



August 2019

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Trevor Cameron, Evergreen Arboretum President

Happy August to all the friends and members of Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens! As the summer heat comes out and the gardens are flourishing - sit and enjoy some shade and admire the fruits of your labors. Dancing Dahlias. Fresh Tomatoes off the vine. Bountiful berries. Roses blooming everywhere. Happy pollinators frolicking about their favorite flowers. Mr. Hummingbird visiting the Fuchsias. Ahhhh..... The sweet sights and smells of summer keep on coming please!

Although we officially take August off each year as a Board (no meetings), but the projects and work parties keep on going. We have some things cooking as you will read about below, and all of our dedicated volunteers continue to keep the gardens looking as sharp as possible. Much summer pruning has been done as we help care for all the trees in the gardens. All of us on the Board of Directors continue to strive to make the Arboretum an escape for the residents of Everett and a destination for visitors from all over.

If you have not visited the gardens lately, be sure to stop and see the new basalt sculpture that was installed in the south area. It is located in the Nativar garden in honor of Andy Sudkamp, a dear friend to all of us who

passed was too young. Dave Haslett did a fabulous job on the piece and we are proud to be able to have added it to the sculpture collection in the Arboretum.

You will see even more improvements are coming soon. We have an entire new signage system going in now. These will not only describe the different gardens, but also have QR codes which will link folks to our website. And speaking of our website..... part of this update for us is a brand new website. Design has begun and as we build content and add information this new site will be useful to all. The new signs will link to specific garden pages, and allow for better photographs, videos, and plant information. We are confident all of you will enjoy this new site, and we hope it will allow for improved exposure for Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens and all of the wonderful things we are doing together in the gardens.

Be sure to check the schedules and join us when you can for a class, a work party, or a special event. It is such a treat to see families, friends and especially children down in the gardens having fun, enjoying the views and spending time together in a place filled with peace and beauty. As always, many thanks to all of you who support Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens. We wish you a continuing pleasant summer and hope to see you on an Arboretum walkabout soon in the gardens!

Trevor Cameron, President
Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens

One More Huge ‘THANK YOU!’ for the Plant Sale and Raffle 2019!

We continue to thank, thank, and thank everyone – but the 2019 versions of the Plant Sale and Raffle deserve another huge ‘thank you’ to all that were involved! After adding up all the numbers, your Board of Directors was extremely pleased with the results – both fundraisers far exceeded our expectations and were beyond successful. We can now take all those funds raised and put them directly back into projects in the Arboretum!

The Plant Sale takes so much time to put together, and starts literally months ahead of time. Due to the leadership and organization of the 2019 plant sale chairs..... and all the wonderful volunteers that helped at work parties..... and all the help the day of the sale..... and the community business and homeowners that donated some fabulous plants..... and the Everett Parks and Community Services for allowing us to do the sale at Legion Park..... and the shoppers from our community that supported the sale with their pocketbooks..... the 2019 Plant Sale was a huge success. That’s a lot of thanks! Way to go team!



The raffle is always a fun annual Arboretum tradition and the 2019 edition was another awesome fundraiser for the gardens. Thanks to Dotti Fickel for leading the raffle team once again! So many folks bought raffle tickets and of course we couldn’t do this without the incredible generosity of the businesses and individuals who donated the beautiful prizes. Some happy winners took home some nice items this summer after the drawing at the Plant Sale in June. Way to go again team!

Horizontal Rock Garden Work Begins

The south area completion project has been in the works for a long time and we are finally at completion! It has been a long and winding road as they say but a most rewarding one now that we are nearing the end! **It continues to be a pleasure working with Everett Parks and Community Services on this project, in particular Bob Leonard, Russell Dance and Dan Staple.** We have had some bumps in the road as all projects seem to incur but that just makes the finished project more sweet and satisfying! We thank the city for partnering

with us in this endeavor and thank them for cleaning up all the loose ends down there so that we can plant. Most have seen the new garden around the “Siblings” sculpture at the far south end as well as the fabulous Nativar Garden planted along the East fence line. Over summer we are embarking on another phase of the south area – a brand new Horizontal Rock Garden on the west fence line. This will surround the “Roundness of the Horizon” sculpture, and will feature miniature plants planted amongst slabs of beautiful Huckleberry basalt. **Thanks to NARGS – The North American Rock Garden Society - for helping us with this project.** The generous grant they bestowed upon us has purchased some outstanding plants. We are excited to host them for their annual picnic in the Arboretum on August 17th, and we hope to show them progress. We will keep all of you updated as well and show off some pictures once it is completed!

Check of the Cool Bowl Gardens!



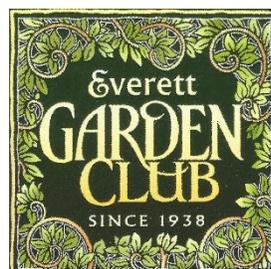
Be sure on your next visit to see the new bowl gardens that have been set up at the base of the viewing mound. These come from the hard work of Sandy and Ted Milam and all three turned out fabulously. The bowls show distinct themes of miniature plants in a container setting. The large concrete bowls look simply fantastic set amongst a bed of crushed granite. They will surely inspire visitors for years to come – thank you Sandy and Ted!

