

# Community

SEPTMBER 3

## Harvest fun at the Botanical Garden

Enjoy a day of harvest, music, demonstrations, food and family fun Sunday, Sept. 3 at the Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors will find lots to hear, see, taste, smell and do. Admission is by donation.

Apasionado will entertain with their versatile tones and tunes. Ty's Fine Foods will be serving up snacks and lunch.

The friendly Vegetable Garden volunteers who harvest our organic crops for the Food Bank as well as the Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer gardening questions. You will find

home baking and preserves, garden plants and huge garlic bulbs to plant this fall. The Beekeepers will show how beehives work and have honey to taste.

Family fun includes a children's make and take miniature travelling garden, giant croquet or grassy hopscotch, racing through the willow tunnel and, of course, eating U-pick blackberries. Bring a bucket and take all you like! Swanson's Ready-Mix will provide a giant sandbox for little truckers and sculptors.

The Spinners and Weavers Guild will demonstrate their



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craft, fibre artist Ursula Bentz will create giant willow circles, and there will be a tree loom for nature weaving. View the surface of the sun through the Astronomy Club's special telescopes, and browse the Woodcrafters skilled creations. Stroll the paths, or take a guided tour to discover all the recent changes.

Please share your harvest – bring your home-grown or purchased food items for the Food Bank and enter to win a prize.

Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden is located at 5941 Mason Road in West Sechelt, open Friday to Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is by donation. Members enjoy unlimited visits plus many extra perks. For information about workshops, tours, events or rentals, see [www.coastbotanicalgarden.org](http://www.coastbotanicalgarden.org).

– Submitted by Paddy Wales