

Opening Night: “Art In Bloom”

The Northwest Flower & Garden Show returns on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, and once again the Arboretum Foundation will kick off the show with its annual Opening Night Party & Auction. Guests will enjoy a fabulous evening of delicious food, wine bars, live music, and sparkling auctions, as well as the opportunity to view the beautiful display gardens at the Garden Show the day before it opens to the public—all while helping us raise important funds to support Washington Park Arboretum.

The theme of this year’s Garden Show is “Art in Bloom,” and guests will get to immerse themselves in 23 different displays that explore the use of sculpture and other artworks—as well as varying aesthetic approaches—in the garden. We’re very excited for you to see this year’s Arboretum display, which will pay homage to the work and home garden of renowned Seattle glass artist, Ginny Ruffner (*see page 4 for details*).

A STREAMLINED EVENT

To create a more seamless and enjoyable party for all our guests, we are streamlining this year’s event so that there’s just one start-time (5 p.m.) and program schedule—and so all guests get to eat a full buffet dinner. In order to accommodate the changes, we will be increasing the price of our general admission tickets for Foundation members and non-members. Early-bird Member-level tickets will be \$130 per guest; the price will increase to \$145 after January 10, 2014. Non-Member tickets will be \$165 each.

Our Patron- and Benefactor-level ticket prices will remain the same as last year—\$250 and \$500, respectively. Patrons and Benefactors will receive additional benefits such as guaranteed seating for dinner on the Show floor, complimentary parking, and a DVD of *A Not So Still Life*, a documentary about the remarkable life and visionary art of Ginny Ruffner. Benefactors will also receive two tickets to the Garden Show (February 5 to 9).

A RESPLENDENT AUCTION

This year’s party auction will be conducted the old-school way—on paper bidding sheets. Our auction procurement team has been hard at work securing some fantastic items and experiences to spark some bidding excitement. These include some very appealing travel packages, such as a golf tee time and overnight stay at Salishan Lodge, on the Oregon Coast; a luxurious stay in the newly renovated Semiahmoo Resort; and a kayaking adventure in the San Juan Islands! If you’re interested in a dining experience, we have mouthwatering packages from many of the region’s favorite eateries, from Anthony’s to Zoe.

For the horticultural at heart, we’ll have unique opportunities to be entertained in some of Seattle’s most intriguing and inspiring gardens. In keeping with the theme of the Garden Show, we’ll also have some wonderful art for your home and garden to bid on. Ginny Ruffner herself will be generously donating a special new art piece from the display garden to the auction to help raise money for the Arboretum. Visit www.arboretumfoundation.org in January to see detailed highlights from our auction catalog.

PURCHASING TICKETS

Tickets go on sale on Monday, December 9. You can purchase them by phone at 206-325-4510, online at www.arboretumfoundation.org, or over the counter in the Arboretum Shop (open daily, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). If you can’t make it to Opening Night, please consider purchasing a ticket as a gift for a friend or loved one. Every ticket sold helps us accomplish our mission of preserving and enhancing the Arboretum. ☺



Opening Night Party & Auction

Tuesday, February 4, 5 to 9 PM
Washington State Convention Center, Seattle

- Hosted wine & hors d'oeuvres reception
- Auctions and live entertainment
- Buffet dinner and dessert
- 23 spectacular show gardens

Tickets
Arboretum Foundation Members: \$130 (\$145 after January 10)
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Call 206-325-4510 or visit www.arboretumfoundation.org.

News and Notes

Arboretum Unveils New Way-Finding and Interpretive Signage

Getting around the Arboretum is now a whole lot easier—and more fun! After three years of careful planning and design, Seattle Parks and Recreation, UW Botanic Gardens, and the Foundation have installed a new system of maps, collection markers, and interpretive signs in the Arboretum. These include 12 new orientation maps and 14 new collections signs, installed by the Parks department. In addition, UWBG oversaw the creation of two new interpretive trails: a half-mile “Pinetum Loop,” highlighting interesting trees in the Pinetum, and a 1-mile “Lookout Loop,” which guides you from the Woodland Garden to the Stone Gazebo at the base of New Zealand Forest and back again, while sharing fascinating tidbits about the history of the Arboretum. UWBG has also printed new trail maps with information about the loop trails that are available at the Graham Visitors Center and online at <http://depts.washington.edu/uwbg/docs/TrailMap.pdf>



WELCOME SIGNS: One of the Arboretum's new collection identification signs.

