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



December 2018

Happy December to all the friends and members of Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens! Here we go..... time to leave autumn behind this month and welcome old man winter once again. That means that the holidays are upon us and it is officially the magical season with family and friends. As the days get darker, remember they soon get brighter once again..... and before you know it, spring will be on the horizon. As with all the seasons, there is still much to admire in the Arboretum's gardens. Be sure to stop in for a winter walkabout when you can!

In this past month, some serious changes have happened down at the Arboretum. **Everett Parks and Community Services has done some removal work in the gardens and we cannot thank them enough!**

All of the shrubs and undergrowth along the eastern side of the Small Tree Walk have been totally removed. A number of overgrown plants along the west side of the Woodland Garden and Maple Grove have been removed as well. There is space, light, and air circulation now! These are areas our group has been hoping could be renovated for some time.

Partnering with Parks, we are now able to go back in and replant new specimens. These new plants will be smaller and



require less maintenance, but will still offer visitors the same beautiful landscape as always. For example, several old Hydrangeas were taken out and although we will miss them, now newer varieties can go in. These will bloom on new wood each summer and can be pruned more easily to remain smaller. Most importantly they will still provide the awesome summer bloom like the old ones. Again, THANK YOU to everyone in the Parks and Community Services Department for all the help! We are excited to get to work this winter on filling all the empty spaces and continuing our efforts to rejuvenate the gardens.

There are a couple other ongoing projects that we will continue to tackle over the winter. We have big plans as always to continue to improve the Arboretum!

- **The Oak Leaf Fundraiser will be done soon.** The pieces for mounting the leaves are being made now, and we will immediately be installing them in the gardens once ready to go. We will let you know when they are ready for you to come visit and admire!
- **We are planning to install a new composite wood border along the conifer garden and woodland garden paths this winter.** This will include bringing in new gravel as well as tidying up this whole area to keep it safe for visitors.
- **The Woodland Garden bridge replacement project** with the Scouts will be happening this month. It had been scheduled for November, but we had some support issues to solve first. The new bridge will be clear cedar and sturdy for generations to come.
- **We will be planting new specimens** in the south area garden, and a few more Japanese Maples in the Maple Grove. As mentioned above, this will include replacing some of the old Hydrangeas, Rhododendrons, and other overgrown shrubs that were removed.

All of these improvements happen thanks to memberships, community grants, and generous donations to the Arboretum. We can't wait to get going and exclaim "Thank You!" once again to all!

Speaking of memberships, it is [never too early to renew your membership](#) for the coming season. Our membership year runs through the end of February, and gives you not only that warm fuzzy feeling for helping the Arboretum, but also gains you access to our classes and Family Fun Events free of charge. In addition, all current members are invited to come to the annual dinner each March and celebrate the Arboretum with fellow members, docents, and distinguished guests. This is a day we get to treat you for all your support! **Please consider renewing your membership for 2019/2020** - it can be done at any of our events and anytime on our website www.evergreenarboretum.com. Not a member currently? Then join our team and help us to continue to help manage the Arboretum for all to enjoy. **Being that we are in the holiday season (and holiday spirit), consider making a donation to the Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens if you can, or purchase**

another membership as a gift for a family member, gardening friend, or neighbor. We would love to have you join our Arboretum family as we strive to continue to build our group of supporters year after year!



**KIDS' HOLIDAY
WORKSHOPS IN
LEGION HALL**
SAT, DEC 8TH
425-257-8597

Two SESSIONS - AGES 6-12 - 10 AM-NOON OR 1-3 PM

Evergreen
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Family FUN EVENT

Parent must attend with child.
Free to members and
\$10 per child non-members

This month brings a special opportunity for all members - the final Family Fun Event of 2018. **Our Holiday Workshop is set for Saturday, December 8th and we offer two sessions for you to join us - 10 AM until Noon and 1 PM until 3 PM. You can pick the one that works best with your schedule!** This is a fabulous event geared for children ages 6 to 10 in which they make holiday

gifts to take home. It is meant to be a child/parent workshop, so join us and spend some quality time together while having some serious fun. This year we will be hosting the Holiday Workshop at Legion Hall - located in Legion Park just south of the playground near the entrance off Alverson Blvd. This is an extremely popular event with limited space. [Please call or email your reservations](#) right away and get signed up for this once-a-year event.

One last special request from all of us on the Board of Directors to consider: **We have started a fundraising campaign for a special friend to all of us - Andy Sudkamp.** Andy passed away suddenly a couple of years ago and it was our plan all along to honor him with a special sculpture once the south area of the Arboretum was completed. He was a member of our Board of Directors, our Native Plant Walk Champion, and an outstanding Biology teacher at Everett High School. Andy loved everything about nature and was especially fond of horticulture. We ask that you help us honor him in the gardens by joining us in a donation drive at www.GoFundMe.com/andy-sudkamp-memorial. We are off to a great start but hope everyone will pitch in and help us reach our goal of \$10,000 to purchase a basalt sculpture to be placed in the Arboretum. Thank you all for considering this special request from all of us at the Arboretum.

Everyone at the Arboretum wishes you and your family the happiest of holiday seasons. We thank all of you for your continued support and are humbled by the generosity of so many who help Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens in so many ways. Our society looks forward to 2019 and continuing to improve the gardens for all to enjoy. We hope to see you on an Arboretum walkabout soon in the gardens!

Trevor Cameron, President

Evergreen Arboretum and Garden

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