



# UVic Forest Biology Update

Fall 2024

## Successful MSc defense!

Congratulations to Daisuke Yamakawa for a successful MSc thesis defense on Oct. 10th. His topic was, "Proanthocyanidins in Poplar Roots - Effects on Mycorrhizal Colonization and Nitrogen Uptake." Way to go, Daisuke!!



## Bert Brink Scholarship Winner – Eve Kenny!

Congratulations to MSc student Eve Kenny (Ehltung Lab) on receiving the Bert Brink Scholarship from BC Nature (<https://bcnature.org/scholarships/>). "The scholarship honours the memory of Dr. Bert Brink, a past president of BC Nature and strong advocate of nature stewardship and conservation."



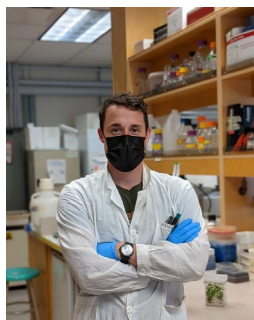
## Tour of the Malaview Laboratory



On September 12, 2024 a group of our FORB members (faculty, graduate students and undergraduate students) traveled to the new BC Ministry of Forests /Ministry of Environment laboratory in Sidney for a guided tour. Thanks to David and Amber for leading the tour and showing us the new space!

## Alumni News!

Congratulations to Dr. Harley Gordon on his new Assistant Professor position at the University of the Fraser Valley! Harley completed his PhD at UVic in 2022 with FORB Faculty member, Dr. C. Peter Constabel <https://www.ufv.ca/biology/contact-us/faculty/harley-gordon.htm>



## CBA's Magister

### Teaching Award!

Congratulations to Dr. Barbara Hawkins on receiving the CBA's Magister Teaching Award at the Plant Canada meeting in Winnipeg in July. Very well deserved!



## Recent Publications

Vance, M., Richardson, J., Hawkins, B., von Aderkas, P. 2024. **The Range-Wide Genetic Structure of a High-Elevation Conifer Species, Subalpine Larch.** *Journal of Biogeography*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jbi.15002>

Super, L., Fu, M., Guy, R., von Aderkas, P., Singh, S. 2024. **Studying phytobiomes as complex systems: a new framework for learners to scaffold understanding.** *Plant Health Instructor* 24: <https://doi.org/10.1094/PHI-F-2023-06-0006>



New FORB Members



**Sydney Houston**  
Dr. Constabel  
MSc



**Jessie Zhang**  
Dr. Constabel  
MSc



**Bethany Robson**  
Dr. Hawkins  
MSc



**Eve Kenny**  
Dr. Ehltling  
MSc



**Latina Penkova**  
Dr. Hawkins  
MSc

Current Undergraduate Students



**Liberty Evans-Agnew**  
Drs. Ehltling/Hawkins  
Honours



**Callah McCarroll**  
Dr. Ehltling  
Directed Study



**David Furlonger**  
Drs.  
Hawkins/Kranabetter  
Honours



**Maya Aubron-Albert**  
Dr. Constabel  
Research Assistant



**Neelam Jahan Esmail**  
Dr. Ehltling  
Directed Study



**Heidi Sawyer**  
Dr. Hawkins  
Directed Study



**Kaela Whittingham**  
Dr. Ehltling  
Research Assistant  
and Directed Study



**Olivia Osborne**  
Dr. Von Aderkas  
Directed Study



**Gemma Tomberli**  
Dr. Hawkins  
Research Assistant

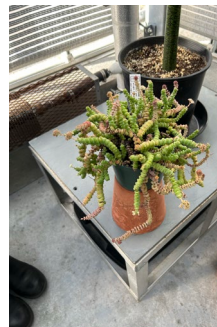
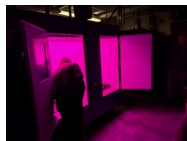


**Magali Holt-Lachance**  
Dr. Hawkins  
Research Assistant



## Biology Greenhouse Tour

Dr. Jürgen Ehling led a wonderful tour of the Greenhouse for a small group of admin from the Biology department and FORB. It was wonderful to see all the way that the Greenhouse is used by labs and classes. Photos by Minami Momi and Andrea Roszmann.



## New FORB Bench!

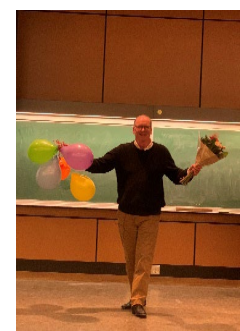


After the fallen branch destroyed our FORB bench (photo to the left) Brad (our Plant Growth Facilities Manager) started work on building a new one. On October 9, 2024 we had coffee at the new bench (photo to the right) for the first time and everyone was impressed with the look and design! Thank you Brad!



## Final Lecture – Congratulations Dr. von Aderkas!

FORB faculty member, Dr. Patrick von Aderkas, is pictured on October 24, 2024 celebrating the last lecture of his career. Some colleagues came by the class to help celebrate! Congratulations Patrick!



## Happy Halloween 2024!

FORB graduate students, Sarah Lane and Bethany Robson, showing off their forest-y costumes on Halloween. They make a very lovely symbiotic pair!



## FORB Hoodies!

Our FORB Hoodies are still for sale at \$50 each. If you would like one please pop by the FORB Office (Cunningham 153) with cash and pick one up! Office hours are Wednesday or Thursday 9:30am – 2:00pm

