

On Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, Nanoosee Garden Club presents **Christina Cook** who is a landscape gardener and designer by trade. She holds professional organic certification through SOUL (Society for Organic Urban Land Care, [www.organiclandcare.ca](http://www.organiclandcare.ca)) and teaches organic horticulture for Gaia College ([www.gaiacollege.ca](http://www.gaiacollege.ca)).

Since 2010 she has run The Organic Gardener's Pantry in Victoria ([www.gardenerspantry.ca](http://www.gardenerspantry.ca)), retailing fine organic fertilizers, soil amendments, and microbial products. And if there's time left, you can find her puttering around in the garden, smiling, talking to the plants, and spreading mulch.

**Christina Cook** will be presenting “**Secrets of the Soil Food Web**”. Since she is driving up from Victoria, she has agreed to carry any orders with her in her vehicle so that we can bypass the expensive shipping charges. Items like liquid kelp fertilizer are a great plant food and soil amendment yet the costs to ship it are somewhat prohibitive. Club members are encouraged to visit her website to see if there are any products that hold an interest.

This year, club member Al Chomica bought items such as liquid kelp plant food, EM, which are living microbes to inoculate expired soils, biochar, Nitrogen-fixing bacteria, Root Rescue transplanter, Insect Frass fertilizer and pH testing paper.

When purchasing any items, one goes to the checkout and for the shipping portion one fills out 'For Pickup' with a comment that it is for the Nanoose Garden Club. Christine will then bring your order with her to the May meeting for your pickup.

Check out the website. It is a great gardener's resource and this opportunity should be taken advantage of... <https://www.gardenerspantry.ca/shop/>