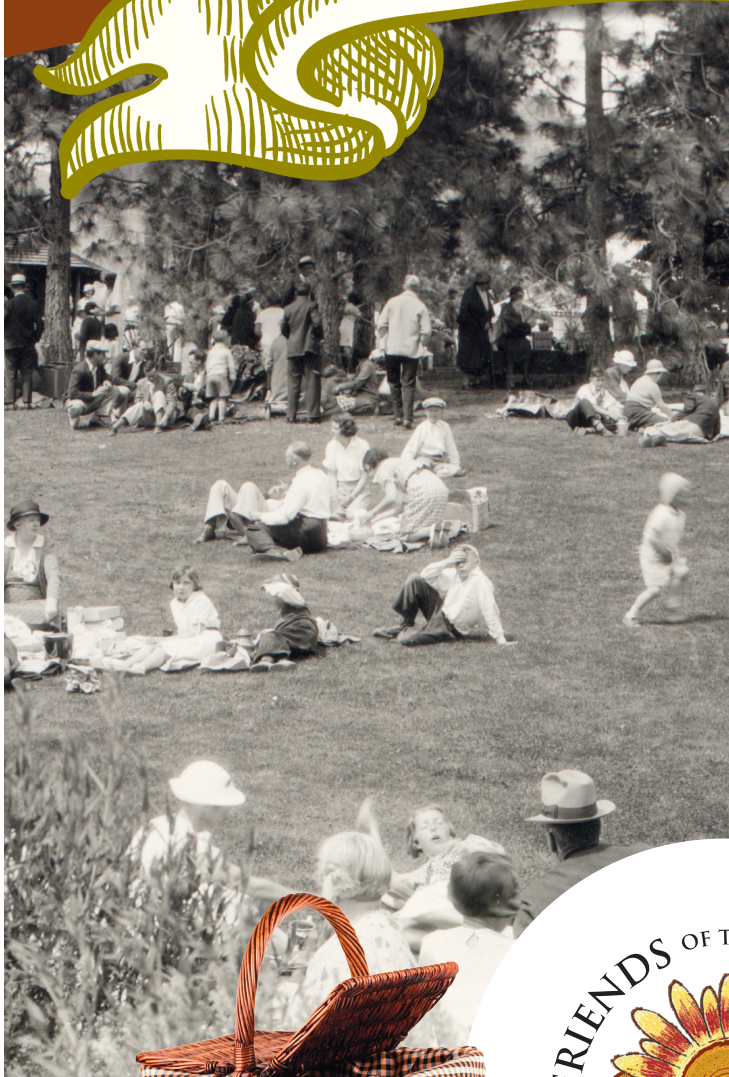


JULY 16TH – 17TH, 2016 10:00 – 5:00

100 SEASONS IN THE SUN



Come celebrate
the 100th Anniversary of the
SUMMERLAND ORNAMENTAL
GARDENS

Two days of free family friendly events:

- House and Garden Tours
- Crafters and Artisans
- Botanical Illustrations Display
- Children's Activities
- Food
- Silent Auction
- Music (see website for details)
- Saturday headliner – South Okanagan Big Band
- Sunday headliner – Cod Gone Wild

Park at the Research Centre

Free shuttle bus to the Gardens

Options available for handicapped visitors

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In **JULY 2016** we will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the Summerland Ornamental Gardens.

This 6 hectare public garden is deeply woven into the history of Summerland: it is an enduring community touchstone. Inaugurated in 1916 by Agriculture Canada, the Summerland Research Station Gardens were a beacon for new settlers. Whole families would come to the annual Farm Picnics; adults would learn how to landscape and beautify their domestic homesites, while children played games on the extensive lawns. The day would finish with a picnic and games for both adults and children. As many as four thousand people would attend these events. Food preparation, canning and other “home economics” topics were also addressed. As the plantings matured, the Gardens became a favorite locus for weddings, receptions and other celebratory events.

The Gardens were originally part of the Dominion Experimental Farm, which opened in 1914. In early

1916, staff gardeners Joseph Smith and Alfred Aveson began laying out the Gardens. Local legend has it their only design template was a Wedgwood plate illustrated with an English garden scene, which they scaled up and transferred onto newly plowed ground. No matter the actual design origin, the legacy of Smith and Aveson is now a splendid canopy of soaring, mature trees interspersed with sloping lawns and sinuous garden beds. At every turn, the Garden visitor is presented with a new sightline, a different perspective. Some 135 different species of mature ornamental trees and shrubs now grace the Gardens.

