NGRiYXlnemNuMG44>
2. 363 new snowdrop cultivars at RHS. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DF0EbdJoBZI/?igsh=MWRybXlzMmY5Z292eg%3D%3D>
3. I WANT THIS – how to create spectacular plant drifts! <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFQIVNfOQyy/?igsh=NjZ6eHh6eTdjZmdp>
4. Flowers Forever- self sowing flowers: https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFh7JxMu_fv/?igsh=MXy2d3UwZDdyYmozag%3D%3D
5. Hardy annuals that can be direct sown in winter (but wait till the ground thaws out!) <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DEyRU1hMWCX/?igsh=ZGNwZGpxdjh0MG9u>
6. Ice cube cold stratification of poppies: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DEhnqaPuW5y/?igsh=ZXBidXM2bXJjNWVh>
7. Cold stratification of poppies – part 2: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DEyDljZynIM/?igsh=Nm9vYzVhOGZxbWp5>
8. Cold stratification – ART'S NURSERY <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DE5UJjvSTxC/?igsh=NmlrcXVidGxqa3pk>
9. Sowing sweetpeas in winter: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DEusZ2Loz7o/?igsh=Nmo3bnExdTc1bGVp>
10. Hydrangea propagation: https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFxs_p-tmcd/?igsh=b29vcHlpZmNyazN3
11. Lavender, thyme and rosemary propagation: it's in French but the video is self-explanatory. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DEXDXEnJsL6/?igsh=MTRoMWRmNjR1ODVodA%3D%3D>

Fruit and Veg

1. Grow your own food: easy HOW TO – Part 1: https://www.instagram.com/reel/DF7Zw_2surl/?igsh=MWhxc3hsa2lqY2RjZw%3D%3D
2. Grow your own food: easy HOW TO – Part 2: https://www.instagram.com/reel/DGA8Va_sFgg/?igsh=MTBjdmdw1anR2eXJ2dg%3D%3D
3. Potato planting system – looks relatively easy: https://www.instagram.com/p/DF7k97hs_Er/?igsh=NDlvazA0cTBibzJn
4. When to plant what – just get Nature's cues: <https://www.instagram.com/p/DFNZCfYh5IC/?igsh=MW9xOGRIODRkcGRINw%3D%3D>

5. When to plant – by the book: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFigUCTvMLB/?igsh=aGM0NnV6d2ZneHZw>
6. Planting gadget: yes, a PEN! <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DF23cqSKSAC/?igsh=MWM3MmZ5MDVjaTl4aw%3D%3D>
7. Seed snail – how to start many veg in small spaces with easy transplanting. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFk42zhsCCT/?igsh=MXQ5aDA1MGMxYmkzcg%3D%3D>
8. Pepper – gateway flower – how to grow more peppers. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DDr30vMzEuJ/?igsh=MTZjZmF4NTJ5MmhWOA%3D%3D>
9. How to grow more tomatoes: decapitate... <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DEiLywvT8Mq/?igsh=MWh5YmkwZDA4Znh4aw%3D%3D>
10. Weird gardening hack for tomatoes – but a bit pricey in my estimation. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DEyRaSYOw68/?igsh=MWt3NmNobTRyc3B5Yg%3D%3D>
11. Transplanting seedling tomatoes – and COMAPNION planting. This is another one I'm going to try. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DEQHdPvSiM6/?igsh=dzJwM2hjYnEzMWhq>
12. More companion planting for veg: corn and potato; cucumbers and onions; cilantro and garlic; broccoli and lettuce. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFImbreTJJQ/?igsh=eTlzOGpnYnozdnZ5>
13. More and more companion planting: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DEhqsLUuUra/?igsh=MWR4eXgyb2dwZ2Jucg%3D%3D>
14. Raised beds for biodiversity. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFA1dqrISVI/?igsh=YXphdjBmcWk1d21y>
15. Self-wicking raised bed. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DE3YAPUO-Ac/?igsh=bW90ZDI2ZGY3MmJ0>
16. Free strawberry seeds and how to sprout them. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DGIkaOBMwYx/?igsh=MWE2bGxkeGhncG1lcA%3D%3D>
17. Grow strawberries in a home-made raised bed – he's cool! <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DF3M8M0KcZb/?igsh=MWc1cGR1YmRwdWw3dw%3D%3D>
18. Blueberry care: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFqCjb4SuEW/?igsh=N2tvYzJ3N2puNnNv>
19. Gardening is a life-skill: children grow food at school. https://www.instagram.com/p/DFMyr_XKbMq/?igsh=NWJwMm00azNlaWtz

