

What does it MEAN?: Mycorrhizas, Mushrooms, and Plants.



In his book, *Boundary Layer* (Oregon State University Press, 2016), Kem Luther focuses on the regions that lie between large, stable systems, showing how they develop their own rules and practice a logic that belongs to neither of the bounding systems. One of the in-between systems is the strange world of plant / fungal symbionts. In this slide talk, Kem overviews the role and the science of mycorrhizal mushrooms and looks at some common BC mushrooms.

Naturalist and writer Kem Luther moved from Ontario's Grand River to the southern tip of Vancouver Island in 2004. While in Ontario, he was dean of Sheridan College's joint program in Communication, Culture, and Information Technology with the University of Toronto. Kem grew up in the Nebraska Sandhills, studied at Cornell, the University of Chicago (PhD) and University of Toronto (MSc), and has taught at Eastern Mennonite University, Sheridan College, York University, and the University of Toronto. For the last two decades he has focused on writing interpretive articles and books. He is the author of *Cottonwood Roots*, *The Next Generation Gap*, and *Boundary Layer*.

Permaculture: Skimming the Surface



The multifaceted world of Permaculture means different things to different people. We'll look at why such diversity thrives in this method of looking at the world, and glean a few nuggets that we can fit into our own garden world.

Master Gardener Joan Wynden holds a Permaculture Design Certificate, and finds that her evolution as a gardener continually reframes her relationship with all things green. In addition to her volunteer work with VIMGA, Joan has a compulsion to celebrate the miracle of bringing plant life into being, which has led this 'plant midwife' to open a small home based nursery, Garden Lore.

Woodland Garden Design: What It Is & Where to Start



Most gardens are designed to be viewed from only one or two angles, usually the road and the front door. A woodland garden is always viewed from within, and the interwoven views from street to interior windows are the essence of its beauty. Achieving in a city lot is easy and satisfying when you grasp the concepts and apply simple techniques.

Master Gardener Jo-Ann Canning has been volunteering, teaching and speaking on sustainable gardening since 1996. She has gardened from Vanisle to Nova Scotia, from the American Southwest to the UK, and brings her experience and practical approach to her seminars. Her articles and photographs have been published in Canadian and USA magazines, and appear on the MGABC's website.