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



## April 2019

Happy Spring to all the friends and members of Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens! It sure feels like spring is here, which means another fabulously fun year of gardening at our homes and in the Arboretum. Plants have awakened from their winter dormancy and a lot of our NW gardening staples like Rhododendrons and Azaleas are blooming away. Before we see what is happening in the Arboretum in April, let us review a busy month of March.

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

in Marysville. 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. Excellent raffle ticket sales kicked off the 2019 edition of the Arboretum Raffle. THANK YOU, volunteers, for dazzling the visitors with your passion for the Arboretum and our mission in the community - we couldn't do it without you!

- **The Arboretum Annual Banquet was a HUGE success this year!** We had an outstanding 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! We were so grateful to see all the members who came and supported the Arboretum! So many worked so hard to make this event happen led by Vicky Reyes and Dotti Fickel, event co-chairs for 2019. Thanks to Marylou, Sharon, Renee, and their helpers for all the work in the kitchen. Thanks to everyone who helped set up and take down. We all helped make the 2019 Annual Banquet the best one yet!
- **The work parties in March were truly incredible!** After a snowy February there was much to clean up in March. **Thank you to the Everett Parks and Community Services Department** for all the help. Parks was able to get us extra tools as well as take out a few shrubs that were damaged beyond repair. We had unbelievable turnout at both of the work parties and got so much done due to all the volunteers who showed



up and pitched in. **Some special guests that helped in March were an incredible group of volunteers from the Navy Carrier Strike Group 11.** They cleaned up huge piles of debris, edged, got some huge trees planted, and cleaned the front entrance. Our group cannot thank them enough for their dedication to their community. We appreciated all the help and look forward to working with them again soon!

### **Now we are on to April and another busy month of events at the Arboretum!**

- **Plant Sale Work Parties** have begun and we encourage all to come down and help prepare for the 2019 Plant Sale in June. These work parties are both fun and rewarding as you 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, Hap, and Barb as they make the 2019 edition the most successful yet!
- **The Egg Scramble is our first Family Fun Event of the 2019 season.** We are all proud to kick off the Family Fun Event Series with the Egg Scramble on Saturday, April 20th, from 1 to 2 PM. Hap Wertheimer and her team of volunteers



will be hiding eggs throughout the turf areas in the Arboretum and allowing guests to "hop" around and collect them. Inside the eggs will be seeds which can then be planted in these eggs and taken home in egg cartons for planting at home. There will be treats and drinks for all the bunnies who attend! This event is free to all who come and we are hoping for a huge crowd. Dress for the weather as this event will happen rain or shine. Be sure to hop on down and join us for this celebration of Earth Day and the new life of spring!

- **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, that is Wednesday April 3rd and Saturday April 20th. 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 are eligible for gift certificate drawings from Sunnyside Nursery each month!
- **Our new Spring Garden Open House is from 1-4 PM on Saturday the 27th.** We added this special event for 2019 to celebrate all the projects that have been accomplished at the Arboretum. **Members, volunteers, friends, residents - everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a fun day in the gardens with us!** There will be hors d'oeuvres and sparkling cider for all.



Displays will be set up for folks to view. Docents and volunteers will be on hand to answer questions. Come and see the completed south area, including the massive "Siblings" sculpture from James Madison. Please spread the word about this special day and bring the family down on April 27th for a grand celebration!

Thanks to you all as always for your membership and support of the Arboretum. We wish everyone 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!

**Trevor Cameron, President**  
Evergreen Arboretum and Garden

## Local Plant Sales from Groups that Support the Arboretum

Northwestern Chapter of the  
North American Rock Garden Society



*Spring Plant Sale*



Please Join Us at

**The Bellevue Botanical Garden  
Aaron Education Room**

**On Saturday,  
APRIL 13, 2019  
From 10am to 2pm**



**Rock garden and companion plants**



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