Family Fun Event a Huge Success!

Our group is proud to offer events for all to enjoy and on July 27th we held our annual Summer Fest in the gardens. We hosted a nice crowd and everyone had a great time. We are all so proud of the Arboretum and hope that all the visitors enjoyed the day in the gardens. **Organizations we would like to thank include the Everett Public Library, Paws to Read, The Imagine Children’s Museum, The Schack Art Center, Master Gardeners of Snohomish County, The Pilchuck Audubon Society, Pacific Stone of Everett, the Everett Garden Club, Bev the Yoga master, Girl Scout Troop #44342, and the YMCA. Marco Cortes played music in the garden and kept everyone smiling, singing and dancing.** There was rock painting, face painting, popcorn and a great scavenger hunt for kids. We could not have done this family fun event without all the help from these awesome community organizations. We thank them for partnering with our Board and volunteers to make this such a special family day in the gardens. All of this happened with the leadership and vision of Hap Wertheimer, event chair, and all the volunteers who helped make this event a success. Thank you! We can’t wait to see the 2020 edition next summer!



We recognize these two fine organizations especially for sponsoring Summer Fest 2019 – Pacific Stone of Everett and the Everett Garden Club. Thanks from all of us for helping this year!



A Special Class Series at the Arboretum – Bees and Botany

In July (and continuing into August) we had the pleasure of partnering with The Imagine Children's Museum to provide an AWESOME class series for preschoolers – Bees and Botany. The eager little minds who signed up are being treated to knowledge and fun projects all geared towards bees and plants. **Our group cannot thank The Imagine Children's Museum Staff enough for this great series.** We hope to continue partnering with them every summer so all our junior entomologists and botanists can keep learning about the crucial relationship between pollinators, plants and our environment.



Join Us for Our Bulb Fest This Fall at the Arboretum!

We have a special event planned for this fall in the Arboretum...our third annual Bulb Fest celebration day that promises to be fun for the whole family. **On Saturday October 19th from 1 PM until 3 PM we will be planting hundreds of bulbs in the Arboretum gardens.** Come down, help out AND take a free bag of bulbs home to plant in your yard. We are trying to add masses of color and planting these bulbs in different areas will help. The reward in spring will be stunning for all who visit the Arboretum! All the Daffodils, Tulips, Snowdrops and other bulbs we planted last October were simply spectacular this spring. Bulbs are easy – Dig, Drop, Done is the motto! We will meet at the Arboretum entrance that day and get to the planting ASAP. This is a free event for everyone so please mark your calendars for this Family Fun Event and join us as we continue to make the gardens more beautiful for all to enjoy!

Captivating Cultivating Classes..... Provided by Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens!

Come and learn about all things horticulture from our guest instructors at the Arboretum. Classes are the 3rd Saturday of each month from 1pm to 2pm unless otherwise noted. Special note to members – you will have access all seminars in the gardens free of charge! Others may join these classes by becoming Arboretum members or paying a \$10 class fee. Please RSVP by calling 425-257-8597 or online at contactus@evergreenarboretum.com. See a complete class listing for 2019 on our website as well.

FUN, FABULOUS FERNS! Saturday August 17th 1PM to 3 PM

Join us in learning all things about temperate ferns for our NW gardens. Judith will enlighten everyone about these shade beauties and discuss how to select and incorporate them into our gardens at home. She will be doing a lecture in the classroom for the first hour, and then the class will be heading to the Woodland Garden for a hands on planting demonstration as Judith will be adding some new specimens to the Fernery in the Arboretum. Ferns will also be available for sale at the class! **Instructor: Judith Jones, Owner of Fancy Fronds Nursery and friend of the Arboretum.**



DWARF CONIFERS FOR THE GARDEN Saturday September 21st 1PM to 2PM

Join Robert for this incredible discussion about dwarf conifers for the garden. Specimens that stay reliably small will be discussed as everyone learns how to properly select and site the perfect conifer in their small garden space. Come discover all the colors, textures and growth habits of these coniferous creatures. Robert is a founder of the American Conifer Society and author – he will even have his books available for purchase and signing at the class! **Instructor: Robert Fincham, American Conifer Society founder, author and friend of the Arboretum.**

BULB FEST – A FAMILY FUN EVENT! Saturday October 19th, 1 PM to 3 PM

Don't forget about the Bulb Fest which we put on in lieu of a class in October! Come plant some with fellow volunteers while learning about bulbs and how to grow them. AND take some home on us to plant in your own garden!

PLANTS FOR WINTER PIZAZZ Saturday November 16th 1 PM to 2 PM

Do you want a year around garden with pizazz in all seasons? Want to know how to create interest in your garden after all the leaves have fallen, the branches are bare and it is winter time? There are a number of great plants to provide winter interest in our NW gardens including bloom, colorful winter foliage, interesting bark and berries. Come and discover how to create a landscape that has color and contrast in the winter months as well. **Instructor: Trevor Cameron, Sunnyside Nursery General Manager and Arboretum President.**

Come and Get Dirty with Us!

