

Speakers 2016 Event ~ February 6, 2016

Linda Gilkeson– 10:30 to Noon

Do You REALLY Know What The Problem Is?

Linda earned a Ph.D. in Entomology from McGill University in 1986, then moved to British Columbia to work for Applied Bio-Nomics Ltd., a company that produces biological controls.

From 1991 to 2002 she worked for the provincial government, promoting programs to reduce and eliminate pesticide use. She was

head of the provincial State of Environment Reporting Unit for the next six years, then the Executive Director of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy until the end of 2011. Linda now devotes her time to writing, teaching and consulting.

Linda has co-authored pest management training manuals for the government and organic gardening books for Rodale Press. She has self-published two [books](#): Harvest: Winter Gardening on the Coast and West Coast Gardening: Natural Insect, Weed and Disease Control. Her recent [book](#), Backyard Bounty: The Complete Guide to year-Round Organic Gardening in the Pacific Northwest, has become a BC best seller.

As a private consultant, Linda is a regular instructor in the Master Gardener programs in BC and is busy year around giving workshops on pest management and organic gardening.

Linda has served as President of the Entomological Society of Canada, the Professional Pest Management Association of BC, the Entomological Society of BC and the Salt Spring Island Garden Club. She was awarded a Queen's Jubilee medal in 2003 and an outstanding achievement award from the Professional Pest Management Association of BC in 2005.

If you have a problem, bring a picture or detailed description for Linda. Note: if you bring an actual plant or leaf with a problem, it MUST be in a sealed plastic bag.



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**Connie Kuramoto – 12:30 to 2:00 pm (2016 event)**



**Water, Water Everywhere**

Connie Kuramoto has been teaching Horticulture for over thirty years. She has taught for Vancouver Island University, North Island College, Humber College, and Gaia College, and has given countless talks and workshops throughout Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. Connie has always been outspoken concerning the ecological impacts of Agriculture and has always searched out the most environmentally sound options for her teaching agenda as well as her consulting business. She is currently working on assisting a team who

is Tofino's First Annual Farm and Garden and is excited to be engaged in any initiatives involving local food production, promotion, and food security. Connie manages her own year round food garden on parts of her one acre yard and eats something from her garden every day of the year. She hopes to finish getting rid of her lawn this year by replanting it with more food.

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