

Meet the I nstructors

Landscape Designer **Heather Schamehorn** will share her knowledge of BC's native plants and design tips to help you meet your garden's challenges with low-maintenance, chemical-free plantings.

Instructor **Arzeena Hamir** holds a Masters in Agronomy from the University of London. Arzeena will share simple ways to maintain your garden and deal with garden pests without using toxic chemicals.

Environment Canada's **Mike Nassichuk** has grown vegetables for over 20 years, and regularly gives workshops and lectures throughout Greater Vancouver, including the NSRP's GardenSmart workshop series, and the Master Gardener program at VanDusen Garden.

Rene Papier of Enviromasters Lawn Care has been repairing and maintaining North Shore lawns for 7 year. He will share his tips and tricks for maintaining a beautiful, healthy lawn that's naturally resistant to weeds and disease.

Gardening guru **Sheila Watkins** shows you how to grow a beautiful, healthy garden here on the North Shore. Leave with tips on soil preparation, expert watering techniques, and choosing plants for the garden like a pro.

Who are we?

The **North Shore Recycling Program** (NSRP) is the local municipal recycling department for the City of North Vancouver, District of North Vancouver, and District of West Vancouver. Jointly funded by these three municipalities, and managed by the District of North Vancouver, the NSRP plans and administers all municipally-based recycling and waste reduction activities on the North Shore.

Our services include: curbside blue box recycling collection, curbside yard trimmings processing, school recycling workshops, the North Shore Natural Gardens Tour, lawn & garden pesticide reduction education (visit the website at www.GardenSmart.ca), the North Shore Recycling Drop-off Depot, composter sales, and a recycling and waste reduction information service for North Shore residents.

Contact us today and find out how we can help YOU *make conservation second nature*.

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(the gardening workshop
that comes to you!)



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Introducing the Natural Garden Party... a home gardening workshop!

What is a Natural Garden Party?

The NSRP's Natural Garden Party program gives North Shore residents the opportunity to host an informative, casual gardening workshop right in their own home.

Choose from our lineup of gardening instructors and host a workshop on a topic that you and your friends and neighbours are interested in.

Is there a cost?

The program is free. Party hosts usually provide refreshments for their guests (e.g., coffee and cookies, or even wine and cheese for an evening party - it's up to you!).

What does the Host Do?

The key to a successful Natural Garden Party is the Host. The Host promotes the workshop, encourages friends and neighbours to attend, and is the point of contact for the NSRP.

What's more, every Garden Party Host receives a *gorgeous garden-themed thank you gift!*

3 Steps to Hosting a Natural Garden Party:

1 Book a Date

Choose a workshop topic, then call the NSRP at **604.984.9730** to book a date and time. A Saturday or Sunday morning is a good time for most people to get together.

This summer, we're offering workshops on **Gardening Basics, Lawn Care, Veggie Gardening, Native Plants** and **Natural Pest Control**.

If there's another gardening topic you're interested in, let us know - we'll do our best to find an instructor to cater to your request.

2. Send Out Invitations

Promote the program in your neighbourhood and get together 15 of your friends and neighbours.

The NSRP will provide a program package, including **invitations**. Workshops will be tailored to meet *your* needs and will include free workshop resource materials and door prizes for your guests.



3. Have the Party

Provide a fun, casual location for the workshop. If you're having the party in your backyard, you may want to suggest that your guests bring lawn chairs to sit on.

On the day of the workshop, the instructor will bring along the workshop resource materials, door prizes for your guests, and the Host thank-you gift.

For more information, contact the NSRP's Community Programs Coordinator at **604.984.9730** or email to **info@nsrp.bc.ca**