

April Links –

FireSafe speaker links:

FireSmart Landscaping guide: [FireSmart BC Landscaping Guide | FireSmart BC](#)

FireSmart Landscaping Hub: [Landscaping Hub | FireSmart BC](#)

DNV Home Hazard assessment: [Wildfire home hazard assessment](#)

BC Invasive plants: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/invasive-species/management/plants>

World Naked Gardening Day May 3 - <https://nationaltoday.com/naked-gardening-day/>

Loutet Farm Compost Sale: April 23 <https://ediblegardenproject.com/events/april-compost-sale-2025-04-23/>

Alpine Garden Club <https://www.agc-bc.ca/events/Spring-AGCBC-Plant-Sale-and-Show>

Vancouver Waldorf School native plants: <https://vancouverwaldorfschool.ca/shop/>

Pollinator workshop: <https://ecologicallyvibrantgardenworkshop.blogspot.com/2025/04/june-7-west-vancouver-memorial-library.html>

197 words that flag research grants: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/brucelee/2025/03/15/these-197-terms-may-trigger-reviews-of-your-nih-nsf-grant-proposals/>

Seed DNA BANK - <https://www.instagram.com/p/DHjO6egST1f/?igsh=MTJmbWplZWWh2YTJrNA%3D%3D>

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Veggies:

Self-sufficient gardening- what to plant and how many – this is useful: <https://www.instagram.com/p/DHElkX8pVTX/?igsh=MXBjY2VraDRpeDhmZA%3D%3D>

If you grow veg in small places = pots – here's how big a pot you need for your veg
<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIgDNzTT8fK/?igsh=aDBYnnI3NGFsaGUz>

How to eat veg properly – this was a surprise.
<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DGJCNcnpXel/?igsh=amRseWFmeTZsNmo4>

Beetroot growing in front of your eyes: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIODNZrsEvh/?igsh=Y2lyM3BkcWltM3d3>

Tips and tricks:

How to clean your garden tools – this one makes sense to me! <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DHOcDWQpE8p/?igsh=MWk0ZW80amE3bzRw>

How to make quick cardboard flower pots. This guy is always so useful. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DH8-a-jKdzt/?igsh=MTNwOGI2ZDI4NG1u>

Planting map rolls – this is a great idea for those new to planting a good mix of plants.
<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DHsZF9wJp8s/?igsh=MXV1a2F4emJraWI6Yw%3D%3D>

Olla drip irrigation: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DHlciWPtErV/?igsh=MWw4ZHN0aWh2c2hvMQ%3D%3D>

Weeds?

Hairy bittercress, the weed I hate, is sort of not so bad: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIOlCkbt-cv/?igsh=Mm1ia21zbzB4bnNv>

Ground elder – like bittercress – is an edible weed.

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DlbeYZJN3zh/?igsh=cHc1dHRuZWJ2NWE1>

Ornamentals

While not recommending this company as I know nothing about them – I like the idea of “steppables” having seen Penny’s creeping thyme walk... <https://www.stepables.com/>

Calendula have a wide variety of uses: https://www.instagram.com/p/DIEWN8qOuER/?igsh=djU2c2JnaXE5cmdj&img_index=1

Snowdrops generate their own heat: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DGOTAy-oKiM/?igsh=MWc1ZjFuZTR4bXowdQ%3D%3D>

A joy of snowdrops: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DGYIWwBqISK/?igsh=MTRiOGtsNHBodTN4NA%3D%3D>

Deadheading daffodils: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DHqkbVuIShj/?igsh=dndiYmttcG12bWlt>

Daffodils contain a chemical that slows Alzheimer’s: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DH8zy19lvFV/?igsh=MXZtMTY4OTRsZXB4cg%3D%3D>

Flower only on Maui’s volcano: https://www.instagram.com/reel/DHzJRq_yvKe/?igsh=MW9qeDI4MzZnbzVyMg%3D%3D

Dandelion puff: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DlQeSLpOuOL/?igsh=a2YwMHE5Z3M5eWM3>

Passionflower unfurling: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DHnQeakOnOo/?igsh=ajA2bnplZzJ1YXVo>

Ranunculus unfurling: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DILkLSrRsY0/?igsh=c253Ytd6N2loaDVh>

Magnolia unfurling: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DILD7UrOa1c/?igsh=a2RsejdyYXR5N2g%3D>

Poppy unfurling: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DH5XKG4u1Al/?igsh=NXF1cG9uMmZ4eWNj>

Extinct cherry – found alive! <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DHwDA3xoQ4J/?igsh=MWpxOWtnYmtxaWdjZA%3D%3D>

Cherry blossoms on a synthesizer sound the way they look: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIKqTSkvMFM/?igsh=MWlZ3g1Zm1INWNreQ==>

Daffodils like to be sniffed – and sing! <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DHrWy9dyUon/?igsh=MWl1NzNsdm9sNGl0Mg%3D%3D>

Trees:

An incredible tree in Pacific Rim National Park!

