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May 17, 2016, NORTH VANCOUVER - A beautiful, fun way to spend your weekend! Do not miss the **North Vancouver Community Arts Council's** two-day, self-guided spring tour of the beautiful North Shore. This year's **Art in the Garden** tour includes **16 outstanding gardens**, including new delights and some returning favourites. The work of **32 visual artists** will complement the flora while **20 musical performers** flaunt the wonderful talent in our midst. Join us on **Saturday & Sunday, May 28 & 29**, from **12pm-5pm** both days, for this **rain or shine** community event.

Executive Director Linda Feil shares that "the **Art in the Garden** tour was initiated to celebrate the magnificent beauty of the North Shore in springtime, and to provide a unique opportunity for artists and musicians to be exposed to a cross-section of the community who may not attend traditional cultural spaces, like galleries and music venues." Having created the event herself seventeen years ago in 1999, it is always a special weekend for her. "The reason I look forward to it is because it is a huge success on so many levels. It brings neighbourhoods together, it's an economic driver for the North Shore community, friends run into each other year after year in different gardens, and it is an incredible honour to be allowed to share the private oases of gifted gardeners."

Art in the Garden features private gardens with local gardeners in mind. Each garden on the tour is juried based upon their aesthetics, diversity of plants, and overall creative vision. The gardens selected this year all display the unique flair of the individual gardeners, and feature blooming perennials, flowering vines, shrubs, ponds, and even chickens. It is an annual tour that brings together the communities of North Vancouver and West Vancouver to celebrate spring.

Art in the Garden is also a platform for talented local artists to showcase their breathtaking work. This year includes pottery, photography, sculpture, and bright expressive acrylic and oil paintings, with many works inspired by the nature around us. Enjoy the sounds of local musicians performing, folk, jazz, acoustic roots, traditional world fusion, and pop. Every garden will have a different musical act performing on both days of the tour weekend.

Adult admission is **\$1.00 per garden**, payable at each garden. Pick up a **FREE brochure and tour map** at CityScape Community Art Space (335 Lonsdale Ave, North Vancouver), or at any library, community recreation centre, and garden centre sponsor.

Find full event details online at: <http://nvartscouncil.ca/events/art-garden>

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