

Five gardens belonging to members of the Nanaimo Horticultural Society and one to a Master Gardener will open to the public this year. This is a self-guided tour for which there is no fee. The **NHS Plant Sale** will be held in the last garden noted below. **Note that some gardens open at 10am and some at 11am.**

The open gardens are at the following locations, all in Nanaimo:

**1232 College Drive, open 10am** (down a lane off College Dr, near Okanagan Dr).

The garden is long and narrow, running down the hill with a beautiful view at the bottom over the Strait. There are many lovely trees, bushes and perennials in a beautifully designed garden with “good bones”.

**2875 Shady Mile Way, open 10am** (off Jingle Pot Rd on inland side of Nanaimo Parkway).

This property is about 2 acres with many trees, bushes and perennials and several varieties of clematis. There is a pond and a meandering stream with a bridge over it. The gravel pathways are flat, so it's easy to get around on the property.

**1870 Deerborne Place, open 11am** (a few blocks above Departure Bay).

The front garden bed is open and consists mainly of deer-resistant herbs attractive to pollinators. The back & side beds are fenced and contain vegetables and fruit as well as perennials, trees & shrubs. Everything is organically grown and uses as little water as possible.

**3879 Uplands Drive, open 10am** (yellow house in same block as school).

This interesting garden mixes decorative areas with food production. Most of the vegetables are grown from seed in the 2 hand-constructed greenhouses & the compost boxes are both lovely & practical. This is a great garden for those who want to produce their own food as well as having an oasis to relax in.

**5128 Parton Drive, open 10am** (off Uplands Drive and Oliver Road).

This beautifully designed garden, on a pie shaped lot, has many unique perennials, shrubs and small trees, including a couple of topiary dolphins. The garden is about 5-years old and was redesigned along with a full house renovation.

**5771 Broadway Road, open 11am** (off Parkway Drive, off Hammond Bay Road).

This is a corner city lot with flower beds containing lots of unusual plants along with some vegetables and fruit. There is a fish pond and several seating areas. **The NHS Plant Sale** will be held here, so be prepared to buy something interesting for your own garden. Master Gardeners will also be on hand to answer your questions.