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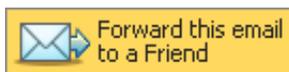
## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**Libbie Soden, Evergreen Arboretum President**

### **VOTE TO HELP THE ARBORETUM WIN \$5000.**

PLEASE go to <http://www.lamoureuxhomes.com/> and vote for the Arboretum! Voting ends in September so there are only a few weeks left. Our next big project is to complete the development of the South Area Plan at the south end of the arboretum. We need your vote to win the \$5000 gift from Lamoureux Realty.

The Arboretum's 50th Anniversary year has had the best summer weather I can remember. Just keep watering those gardens, and come out to enjoy the Arboretum in full flower. There's much to celebrate this year. For the first time we have a full 12 member Board of Directors all providing strong leadership and hard work on a wide variety of projects and events. Between the board members, officers, and our many other volunteers we had our best results ever from the Plant Sale, Garden Tour, Raffle, Outreach Event, Tree Planting and more. Many thanks to all for a stellar 50th Anniversary!



## 2013 Gardens of Merit Tour by Cheryl Durham

June 22nd was a GRAND DAY! We had sunshine and buckets of enthusiasm. There were 8 wonderful gardens on the tour, 7 sponsors underwriting the tour, 18 hostesses greeting our guest on the tour, and a fun pre-tour luncheon. The Posters and Tickets were gorgeous. 8 vendors sold tickets for us. All together we sold nearly 500 tickets!

The 2013 Garden Tour Committee worked together to create a wonderful experience for everyone. Committee Chairs Cheryl Durham and Patti Lohse are both ready, willing and able to assist a 2014 Garden Tour Chairperson. Please consider stepping forward to be the 2014 Garden Tour Chair. The public really enjoys the tour, which is often their main connection to the Arboretum.



*2013 Gardens of Merit Committee Chairs Cheryl Durham and Patti Lohse*

## Don't miss the fall colors of the Arboretum! by Sandy Schumacher

The Japanese Maple Boskoop Glory, pictured at the top, is one of many in the Arboretum's collection, that will be showing their full fall colors in late September through October. They put on a spectacular show and one that you and your guests do not want to miss. These trees are well known for their attractive leaf shape as well as their colors. Fall is the perfect time for a stroll through the Arboretum as the bright fall sun helps to accentuate the kaleidoscope of colors that appear in many of the gardens. Walking through our collection of Japanese Maples is a tradition that you'll want to repeat every year, during a time of fall garden aromas, bright sun and cool breezes. It is a very special time and we invite you to come and experience the magic.



## 2013 Plant Sale a Huge Success! Volunteers made it fun!



*Plant sale volunteers, Dotti Fickel, Steve Smith, Emile VanDenAkker, Vicki Reyes and Pam Lee are ready for a big day.*



*Thanks to many volunteer hands, the Arboretum was ready for the 2013 Plant Sale and the many visitors who came to purchase plants.*

Arboretum outreach through our website  
**by Jayne Musladin**

Our '[Contact Us](#)' site is drawing interest from a variety of people. It's an easy place to sign up for Arboretum classes. I've noticed an increase in activity when the Parks and Recreation bulletin is distributed. Right now there are people registering for [Dee Drake's class - Fall and Winter Containers](#) - on Sept. 21 from noon til 1:00PM. (There's limited enrollment, so if you're planning on going it's a good idea to sign up now. It's limited to 25 enrollees). Some have asked if their dogs are allowed, just for strolling, and one to attend a wedding at our gardens. I tell them their dog-friends are welcome so long as they are on a leash, and that plastic bags are provided for their convenience near the kiosk on the way into the Arboretum.

I've also been asked if the Arboretum is ADA accessible for a woman whose mother uses a walker. This was a perfect time to toot our horn about our wonderful new path and the South end development planned for next year. I received a very nice thank you e-mail after they went on their visit through the Arboretum. They plan on coming back again.

Requests for information regarding weddings at the Arboretum come in all year, but increase in the Spring for those planning Summer weddings. Brides-to-be make contact as do prospective grooms, and one father of the bride said his daughter asked (told?) him to inquire about the availability of the Arboretum.

In my capacity of Corresponding Secretary, there has been only positive activity on Contact Us. People show interest in the Arboretum, join as members, make monetary donations, sign up for classes and are hopefully spreading the word that WE ARE HERE and are a vital part of the community!

Remember to bring guests and friends as well as family, and mention the Arboretum in casual conversations.

## Statewide Master Gardener Conference open to all!

This year's statewide Master Gardener Conference will be held in EVERETT on September 26, 27 & 28, 2013 as they celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Master Gardener Program. The Conference offers forty classes conducted by experts in their fields, and the public is invited to attend. All Conference events are being held at the Hansen Conference Center at Comcast Arena. For more information and costs, go to <http://www.wa-mg-conf.org/index.html>



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## Every new leaf helps the arboretum grow Your name on a permanent oak leaf

Make a gift of \$250.00 or more to help finish the South Arboretum Plan "SAP" and we will show our appreciation by putting your message on a stainless steel oak leaf. The leaves will be a part of our SAP fund raising exhibit in the classroom and at special events until they are prominently displayed in their permanent home as part of the completion of the south arboretum gardens. This is our way for saying thank you for your support.

Please limit your message to three lines with no more than 25 characters and spaces per line.

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