

Planting the New Zealand Forest

**VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION PARTY**
Thursday, August 8, 5 to 7 p.m.
Washington Park Arboretum
See page 6 for details!

Planting of the 2-acre New Zealand Forest began at Pacific Connections in mid-June, under the supervision of UW Botanic Gardens and Seattle Parks and Recreation. More than 9,000 plants will be installed over the summer. Planting will be completed in time for the public Opening Celebration on September 15 (see below). As the forest establishes and matures, it will be a unique and spectacular new garden for Arboretum visitors to enjoy.

The first of five eco-geographic forests to be fully planted in the Pacific Connections Garden, the New Zealand Forest will be more than just forest. It will be composed of seven distinct vegetation sections: two southern beech (*Nothofagus*) forests, three shrublands, and two grasslands. All of these sections are modeled on actual plant communities found in mid- to high-elevations zones on the South Island of New Zealand.

The new forest is being planted on a relatively steep slope just north of the Pacific Connections meadow and has been designed by the Berger Partnership in an altitudinal pattern, with alpine grassland and shrubland habitat at the top and montane and wetland habitat at the base. (For a detailed description of the vegeta-



GARDEN PANORAMA: Workers planting on the upper slope of the New Zealand Forest site.

tion sections, see the summer issue of the *Bulletin*.) Visitors will walk down a gentle switchback trail and observe the landscape and plant communities change, as they would in a natural setting.

A Renovated Lookout

At the bottom of the trail of the new forest, visitors will arrive at the historic Stone Lookout. Originally built in the late 1930s, the lookout has been in need of renovation for some time now. Thanks to a generous gift of \$25,000 from the Seattle Garden Club, plus funds from the Foundation and the 2008 Parks & Green Space Levy, that renovation will take place and be

completed in time for the September opening.

Caring for the New Plants

When the forest is planted, it will need to be properly maintained. With the help of a recent \$50,000 donation from a longtime Arboretum supporter, the Foundation will be funding the salary and health benefits of a new $\frac{3}{4}$ -time UWBG gardener to care for the plants. We and our partners are also recruiting to enlarge the pool of volunteers in the Pacific Connections Garden Stewards program to help professional staff at the Arboretum maintain the new forest.

Having raised more than \$1 million to help construct and plant the New Zealand Forest, the Foundation will now focus on raising endowment funds to ensure its future care. If you would like to support us in this effort, please contact Randall Hitchin at rhitchin@arboretumfoundation.org or 206-577-1147. ☺

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, September 15, 2013

New Zealand Forest Opening Celebration

The Arboretum Foundation, UW Botanic Gardens, and Seattle Parks and Recreation invite you to join us to celebrate the opening of the New Zealand Forest. Enjoy a ribbon cutting, live performances, tours and family activities, and refreshments. For more information, visit www.arboretumfoundation.org.

News and Notes

Azalea Way Path Improvements

In late spring, Seattle Parks and Recreation staff completed a “missing link” in the Arboretum, by constructing a 225-foot gravel trail connecting the Graham Visitors Center with the Lynn Street Trail along Azalea Way. Now visitors to the Arboretum will be able to stroll along historic Azalea Way on a lovely gravel path all the way from the Visitors Center to the Boyer Street parking lot—any time of year—without the risk of getting bogged down in mud. Paul Smith, Seattle Parks head gardener at the Arboretum, supervised the project, and the Foundation paid for the gravel for the path. Pavers and a handsome small rockery were installed at the head of the trail, to help draw visitors from the GVC across Arboretum Drive and onto the trail. “We also used the excavated materials to level a portion of rough turf along the Lynn Street Trail,” says Paul.



TURF'S UP: Paul Smith excavating the new gravel path on the north end of Azalea Way.

HAPPY STROLLERS: Visitor enjoying the finished gravel trail.



Stewards Program Grant Renewed

We are delighted to announce that the Pendleton and Elisabeth Carey Miller Charitable Foundation have renewed their grant of \$20,000 to help fund the new Garden Stewards program for another year. Started in August 2011, the program—run by Foundation staff member Rhonda Bush—has so far recruited 48 volunteers to help Arboretum gardeners care for Pacific Connections and 13 volunteers to help with maintenance of Azalea Way. Our sincere thanks to the Miller Foundation for its generous gift!

Arboretum Benefits from GiveBIG

The Seattle Foundation’s second annual GiveBIG—a day-long, online giving event—took place on Wednesday, May 15, and the Arboretum Foundation received a total of \$17,387 from 63 generous donors. This total included a matching gift of \$1,500 from Board of Directors member Jim Reid, plus another \$2,500 matching gift from an anonymous donor. In addition to gifts from individual donors, the Arboretum received \$1960.40 from the GiveBIG “stretch pool” of pro-rated matching funds—made possible by the

event’s many sponsors—bringing our grand total for the day to just under \$20,000.

A very BIG thank you to everyone who generously donated! Your gifts help us sustain this city’s treasured Arboretum and educate its children about the importance of preserving nature in the urban environment. A special thanks to the Seattle Foundation and its GiveBIG sponsors for making this amazing annual giving event possible!

