

**Secret Gardens:
Vancouver's Hidden Rooftops**

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With its moderate climate, Vancouver's gardens have always presented a lush accessible spectacle. A new type of garden is growing out of the density of high-rise developments on the downtown peninsula. In the exhibition Secret Gardens: Vancouver's Hidden Rooftops photographer Alex Waterhouse-Hayward exposes secrets that exist behind gates, out of sight, on the roofs and podiums in these downtown neighbourhoods. It is on these risen landscapes, on podiums and roofs, that secret gardens are found.

Such gardens, once essentially imagined as the private domains of the wealthy few are, in fact, much more varied, more democratic. They are the collective outdoor realm and play space of a condominium, the therapeutic garden of a hospice or senior's complex, the urban oasis for residents of a socially assisted housing complex.

The Urbanarium Society, with the support of the City of Vancouver, presents these unusual and provocative images of private, semi-private and semi-public spaces. This exhibition seeks to pull back the veil of secrecy on at least twelve different gardens – to give you a glimpse of what exists up there, just out-of sight. It also gives you a glimpse of where such gardens began in our City and where they might go, seeking images that describe new and emerging secret gardens.

Hospitals, live/work studios, public buildings, luxury hi-rise condos, downtown eastside co-ops – all are exposing their secret gardens in this exhibition.



Central Library : Cornelia Oberlander Landscape Architect with Moshe Safdie / Downs-Archembault Architects



Europa : Durante Kreuk Landscape Architects with Davidson Yuen Architects



Crown Life : Osmondson / Eckford Landscape Architects (update) with Rhone and Iredale Architects



888 Beach : Phillips Farevaag Smallemberg Landscape Architects with James Cheng Architects



4 Sisters : Gerry Vagelatos Landscape Architects with Davidson Yuen Architects



Aquarius Mews : Durante Kreuk Landscape Architects with James Cheng Architects

All Photographs : Alex Waterhouse-Hayward

Pendulum Gallery

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