

Bark, Roots, and Berries (Grades 1-5)

Get up close and personal with our West Coast Garden. This program explores the native plants of Northern Vancouver Island and their traditional uses by the First Nations who cultivate and harvest them. In the First Nations Gallery, students examine the uses of different plants in tools and regalia. Students will create compostable pots and take home native plant seeds for their own gardens.

This program is offered from April to August when the flowers and berries are most visible. The majority of this 2-hour program takes place outdoors. The gravel trail around our Museum has a steep grade, so the garden tour may not be accessible for some wheelchairs in rainy weather conditions.

BC Curriculum Connections

Grade 1 Social Studies

- Relationships between a community and its environment
- Natural and human-made features of the local environment

Grade 2 Social Studies

- Relationships between people and the environment in different communities

Grade 3 Social Studies

- Cultural characteristics and ways of life of local First Peoples
- Interconnections of cultural and technological innovations of global and local Indigenous peoples
- Relationship between humans and their environment

Grade 4 Social Studies

- Physiographic features and natural resources of Canada

Grade 5 Social Studies

- First Peoples land ownership and use