Annual Meeting Report

The Foundation hosted a lively Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 19. Board president Craig Trueblood led the proceedings, and speakers included UWBG’s Sarah Reichard, board member Jim Reid, board treasurer Skip Vonckx, and the Foundation’s Paige Miller. Donald Harris of Seattle Parks and Recreation gave a fascinating talk about his involvement with the Arboretum and the Foundation during his decades-long career. Former director of the Arboretum Dr. John Wott gave an inspirational speech about the importance of planned giving and sustaining the Arboretum for future generations.

The formal proceeding included three new appointments to the board: Carolyn Kitchell, Allan Seidenverg, and Linda Strout. Clint Staaf received our Volunteer Legacy Award for his outstanding commitment to the Arboretum over the past two years (see page 6). At the end of the formal gathering, Foundation members enjoyed delicious appetizers on the patio provided by Cameron Catering, desserts by Bikelava, New Zealand wines from Epicurean Wines, and Zoka coffee.

Donor Celebration on September 13

On Friday, September 13, two days before the public opening ceremony of the New Zealand Forest, we will be hosting a donor celebration at the Arboretum. Donors to the Phase 2 of Pacific Connections, Arbor Circle members, and other major donors to the Foundation will be invited. Look for details on our website, www.arboretumfoundation.org. We will be mailing out invitations soon.



ON BOARD:
Two new members of our Board of Directors, Carolyn Kitchell (center left) and Linda Strout (center right), with former board president Della Balick and board member Iris Wagner, at our Annual Meeting on June 19.

Tour the Arboretum at Night!

The popular “Park in the Dark” night-hike program returns this summer and fall. On these special adventures, UWBG environmental educators teach kids and grown-ups about the adaptations of nocturnal animals that live and hunt in the Arboretum. The tours are designed for families with children ages 6 to 10. Upcoming tours are on August 10 (8:00 to 9:30 p.m.), August 31 (7:30 to 9:00 p.m.), September 14 (7:00 to 9:00 p.m.), September 28 (6:30 to 8:00 p.m.), and October 12 (6:00 to 7:30 p.m.). The cost is \$8 per person, and you can register online at www.uwbotanicgardens.org or by calling 206-685-8033.

Sunday Tours to Focus on Hydrangeas and More

The themes for this summer’s free Weekend Walk tours at the Arboretum have been decided. The July tours will focus on the many beautiful hydrangeas in the collection; the theme for August will be native plants and people; in September, the focus will be on the newly planted New Zealand Forest in Pacific Connections (see cover story). The tours take place every Sunday, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., and start at the Graham Visitors Center.



Arboretum Shop
WASHINGTON PARK ARBORETUM

SUMMER READING AT THE SHOP

- *The Roots of My Obsession: Thirty Great Gardeners Reveal Why They Garden*, edited by Thomas C. Cooper (Timber Press, 2012; \$14.95)
- *Slow Flowers: Four Seasons of Locally Grown Bouquets from the Garden*, by Debra Prinzing (St. Lynn’s Press, 2013; \$16.95)
- *Yards: Turn Any Outdoor Space Into the Garden of Your Dreams*, by Billy Goodnick (St. Lynn’s Press, 2013; \$17.95)
- *Backyard Roots: Lessons on Living Local from 35 Urban Farmers*, edited by Lori Eanes (Skipstone, 2013; \$21.95)

OPEN 10 AM TO 4 PM DAILY

Ten percent discount for Foundation members

Tours of the Arboretum By Kayak

For the fourth year in a row, UW Botanic Gardens is partnering with the Agua Verde Paddle Club to offer guided kayak tours of the wetlands around Foster Island this summer. The 90-minute tours will push off from Duck Bay at the north end of the Arboretum on September 5, 6, and 7 (three times each day). The fee is \$30 per person and will fund the UWBG School Fieldtrip Scholarship Fund. No experience necessary. For more information or to register, call 206-543-8801 or email uwbgeduc@u.washington.edu.

What’s Happening

Arboretum Walks & Talks

July 11, August 1, September 5
4—6:30 PM

Offered to Arbor Circle, Legacy Circle, and Steward-Level Members

UWBG/Foundation Volunteer Appreciation Party

Thursday, August 8, 5—7 PM
See page 6

Japanese Garden Events

Sunday, July 7—Tanabata Star Festival
Friday, July 26—Fourth Annual
Garden Party
Saturday, August 10—Wandering
& Wondering
Saturday, August 17—Moon Viewing
See page 7

New Zealand Forest Donor Celebration

Friday, September 13
See page 2

New Zealand Forest Public Opening Celebration

Sunday, September 15
See page 1

— ONGOING EVENTS —

ARBORETUM PLANT SALES

Pat Calvert Greenhouse
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 AM—NOON

Plant Donations Nursery
Wednesdays and Second Saturdays
10 AM—2 PM

Guided Arboretum Walks

Every Sunday, 1 to 2:30 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 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.

News and Notes



A PHILANTHROPIC PAIRING:
Trudy Stack and her husband Harold at a donor plaque dedication ceremony for the Gateway to Chile Garden in 2011.

