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August 2018

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Trevor Cameron, Evergreen Arboretum President

Happy August to all the friends and members of Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens! As we head into the heat of summer, we continue to accomplish many projects in the gardens. But it is also time to sit back in the shade and enjoy all the wonderful plants and animals that flourish in those gardens. We have some time to reflect and plan for fall projects after the weather cools a bit. We have some serious planting to do this fall!

Much has happened this month in the gardens as you will read below. We are excited to have the south area completed and ready to plant. We LOVE the new sculpture by James Madison that has been installed. We are continuing to add some new plants in the Woodland Garden, and strive to continue to refurbish some other areas in the gardens as well. The work parties this summer have been well attended but we can always use more help. There is so much to do and with the help of volunteers and Everett Parks and Community Services we will keep the Arboretum evolving and looking top notch!

We invite you to come down and see all the progress. With the assistance of all our volunteers, members, and donations from our generous community there is progress in

a number of areas. We thank all of you as always for the help and look forward to sharing all the improvements with you and the visitors who discover the Arboretum - Everett's hidden gem of a park!

Our group is now dedicated to completing the Oak Leaf Fundraising project which is long overdue. Thank you for your patience and we will keep you updated as we look to have the first metal sculpture for ready for leaf mounting very soon. Look for some pictures of them very soon on our website and in future newsletters.

Once again, 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!



One More Huge 'THANK YOU!' for the Plant Sale and Raffle 2018!

We continue to thank, thank, and thank everyone - but the 2018 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 2018 chairs **Renee Greenleaf**, **Marylou Hart**, and **Barb Campbell** - and all the wonderful volunteers that helped at work parties and 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 2018 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 2018 edition was another awesome fundraiser for the gardens. Thanks to **Dotti Fickel** and **Vicky Reyes** 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 for 2018. Some happy winners took home some nice items this summer after the drawing at the Plant Sale in June. Way to go again team!

South Area Completion Update: Thank You to the Everett Parks and Community Services!

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 has been a pleasure working with Everett Parks and Community Services on this project, in particular Bob Leonard, Russell Dance, and Geoff Larson.** We have had some bumps in the road as all projects seem to incur, but that just



South Area Completion

makes the finished project all the 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. We look forward to showing this area off to everyone and encourage all of you to stop in and see all that has happened. This completed south area will grow into another fabulous garden in the Arboretum!



The New Siblings Sculpture Has Been Installed!

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that our new sculpture 'Siblings' has been completed and installed in the Arboretum. **James Madison, local artist extraordinaire, had a vision and did a fabulous design. The finished project is simply stunning as it towers over the south end of the Arboretum.** It will grace the south area with its presence for all eternity! James did an incredible job and the sculpture is something we are all extremely happy with. Be sure to stop by and take a peek at Siblings, the newest piece in the collection at the Arboretum. We thank all the folks who helped raise the money to purchase this new sculpture. The City of Everett, its residents, the membership and all the visitors to the Arboretum should be proud of this new signature sculpture by James Madison.



Siblings by James Madison

Family Fun Event a Huge Success!

Our group is proud to offer events for all to enjoy and on July 28th, 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 and sunshine. **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, Janet Hamilton (who did the fabulous pastel painting), The Pilchuck Audubon Society, Bartlett Tree Care, the Everett Garden Club and the YMCA. Marco Cortes also played music in the garden.** There were balloons, 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 the Arboretum to make this such a special family day in the gardens. All of this happened with the leadership and vision of event chair Hap Wertheimer and all the volunteers who helped make this event a success. Thank you! We can't wait to see the 2019 edition next summer!

We recognize these four organizations for partnering with us to sponsor Summer Fest 2018 - thank you so much from all of us on the Board of Directors for helping us to provide this fun day for all!



New Bridge Is Coming for the Woodland Garden!

One of the most popular spots in the Arboretum is the quaint little bridge crossing a dry rock creek bed over in the Woodland Garden. As part of our rejuvenation of this area that is ongoing, we have wanted to replace the bridge which is getting a bit wobbly and is very slick in the winter months. **We are extremely pleased that Jacob Bazzel, a local scout has agreed to take on this bridge replacement as his Eagle Scout project.** Jacob has a wonderful design done and with the approval of the Everett Parks and Community Services, will be starting this project very soon. We look to remove the existing bridge immediately after the Family Fun Event on July 28th, and construct the new bridge in early August. The new and improved bridge promises to last for years and be much safer for visitors to the Arboretum. Thank you, Jacob, for partnering with us on this project - we appreciate all your efforts and can't wait to see the finished bridge installed at Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens.

Thank You to Our Summer Intern at the Arboretum!



Intern Lisa Wooley

One of our continuing goals each year is to be involved in an internship program with Edmonds Community College. This local public institution has always been at the forefront of horticulture education programs in the area and prepares students for a variety of positions in the horticulture industry. **This summer we have the pleasure of a new intern, Lisa Wooley, joining us from Edmonds CC. Thanks to Libbie Soden, our internship program coordinator, for setting this all up with Edmonds CC. And..... Special thanks to Lorraine Brooks, Horticulture Instructor at Edmonds CC, for allowing us to use this program with her students.** Lisa will be able to join us for

everything from volunteer work days to board meetings and hopefully she will get some valuable insight and experience into the things that go on at the Arboretum. Most importantly, she will be able to see how our non-profit charity functions in terms of fundraising and grant writing.

