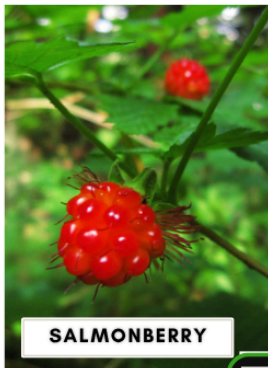




Free the Fern

April 2026 Newsletter



SALMONBERRY



COMMON CAMAS



REDWOOD SORREL

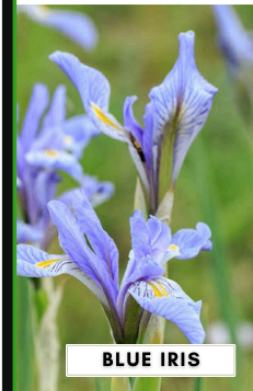


WOODLAND STRAWBERRY

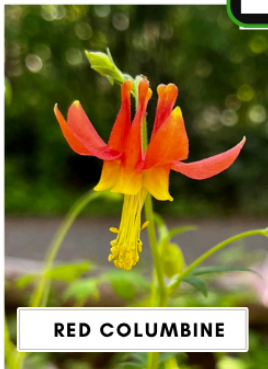


GOLDENROD

FREE THE FERN
NATIVE PLANT SALE
SAT, APRIL 18, 10AM-12PM
DOUGLAS FIR TEACHING GARDEN
EAST OF 3530 SWANSACRE, VANCOUVER
REG (1 GAL) = \$14 | SMALL (3.5") = \$6
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BLUE IRIS



RED COLUMBINE



OREGON GRAPE



RED FLOWERING CURRANT



SWORDFERN

Mark your calendar for our third annual **Native Plant Sale** on **Saturday, April 18, 10am-12pm**. It will be held at the [Douglas Fir Teaching Garden](#) (east of 3530 Swansacre).

We will have a variety of native flowers, ferns, and berries for sale. They will be priced at **\$5 for 3.5" pots**, **\$14 for 1 gal pots**, and **\$28 for 2 gal pots**. All funds raised will go to support our ongoing Free the Fern stewardship effort along the Champlain Heights Trails.

Species will include:

- Coastal goldenrod (1 gal)
- Common Camas (3.5" pot)
- Deer fern (3.5" pot)
- Douglas iris (3.5" pot)
- Evergreen huckleberry (1 gal)
- Low Oregon grape (1 gal)
- Nootka rose (1 gal)
- Pacific bleeding heart (3.5" pot)
- Red columbine (3.5" pot)
- Red flowering currant (1 gal)
- Redwood sorrel (3.5" pot)
- Salmonberry (2 gal)
- Thimbleberry (1 gal)
- Western blue iris (1 gal)
- Western swordfern (3.5" pot)
- Woodland strawberry (3.5" pot)

Plants are sourced from [NATS Nursery](#) or propagated by Free the Fern.

We are also looking for volunteers to help at our plant sale. We need help with setting up plants, assisting customers and cleaning up. Please email us at freethefern@gmail.com if you are able to help out.



Article in the Langara Voice

Recently, student journalist AJ Watt came out to the Champlain Heights Trails to interview Free the Fern Executive Director Grace Nombrado. AJ wanted to highlight the struggle that Free the Fern has had with securing funding support from the City. [Check out the news article here.](#)



Monthly Invasive Pulls

Free the Fern hosts a monthly Invasive Pull on the **first Saturday of each month**, from **10am-12pm**. The next event will be on **Saturday, April 4**. In honour of Easter weekend, we

will be hiding some treats among the invasive plants for volunteers to find! Gloves, tools, snacks, and drinks will be provided. You can sign up for all our monthly invasive pulls [here](#).



Earth Fest - Sat, April 25, 11am-3pm

Join us at **Earth Fest at Everett Crowley Park** on **Sat, April 25, 11am-3pm**. This annual event organized by the Everett Crowley Park Committee will feature live music, eco-arts, sustainability booths and more! Free the Fern will have a table set-up where we will be making ivy flower crowns, sharing about our stewardship effort, and doing a nature “lollypop quiz”. Come by and say hi! [Check here](#) for more info.



Upcoming Motion in Council - May 8, 2026

On **May 8**, **City Councillor Pete Fry** will be making a motion in council. This motion will encourage the city to create a network of ecological corridors and provide a new grant stream for stewardship along these corridors. This motion comes following Free the Fern being notified that we were not approved for operational funding from the city. Currently, there is no grant stream that prioritizes funding for stewardship work. Free the Fern is looking for advocates who can speak in support of expanding ecological corridors and providing funding for stewardship work. Reach out to us and we will provide more details on how you can support us in the lead-up to the motion.



Forest & Feast - Sat, May 30, 10am-12:30pm

Thanks to a small grant from **Nature Canada** and the **RBC Foundation**, we are hosting a **Forest & Feast** event on **Saturday, May 30, 10am-12:30pm**. We will be gathering at the beautiful [Douglas Fir Teaching Garden](#) (east of 3530 Swansacre Vancouver) at 10am. Together, we will go on a guided nature walk, do some hands-on stewardship work, and enjoy a complimentary community lunch. Community members of all ages and abilities are welcome to join. You can sign up to [reserve your spot here](#).



Private Events

Did you know that you can book a private event with Free the Fern? Events include: nature walks, invasive pulls, presentations, and ivy-weaving workshops. We have experience running events for local schools, scout groups, nonprofits, and private corporations. These events are a great way to get outside, help the environment, and do team building! Contact us at freethefern@gmail.com to learn more.

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Neighbouring Nature Events

Check out other nature events happening in Metro Vancouver this month!

Thurs, April 9, 5:30-6:45pm - [Dogs & Frogs Nature Walk](#) - Everett Crowley Park. Vancouver

Bring your dog along as we listen for and learn about the amphibians of Everett Crowley Park. Find out about the frogs and salamanders that live here, and the roles they play in their habitats.

Sun, April 12, 9:30am-12:30pm - [Jericho Stewardship Group Work Day](#) - Jericho Beach Park, Vancouver

Join Jericho Park for their April Work Party. Together, volunteers will work on expanding the invasive-free area around the recent plantings.

Sat, April 18, 10:30am-4pm - [Earth Day](#) - Stanley Park, Vancouver

Join Stanley Park Earth Day on April 18 from 10:30 AM – 4:00 PM at Xwáyxway (Lumberman's Arch). This is a free event to celebrate nature, community, and the planet. Partners will include: Talaysay Tours, Invasive Species Council of Metro Vancouver, Vancouver Aquarium, and RAVEN

Sat, April 25, 10am-12pm - [Invasive Removal](#) - Central Park, Burnaby

Help protect and restore Burnaby's beautiful Central Park! Volunteers are needed to remove invasive species. This event is free and open to all community members, including families & youth.

If you know of a local event happening next month, let us know!

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