



Ancient Aquaculture: Sea Gardens of the BC Coast

Tuesday, January 26th, 6:30 pm

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Have you ever tried gardening...in the ocean? At the very lowest tides of the year, you may be treated to a glimpse of a 'clam garden'. First Nations have been building and caring for these rock-walled terraces for at least 3,500 years. Learn how the Clam Garden Network has been combining many ways of knowing (traditional and scientific) to advance our understanding of local traditional mariculture.



Nicole Smith is a professional archaeologist based in Victoria, B.C. She has been involved in archaeological research on the B.C. coast since 2000, collaborating most closely with First Nations communities, the Hakai Institute, Parks Canada, and colleagues at various universities.

Her research interests include traditional resource management practices such as clam gardens and fish traps, the effects of climate change on cultural heritage, bringing archaeology into elementary and highschool classrooms, and seeking out evidence for people living on the coast over 10,000 years ago. She has appeared in productions for the BBC, CBC, and Quirks and Quarks about her team's work on clam gardens.

MAGNIFICENT MOLLUSKS Speaker Series: This is the first in the five part series.

Making up nearly a quarter of all marine species, molluscs are diverse, dynamic and delightful. This year's winter speaker series will take you on a deep dive into their remarkable world. From their economic value as food and jewelry as far back as we can look, to their use in large-scale efforts to renew and recreate healthy ecosystems now and into the future, mollusks play an important role in countless aspects of our day to day lives. Join us to learn more in a remarkable series of talks featuring leading researchers from around the world!