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Evergreen Arboretum & Gardens

September 2014

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Libbie Soden, Evergreen Arboretum President

State of the Arboretum

Volunteers! That's what the Arboretum is all about. Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens is a non-profit organization completely run by volunteer efforts. Our Arboretum boasts many beautiful gardens, sculptures and plant collections. We get visitors from all over the world, and have been featured in nationally distributed magazines and gardening publications.

Arboretum guests are often surprised to learn that we have no paid staff, and that all donated dollars go toward maintaining and enhancing the gardens. Arboretum members and friends contributed almost 2000 hours to the Arboretum in 2013! Volunteers are committed to creating a place for visitors to learn, relax, contemplate...and of course enjoy the fabulous gardens. We offer a place for family, community and private events as well as free monthly garden-related classes. Some many great things come from our volunteers - Thank you all as always!

Why do we volunteer? It's FUN! We meet and make friends, socialize, play in the dirt, learn about plants, AND at the same time use our energy and expertise to give back to the community. So come on out and join the fun. There are many ways to use your skills - weeding and planting, helping with tours, staffing the Arboretum booth at

events, writing for our newsletter and so on. It's easy to join in by accessing our website at www.evergreenarboretum.com or give us a call at 425 257 8597. We'll be glad to help you get involved in something you would truly enjoy.



SAP and Arsenic Mitigation Project Update Arboretum to Remain Open Thru Summer of 2015

Good news for the Arboretum. Due to changes in plans with Everett Parks and DOE, the Arboretum will remain open over the winter and through most of the summer months, until August 2015 or perhaps even later. When it begins, mitigation will be done in phases, so that the entire park will not need to be closed for the duration of the project. Details are being developed now and over the winter months. There will be a process for public input and we will keep you all posted with any new information and opportunities for your input on the process. Expect continuing changes as the plans are developed!

This change in scheduling does affect our South Area Plan (SAP). We will be able to proceed, but probably not until after the mitigation project is completed. Meanwhile, we will be able to provide the survey of the area, engineering plan and detailed landscape plan to get the site ready for construction, including some site modifications such as correction of drainage problems. Construction will occur probably in late fall of 2015 or early in 2016.

Gardens of Merit Tour Planning for 2015

Garden tour chairwomen **Patti Lohse** and **Linda Woolsey** have graciously volunteered to organize the event and are planning a most exciting 2015 edition. If you would like to work with the garden tour team, please contact chairwomen Patti at patti_lohse@msn.com or Linda at linda.woolsey@comcast.net.

The Family Fun Event was a Blast!



Our First Annual Family Fun Event was held in July. All who attended had a great time and were entertained by everything from a bubble machine to face painting. Kids explored the gardens with parents and grandparents in a mystery creature scavenger hunt. Numerous crafts and activities kept us all captivated. Entertainment included live music from Marco Cortes and performances from Kidstage. We all had so much fun in the sunshine!

The Arboretum Board of Directors would like to thank all the wonderful community organizations that helped with the event: the Imagine Children's Museum, the Shack Art Center, the Everett Public Library, the Pilchuck Audubon Society, Kidstage, the Downtown Everett YMCA, Paws to Read and the Master Gardeners of Snohomish County. A special thank you to Hap Wertheimer, Arboretum Board Member and Event Coordinator, and all the other volunteers from the Arboretum and Master Gardeners who generously donated their time to make the Family Fun Event a huge success.

Let's see if we can do it all again next year!

Our Plant Sale - An Annual Arboretum Tradition

Another record breaking year for the Annual Arboretum Plant Sale! Wow there were a lot of plants...and a lot of happy gardeners taking home those plants! Thanks to all the donations from local nurseries, growers, and home gardeners, we were able to raise necessary funds to keep the Arboretum growing and improving. It takes a lot of planting and planning and primping and pruning, and then even more planning and planting to make this happen.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who spent countless hours to help make the sale another successful one. A very special thanks to Dode Carlson and Pam Lee for all their work in organizing and running the sale. We hope to see all you plantaholics shopping for treasures at our sale again next June!



Arboretum Focus.....Plants, Plants, and More Plants!



Another season means another fabulous selection of plants showing off at Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens. Autumn beckons in the gardens - but we still have plenty of sunshine to enjoy! As you explore the gardens at the end of September and through the fall there is still so much to see. Flowers, foliage, berries and birds are on display as the festival of fall color begins. Here are a few specimens to visit but look everywhere - outstanding

fall plants are located throughout the different gardens.

Flowers

Many of the Hydrangeas in the Woodland Garden and throughout the Arboretum will still be in bloom as well as turning color for fall. Be sure to make note of the Oakleaf Hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia*) displaying huge panicle flowers and rich color for

autumn. Notice the different grasses throughout the gardens showing off their "plumage" - like the dwarf Miscanthus sinensis "Little Zebra" located in the Master Gardener border. Many of the perennials in the various gardens will still be blooming strong in September as well.

