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We've got exciting news about Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens!



April 2018

Happy Spring to all the friends and members of Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens! Spring has sprung, as they say, and the gardens are awaking once again from the long winter. Hopefully no more snow or late frosts, right? It is nice though to get out and work in the garden, enjoying all the spring goodies that are leafing out and beginning to bloom. Spring is always busy at the Arboretum and we have lots to tell you about for April - but first a review of a busy March.

- **The Everett Home and Garden Show** was a blast thanks to all the volunteers that helped out at our booth. Our spot looked great with the raffle prizes on display and some wonderful plants from

Sunnyside Nursery. We were lucky to have some great folks working shifts all weekend long telling visitors about Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens. Numerous people joined as members and we set a new record for raffle ticket sales. THANK YOU volunteers and especially Dotti Fickel for organizing the troops and dazzling the visitors with the raffle!

- **The Arboretum Annual Banquet was a HUGE success this year!** We had a record crowd for dinner at our annual meeting at Floral Hall. Members who attended were treated to a fun evening with good food, drink, conversation and lots of door prizes to take home! THANK YOU to all the members who came and supported the Arboretum! So many worked so hard to make this event happen led by Julie Simmons, event chair for 2018; Marylou, Sharon, Renee and Barb for all the work in the kitchen; and everyone who helped set up and take down. THANK YOU to all who helped make the 2018 Annual Banquet the best one yet!
- **The work parties in March were truly incredible!** We have never seen so much get accomplished so early in the season. After the last snow, there were piles of broken limbs and debris to clean up on top of the regular maintenance duties we perform. **Thank you to the Everett Parks and Community Services Department** for getting it all cut and ready, as well as taking down a few trees that were damaged beyond repair. We had unbelievable turn out at both the work parties and got so much done thanks to all the volunteers who showed up and pitched in. **Some special guests that helped this month the first time were an incredible group of volunteers from the Naval Branch Health Clinic Everett.** Our group cannot thank them enough for their help and dedication to their community. We appreciate their assistance and look forward to working with them in the future!

Now we are on to April and another busy month of events at the Arboretum! We have such a dedicated group of volunteers to make these events successful each month and we thank you all! There has been huge progress down in the South Area and we look forward to even more in April. This area is shaping up nicely and once completed promises to be a fabulous spot for visitors to stroll through admiring some new garden areas. We can't wait to show this completed project off to you, our dedicated members, and all the folks in the community who help make the Arboretum a showpiece for citizens and visitors alike!

- **[Plant Sale Work Parties](#)** are in full swing and we encourage all to come down and help prepare for the 2018 edition in June. These work parties are both fun and rewarding as volunteers label, organize, repot and play with all the little treasures as they come in for the sale. These work parties happen every Thursday from 10 until Noon at the Arboretum. Join our plant sale chairs Marylou,

Renee, and Barb as they make the 2018 edition the most successful yet!

- [Arboretum Gardening Days](#) (Work Parties) continue this month as well. We meet the first Wednesday and third Saturday of each month from 10 until Noon. This month the dates are Wednesday April 4th and Saturday April 21st. We have lots to work on and hope a number of our dedicated volunteers will come down and get dirty with us! Remember, all volunteers who come enter their name for gift certificate drawings from Sunnyside Nursery each month! How cool is that!
- [Earth Day and the Frog Fest at the Arboretum](#) is our first Family Fun Event of the 2018 season. We will have a special guest, Thayer Cueter ("THE FROG LADY"), down in the Arboretum talking about frogs in the garden and walking students around the Arboretum showing them how to construct frog habitats. How cool is that? All students will also be planting new native plant starts along the Native Plant Walk as well taking one home on us! Mark your calendars and join us for this unique event on Saturday, April 21st from Noon until 2 PM. Or better yet, come at 10 AM and help out with the work party from 10 until Noon as well. Celebrate Earth Day in the Arboretum with us - we would love to have your family attend!

Thank you as always for your membership and support of the Arboretum. We wish everyone a happy and productive time in the garden this month and we hope to see you on an Arboretum walkabout soon. Don't forget to tell your friends, co-workers and neighbors about all the fun things going on at Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens!

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