

The Victoria Horticultural Society and Victoria Hardy Plant Group
are pleased to present the 2020 ELIZABETH ENGLAND LECTURE

Tony Kirkham, MBE
250 Years of Trees at Kew

Sunday, March 1st at 3 pm

Salvation Army Victoria Citadel, 4030 Douglas St, Victoria
The "other" Douglas Street, access off McKenzie Ave just east of the Patricia Bay Hwy



Tony graduated in 1981 with honours from the 3-year Diploma course at The Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew and is now **Head of the Arboretum, Gardens and Horticultural Services**, responsible for managing and curating over 14,000 trees as well as the hardy shrub and herbaceous collections.

Since the great storm that depleted the tree collections in 1987, he has led several plant-collecting expeditions to Chile and the Far East of Asia, including China, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea and the Russian Far East.

Tony has co-authored several books on his travels, revised and expanded *The Pruning of Trees, Shrubs and Conifers* and more recently written *Essential Pruning Techniques* (both Timber Press). In 2019 he published the *Haynes Workshop Manual of Trees* (Haynes) and *Remarkable Trees* (Thames Hudson). He has featured on several TV programmes, including *A Year at Kew*, and *The Trees that Made Britain* for the BBC. More recently, he featured with Dame Judi Dench in *My Passion for Trees*.

He represents Kew as vice chair on the RHS Woody Plant Committee and the RHS Awards Committee, the Scientific and Education Committee of the International Dendrology Society, Action Oak and is a trustee of the Yorkshire Arboretum, the Chelsea Physic Garden and TROBI (Tree Register of the British Isles). He was made vice president of the Arboricultural Association in 2019.

Tony has received several prestigious awards, including the Victoria Medal of Honour in 2019, and was recently appointed by the Queen in the 2020 New Year's Honours list as a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for his services at Kew Garden and to arboriculture.

The cost is **\$10.00 CASH at the door (exact change greatly appreciated!)**.

Free to VHS members.

Doors open at 2:30 pm, the program will begin just after 3pm.

There are no advance tickets for this presentation.