Arboretum work parties have been scheduled for the season. We would love to have anyone interested in helping join us. These work parties are necessary to continue to keep the gardens looking top notch. Come and pitch in while you talk plants and gardening with other volunteers. Enjoy the fresh air and our beautiful Arboretum. Be sure to bring your gloves, tools, a bottle of water and your smiles. We hope to see you there and thank you in advance for your help! All work parties are 10AM to Noon.

Wednesday 10AM to Noon	Saturdays 10 AM to Noon
Wednesday August 7 th	Saturday August 17 th
Wednesday September 4 th	Saturday September 21 st
	Saturday September 28 th - Volunteer BBQ Celebration*
Wednesday October 2 nd	Saturday October 19 th

***Notice the Volunteer BBQ Celebration on the schedule above – see our website for details. We cordially invite all volunteers for this special day as we say thank you for supporting Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens. Come join us as we eat and converse about all the wonderful things we accomplished in 2019 thanks to all of you - our dedicated volunteers!**

Special reminder on work parties for 2019.....we have purchased \$25 gift certificates to Sunnyside Nursery in Marysville and we continue to give them away to volunteers each month all season long. Be sure to come and sign your name on volunteer sheet to be entered for the gift certificate drawing. **Every time you volunteer we enter your name to win!**

HELP WANTED – WE NEED YOUR HELP AT THE ARBORETUM!

Our Board of Directors is looking for help – special help – from some special folks who would be willing to assist us in the many things our Board is trying to accomplish. The Arboretum needs folks in the community to come and join us as potential board members. We could use help on a number of committees and assistance with a number of projects we are trying to get going. We are looking for help in fundraising, sponsorships, volunteer day supervision and anything else you may have experience with. We look for fresh faces and perspectives to continue growing our group and helping ensure Evergreen



Arboretum Gardens flourishes for the next generation to enjoy. Please contact us on our website if you are interested in helping, or join us for one of our monthly board meetings. We meet the second Tuesday of every month at 530 PM in the Horticulture Classroom at Legion Park near the Arboretum entrance. We do not meet in August, but join us on September 10th at 5:30 PM for our next meeting. Bring your enthusiasm, energy and ideas - keep our group moving forward and help the Arboretum continue to grow!

The Garden Club Corner 2019

At Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens, all of our members are important. But certainly none more so than our garden club members. We appreciate their support and truly value the partnerships we make with them. Our Board of Directors has decided to add this section to our newsletter going forward, to let all of you know about local gardening clubs and when they meet. Watch in future newsletters as we continue to update everyone on special events they provide in the community, including plant sales. We look forward to helping in any way we can support these great local clubs and thank them for supporting Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens!

GARDEN CLUB	MEETING TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT INFO
Alderwood GC	1 st Thu @ 7 PM	Cedar Valley Grange	www.alderwoodgardenclub.org
Arlington Garden Club	2 nd Mon @ 11 AM	Gleneagle Golf Course	www.arlingtongardenclub.org
Camano Garden Club	3 rd Thu @ 1 PM	Camano Country Club	www.camanogardenclub.org
Edmonds Floretum GC	3 rd Mon @ 10 AM	Edmonds City Hall	www.edmondsfloretumgardenclub.org
Everett Garden Club	3 rd Wed @ 9:30AM	Citrine Health Building	everettgardenclub@hotmail.com
Green Thumb GC	Varies each month	Martha Lake Fire Station	waller1397@comcast.net
Greenwood GC	Varies each month	Warm Beach Church	Patricia Simmons 360.652.4138
Mill Creek GC	2 nd Tue, Sept-May	Shawn O'Donnell's Everett	www.millcreekgardenclub.com
Monroe Garden Club	2 nd Mon @10 AM	United Methodist Church	www.monroegardenclub.net
Mukilteo Way GC	3 rd Tue @10:30AM	Varies - Member Homes	www.mwgc.org
NW Chapter of NARGS	Varies each month	Varies each Month	www.nargsnw.org
Pilchuck Fuchsia Society	4 th Mon @7 PM	Jennings Park, Marysville	Margaret Johnson 425-210-6272
Snohomish GC	2 nd Mon @ 7 PM	Snohomish Senior Ctr.	www.snohomishgardenclub.com

Special Events coming soon:

Pilchuck Fuchsia Society – they will be holding their first annual Fuchsia Show at Sunnyside Nursery in Marysville on **Saturday August 3rd**. Event judging will be from 10 AM until Noon, and public viewing and people's choice awards happen from Noon until 4 PM.

Snohomish County Dahlia Society – they will be their annual Dahlia show at Sunnyside Nursery in Marysville on **Saturday August 10th from 9 AM until 3 PM**. There will be judging in multiple categories and some outstanding Dahlias to view for the public.

Don't forget you can always make a donation on our website. All donations are tax deductible as we are a registered non-profit and 100% off them go directly to projects in the gardens!

Thank you to all of our faithful members that have renewed their memberships for 2019! If you have not renewed it as yet, it is never too late to join and help support Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens!



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