

## NEWS RELEASE

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## **BLACKBERRY BAKE-OFF AT DEMONSTRATION GARDEN OPEN HOUSE**

A tasty tradition spotlighting a berry special guest star is returning this month to the Langley Demonstration Garden.

On Thursday, August 18, from noon to 3pm, the Township of Langley's Demonstration Garden in the 21200 block of Fraser Highway will host an open house featuring the annual BBQ & Blackberry Bake-Off. Aspiring bakers are encouraged to put their culinary creations to the test, and guests can sample the submissions and vote to help determine the winners.

All entries must be submitted by 12:15pm and tasting starts at 12:45pm. Those entering the Bake-Off should contact Demonstration Garden Coordinator Meg Jordan at <a href="mailto:garden@leps.bc.ca">garden@leps.bc.ca</a> or call 604.546.0344 for a list of acceptable ingredients, food safe considerations, and contest rules. Prizes will be presented to the winning blackberry bakers.

"People look forward to the annual Blackberry Bake-Off and the chance to experiment with this versatile, delicious fruit, which is packed with nutrients," Jordan said. "The Bake-Off also fits perfectly with the Langley Eats Local campaign, which in running this August to celebrate farmers and food producers in Langley and the Fraser Valley, and encourages residents to choose food that is grown and produced within the community whenever possible."

The Langley Demonstration Garden, which is run by the Langley Environmental Partners Society (LEPS) in partnership with the Township, will also be offering a locally sourced BBQ for \$5, games, displays, activities, live entertainment by local musicians, and a chance to make eco arts and crafts.

"August is a fabulous time to visit the Langley Demonstration Garden at the Derek Doubleday Arboretum," said Jordan. "Come see what is growing and blooming and watch the happy pollinators at work. Visitors can also check out our composting systems and find shade under the gazebo as a break from the heat of summer."