Berries

Fall is the time for fruits and berries! You will be surprised as you wander and discover all the plants that displaying berries for the fall and winter. Not only great for foraging birds but nice to add interest and color to these beauties as we head towards winter. One of the fall favorites in the Japanese Beautyberry (Callicarpa) popping bright purple berries for the winter near the entrance. Close by you will also see the wonderful bright red fruits of the Cornelian Dogwood (Cornus mas) and large bright orange/red berry clusters of the arching Parneyi Cotoneaster (Cotoneaster parneyi). Numerous berries like the Snowberry (Symphiocarpus albus) and Evergreen Huckleberry (Vaccinium ovatum) are ready to feed the birds along the Native Plant Walk. From bright rose hips on the Rugosa Roses to the little yellow fruits on the Golden Raindrops Crabapple there are treasures to be seen everywhere!

Foliage

Wow. There are simply too many plants that will be shining with the yellows and oranges and reds of autumn to list them all, but here a few must-sees. Look up at all of the Japanese Maples (Acer palmatum cvs) in the Maple Garden and elsewhere in the gardens - absolute show stoppers for fall color. Along the tree walk the Sourwood or Sorrell Tree (Oxydendron arboreum) is another stunner sporting bright scarlet color as well as large drooping white panicle flowers in September (pictured above).

Redbuds, Paperbark Maples, Korean Dogwoods, Burning Bush, Ninebarks, Witch hazels, Smoke Trees, Twig Dogwoods...the list could go on and on!

Remember to visit and go on an arboretum walkabout - fabulous fall foliage and color await you at Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens. Keep supporting the gardens and we can keep adding new plants for you to visit. Hope to see you in the gardens!

Captivating Cultivating Classes

Come and learn about all things horticulture from our guest instructors at the Arboretum

All Classes are FREE!

3rd Saturday of the month
Noon -1PM unless otherwise noted

RSVP by calling 425-257-8597, or online at contactus@evergreenarboretum.com

Saturday October 18th - Putting Your Garden to Bed with Master Gardener John Marsh

What should you do this fall in order to get your garden ready for winter? Some of the topics that will be covered - cutting back perennials, mulching gardens beds, and which plants should be dug up and protected. Let John help you get your garden ready for the winter! Class Limit 25/Please RSVP.



Saturday November 15th - Holiday Centerpieces with Bob Adrian of Flowers by Adrian

By using plants from your garden, around your neighborhood, and even alongside the road, you can create beautiful natural holiday centerpieces! Bob Adrian will demonstrate how by assembling a number of different centerpieces in this workshop. Class Limit 25/Please RSVP.

Saturday December 6th - Holiday Workshop for Kids with Hap Wertheimer, Past Arboretum President and Art Teacher

Simply bring your creativity to this drop-in two hour workshop and go home with several fun gifts for the holidays! Projects are appropriate for children ages 6-10 and parents are welcome to participate as well. Come and join Hap for some holiday fun. Class Limit 15. Please RSVP.

[See the full class list here.](#)



Annual Arboretum Raffle Was Another Success!

Congratulations to all the winners of the raffle drawing! The Arboretum thanks all who purchased tickets and supported the foundation - we surpassed our goals for the raffle once again with all of your help. Why is the raffle always successful? Supporting the Arboretum is a wonderful cause AND the great items offered to tempt us!

Special thanks to all who donated and made the raffle possible. **Gina Loring** donated a beautiful quilt, **Libbie Soden** made gorgeous pillows, **Sunnyside Nursery** brought a "welcome" garden bench as well as a glazed container complete with Mini Twists Pine Tree specimen, **Bill Snyder** offered an awesome fishing trip for two, **Mukilteo Cedar Products** donated a useful custom cedar potting bench, **Cherie O'Brien** produced a stunning reverse glass painting, and **Driftwood Creations** donated a unique driftwood and glass sculpture. In addition to these unbelievable raffle items many volunteers helped make this a success. **Dotti Fickel**, Arboretum Board Member, donated much time and effort promoting the raffle and selling tickets. Special thanks to **Steve Smith** and **Sandy Milam**, and our **Arboretum Board Members**, for gathering all the wonderful items for the raffle. We look forward to another great raffle for 2015!

Come Get Dirty With Us!

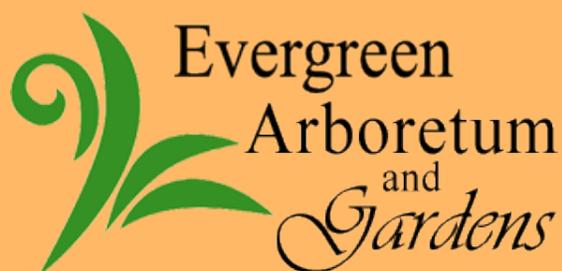
The last work party of 2014 is Wednesday, October 15th! We would love to have anyone interested in helping join us. These work parties are necessary to continue to keep the gardens looking top notch. Come and pitch in while you talk plants and gardening with other volunteers. Enjoy the fresh air and our beautiful Arboretum. Be sure to bring your gloves, tools, a bottle of water and your smiles. We hope to see you there and thank you in advance for your help!

Gift Memberships and New Members Last until March 2016!

Looking for a great gift idea? Purchase a gift membership now for a gardening friend -- or for yourself -- and the membership will be effective through February of 2016. The recipient will receive a gift card acknowledgment.

Memberships start as low as \$20.00 and make you a part of the exciting events planned for the upcoming year.

For more information visit evergreenarboretum.com and click on Join.



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