

Read more below

This Ad Unit shows popular or related topics. Clicking on any of these will show you a list of sponsored results from advertisers.

Hide Ads Privacy Policy



Xeriscape Spirit Garden ribbon cutting including West Kelowna Mayor Gordon Milsom (second from left), Okanagan Xeriscape Association President Judy Steeves, Peachland Mayor Cindy Fortin and OXA Director Jessica Hobden (far right). (Photo/Gary Barnes)

# Educational xeriscape garden springs up in West Kelowna

Spirit Square Garden is located at 2569 May Street

GARY BARNES / Aug. 16, 2022 11:15 a.m. / NEWS



The Okanagan Xeriscape Association's (OXA) newest xeriscape demonstration garden was unveiled in West Kelowna Tuesday (Aug. 16).

The Xeriscape Spirit Square Garden is a collaboration between OXA, the City of West Kelowna, and the Okanagan Basin Water Board.

Xeriscape is gardening or landscaping with the natural conditions we live in, rather than fighting against them. It involves the use of drought-tolerant plants.

ADVERTISEMENT

Sponsored by **Fruiticana**

We are committed to bringing the taste of home to our customers by sourcing the best products locally and from around the world.

**FRUITICANA** Since 1994

See our weekly specials [CLICK HERE](#) [Learn more](#)

**TONY SINGH**  
FOUNDER & PRESIDENT

**Tony Singh**  
Fruiticana President and Founder [Le](#)

"It's goal is not only to give pleasure to those who gather but also to educate everybody about ways to conserve our vital resource – water," said Judy Steves, OXA president.

She noted that putting water on outdoor landscapes is the second-highest use of water in the Okanagan behind growing food.

Mayor Gordon Milsom said once the new city hall is built, there might be an opportunity to have a similar garden there.

"To showcase it, to educate our community. We're doing our best to encourage our residents to also conserve water."

OXA Executive Director Sigrie Kendrick pointed out the organization has been looking to expand its reach and education opportunities.

"It's fantastic to have the collaboration with West Kelowna," she said.

OXA plans to hold classes and workshops at the garden, which is located in Westbank Centre Park at 2569 May Street.

More information about the garden and xeriscaping can be found on [OXA's website](#).