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DIRJko7xRuX/?igsh=MWdtOTk4dXFuMXpuYg%3D%3D>

Mistletoe on oak – in living cross section – this is cool!

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DHJ1kRlyZ3a/?igsh=c2lramJuNjNkdjhm>

Two old trees: <https://www.instagram.com/p/DHvAOI0NSIX/?igsh=NW4zbjZxYmZ0Nm1i>

800 year old Linden tree: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DHjLKZZILPS/?igsh=ZWE0cnM0amlycTA4>

3000 year old olive tree: <https://www.instagram.com/p/DlBacq3Rjyl/?igsh=ZXRIldGxucmlieHFy>

Not a tree- but older! A Yareta.

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFUIG8ElhSr/?igsh=ZGQ4NWQzdTFqdnh1>

Tree root bridges:

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DF8FyHcCzsd/?igsh=NWQyNmMybWt5eXJn>

Critters

Visible beehive: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DH53i6ATqvN/?igsh=MTZnbXYyZnVhNzJpcQ%3D%3D>

Bee buddies (cool!): <https://www.instagram.com/p/DH4iQVES6yB/?igsh=MTU0NXNxcGUyZmh3>

Bees play!! <https://www.instagram.com/reel/Dle6O7dT6U2/?igsh=MXgyY210amh3em1jcQ%3D%3D>

Butterflies like violets: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIhuoZotMHN/?igsh=dnAzZTJrYXl2a2Q5>

Flight of the Ladybug

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DHLdE53Ngr9/?igsh=MWdwdzc2M2Z6dzV0NA==>

Dinner of the Ladybug – the notes are in French – but...

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIYIWu1MhOD/?igsh=MWd4Y3V6ejldzkxYw%3D%3D>

Sustainable ranching and better ecosystems: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DlCh0WypcXi/?igsh=MWUwNzUxMmE1OXdnaA%3D%3D>

Frog sounds – I always thought those were birds... go figure! <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFuNtaKMbFy/?igsh=eXJoeHVpcWk1M2Jo>

Science

Sunflowers are hyperaccumulators of toxic compounds – used for toxic cleanup.

<https://www.instagram.com/p/C6nHdOINZTS/?igsh=NHhhY2Rnc2x6aTZ4>

Plant talk – signaling through volatile chemicals

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DIGkhnstQN7/?igsh=czlqbni3bTloaXUx>

Assorted chloroplasts under a microscope – they move!

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DlcSEc9S1T0/?igsh=MXUzbWhkMXM1amdmaQ%3D%3D>

Plant-based car oil!

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DId0zMDOLVR/?igsh=MWFqejQzaTd0dHU1aA%3D%3D>

Art – Technology - Economics

RHS Botanical Art: https://www.instagram.com/reel/DlO1V_YKAjq/?igsh=cTZtdGkzeDlocDA2

RHS Botanical Art – 5 plants the Roman brought to Londinium <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DlgQbp8sjzP/?igsh=MTE0OTdhNmJpcDc4Nw%3D%3D>

Gardeners at Sissinghurst: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DG7yrLuopAB/?igsh=MW45bmluenpoenprYw%3D%3D>

Famous Nasturtiums: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DHrRY4jCrKW/?igsh=MWF4dGxsdDFmbHMweA%3D%3D>

Bricks and buildings made of fungal mycelium – while not strictly plants, very interesting: https://www.instagram.com/reel/DHs_XdvSZgg/?igsh=MWtuZnJnZHJ5MXBmaA%3D%3D

Soil water retention improved: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DHyDjDMtnqo/?igsh=MTl2MWc2cWNpdnB4cg%3D%3D>

David Suzuki's commentary on forests: https://www.instagram.com/reel/DH9il5PPOK_/?igsh=MXJmM3ZtMnVyMWV1cg%3D%3D

Why use the ECOSIA browser instead of Google: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIJ5czBPL1N/?igsh=MTJlOGF2aGRnbh0OA%3D%3D>

https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIO1V_YKAjq/?igsh=cTZtdGkzeDlocDA2

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https://www.instagram.com/p/DII9C_tlw7c/?igsh=MWx3cHh3aXBlZzRnMQ==

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https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIG5F_RvvTt/?igsh=MXc3dDhtM3hoM2pxZg==