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May 2016 Newsletter

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Trevor Cameron, Evergreen Arboretum President

State of the Arboretum

Alas another glorious gardening season is upon us! Always remember April showers bring May flowers, or at least that is what I keep hearing.

First I would like to introduce myself. Hi, I am Trevor, your new President! Some background on me: I was raised in Everett and graduated from Everett High School in 1989 and after college sought a career in the horticulture field. I have spent 25 years running retail garden centers in the area - which of course only increased my many plant addictions.

Since childhood, I have walked through the Arboretum and enjoyed its beauty and diversity. It is truly awesome that now, later in life, I get this opportunity to give back to the Arboretum what I can and help continue its growth like so many dedicated people have done before me.

I live and garden now in the Glacier View/Claremont area of Everett and enjoy spending time with my wife Crystal and two young boys, Maxwell (1), and William (4). When not working we are usually out in the yard, hiking somewhere, chasing balls around a park or golfing. I look forward to teaching the same respect for all things nature to my two sons - just like my parents instilled in me. They already enjoy walks with Dad through the Arboretum!

Thank you Libbie, for all you have done for the foundation, the gardens and the members. I want to point out Libbie Soden in particular, our now Past President, who has spent years serving the members and caring for and guiding the Arboretum. Her commitment to all of us has truly benefited the Arboretum, and luckily she has agreed to continue to help as Past President! I can only hope to serve you as well and look forward to learning many things from Libbie. Thank you Libbie for all you've done for Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens, the gardens and the members. And thank you in advance for the all the assistance you will continue to provide.

As we approach the re-opening of the gardens this summer, I am anxious and excited to serve the Arboretum and all its members! Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions through the website. I encourage all of you to get involved however you can. Come have fun at a work party. Help out with the plant sale. Join us at one of the free Arboretum classes. Come to our monthly board meetings - we encourage guests and visitors and would love your input. Thank you to all our members and volunteers for their continued support.

Here's to a fabulous year and reopening of Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens!



Mark Your Calendars! It's Time for the Annual Arboretum Plant Sale!



Plant Sale Volunteers

June 18th IS the mystical magical plant sale day at the Arboretum. This annual tradition provides top quality plants to the public at top notch prices. All the proceeds go to support the Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens to help maintain and improve our wonderful arboretum. We welcome plant donations for the sale and appreciate help from volunteers.

There is lots to do to continue to make this event a success. **Plant Sale work parties** are happening now and continue right up to the sale. Volunteers meet **every Thursday from 10 AM to noon** by the Arboretum office. Come dressed for the weather and bring your smiles. The group has a blast repotting things, fertilizing, tagging specimens and getting organized. Details are posted on the website, so please contact us at evergreenarboretum.com if you would like to help. Hope to see you all at the next work party!

Everett's Sorticulture Garden Arts Festival in June

The annual Sorticulture Garden Arts Festival will be held at Legion Memorial Park June 10-12. Best of all it is free! It will be open Friday from 10 AM to 8 PM, Saturday from 10 AM to 6 PM, and Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM. Come explore all the local garden art and plants and make sure to stop at the Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens' booth and say "Hi". Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and tell you all about our annual raffle fundraiser. Be sure to look at all the fabulous prizes you can win! Come by, purchase some tickets and help the Arboretum to continue to grow. This is also the weekend the Arboretum is slated to officially reopen after the mitigation project so go for a stroll through the gardens - finally!

Tour the Arboretum with Our Experts

Have a group that would like a personal tour of the gardens? The Arboretum will offer free docent-led tours when the Arboretum reopens in mid-June. The tours are very informative and will give visitors a unique look at the different gardens. Contact Christy Andre, docent coordinator, at (425) 257-8597 for more information or to schedule a tour.

Arboretum Focus: Plants, plants and more plants!



Hydrangea macrophylla

With the gardens due to reopen mid-June, we can finally go on a summer walkabout in the Arboretum once again! This will be a busy summer and fall as we rebound from the mitigation project and recover from storm damage last winter but there will be lots of fabulous specimens to enjoy over the summer.

The brand new WSU Master Gardener border will be replanted and as it grows in will offer some great summer attractions to see. Many of

the Korean Dogwoods will be in full bloom in June and July and worth a look. Various Hydrangeas will be blooming in the Woodland Garden starting in June. There are flowers and foliage to admire everywhere! As we regain access to the gardens, look for new additions and progress towards the South Arboretum expansion project. Hope to see on a stroll through the gardens soon.

Whatever the season remember you will find treasures growing throughout the Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens.

Captivating Cultivating Classes: Free from Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens!

Come and learn about all things horticulture from our guest instructors at the Arboretum. Classes are on the 3rd Saturday of each month from noon to 1 pm unless otherwise noted. Please RSVP by calling 425-257-8597 or online at contactus@evergreenarboretum.com.

SPRING GARDEN PREP TECHNIQUES

Saturday May 21st 12-1 PM Free

Learn how to amend your soil, what seeds are best for our area, and how to successfully germinate them. Get ideas from the unique garden at Jennings Park for ways to integrate both edibles and ornamentals into the landscape. Taught by the Master Gardeners of Snohomish County. Class to be held at Jennings Park, 6915 Armar Rd, Marysville. Meet at the entrance to the Demonstration Garden.

SUMMER IN THE MASTER GARDENER BED

Saturday July 16th 12-1 PM Free

Learn from the Master Gardeners about the Great Plant program that guides their plant choices and how they completely renovated the 200 foot bed at the Arboretum this year. General Maintenance over summer for the garden with discussed. Taught by Master Gardeners of Snohomish County. Meet at the entrance to the Arboretum.



Come get dirty with us!

Arboretum work parties are happening and 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. With the Arsenic Mitigation Project closing the Arboretum last July through this spring, it is important to get lots of work done this year. We need to catch up on maintenance, continue to clean up damaged areas, and prepare for the South Arboretum Project expansion this fall. We hope to see you there and thank you in advance for your help!

Saturday Work Parties 10 AM to NOON - May 28th, June 25th, July 23rd

Wednesday Work Parties 10 AM to NOON - May 11th, June 8th, July 13th

Plant Sale Work Parties Every Thursday 10 AM to NOON until sale June 18th

Your Membership Means Everything to Us!

Simply put ... The Arboretum's success depends on you, our loyal members, and all

the wonderful volunteers who help keep the gardens growing. We humbly ask for your continued support. It is critical as we look to improve the plant collections, increase maintenance to the existing gardens, and most importantly, expand the Arboretum with the development of our South Arboretum Plan. Without member support there would be no pavilion, entrance columns, pervious pathways, docent tours, free classes or rare plants to visit. Without supporting members like you, there would simply be no Arboretum for us to enjoy. Please renew your membership AND encourage your friends, neighbors, and colleagues to join as well. Thank you for helping us continue to grow - we cannot do it without you!

Many Thanks

A special "Thank You" to all who purchased oak leaves for the South Arboretum Project fundraiser! Your leaves will be displayed in a new sitting wall to be part of the new garden.

Another "Thank You" to our members for viewing this newsletter - we won an award from Constant Contact for the content and quality of our newsletter for 2015.



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