

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



July 2017

Happy summer sunshine to all the friends and members of Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens! The weather has finally turned and we are drying out after a long wet winter and spring. The gardens are looking awesome and I encourage everyone to stop down for a stroll if you haven't been down lately. The blooming Hydrangeas in the gardens are worth the trip alone!

Let me start by thanking all the people who helped in a very busy month of June.....

Sorticulture was a blast for all the visitors to Legion Park. Our volunteers did a fabulous job organizing everything, setting up, and then staffing the Arboretum booth all weekend. **Thank you to Vicky Reyes, event chair, and her committee members Julie, Renee, Dotti, Hap and Pam.** These

ladies and all the others who helped out made our booth a huge success. They sold tons of raffle tickets while promoting our group and the merits of the Arboretum to all the visitors. Way to go team Sorticulture!

The Annual Arboretum Plant Sale was another successful one this June thanks to months of planning and preparations. **This sale is our biggest fundraiser of the year and could not have happened without the dedicated leadership of Marylou Hart and Emile VanDenAkker, co-chairs of the event.** Marylou in particular has been running the plant sale work parties since March preparing for this event - I can't imagine how many hours she has spent repotting, labeling and organizing plants! There are many others who were equally as instrumental in making this a success and all of us thank you for your efforts. And..... we always owe the Everett Parks Department a huge thank you for allowing us to do this and helping out with so many details. Now we can all start getting ready for the 2018 edition!

The Arboretum Raffle is another annual tradition that is vitally important to raise funds for the gardens. Thank you to all the generous folks who donated the items for 2017 - there were some awesome prizes indeed! **Many help with this raffle but we must recognize one, Dotti Fickel, the chair of our Annual Raffle.** Her passion made the 2017 edition another success and we can't thank her enough for all her hard work selling those tickets!

Now for this month of July. We have a couple dates you will not want to miss this month. [Our class this month is on Saturday July 15th from noon to 1 PM and will cover all things Hydrangea.](#) Join me for an informative talk on how to select and grow Hydrangeas of all kinds. We will be visiting some of the old specimens in the gardens and showing off some of the latest and greatest on the market for home gardeners. Bring your questions and take advantage of this free class.

[The next Saturday, July 22nd from 1 to 3 PM is our Family Fun Event Day in the Arboretum.](#) We have some fun activities set up for the day. Numerous community organizations will join us and have all kinds of things to try. We will have Music, Art, Reading, Dancing and a guaranteed great time! Please join us for this event in the sunshine outdoors in the Arboretum. We look to make this THE annual summertime event at the Arboretum for the community to enjoy. Let's try for a huge crowd to entertain for the afternoon..... so grab the family, tell the neighbors, bring some friends and come join us July 22nd for fun in the gardens.

As summer is upon us I hope everyone enjoys some gardening time and the outdoors. Don't forget to stop and smell the roses as they say and appreciate all the beautiful plants we have to enjoy. Let the sunshine continue and we will hope to see you in the Arboretum soon!

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