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Fabulous lilac season!

It's now been a full week since the settler-era lilacs have been in full bloom and aren't they abundant this year!

According to Andrea Eidinger in A History of Lilacs in Canada, (www. unwrittenhistories.com/): "Evanescent and ephemeral, lilacs have been a part of the Canadian landscape for generations. An introduced species, they are a tangible legacy of colonization and settlement. But they are also signposts for lost homes, symbols of innocence, naiveté, and wonder, and landmarks of scientific experimentation. And, as such, they are a metaphor for the contradictory and complex nature of Canadian's past - unwritten histories in the form of a flower."

The Lilac Conspiracy

The Lilac Conspiracy was formed in 2003, in Merritt. The group, primarily resident artists, designers, educators & publishers, wanted to increase the awareness of the heritage lilac bushes which are abundant in the Nicola Valley. These were brought west by settlers, and planted when Europeans first came to the valley, from the mid-1800s to 1911 when Merritt was incorporated as a city. The heritage lilacs consist of the common lilac (Syringa vulgaris), dark purple, and double white varieties.

Over the years, the Lilac Conspiracy has provided lilac slips from heritage plants, by donation, as an incentive to propagate them & continue the old stocks in the community.

Lilac Festivals in Merritt

The first lilac festival was held in 2004, in mid-May when the lilacs were bursting with colour & fragrance. It was an art & music event in a heritage warehouse in the downtown area — a huge success with a Bohemian style. The event appealed to those who love the flowers & enjoy art. Festivals were held each year until 2008, but 'lilac awareness' has continued to be promoted in a low-volume underground way ever since. Check out: lilacconspiracy.wordpress.com/

Community

TNRD 'M' & 'N' OCP open houses

Open houses to review the draft OCP highlight and provide feedback will be held May 12 at the Civic Ctre & May 13 at the Lower Nicola Community Hall, 6-8pm both evenings. Or check out the online survey: tnrd.ca/mn-ocp-2024 or 250-377-8673 or ocp@tnrd.ca

Walk with your Doc

Saturday May 17, Doctors across BC are hosting "Walk with your Doc" events in their communities to encourage British Columbians to get moving for good health. The event will include music, food, sponsors, prizes, swag, and more, on 11am-1pm at Rotary Park.

Barrel racing at the Rodeo Grounds

The second evening of Nicola Valley Barrel Racing will take place Thurs May 22, 7-10:30pm, free admission.

City open house

The City of Merritt, council and staff, invites the public to attend a general open house on Wed, May 28, 4-8pm at the Civic Ctre. There will be info about: water systems & conservation, flood recovery projects, road projects, development & planning projects, permitting, FireSmart, etc.

Asthma education camp for kids

The BC Lung Foundation will be offering their Asthma Education Camps again this summer, a fun, educational setting for children ages 8-10 (with physician-diagnosed asthma) to learn about their asthma and enhance their management skills from certified asthma educators. Dates are: Summer Camp 1, July 21-24, 1-4:30pm each day; Summer Camp 2, August 11-14, 1-4:30pm each day. În-person at the BC Lung Foundation, 2675 Oak St, Vancouver. They are also offering a \$1,000 travel subsidy for qualified registrants living outside of Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley.

FMI email biagtan@bclung.ca, or call directly at 778-994-7754.

The Merritt Lilac Project The Merritt Lilac Project began in 2005 with Bill Vander Zalm donating well-started 4'-5' lilac trees to the citizens of Merritt. Over the next several years, more than 5,000 lilacs were planted in our community, thanks to his generosity. With this gift, the variety of lilac trees is greatly enhanced, extending the blooming season by at least 2 weeks.

Now, 20 years on, the BVZ bushes continue thrive in our climate, adding to the beauty of the Merritt lilacs. And at this time of year, you can see one in nearly every yard! If Merritt has a season when it shines, lilac season is it!

More from Lily Tomlin

I can handle reality in small doses, but as a lifestyle, it's much too confining.

Man invented language to satisfy his deep need to complain.

Things are going to get a lot worse before they get worse.

What goes up must come down. But don't expect it to come down where you can find it I bought a box of animal crackers, but there was nothing inside. They'd eaten each other.

HIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE



Don't waste the notential that

the cosmos brings your way. If you tap into the Full Moon en-

ergy, and think before you act,

everything you do can be con-

This week, the only option is

to not to bother trying to fool

(or please) anyone. Be true to

You value honesty and sincerity.

Good. Because under the Full

Moon this week, if you speak

from your heart, you can make a decision that changes your

a sense of peace.

Leo

July 23

Sagittarius

Nov 22 -

Dec 21

Aug 22

vourself & the achievements can ride through this storm

you're hoping for, and you'll find you'll be ready to take advan

Aries March 21 - April 19



dence which is making you

concerned - you may be cre-

ating something in your own

mind. There's less reason to

This week a tricky situation

reaches its climax. But vou'll

find it easy to stay calm. If you

tage of a breakthrough insight.

Capricorn

This week's Full Moon will

have an intensifying effect.

Just know that you're capable

of dealing with it. You'll emerge stronger, and more confident

about the future.

Dec 22 -

Jan 19

Virgo

Aug 23 -

Sept 22

vorry about than you think.







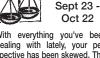
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Scorpio

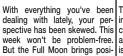
Oct 23 -

Nov 21

to focus on the positive. With a obstacles, and be straight & more optimistic mindset, you'll clear, but it doesn't mean that attract more support. It will re- the journey you've embarked mind you of all that's good in on doesn't have difficulties. Take another look at a project.



tive developments.



Aquarius

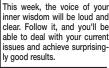
patience really is a virtue?

news you need to act on.

Ĵan 20 -

Feb 18

Libra



great position.

Pisces Feb 19 -Mar 20

This week it might seem that

With the Full Moon adding in- aspects are more dramatic tensity, the last thing you need than they are. But you've got is to sit around twiddling your a parachute - luck is on your thumbs. Here comes exciting side. You'll end the week in a

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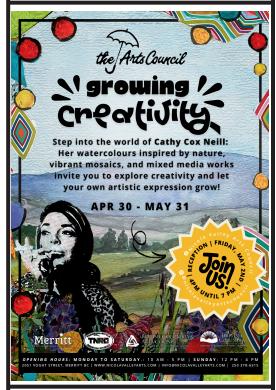
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