



From the Hardy Plant Group in Victoria, BC

Registration and Program

Plans are well underway for the Hardy Plant Study Weekend, June 25, 26, and 27, 2027. We'd like to give you a quick early overview and to highlight our recommendation to book accommodation well in advance.

We have a new format for the weekend due to limited availability of the Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney (same venue as in 2017). We have secured the acoustically superior Charlie White Theatre for our lectures / symposium day on Saturday, with the regular activities: registration, morning refreshments with coffee, speaker program, and plant sale (including garden tools and some equipment). Saturday will be the one day of lectures, followed by the evening soiree. As usual, the soiree will be available as a separate ticket purchased at the time of registration (expected to open January/early February).

Open gardens will be held throughout the day on Friday and Sunday, with a couple of speakers offering talks in the gardens. We are also investigating the possibility of other garden visits outside the Victoria area on Monday.

We are envisioning a new registration option: primary registration for the entire event, limited to 300 individuals, (with the soirée purchased separately, as usual), plus an add-on option for car-pooling companions/partners to attend the open gardens, but not the Saturday lectures.

We are also considering video-recording the lectures and making them available for a period of time after the event. Recordings would be included with registration, but also available as a separate purchase option for those who do not attend in person.

Accommodations

We also want to highlight an important issue – the pressure on hotel room availability in the Greater Victoria Area.

You may have friends you can stay with, or a hotel or B&B that you like, but if you are looking for other hotel accommodation, we have secured some discounted rates on hotels in Victoria and Sidney for this busy time of year. Several offer apartment-like arrangements with kitchenettes. And for our US visitors, the amounts are in Canadian dollars which are much lower than the US dollar.

BOOK NOW to avoid disappointment! *Please note that while hotels in Victoria city (Hotel Grand Pacific, Accent Inns Victoria, Parkside Hotel and Spa) offer proximity to many popular tourism features, they are approximately 30 minutes' drive from the conference venue in Sidney. Be sure to allow for travel time on Saturday.*

Hotel Grand Pacific

www.hotelgrandpacific.com

[463 Belleville Street, Victoria, BC, V8V 1X3](#) T: 250-386-0450

Full-service hotel on Victoria's Inner Harbour, steps from the Coho Ferry Terminal (service to Port Angeles, WA). Fathom Restaurant and Lounge, plus more amenities.

Rates per night are for June 24, June 25, and June 26 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) plus applicable fees and taxes. Victoria/City views. Private balconies. Non-smoking. Parking extra. Wheelchair accessible rooms available.

- Traditional Standard Room \$289 CAD per night
- Signature standard Room \$369 CAD per night

Call toll-free 1-800-663-7550 or direct 250-386-0450 to book under Group name **Victoria Hardy Plant Study Weekend** or quote Group **JUN27PLANT**.

Reservations accepted based on availability at time of booking.
Cancellation policy: 24 hours prior to arrival without penalty.
Discounted rates expire May 13, 2027; earlier, if the room block has been sold out.

Accent Inns Victoria

www.accentinns.com

[3233 Maple Street, Victoria, BC V8X 4Y9](#) T: 250-475-7500

Motel-style property facing Blanshard Street, the main road to Sidney.

Exceptionally clean and friendly. Front desk service 24/7.

Less than 3 miles / 4.5 km north of Victoria's central business area, backing onto a residential area and nearby park.

Restaurant on-site / Bin 4 Burger Lounge for lunch and dinner ONLY (Local favourite!) (11 am–10 pm daily). Free parking.

Rates per night are for June 24, June 25, and June 26 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) plus applicable fees and taxes.

- Two Queen beds with kitchenette \$299 CAD/night (single or double occupancy); \$10 additional fee for each third and fourth occupants
- Two Queens beds \$279 CAD /night (single or double occupancy); \$10 additional fee for each third and fourth occupants

Call toll-free 1-800-663-0298 (All days 7.30 am–11:00 pm) and ask for **Accent Inns Victoria** to book under the Group name **Hardy Plant Study Weekend 2027** or quote Group **4416979**.

Cancellation policy: 7 days prior to arrival without penalty.
Discounted rates expire May 24, 2027; earlier, if the room block has been sold out.

Parkside Hotel and Spa

www.parksidevictoria.com

[810 Humboldt Street, Victoria, BC V8V 5B1](#) T: 250-940-1200

Centrally located in downtown Victoria, and originally constructed as a timeshare opening in 2009, this property offers spacious one- and two-bedroom suites, with full kitchens, separate living areas, private balconies and a range of on-site amenities. Wheelchair accessible rooms available.

Caffe Tre Fantastico, a local favourite, is on-site serving espresso, wine, and ale plus local eats, sandwiches and desserts, 7am–9pm daily.

Rates for June 24, June 25, and June 26 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) are discounted by 15% (plus applicable fees and taxes), currently running in the range of \$349 CAD to \$549 CAD per night; parking extra.

Call direct 250-940-1200 to book under the group name **HARDY PLANT STUDY WEEKEND** or Group **BK-02655**.

TownePlace Suites by Marriott / Victoria Airport Sidney

www.marriott.com/yyjst

[9785 Stirling Way, Sidney, BC, V8L 1W7](#) T: 250-900-1818

Newly opened in Sidney, an extended-stay property located near the Victoria International Airport and BC Ferries Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal. All rooms are equipped with full kitchens, complimentary hot breakfast buffet, ample free parking and a host of amenities. The Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney, the venue for our Saturday Lecture Day, lunch and plant sale is just across the highway. Wheelchair accessible rooms available.

Rates per night are for June 24, June 25, and June 26 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday), plus applicable fees and taxes.

- Studio King Room \$349 CAD/night
- Studio Double Queen Room \$369 CAD/night

Call direct 250-900-1818, to book under the Group name **Hardy Plant Study Weekend – June 2027**.

Cancellation policy: 3 days prior to arrival without penalty.

Discounted rates expire April 30, 2027; earlier, if the room block has been sold out.

Taking Plants Across the Canada–US Border

We will follow up in a separate email for our American friends on the challenges of obtaining phytosanitary certificates from our Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) needed for the importation of plants purchased at our sale into the US.

We look forward to seeing you! If you have any questions, please email thehardys@vichortsociety.org. We will try to respond to questions within 48 hours.