Fertilizers and Composting

1. How to make your own – CHEAP – fertilizer: I'm going to do this – and I'm looking for a source of alfalfa pellets. Anyone else want any? We could bulk order? https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFJzU_6JmIQ/?igsh=MXA1OGhnbm1rZmk1NA%3D%3D
2. Composting is hot! <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFGDzvqqsaS/?igsh=MXBjbHl4dmUycDFwZg%3D%3D>

Ephemera (or not)

1. How to make a Da Vinci Bridge for your garden: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFSiv7MuQnM/?igsh=cTlnMXVndXhzOXFq>
2. Garden organizer for cheap – using free pallets: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DExB010o3yD/?igsh=aXhic3JuemltZ25k>
3. How to store flower pots – why didn't I think of this? https://www.instagram.com/p/DE0quoEuvGz/?igsh=MTE3cTAzam9qandrZg%3D%3D&img_index=1
4. Seedling hangers – useful idea! <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DE5DqDqK3nK/?igsh=MTQwbGtzCGJ5cGVqaA%3D%3D>

5. The first flower grown in space – a zinnia. https://www.instagram.com/p/DFpr-mmugsO/?img_index=3&igsh=MTltcGV2YnVuMXp1Mg%3D%3D
6. Sunflower opening – time lapse. Nice music too. Note the Fibonacci spirals. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFPbXl3MPqI/?igsh=bHRraGRnbDlieHB3>
7. Watch the crazy peanut grow! <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DE7ysCnMouu/?igsh=bHc5NGFnZm05N3ls>
8. Watermelon music – turn sound on. https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFNzn8DO_fQ/?igsh=MWxsMG9vdjM2Nzc1dw%3D%3D
9. Beets with benefits: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DEh1nLNsBY6/?igsh=OWU2dHdtcGIwcDI0>
10. Greenwall/bonsai/creative planting indoors- wow! <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFvQIsAMysi/?igsh=d3Q3bm1nODh1amho>
11. Grass cross-section under microscope – so cool! https://www.instagram.com/p/DEkoVQlOVMx/?igsh=YXVxMTM5MXAxMnUz&img_index=1
12. Grow your own microgreens – it's easy! <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DEX5A6dK6-8/?igsh=MTk0bXliMDd4OXZnbA%3D%3D>
13. Bumblebees and nectar - <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DExC6NnvNh8/?igsh=Z3d4a29oNDRua3V0>
14. Cute baby bees: https://www.instagram.com/p/DEiSvQjvYFs/?igsh=M2JjYzlvYXk3eW42&img_index=1
15. World's largest orchid: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DF2uCO1oslq/?igsh=MXJjYzdjM3ZvamJv>
16. Giant waterlily – and this is my dream: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DE7sAaQqIHU/?igsh=aWdxbm5xZGVvemt0>
17. El Arbol del Tule – BIG TREE – Antonia Issa visited this tree especially – and says it is indeed breathtaking. <https://www.instagram.com/p/DFu317ZxMym/?igsh=MXBoY2xhdTV1YXRycg%3D%3D>
18. BIG root - https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFV63_-M1tm/?igsh=MW1zMnR4OWI5OWM3YQ%3D%3D
19. Hummingbird plant – looks just like one: https://www.instagram.com/p/DEbgdA0SjWF/?igsh=MXV5cHhnZXZ6NXJweg%3D%3D&img_index=1
20. Mushroom-eating slug. Great video. https://www.instagram.com/reel/DE-PsF5sM_V/?igsh=MTQ5NmJwZm05ZGxhZg%3D%3D
21. Bugs! Videos – funny! <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DE2pTldscUf/?igsh=YjY2bnp1cm42bDZ3>
22. RHS beautiful gardening history <https://www.instagram.com/p/DEz39kwuitP/?igsh=bXA2eDdzYXcyZHkw>
23. The Secret Language of Flowers – Part 1 <https://www.instagram.com/googleartsculture/reel/DFsiPkBMiYI/>
24. The Secret Language of Flowers – Part 2 <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DF785x8swN7/?igsh=c3ZxM2hxejkxZW01>
25. OK even I'm not this nuts – but have a look. https://www.instagram.com/p/DENi83HOIYI/?igsh=bXkyM2hnaTgxNzF0&img_index=1

Health

1. Gardening is good for you: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DF1W0oQvAJJ/?igsh=MXIOdGcwbWNxbWo2ZA%3D%3D>
2. What veg is good for what body part https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFI1E3Cu9_B/?igsh=YjkyZXZteWhxaTZk
3. Flowers alter moods: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DGEvlqUM04u/?igsh=aTNzOWx6MnBxc204>



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That Nature Paper on Botanic Gardens and Diversity - below