In the 1980s the Experimental Farm became the Summerland Research Station, and the ornamental horticulture program was discontinued. While still part of the overall Research Station facility, the Gardens came under the care of the non-profit **Friends of the Summerland Ornamental Gardens Society**, which now in collaboration with Summerland Research and Development Centre manages the Gardens and will continue its stewardship into the future.



100 SEASONS IN THE SUN

JULY 2016

The Friends are collaborating with local community groups, businesses, artisans, artists, performers, food producers and chefs to celebrate the Gardens' centenary on July 16 – 17, 2016.

The multiple free events will be open to the entire Summerland community. A free shuttle bus from the Research Centre parking lot will provide transit to and from the Gardens. Options are available for handicapped visitors. There will be events for all ages and tastes. We are using the annual Farm Picnics of the 1920s as our historical template.

A summary of the planned events is as follows:

- **Heritage Arts & Crafts:** a “sheep to shawl” demonstration, quilting, rug hooking, and pottery
- **Beekeeping Educational Display:** heritage bee suits, beekeeping tools, information about the role beekeepers have played in the local fruit growing industry
- **Interactive Potting Shed Activity** where children will be able to pot seedlings to take home
- **Apple Box Art Display:** a local heritage art form
- **Botanical Drawings Exhibit,** sponsored by the Penticton Art Gallery, will be mounted to showcase a series of botanical illustrations created by pioneer Julia Bullock-Webster in the 1890s.
- **Garden Tours:**
Douglas Justice, UBC Botanical Garden
Friends of the Gardens
Okanagan Master Gardeners
- **Heritage Vegetable Garden:** planted spring 2016, through our Intergenerational Landed Learning programing – students and Master Gardeners – in response to growing public interest
- **Local Food Vendors**
- **Covered stage** and production crew facilitating full sound production for dignitaries' speeches and musical performances
- **Open House and tours:** Former Superintendent's House





CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

Two Days of Educational Garden Tours

SATURDAY, JULY 16 and SUNDAY, JULY 17

11:30 am – 4:30 pm

ONE HOUR TOURS MEET HOURLY AT THE HUMMINGBIRD VISITORS CENTRE

- **An Historical Perspective** – Scott Austin, accomplished gardener and author
- **Tour of the Heritage Trees** – Douglas Justice, UBC Botanical Gardens
- **Demonstration Xeriscape Gardens**
- **New Gardens:** Welcome Garden
Crescent Garden
Okanagan Wildflower Garden
Rain Garden
New West Border
Make Water Work Borders
Heritage Vegetable Gardens
- **Drought-Tolerant Trees**
- **Highlights of the Gardens**

GARDEN TOUR GUIDES:

- Gwen Steele, Kathryn McCourt, Donna Lane
Bev Krieger, Eva Antonijevic
- Okanagan Master Gardeners
- Scott Austin, Douglas Justice

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY		BOTH DAYS, THROUGHOUT THE DAYS	SUNDAY
10:00	GATES OPEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shuttle bus schedule posted, SRDC parking lot to Gardens 	GATES OPEN
11 – 11:30	OPENING CEREMONIES Speeches, children's choir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee, snacks available Informal tours available all day, artists in the gardens 	WELCOME to DAY TWO
11:30 – 4:30	Five Garden Tours: 11:30 Scott Austin 12:30 Donna Lane 1:30 Bev Krieger 2:30 Kathryn McCourt 3:30 Gwen Steele	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guided tours of the house and gardens, check separate schedules Artist demonstrations, displays and sales Shuttle bus arrivals every 10 – 15 minutes Kid activities: games, art, potting shed Kid activities: circle games with Linnea (Sat.) and Yanti (Sun.) 	Five Garden Tours: 11:30 Douglas Justice 12:30 Gwen Steele 1:30 Kathryn McCourt 2:30 Bev Krieger 3:30 Eva Antonijevic
12:00 – 1:00	Music Linnea and David		Music Tavis Weir and Co.
1:00 – 3:00	Tea Time with Debi Johnson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food vendors Botanical Illustrations Display 	Tea Time with Yanti
2:00 – 3:00	Music South Okanagan Big Band (Set one)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centennial RUG and QUILT raffle tickets available on site Exhibits in house along with Silent Auction 	Music Cod Gone Wild (Set one)
3:00 – 3:30	Break time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Video-taping opportunities "share your memories" 	Break time
3:30 – 4:30	South Okanagan Big Band (Set two)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Silent Auction – come and place your bid Guest book signing in the Superintendent's House 	Cod Gone Wild (Set two)
5:00	Celebration ends at 5:00 Thanks for coming!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guests to shuttle bus site 	Celebration ends at 5:00 Thanks for coming!