



# ELK VALLEY BRANCH UPDATE

2017



Flathead Valley by Jaime Rojo

Wildsight Elk Valley has been busy this year—the Canada 150 Celebration Garden, launching the Keeping Food Real Program, Wild Nature Tours, Wild Ideas, the Event and Construction Waste Reduction Strategy and more have kept the office hopping! Our initiatives are not possible without your input so let's turn your passion into action!

## **Keeping Food Real**

Our lives are busy. Work, family, recreating, volunteering... where and how our food is produced is not often at the forefront of our mind. Keeping Food Real is a two-year program that aims to support the citizens of the Elk Valley in growing their own food by providing online cold climate educational resources and hands-on workshops that support all levels of gardeners. By growing some of your own food, or supporting those who do, you are re-establishing the connection between food production and consumption. To keep up to date on all things KFR visit [wildsight.ca/keepingfoodreal](http://wildsight.ca/keepingfoodreal).

## **Wild Nature Workshops**

Discover the unique landscape of the Fernie area on a naturalist-guided Wild Nature Workshop. With topics ranging from a hike to the ancient ammonite, learning how to forage in the forest, discovering the fungus among us and more, there is something for everyone. For a complete schedule and to register visit [wildnaturetours.ca](http://wildnaturetours.ca).

## **Apple Capture and Tool Share**

Collecting food from our backyard is easy but it sometimes requires equipment. Wildsight Elk Valley has a growing cooperative tool share program that lets you check out all of the picking, plucking, preserving and pickling equipment you need. Use of the tools is free but we do suggest a donation to keep the tools maintained and available for all to use. Check out [wildsight.ca/applecapture](http://wildsight.ca/applecapture) for a complete list of tools, to register your fruit tree for picking, and to learn more about how keeping up with our fruit trees lessens wildlife conflicts and keeps everyone safe.

# GARDEN 2 MARKET SUNDAYS JULY 2ND-SEPT 4TH



Back by popular demand: Garden 2 Market! This program offers local growers an easy way to sell their produce and provides Mountain Market goers a great selection of local produce. Our Garden 2 Market stand sells locally grown flowers, fruits, vegetables, berries, fresh eggs and more—you bring the goods, we get them to the community!

If you are interested in selling your harvest go to [www.ecogarden.ca](http://www.ecogarden.ca) or contact [elkvalley@wildsight.ca](mailto:elkvalley@wildsight.ca).

# OUR HARVEST FALL FAIR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17



We're celebrating with a festival that is as unique as our community! This grassroots public event encourages people to bridge rural and urban living by promoting agriculture, recreation and household arts. We aim to showcase healthy, farmstead living and promote sustainable food production in the Elk Valley. Join us for a day of fun stuff like potato sack races, apple cider demos, cake walk, cook-offs, agriculture demos and more!

For complete info please visit [ferniechautauqua.com](http://ferniechautauqua.com) or [wildsight.ca/fallfair](http://wildsight.ca/fallfair).

# UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & CAMPS

<b>EcoGarden Little Sprouts</b>	Thursdays, Jul 6-Aug 31, 9:30-11:30am
<b>EcoGarden Kids EcoCamp</b>	July 10-14, 9am-4pm
<b>Keeping Food Real: Maximize Yields, Optimize Efforts</b>	July 15, 10am-4pm
<b>EcoGarden Bug-O-Logy Camp</b>	July 18-19, 9:30-11:30am
<b>Wild About Flowers</b>	July 19, 6-9pm
<b>EcoGarden Garden Chefs Camp</b>	August 8-9, 9:30-11:30am
<b>Forage in the Forest</b>	August 9, 6-9pm
<b>Keeping Food Real: Save Your Seeds, Grow Better Crops</b>	August 19, 10am-1pm
<b>Fungus Among Us</b>	September 13, 5:30-8:30pm
<b>Keeping Food Real: Making Good Compost</b>	September 30, 10am-3pm
<b>Wildcrafting</b>	October 4, 5:30-8:30pm

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