

## Garden Tour Sponsors Open their Garden Gates to Community

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (VICTORIA – June 7, 2017) The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Victoria Hospice Teeny Tiny Garden Tour will take place on **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**. Visitors will have a chance to tour twelve of Victoria's most delightful and inspiring backyard gardens. This popular community event sells out every year and **all proceeds support Victoria Hospice**.

This year, the owners of Glass-Smith & Company, a local family business that has been sponsoring the event for the past four years, are opening their garden gates and inviting people in to see their bright and diverse garden as an official stop on the tour.

**“A person’s garden is their art,”** says Tim Smith. **You just use a shovel instead of a paint brush.”** Tim and his wife Carol’s garden is an ever-evolving piece of art. The work they do in their glass studio spills into their garden, adding bright focal points in an already varied space. Mosaics and stained glass keep the garden colourful even through Victoria’s most overcast winters.

Don’t miss their artful garden and eleven others clustered in five neighbourhoods: Fernwood, Hillside, Lansdowne, Braefoot and Gordon Head. They range from the truly teeny tiny to larger gardens – like Tim and Carol’s – too good not to be shared. Tour goers will enjoy everything from creative use of containers, to water features, edible gardens, and terraced gardens with meandering trails laden full of eclectic surprises around every corner. Each garden offers its own unique delight and inspiration.

The event runs from **9:30 am – 5:00 pm and tours are self-guided**. Ticket holders receive a map, brochure and enter to win wonderful draw prizes. **Tickets are only \$25** and can be purchased at Capital Iron, Heart Pharmacy IDA, Dig This, Garden Works and other locations throughout the city.

**Event details:** <https://www.victoriahospice.org/events/12th-annual-teeny-tiny-garden-tour>

**Did you know?** Donations fund almost half of Victoria Hospice’s annual operating costs and are critical for the ongoing operation of programs for patients and families and for education and research. Over the past year, Victoria Hospice has raised over \$3 million dollars. This remarkable accomplishment was made possible by generous donors and community events. To learn more about any of these events or how you can support end-of-life care in our community visit [www.victoriahospice.org](http://www.victoriahospice.org).

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## Tim and Carol Smith's garden is one of twelve stops at this year's Teeny Tiny Garden Tour



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**The Victoria Hospice Connection:** Tim's father Arnie Smith, who opened Glass-Smith & Company with his wife Kae fifty years ago, passed away at Victoria Hospice in 2007. Kae was so touched by the care they received that she began making annual donations so that families like hers could receive quality end-of-life care when they needed it most. Glass-Smith & Co jumped at the chance to become a Garden Sponsor for the Teeny Tiny Garden Tour as it fits perfectly with their love of gardening and their desire to give back. To learn more please read: <https://www.victoriahospice.org/stories/hospice-supporters-open-their-garden-gates>