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### **TIPS AND TECHNIQUES OFFERED AT LANGLEY DEMONSTRATION GARDEN**

Keeping lawns lush, flowers flourishing, and produce producing is something all gardeners aspire to. Whether your thumb is green, a little rusty, or just starting to bud, the Langley Demonstration Garden is here to help.

Established 25 years ago by the Township of Langley in partnership with the Langley Environmental Partners Society (LEPS), the Demonstration Garden provides tips and techniques to help keep yards and gardens healthy for both people and the environment. Located in the Derek Doubleday Arboretum in the 21200 block of Fraser Highway, the Demonstration Garden is open year-round, and visitors can drop by anytime to learn about everything from composting and chemical-free gardening, to using native plants and being Water Wise.

From May until August, staff are on site during the week to offer information and advice, and throughout the season, workshops, camps, and special events will be held to educate and entertain visitors of all ages. For more information or to register, visit [leps.bc.ca/demonstration-garden](http://leps.bc.ca/demonstration-garden), email [garden@leps.bc.ca](mailto:garden@leps.bc.ca), or call 604.546.0344.

**Workshops** get underway on Wednesday, May 24 with Backyard Composting, and sessions offered this summer include Hot Water Bath and Pressure Canning, Flower and Garden Photography, Container Gardening for Kids, and All Season Vegetable Gardening. Workshops are for participants aged 14 and over, and registration is required at least one week in advance, unless otherwise noted.

A new addition to the Langley Demonstration Garden this year is the **Let's Dig It Seniors' Gardening Club**, for those aged 50 plus (or getting close), who would like to garden, laugh, and socialize while sharing tips, cuttings, seeds, and ideas for successful gardening. The free club begins May 15 and runs every Monday from 10:30am to 12:00pm, until September 25, and will include workshops on topics such as Container Gardening.

“One of the special events we look forward to every year is **Picnic in the Park**,” said Langley Demonstration Garden Coordinator Emily Lorenz. “Two picnics are held each summer, and they are a wonderful opportunity for the whole family to enjoy food and fun in the fresh air. Guests can bring along a picnic and enjoy Demonstration Garden tours and activities, and some barbecue items and snacks will be available by donation.”

Picnic in the Park will be held Tuesday, June 13 and again on July 25, from 5:00 to 7:00pm. No registration is required, but an RSVP is appreciated if a large group will be attending.

A Langley tradition designed to tempt taste buds and tame a pesky plant returns when the annual **Blackberry Bake-off and Open House** is held Thursday, August 17, noon to 3:00pm. Bake-off entries must be submitted by 12:15pm and tasting starts at 12:45pm. Visitors can purchase a locally-sourced barbecue lunch for \$5, visit the kids’ craft corner, and listen to live music. Registration is not required unless a culinary creation is being submitted.

In July and August, children aged six to 12 can enjoy **Eco Explorers Kids’ Camps**, where they can learn about everything from slugs and bugs, to fish and feathered friends in the fresh air and sunshine. A different theme is presented each week, and participants can bring their own lunch for a garden picnic. Registration begins June 5.