A Generous Grant

The Arboretum Foundation is delighted to announce that in late October we received a grant for \$75,000 from an anonymous donor foundation to help pay for the construction of the New Zealand Forest project. So far, we have raised more than \$1.1 million dollars in private funds as part of our capital campaign for the forest, and are just about \$70,000 shy of our original commitment of \$1.2 million. Our sincere thanks to the generous donor for their wonderful gift.

Foundation Mourns Loss of Two Dear Friends

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of two champions of Washington Park Arboretum: Dave Hervey and Mary Ann Wiley. Dave served 14 years on

the board of directors of the Arboretum Foundation, including three years as president (1999-2001). He was a key figure during the creation and adoption of the 2001 Arboretum Master Plan. He died at home in early November after a long battle with cancer. Dave is survived by his wife, Mary Joan, children Christine, John, Meg, and Andrew, and ten grandchildren. Dave's service to the Arboretum is not his only legacy: His daughter Meg (Harry) currently serves on our board of directors.

Mary Ann Wiley was a longtime member of volunteer Unit 86 and was very active as a docent in the Seattle Japanese Garden—and in training new docents there. In 2007–08, she and her husband, Bob, led a remarkable campaign that raised about half of the private funds (\$500,000) needed to create the new Japanese Garden Entry Gatehouse. Mary Ann died on October 7 after her own battle with cancer. She is survived by Bob, their two children Robert and Ann, and three granddaughters.

A Gift of Narcissus

This past fall, the Arboretum received a donation of about 200 narcissus bulbs (representing nine different cultivars) from Bob Lilly and the Hardy Plant

Society of Washington—remainders from their annual bulb sale in early October. UWBG gardener Roy Farrow and his volunteers planted the bulbs in four different locations around the Arboretum. “We planted five cultivars in six separate spots around the Graham Visitors Center, mostly about the island parking lot bed,” says Roy. “We planted the cultivars ‘Stainless’ and ‘Jamestown’ under Japanese maples on the elm hillside, just along the drive from the GVC. We put ‘February Gold’ in the Witt Winter Garden and did three separate plantings with a mix of cultivars in the Woodland Garden. I tried to find planting locations that would be easy for passersby to enjoy and also offer the bulbs some summer dryness to encourage naturalization.”



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10 AM—4 PM DAILY

Parks and Rec Report

Paul Smith, head gardener for Seattle Parks and Recreation at the Arboretum, reports that his crew is also planting bulbs this season, including native *Camassia* along Azalea Way and about 100 tulips (*Tulipa Batalinii* 'Red Gem') on the roof of the interpretive shelter in the Pacific Connections Garden to enhance the color display. "We have been and will be busy with lots of other activities too," says Paul, "including resurfacing all the gravel parking lots (except those on Arboretum Drive), resurfacing Azalea Way trail and the path to the Winter Garden, renovating specific areas of Azalea Way, and—come springtime—upgrading irrigation heads on Azalea Way."

Unit 98 Fundraiser

On September 14, members of volunteer Unit 98 cleared out their closets and basements and participated in a community-wide garage sale in Gig Harbor to benefit the Arboretum Foundation. By wearing the Foundation's signature green aprons and hanging a banner that stated "Thank You for Supporting Washington Park Arboretum," the volunteers ensured their customers knew they were shopping for a good cause. Units support the Arboretum Foundation in many ways—through volunteerism, membership, advocacy, and fundraising—and Unit 98 successfully raised \$1,800 through their garage sale! ↪



A SPECIAL GATHERING: Montlake resident Katy DeRosier (standing), with her family at the commemorative park bench on Azalea Way that she, her husband Rob (taking photo), and daughter Josie (on grandma's lap) dedicated to Katy's parents Chuck and Sharlene (seated on right) this summer. Rather than commemorate a bench after her folks have passed on, Katy said they decided to "dedicate a bench to my parents right now, while they are here with us, so they can be part of the experience. Involving them in the process from idea to installation has infused the bench and site with their energies and allowed us to build memories here, together."

The bench was installed in late summer 2013, and shortly afterward, on Sharlene's 79th birthday, the family (including Katy's brother, sister-in-law, and niece) came to the Arboretum and spent several hours at the bench site, enjoying a picnic, telling stories, and opening presents. Rob also took this wonderful photo. "Everyone left feeling satisfied, in every way," says Katy. "We have a new place in our lives; we love it, and it is part of our family legacy."

