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Hothouse growers tap glass ceiling

New marketing commission sought

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SURREY – BC greenhouse vegetable growers have begun consultations with members on a new marketing commission for the sector.

Currently regulated by the BC Vegetable Marketing Commission, the greenhouse sector has unique needs that BC Greenhouse Growers Association (BCGGA) president Armand Vander Meulen says don't fit well with potatoes and other storage

Greenhouse board ▶



Good Karma

Kelowna fruit grower Karma Gill is the visionary behind Farming Karma, which his son Avi Gill runs with his wife Binnie. The family farm's diversification into sodas, spirits and other value-added products is building connections between consumers and local farms as well as creating opportunities for Karma's grandson Jhelum. Read their story on page 25. | MYRNA STARK LEADER

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Rancher honoured with medal

PETER MITHAM

VICTORIA – The longtime manager of Douglas Lake Cattle Co. has been honoured for his contributions to the community as part of his volunteer work.

Joe Gardner was one of nine representatives of the Government House Foundation honoured with a Charles III Coronation Medal at Government House in Victoria on July 18.

The medal, instituted to mark the king's coronation last year, complements the medals

presented on the occasion of the late queen's golden, diamond and platinum jubilees. It recognizes "those who have made significant contributions to Canada and their home province."

Best known as general manager of Douglas Lake, Canada's largest working cattle ranch, Gardner has also served the community in several capacities over the past 50 years.

Gardner's role as a trustee of the Government House Foundation dates from 2012, when fellow rancher Judith

Guichon was lieutenant governor. Trustees guide the foundation's activities but also serve as advisors to Government House when requested by the lieutenant governor.

Chosen for their specific areas of knowledge, trustees oversee the property and its grounds, contributing from their practical knowledge and insights into the historical and cultural values the property reflects as the official residence of the lieutenant governor.

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