



British Columbia Institute of Agrologists
Vancouver Branch

BEES-N-BEERS!

Thursday, **July 22nd**, 2010

5:45 pm to 8:30 pm

Join us downtown Vancouver for an evening learning about honey bee hives and vegetable food production in an urban setting followed by a refreshing drink & networking opportunities.



Fairmont Waterfront Hotel: Located on the 3rd floor of the hotel rests a 2,100 square foot herb garden. Introduced in 1991, it was one of Vancouver's first green roofs. The garden plays home to over sixty varieties of herbs, vegetables, fruits, edible blossoms, and 10 different species of local birds. Honeybees make the garden their home from May through September. Introduced in 2008, the bees have increased the productivity of the herb garden with pollination. Summer 2010 brings two additional hives, bringing the apiary to just over 380,000 honey bees producing an anticipated 500 lbs of honey.

YWCA Roof Top Garden: YWCA Vancouver's Rooftop Food Garden is an urban treasure that provides healthy, nutritious food to women & children at YWCA Crabtree Corner, a family resource centre in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

This project began in 2006 and gradually transformed a rooftop garden from an ornamental location into a fruitful community garden that yielded over 150 kilograms of produce in its first summer. In 2007, the YWCA harvested more than 450 kilograms of food. The garden relies entirely on volunteers. No one is paid to take care of it; staff and volunteers dig in the dirt on their own time.



Times & Locations:

5:45 pm Meet in the lobby of the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel - 900 Canada Place Way
6:00 Tour begins
6:45 Walk to YWCA - 535 Hornby Street
7:00 Tour begins
7:45 Walk to the Elephant & Castle Restaurant for networking @ 385 Burrard Street

**RSVP before July 15th, 2010 to vancouverbcia@gmail.com
(Only 40 Spots Available)**

COST: \$8 for members, \$10 for non members; \$5 BCIA student-members

**We will be making a donation to the YWCA Roof Top Garden
that provides food to the Women & Children of the Downtown Eastside**