

**South Surrey Garden Club
March 26 at 7:00 pm
St. Marks Church
12953 20th Avenue Surrey**

Everyone welcome! Drop-in fee \$5.00

**Dante Baies
Giverny: A Painter's Garden**

It is in Giverny where Monet was most fully able to express himself as a gardener, over the nearly 43 years that he lived there, from 1883 to his death in 1926. The presentation provides an overview of what shaped the gardens that he created there, and how those gardens were restored in the late 1970s. It also offers an exclusive, behind-the-greens look at the gardens through the seasons as they are today, and hopefully a little inspiration!

About Dante:

After studying French at UBC, I spent four summers at Monet's garden in Giverny—weeding, watering, digging, deadheading, and taking way too many photos! Locally, many of you may know me from my time at the much missed Free Spirit Nursery, where I helped find good homes for choice, hardy perennials and photographed them for the *Free Spirit Illustrated Manual*. I was also an enthusiastic landscape painter (dantebaies.com), until storing—or some might say hoarding—all of the accumulated paintings became problematic. Who knows, maybe my presentation on Monet will inspire me to get the brushes back out this spring...