To learn more about dedicating a bench or tree in the Arboretum, contact Jeff Boyer at 206-325-4510 or jboyer@arboretumfoundation.org. ↪

What's Happening

Northwest Flower & Garden Show

Washington State Convention
& Trade Center

Opening Night Party

Tuesday, February 4, 5—9 PM

Arboretum Display Garden

February 5—9

Display Garden Plant Sale

Saturday, February 15, 10 AM—1 PM

Early Bloomers Plant Sale

Saturday, April 12, 10 AM—2 PM

Florabundance Spring Plant Sale

Warren G. Magnuson Park
Building 30

Saturday, April 26, 9 AM—5 PM

Sunday, April 27, 10 AM—3 PM

Member Pre-Sale

Friday, April 25, 5:30—8 PM

—ONGOING EVENTS—

ARBORETUM PLANT SALES

Pat Calvert Greenhouse

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 AM—Noon

Plant Donations Nursery

Closed for the season

Accepting donations again March 11

Reopening for sales April 2

Guided Arboretum Walks

1st and 3rd Sundays, 11 AM and 1 PM, GVC
lobby, Call 206-543-8800 to confirm

Master Gardeners Clinic

Saturdays/Sundays, NOON—4 PM
GVC lobby

Native Plants Study Group

4th Mondays, 10 AM—NOON

All events occur at the Graham Visitors Center unless otherwise noted. Call 206-543-8800 for information on Arboretum events; 206-543-8801 for family and youth education programs or guided walks; 206-685-8033 for adult learning opportunities.

Garden of Artful Delight

Homage to the Art and Garden of Ginny Ruffner

The theme of the 2014 Northwest Flower & Garden Show is “Art in Bloom,” and for its display garden this year, the Arboretum is delighted to be teaming up with renowned Seattle-based glass artist Ginny Ruffner. Our display will pay homage to Ginny’s home/studio garden in Ballard—an exuberant courtyard garden filled with interesting plants and wonderful, playful art works.

When the Arboretum staff first learned about the “Art in Bloom” theme, we knew right away that we wanted to collaborate with an artist who worked in glass. The Arboretum is a cultural landmark in Seattle, and by the same token, glass art is uniquely represented in our city and region. We’re very excited to be working with Ginny Ruffner, whose sparkling heart-of-the-city garden is a perfect complement to the urban “jewel” that is Washington Park Arboretum.

Ginny is a creative pioneer whose work spans many different media, from sculpture to painting to pop-up books. Her glass sculptures helped create the field of torchworked glass art, and her work is housed in permanent collections in more than 40 museums around the world. Many Seattleites are familiar with her colorful “Urban Garden,” a giant, metal flowerpot and flower sculpture on the corner of Seventh and Union, outside the Sheraton Hotel.

The artwork in the display garden will be a mix of pieces from Ginny’s



GINNY’S GARDEN: A rendering of the Arboretum’s 2014 display by Rhonda Bush.

home garden plus new work that she will create in January as Visiting Artist in Residence at the Museum of Glass, in Tacoma. Luminous glass flowers, balls, and other sculptures will ornament the display and complement colorful, textural, and fragrant plants to create a sensory feast for Garden Show visitors.

A brick wall with mirrored windows will anchor the display, and an arbor with bark-clad log columns will attach to the wall and provide support for flowering vines and other plants. Sitting areas tucked in among plants and art will create a sense of cozy

enclosure. Three screens mounted with glass balls will enhance the feeling of enclosure and intimacy.

As with the artwork, the plants will echo those found in Ginny’s home garden. Japanese maples, *Azara*, and a tree fern will create a tapestry of foliage and provide contrast with the glass art. Sweet fragrances from the flowers of lilies, *Sarcococca*, *Azara*, *Daphne*, and *Clematis* will perfume the air.

This year’s design team will be Bob Lilly, Phil Wood, and Rhonda Bush, who all worked on last year’s multiple-award-winning hobbit-themed display. See “The Garden of Artful Delight” at the Washington State Convention Center from February 5 to 9 (or at Opening Night on February 4). Visit the Northwest Flower & Garden Show website, www.gardenshow.com, for admission time and ticketing information. ➔

Display Garden Plant Sale

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 10 AM—1 PM, GRAHAM VISITORS CENTER

Come to Washington Park Arboretum on the Saturday after the Garden Show and purchase some of the high-quality plants featured in our 2014 display. All sales benefit the maintenance and education programs at the Arboretum.

New Zealand Forest Opening



On the morning and early afternoon of Sunday, September 15, the Foundation and its University and City partners hosted a spectacular ceremony celebrating the official opening of the Arboretum’s newly created New Zealand Forest. Collaborating with the Seattle–Christchurch Sister City Association and the Burke Museum, we created a fun, interactive program for the public that paid homage to the culture and ethnobotanical history of New Zealand.

