



Evergreen Arboretum & Gardens

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Libbie Soden, Evergreen Arboretum President

Spring is an exciting and colorful time in our gardens. Be sure to join us for our [June events](#), which include the Evening Reception June 21, the Gardens of Merit Tour, and Plant Sale and Raffle on June 22. And don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets; a drawing for the winners will be on June 22.

A question that I hear often is "Why all the fund raising? What is the money for, and where does it go?" We are a completely volunteer non-profit organization and every bit of funding goes toward enhancing and maintaining the gardens themselves or developing our educational and Docent programs. Past contributions have provided for the development and ongoing maintenance of our special gardens and plant collections as well as the ADA accessible pathways and permanent art installations already in place.

Our current fund raising campaign is to complete the South Area Plan. The plan includes providing an ADA accessible pervious paved pathway leading to a focus of a major art installation and seating area in the south portion of the arboretum. We plan additional landscape installations along the outside edges of the area. The conceptual design was created by University of Washington Landscape Architecture senior students Monica Thompson and Myles Harvey, with the direction of Professor Iain Robertson. The Board has pledged \$30,000 to kick off the campaign to raise an estimated total cost of about \$250,000.

We need your continuing support to make our dreams a reality. You can help us meet our goals in many ways; [with your membership](#), [volunteering to work in the gardens or on our projects](#), and by [participating](#) in the plant sale, Gardens of Merit tour, and purchasing raffle tickets. Help us win a \$5000 donation by [voting for us on the Lamoureux Realty web site](#). Purchase a commemorative

bench. Or [make a donation](#) to the Arboretum. Any help is appreciated and will help us realize our dreams.



13th ANNUAL PLANT SALE Spring Work Party Dates

We need many hands to assist with grooming the donated plants for the annual plant sale. All you need are work gloves, pruners, laughs & smiles . . . and a willingness to help.

Join us anytime from 10am-noon on the remaining dates!
May 23, 30
June 6, 13, 20
June 22 - Plant Sale!

Questions: Co-Chairs, Plant Sale:
Vicky @ 425 903-4563 or Dode @ 425 347-6823

A friendly reminder . . .
All Members & Friends - Please remember to take cuttings from your yards, pot in 1 gal container, identify with tag, fertilize, tlc, bring to arboretum plant beds June 1 - no later please.



Volunteers Renee Greenleaf, Sandra Schumacher, Marylou Hart and Vicki Reyes at a work party to prepare plants for the 12th Annual Plant Sale. You can still help for this year's sale!



The Arboretum's Commemorative Tree Planting on April 11 was a great success. Mayor Ray Stephanson (third from left) joined (from left) Arboretum President Libbie Soden, Arboretum Board Member and representative of Everett Garden Club, Sherry Protzman, Park Director Paul Kaftanski, and Master Gardener Coordinator Howard Volland. The group used ceremonial gold shovels to plant a Pin Oak in the Arboretum. The planting commemorated the Arboretum's first tree, a pin oak, planted 50 years before on April 11, 1963, and celebrated the Arboretum's 50th Anniversary.



In this clipping from the Everett Herald, Park Superintendent John Hall, Everett Mayor George Gerbert, Finance Commissioner Mildred Simpson, and Arie Jongejan from Marysville Nursery plant the first tree in the Arboretum, a Pin Oak.

Let's Grow Together!

June 21, 2013 from 5-7 p.m. inside the Arboretum

A Garden party honoring the Evergreen Arboretum's fifty year history while planning for the future.

- See the architectural model of the south-end garden completion and hear about the exciting design details for this major project
- Meet with garden experts in our ten themed gardens and learn what plants grow well in our climate in residential environments like yours
- View the many uses of garden art that can elevate your garden's beauty to new heights
- Tour Guides available for narrated walks through the gardens where you will hear how they make the gardens come to life
- Meet radio personality Scott Conner!
- Refreshments will be served!

Everett's 12th Gardens of Merit Tour is coming soon!

After a one year hiatus, the Gardens of Merit Tour is back! This wonderful spring event takes place on Saturday, June 22nd, 2013. This year's tour includes gardens large and small in styles from English country garden to Asian meditation retreat. Guests will visit several smaller city gardens in Everett's north end as well as some large gardens with pathways leading down to Ruggs Lake. The variety of garden sizes and styles ensures that each tour guest will come away with inspiring ideas to use in their own garden.

Tickets will be available beginning on June 1st at locations in Everett, Marysville and Mill Creek as well as on the Evergreen Arboretum website. Please join garden owners for a stroll through their beautifully landscaped properties where you will have the opportunity learn from experienced gardeners who will be present in each garden to answer your questions while soaking in the vibrant colors and intoxicating fragrance of spring.



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You can be a winner!

\$2500 in prizes in our 2013 raffle

Each \$1.00 ticket purchase gives you a chance to win one of eleven wonderful prizes from compost to garden art, each valued at \$100 to \$500. The drawing will be held in the Arboretum at 5:00 PM following our Gardens of Merit tour but you need not be present to win.

Raffle items are will be displayed through June 6th at Sunnyside Nursery, where tickets are also available for purchase. Visit our booth at Sorticulture June 7th - 9th, attend the Garden Party in the Arboretum on June 22nd, or stop by our annual plant sale on June 22nd to see our raffle display and purchase tickets. Check our events page for more information!