



BLOOMER BUS to Seattle's Northwest Flower & Garden Festival

Date: Thursday February 8, 2018

Schedule:

7:15-7:30am Arrive at the Country Garden parking lot, 10015 Young Rd. Chilliwack. Please park in the center or east side of the parking area (gravel area near the road-side fence) to leave spaces open at the front of the store for the customers visiting us that day. Thank you! Once you have parked, please head to the bus to check in and take your seat. Washrooms are available inside the store (if needed before you go!).

7:30am The bus departs

7:50am Quick passenger pick up in Abbotsford (near Wendy's/Tim Hortons on Sumas Way by Lowe's)

8:00am Arrive at the border. All passengers will disembark and go through customs. Please ensure you have your documentation ready (details below). Guests will reload the bus once all passengers have completed the customs inspection.

8:30-11am Relax as you travel to the Northwest Flower and Garden Festival.

11am-5:45pm Enjoy the show! Please refer to the back page of this sheet for some of the scheduled activities for the day.

5:45-6pm Gather at the loading area to prepare for departure.

6-9:30pm Travel back to Chilliwack, including one more stop at the border!

What is Provided

Your \$90 ticket fee (tax included) includes transportation costs and entrance to the show.

Please note that tickets are non-refundable. Garden Festival admission tickets are handed out on the bus just prior to arrival at the Convention Centre.

Meals

Meals are not included with your ticket. Please bring snack items and beverages along with you for the journey (no fresh fruit/vegetable etc. though, please, as per border controls). There are several meal options available at and near the show for lunch/early dinner.

What to Bring

Documentation "When entering the United States by land or water, Canadian citizens are required to present one of the following valid documents: a passport, a NEXUS card, a Free and Secure Trade (FAST) card or an enhanced driver's licence/enhanced identification card or a Secure Certificate of Indian Status (when this certificate is available and approved by the US." Please ensure that you have the necessary documentation in order to travel.

Insurance All passengers are required to obtain travel medical insurance for the day and bring proof of insurance with them. We will check documents as you board. Thank you!

Snacks As above, please bring along non-perishable snack items for the journey. We will be making one brief 'pit stop' each direction as well, but please do come prepared.

Extra Clothing Though you will be indoors, we suggest that you wear layers as temperatures in the convention center do fluctuate (and you may want to get a bit of fresh air before we head home)! Be sure to wear comfortable shoes as well.

Your Camera/Phone Be sure to turn it on Airplane Mode if you don't have a US plan!

Purchases

Please note that there are strict limitations on plant products coming into Canada from the US. We suggest that you do not purchase plants, soil-based products or perishable items from the show as they may be confiscated at the border.

Thank you for joining us—we hope you have a great time!



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Rainier Room (45 minutes except where noted)

11:45 am The Subtle Art and Exact Science of Pruning

Timothy Walker — 2018 Show Judge, horticulturist, author and Former Director of Oxford Botanic Garden, Great Britain

1:00 pm The Artful Garden Through Creative Garden Design

Bobbie Schwartz, FAPLD — Award-winning designer and owner, Bobbie's Green Thumb and author, *Garden Renovation*

2:15 pm (90) GARDEN 101: Gardening in Small Spaces

Turning Small Space Challenges into Opportunities

Lucy Hardiman — Educator, garden writer and designer, Perennial Partners

The Less is More Garden

Susan Morrison — Landscape designer and author, *The Less is More Garden* and *Garden Up!*

Savvy Side Yard Solutions

Rebecca Sweet — Designer, Harmony in the Garden and author, *Refresh Your Garden Design* and co-author, *Garden Up!*

4:30 pm Special Presentation: A Visit from Frederick Law Olmsted

Kirk R. Brown — Award-winning designer and president, Garden Writers Association

Hood Room (All seminars are 45 minutes)

11:15 am Pint-Sized Plants for Pacific Northwest Gardens

Paul Bonine — Plantsman and co-owner, Xera Plants and co-author, *Gardening in the Pacific Northwest*

Amy Champion — Unabashed Plant Nerd and co-author, *Gardening in the Pacific Northwest*

12:30 pm Designing with Succulents in the Pacific Northwest

Debra Lee Baldwin — Best-selling photojournalist and author, *Designing with Succulents* and *Succulent Container Gardens*

1:45 pm Sustainable Design for Wildlife and Home

Benjamin Vogt — Designer and owner, Monarch Gardens LLC and author, *A New Garden Ethic*

3:00 pm Plant Lovers: Bring Your Questions and Join the LIVE Plantrama Podcast!

C.L. Fornari — Author, *The Cocktail Hour Garden* and *Coffee for Roses*

Ellen Zachos — Author, *The Wildcrafted Cocktail* and co-host, Plantrama Podcast

4:15 pm Gateway Livestock: Chickens and Bees

Yolanda Burrell — Urban farmer, owner and founder of Pollinate Farm & Garden

DIY Stage (All seminars are 60 minutes)

11:45 am Kitchen Apothecary: Culinary Herbs for Health and Happiness

Carey Thornton — Adult Education Coordinator, Seattle Tilth

1:30 pm Desktop Designs: Brighten Your Workspace with Easy, Enchanting Floral Design

Gina Thresher, AIFD, CFD — Owner and designer, From the Ground Up Floral

3:15 pm For the Love of Tillandsias

JJ De Sousa — Garden and interior designer and owner, Digs Inside & Out, Portland

5:00 pm Getting Started Creating Bonsai

Ladd Smith — Co-owner, InHarmony Sustainable Landscapes