The turn-out was marvelous, and guests enjoyed traditional Maori dancing and music, a Maori “haka” dance workshop, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, guided tours of the new forest garden, educational activities, and yummy cake and lemonade. Warren KingGeorge, oral historian of the Muckleshoot Tribe, performed a welcome ceremony. Speeches were made by Seattle Deputy Mayor Darryl Smith, New Zealand Honorary Consul Rachel Jacobsen, and other dignitaries.

Maori wood carver Caine Tauwhare performed a special dedication ceremony of a park bench he helped create for the New Zealand Forest. The commemorative bench and Caine’s visit to Seattle were funded by the Seattle–Christchurch Sister City Association and its counterpart in New Zealand. Caine also participated in a private celebration for major donors to the New Zealand Forest, which took place on Friday, September 13.

Thanks to all the partner organizations who worked together to make the opening event possible. A special thanks our event sponsor, the Port Blakely Companies, and to our media sponsor, KUOW 94.9 FM. ↪

Top: WAR DANCE: Members of the public participate in a “haka” workshop led by members of the Te Tini A Maui kapa haka troupe.

Center: VIP ATTENDEES: Mayor-elect Ed Murray (left), with New Zealand Honorary Consul Rachel Jacobsen, and Michael Shiosaki.

Bottom: CHARISMATIC CARVER: Caine Tuawhare dedicates his beautifully crafted park bench.

New Members

The Arboretum Foundation welcomes members who joined during the period of August 27 to November 25.

Sally Campbell and Tom Perkins
Kim Christie
Kathleen DeMaria and Julie Postma
Jennifer Dolan

Christine Ely
Sally Esterhay
Shannon and Graham Gardner
Emily Gatch
Cameron Given

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To renew or enhance your membership, please call 206-325-4510 or visit www.arboretumfoundation.org.

VOLUNTEER VINE

Our Biggest Day of Caring Ever! On Friday, September 20, more than 120 volunteers from Microsoft and Apptio came to the Arboretum for the annual United Way of King County's Day of Caring—our biggest turnout yet! The Foundation, UW Botanic Gardens, and Seattle Parks and Recreation coordinated five weeding and mulching projects throughout the Arboretum. We planned more work for this year's event—Arboretum staff prepped project sites up to two weeks in advance—and the volunteers were equal to the task. At the Azalea Way project site, for example, Microsoft volunteers spread 50 yards of mulch, literally doubling the quantity put down in 2012! By the end of the day, the Day of Caring volunteers had removed a total of more than 30 yards of weeds and spread 83 yards of mulch. Our sincere thanks to Microsoft and Apptio for encouraging employee participation in the Day of Caring.



COMMUNITY SPIRIT: Volunteers from Microsoft weeding in the Holly Collection during the 2013 Day of Caring.

Fall Plant Sale: Defying the Odds Our third annual FallAbundance plant sale took place on Saturday, September 28. It turned out to be the wettest September day on record in Washington, but fortunately, the weather was the only thing that didn't go well. A great group of

volunteers turned out—many of them experienced, but also a handful of new folks. Although we all looked like drowned rats by 10 a.m., the rain could not dampen our spirits. We were pleasantly surprised by the number of customers who showed up in spite of the rain, and the sale grossed approximately \$4,300 for the Arboretum Foundation. Special thanks to the crews of the Plant Donations Nursery and Pat Calvert

Greenhouse, as well as to this year's specialty nurseries: Madrona Nursery, Botanica, Foliage Gardens, and Tadpole Haven. A big thank you also to Clinton Bamboo, which for a second year in a row generously donated bamboo and a variety of tropical companion plants to the sale.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- Display Garden, January 31 to February 4
- Opening Night Party & Auction, February 4
- Arboretum Foundation Information Booth at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show, February 5 to 9

Contact Megan Meyer at 206-577-0549 or mmeyer@arboretumfoundation.org for more information. ↪

What's In My Garden 🌿

Susan Ayrault, Pat Calvert Greenhouse Volunteer, Unit 5 Member



What is in your garden this season? As I write this, in the fall, I do have lots of color... two different Japanese maples plus Norway maples and a striped bark *Acer davidii*. The foliage of a weeping cherry is glorious now and the 'Mount Fuji' cherry is all yellow. The *Cornus kousa* and *Itea virginica* 'Henry's Garnet' are especially nice, as are a *Fothergilla*, blueberries, *Photinia velosa*, *Stewartia*, and witch hazels. Of course, in December the color will be a memory!

What is your favorite season to garden? I love spring and summer with all the flowers, but I think my favorite season has to be early spring, when the ephemerals are out—the *Anemone blanda* and erythroniums. It is such fun to see what's coming up and has survived another winter, whereas later, there's so much work to be done!

