

Events

You are invited

Taste, Smell, Feel, See, Question

Sunday April 13, 20, 27 /2026

3 Days Only

Walk through our

Herb Greenhouses

Hanging Basket & Container Workshop

Sunday May 3/26 at 10 am to 12

Monte Lake farm

Bring your empty container
of choice

We have the soil, plants, and
fertilizer for sale

Hands-On - Patio & Hanging Basket
Workshop

We will provide advice on
planting technique,
suitability and choices of plants
Then take home the
container you planted

26th Annual Country Garden Greenhouse Mother's Day Tea

Music at 2 pm.

Open House at the Farm

Tea and treats
for all Mothers

Sunday May 10/2026

Noon to 4 pm.

4120 Hwy 97 Monte Lake BC

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Drop by the Greenhouses

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Greenhouses
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***Mosquito
Repellent
Herbs***

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Mosquito repellent

Basil

Basil is a good mosquito repellent but some types are more powerful than others. The stronger the scent, the better. Thai basil, lemon basil, cinnamon basil, and Peruvian basil are considered the best choices to fend off blood-thirsty mosquitoes.

Bee Balm

Fast-growing with bright abundant blooms, bee balm attracts plenty of desirable pollinators like bees and butterflies while deterring mosquitoes with its fresh scent.

Chives

Chives (*Allium* spp.), also known as ornamental onions, emit a sulfur-onion odor that repels mosquitoes and is undetectable to humans. Along with repelling mosquitoes and other pests, allium plants add an exotic appeal through their unusual, globe-shaped flower clusters.

Join Us in the Local Economy

Catnip

It's a member of the mint family but looks and smells a bit different than your typical mint varieties—though it works just as a mosquito deterrent.

Fennel

Fennel is grown as an herb or vegetable for its bulbs. Both types have feathery foliage with a strong, anise-like aroma that deters mosquitoes.

Lavender

The oil naturally created by the lavender plant is thought to potentially inhibit the mosquito's sense of smell.

Lemon Grass

Grassy and abundant with a bright citrus scent, lemongrass contains Citronellal, the main component of citronella oil that deters mosquitoes.

Marigolds

The substance in marigolds (*Tagetes* spp.) that gives them their insect-repelling power is pyrethrum, a substance used in many organic insecticides. Studies have shown they do more than just deter mosquitos, they also keep aphids, thrips, squash bugs, and many other garden pests at bay.

Mint

Mint comes in many varieties, but any one of them will deter mosquitos. Add one to your outdoor sitting area—or start a collection of mint varieties—but opt to put them in a container because these plants can be invasive when planted in-ground.

Rosemary

The scent of rosemary is a deterrent to mosquitos and other garden pests, such as cabbage moths.

Scented Geraniums

Scented geraniums (*Pelargonium* spp.) include many varieties bred for their pungent smell. Those with a lemon scent are known to be best for repelling mosquitoes and other insects.

Lemon Verbena

Lemon Verbena stands out as having a strong, lemony scent that people love but mosquitos hate, making it an ideal choice for your garden.

Thyme

All varieties of repel mosquitoes but creeping thyme works best.

Other Plants to look into:

Ageratum, Garlic, Lantana, Mums, Pennyroyal, Sage, Wormwood