



September - October 2026 News

Imagining a New Community Garden next to Goldfinch Arts Centre

It's still at proposal stage, but one day there could be 60 more garden plots near the orchard and gallery at 170 Goldfinch Road in Colwood.



Map: Derek de Candole.

The Colwood Garden Society jumped at the opportunity to meet the neighbours at the Lagoon Arts & Culture Festival on Saturday, September 12. We met many folks who support building a new Community Garden on the grounds, provided the orchard remains intact – which of course it will. Some nearby apartment-dwellers assured us they cannot wait to apply to be gardeners. Council, too, seems supportive, though the upcoming municipal election is a complicating factor. We'll keep you informed as more information becomes available.

Galvanized beds proposed, Board of Directors acclaimed at AGM

The Society's finances are sound, and your new Board is wondering whether to begin investing in galvanized metal garden beds (a few at a time) instead of our current wooden ones?

Colwood Community Garden



With a useful life of 10 to 15 years, and far less maintenance required, a big part of their appeal is that metal beds should make fewer demands on our volunteers.

Ease of installation, per unit costs and volume discounts are also being carefully considered, as the annual rental fees for our garden beds will only stretch so far.

Fundraising activities and staffing up our volunteer committees are key to a successful year ahead. AGM minutes will be posted on colwoodgardensociety.org.

Photo: Naomi Ellis investigates Growboxx products at a North Saanich distributor's yard.

Calendar

Oct 10 – Board to meet at the gardens at 9:30 am. Following the meeting, minutes will be posted on: colwoodgardensociety.org.

Oct 17 – Work party scheduled. Time to put the herb and indigenous gardens to bed for the year, among other tasks. Please meet at the gardens at 9:30 am; bring a coffee cup.

Questions and comments are always welcome at cgs@colwoodgardensociety.org.

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