Can you recommend a good gardening or nature book? One of the books I like best is Cass Turnbull's *Guide to Pruning*. It's wonderful.

When did you start volunteering at the Arboretum? I started volunteering at the Pat Calvert Greenhouse in 2008 shortly after I retired from being curator of the grounds at Lakeside School. But I've been a member of volunteer Unit 5 since the early 1960s.

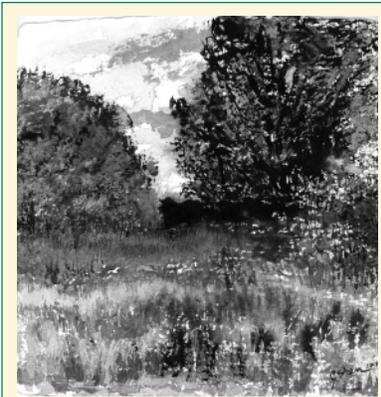
What is your favorite thing about volunteering at the Arboretum? The people! Next, the plants. ↪

UWBG Events & Classes

Curator Talk: Witch-Hazels and Their Relatives

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 7:00 TO 8:30 P.M.,
WASHINGTON PARK ARBORETUM

Join Ray Larson, Curator of Living Collections at UW Botanic Gardens, as he kicks off a new series of lectures profiling the most interesting plant collections in the Arboretum and at CUH. The Arboretum is home to beautiful witch-hazel species and varieties, many of which are in bloom in mid-winter. The collection also features a number of witch-hazel relatives, including *Corylopsis*, *Fothergilla*, and *Parrotiopsis*. Cost: \$10; increases to \$15 one week before the class.



SUMMER GRASS: An ink drawing by Juliet Shen. From February 18 to March 20, the Miller Library will host an exhibit of Shen's drawings depicting the Union Bay Natural Area wetlands. See www.millerlibrary.org.

Winter Garden Tour with John Wott

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 10:30 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M., WASHINGTON PARK ARBORETUM

A short walk from the Graham Visitors Center via the Hillside Trail, the Joseph A. Witt Winter Garden features a central lawn encircled by tall cedars and firs, and a tremendous assortment of smaller trees, shrubs, and perennials. Plants included in the winter garden boast striking color, exceptional fragrance, and unusual forms and textures. This garden is a real treat from late November through the end of March, when much of the rest of the Arboretum is quiet and subdued. Join John Wott, Professor Emeritus and former Arboretum Director, in the first of a new series of walking tours exploring the Arboretum. Learn about the history and design of the Winter Garden and experience its seasonal highlights. Cost \$15; \$20 after February 5.

Introduction to Conifer Identification

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M., WASHINGTON PARK ARBORETUM

One of Washington's monikers is the "Evergreen State," and rightfully so as our region is blessed when it comes to conifer diversity and abundance. Our collection at the Washington Park Arboretum is one of the best in the country for representing these stoic sentinels. This fun, hands-on intro to conifer ID—taught by the Arboretum's education supervisor Patrick Mulligan—will give you the basic knowledge to figure out what kinds of trees you're seeing while hiking on the trail or walking around town. Part indoor presentation, part guided tour, it will take full advantage of the Arboretum's outstanding conifer collection. Cost: \$45; \$50 after February 22.

To register for a class or tour, visit www.uwbotanicgardens.org or call 206-685-8033. ↪

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Arboretum Scene

Cyclamen coum
Hardy cyclamen

Cyclamen coum must surely be one of the finest botanical jewels in the Witt Winter Garden. It's also one of the hardest workers, providing about 10 months of color and interest. Starting in late summer, the plant's chubby brown tubers awake from dormancy, sending up small, coin-shaped leaves of glossy deep green, patterned with silver. This durable wintergreen foliage makes a glittering foil for the cheerful little flowers—which look like little steamship propellers and bloom in many shades of pink to white from late fall through late winter, just when the garden needs them most! After the flowers are pollinated, their stalks coil up like tightly wound springs, pulling the developing fruits back to the base of the plant. By the time the fruit matures, it will be the size and shape of a marble and full of seeds with a sticky sweet coating—a tasty reward for ants that disperse them. All the while, the gorgeous foliage makes a wonderful groundcover until early summer, when the tubers go dormant and the leaves take a short hiatus. Native to hardwood forests throughout the mountains and coastal areas of southeastern Europe and Asia Minor, *Cyclamen coum*, not surprisingly, is tolerant of dry shade and adapts well to planting beneath tree canopies. In the garden, it will self-sow, forming sizable drifts over time. It is also among the most cold tolerant of all cyclamen species—fully hardy in USDA Zone 5.



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—Randall Hitchin, Arboretum Foundation