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



July 2016

First of all let me confirm the rumors - yes, it is true - the Arboretum is now open again! It has been a long haul since the Arsenic Mitigation Project started but we made it and now can get back into the gardens. There will be limited access around the Master Gardener Border area and along the west perimeter as there are still a number of projects to be completed during the remainder of 2016. The gardens are looking good thanks to the volunteers who helped at the work parties and a huge clean-up effort by the Parks Department. Thank you to all who have helped get our Arboretum back into shape. **It is time for a summer stroll through the gardens!**

June was a busy month indeed. First the Sorticulture Festival put on by the City of Everett was a huge success at Legion Park June 10-12. **It was great to see so many folks stop by the Arboretum booth and lend their support!** Next we had our Annual Plant Sale on June 18th and as usual there were treasures everywhere. There was so much material donated it barely fit! The weather could have been nicer but all the hardy plant sale workers kept the sale moving and the day was most successful. The crew of volunteers have worked so hard over literally the whole year to make this happen. Thanks to all who helped - all the funds raised go right back into the Arboretum and will aid with our expansion plans into the south area later this year. The Annual Raffle drawing was also completed on plant sale day. The volunteers did so well **we sold a record number of tickets** for some great prizes. Another great fundraiser with all the funds going right back into improving the Arboretum.

We have much still to accomplish this summer and through the rest of 2016. In addition to the completion of the Master Garden Border and the west perimeter plantings with the Parks Department, there are many existing gardens that still need rejuvenation. We are finalizing our plans to expand into the south area which will include new pathways and of course new gorgeous plantings. In this south area will be the new James Madison art piece, a beautiful 15-foot-plus metal sculpture called "Siblings." And all this in addition to the usual work parties twice a month and our free monthly classes starting up again in August. **Come and help out whenever you can** and assist us with all these Arboretum improvements - we would love to see you! Visit our website evergreenarboretum.com for details and dates for all the happenings at the Arboretum.

As always **thank you to all who continue to support the Arboretum.** Happy Independence Day as our wonderful country turns 240 years old and we hope to see you walking through the gardens this summer!

**Trevor Cameron, President
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