Lisa is an avid gardener with many years of gardening experience. Although she has done a number of things in her career, her love of plants and the outdoors has led her to pursue a degree at Edmonds CC. Lisa has a number of interests in the garden, including perennials, evergreen shrubs, edibles, and organic gardening methods. Having completed a vast array of courses already, she is deciding where her education and love of the garden will take her next. She may call herself "an older student of horticulture",

but we say it is never too late to learn about all the wonderful things we can grow! We all love having Lisa with us and will be wishing her the best of luck in wherever her career leads her. Thank you, Lisa, for all your efforts this summer in the Arboretum!

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

We have a special event planned for this fall in the Arboretum..... our second annual Bulb Fest celebration day that promises to be fun for the whole family. **On Saturday October 20th from Noon until 2 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 we planted this past October were simply spectacular this year. 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 all Arboretum members and again, you will get a bag of bulbs to take home and plant. Not a member? The fee is \$10 for the event. You can also join the Arboretum anytime on our website or join the day of Bulb Fest as well. 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 12 to 1pm unless otherwise noted. **Special note to members - you will have access to all seminars this year in the gardens free of charge! Others may join these classes by becoming Arboretum members or paying a \$10 registration fee.** Please RSVP by calling 425-257-8597 or online at contactus@evergreenarboretum.com. See a complete class listing for 2018 on our [website](#) as well. Let's make this the best year of Arboretum classes yet!



Sex in the Garden

Saturday, August 18th

12 - 1 PM Members FREE; Non-members \$10

Just how far will plants and their pollinating partners go to sustain their life and perpetuate the species? Come and find out who the players are in our gardens and how to attract them. These pollinators provide the fruits of our growing labors in the gardens. Hence, they essentially produce all the fruits, vegetables, and nuts that feed us

all. This will be both a fun and informative class for all to enjoy.

Instructor: Sandy Schumacher, Master Gardener and friend of the Arboretum

Wildlife Habitat Gardening

Saturday, September 15th

12 -1 PM Members FREE; Non-members \$10

Want to know what it takes to build a wildlife-friendly garden? Come and learn what kinds of plants and gardening techniques will turn your yard into an oasis for native animals. Your gardens can be essential microhabitats to our wildlife so come on down and transform your ordinary garden into as extraordinary wildlife habitat!

Instructor: Alicia Kellogg, Community Conservation Technician with the Snohomish Conservation District and friend of the Arboretum

Bulb Fest - A Family Fun Event!!

Saturday, October 20th

12 - 2 PM Members FREE; Non-members \$10

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

BEYOND A BARE NAKED GARDEN

Saturday, November 17th

12 - 2 PM Members FREE; Non-members \$10

Do you want a year-round garden with interest 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 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!

Wednesdays 10am - 12pm	Saturdays 10am - 12pm
August 7th	August 18th
September 5th	September 15th
October 3rd	September 22nd - Volunteer BBQ
	October 20th

Notice the Volunteer BBQ Celebration on the schedule above - see our website for details. We cordially invite all volunteers to join us for this special day as we try and say thank you for supporting the Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens. Come join us as we eat and converse about all the wonderful things we accomplished in 2018 thanks to all you wonderful volunteers!

Special reminder on work parties for 2018..... 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!



Attention Members:

The Board Has Recommended New Membership Levels Starting for 2019 Renewals

Your Board of Directors have unanimously approved some membership level tweaks that we would like to begin this fall and will affect renewals for the 2019/2020 membership year. As you know, memberships to Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens are renewed each March 1st and last for one calendar year. The following are the proposed new membership levels:

Individual Membership \$25

Household/Family Membership \$40

Supporter Membership \$100

Sustaining Membership \$500

Lifetime Membership \$1,000

These levels would replace the current levels. As in the past, all the money collected from memberships goes directly back into the Arboretum. All members who wish to comment on these changes are both invited and welcomed at our September board meeting. This will take place at the Arboretum classroom/portable at Legion Park on Tuesday, September 11th at 6:30 PM. Please come if you like as we will be taking comments on this topic and taking a final vote for the membership due changes - and members that are present are all entitled to vote on the issue.

HELP WANTED - We Need YOUR Expertise 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, website updates, 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 6:30 PM in the Horticulture Classroom at Legion Park near the Arboretum entrance. We do not meet in August, but join us on September 11th at 6:30 PM for our next meeting. Bring your enthusiasm, energy, and ideas and help keep our group moving forward helping the Arboretum continue to grow!





**Thanks to our annual sponsor -
Sunnyside Nursery in Marysville!**



Mark your calendars - our annual volunteer appreciation BBQ will be held on Saturday September 22nd from 12 - 2 PM at the Arboretum. Please join us and let us thank you for all the help this season!

Thank you to all of our faithful members that have renewed their membership for 2018! If you have not renewed it is never too late to [join and help support Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens](#).



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