Remembering Dear Friends

Longtime friend of the Arboretum Trudy Stack passed away on May 19 at the age of 96. For many years, Trudy was a member of Laurelhurst-based volunteer Unit 45 and helped organize fundraising activities for the Arboretum through that unit. With her husband of 70 years, Harold, she also donated generously to the Foundation. Their gifts included a very significant donation to our endowment in 2011.

“I loved getting to know Trudy,” says Foundation executive director Paige Miller. “She was full of spunk, excited about life, and engaged with the world. Her daughter, Nancy Mack, said that Trudy was her generation’s

Facebook, always connecting people. And she loved the Arboretum!”

Trudy is survived by Harold, their four children—Sally Lehmann, Nancy Mack, Robert Stack, and Katie Stack—as well as six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The Arboretum recently lost another dear friend, Jeanette “Jan” O’Connor, who passed away on May 19, aged 82. A teacher in the Seattle Public Schools system for 32 years until she retired in 1992, Jan was a longtime member of the Foundation.

New Employees and Staff Transitions

Randall Hitchin joined the Foundation from UW Botanic Gardens in Fall 2011 as our Volunteer and Outreach Programs manager. He performed his duties with flying colors, but felt his talents might be best put to use in our Development Department. This summer Randall became our new Major Gifts and Outreach Manager and will work directly with Paige Miller to raise money for the Arboretum.

“This is an exciting development for us,” says Paige, “and one that’s already bearing fruit. It’s terrific to have someone like Randall—who knows the plant collections here better than anyone and is so passionate about this

place—helping us to cultivate donors and new friendships.”

Randall’s position as Volunteer Manager has already been filled. We are pleased to announce that Megan Meyer will be heading up our volunteer resources program, starting July 1. For the past four years, Megan has worked at Camp Fire Central Puget Sound, overseeing development and marketing, but also recruiting and training volunteers to work on the organization’s major fundraising events. Welcome Megan!

In February 2013, Cynthia Welte stepped down from her position as Volunteer and Annual Giving Coordinator to pursue other interests. Cynthia had been with us since early summer 2011 and did an excellent job. We wish her all the best!

In April 2013, we hired Jeff Boyer to be Cynthia’s successor. As our new Campaign and Major Gifts Coordinator, Jeff’s role will be somewhat different. He will support our Pacific Connections Capital Campaign, as well as our Arbor Circle and Commemorative Gift programs. He will also assist Randall with the development of major gifts. Prior to joining the Foundation, Jeff worked in prospect research for Seattle Pacific University, where he holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology. ☺

New Members

The Arboretum Foundation welcomes members who joined during the period of November 28, 2012 to June 18, 2013.

Diane Adachi	Amanda Beaty	Eugene Carlson	Candace and Michael Donovan	Pam Gray and Ross Hays
David Adams and Cory Curtis	Ashish and Ritu Bindra	Judy Cooley	Mary Drummond	Steve Hanson and Melanie Tait
Suzanne and Marvin Anderson	Cathy Boelke	Mae Coover	Bonnie Ecker	Steven Harmon
Elizabeth and Bradford Armstrong	Jeff Boyer	Rebecca Corson	Sarah Emerson	Pat Harrigan
Janifer Atchity and Amy Atchity	Linda Burnett and Bruce Watermann	Jane Curtis	Mary Engel and Nolan Hester	Delores Harrington
Susan E. Barnes	Claudia Calderhead	Sherry Danza	Charles Fitzgerald	Kris Harry
	Frances Camber	Karen and Kevin Deitrick	Dennis and Caroline Foster	Cecile Henault and John Owen
	Lisa Cannon	Katy DeRosier and Rob Schmieder	Caroline Foster	Kyle A. Henegar
	Jean Carlson	Susan Dier	Marta Franzen	

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

FlorAbundance at the Arboretum

For the second year in a row, we hosted FlorAbundance—the region’s largest and best plant sale—at the Arboretum. The main event on Saturday, April 27, and Sunday, April 28, was well attended, as was our Member PreSale & Party on Friday, April 26, and sales were steady.

This year, we added more nurseries to the sale and expanded the selection of edibles. Shoppers enjoyed the diversity of the plants on offer and the beautiful

surroundings of the Arboretum. Our golf-cart shuttle service along Arboretum Drive was also well-received.

Thanks to everyone who came, shopped, and showed their support for the Arboretum. A big thanks to our hard-working volunteers (see page 6), who made the whole thing possible. Next year’s sale will return to its regular venue, at the newly renovated Building 30 in Magnuson Park. ☺

Thank You!

Special thanks to our event chair
BOB LILLY!
And to all our generous sponsors:
Seattle Parks and Recreation
Broadmoor Golf Club
The BoxMaker Company
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ABOVE: GARDENING CELEBS:

Ciscoe Morris (left) and Marty Wingate (right) with the Foundation’s Randall Hitchin at the Member PreSale & Party. Marty volunteered as one of our roving plant experts, and Ciscoe, as always, toured the vendor stalls and selected his favorite plants (“Ciscoe’s Picks”) in the sale.



ABOVE: HAPPY SHOPPERS:

The weather for the Saturday sale was cool, cloudy, and a bit drizzly—but that didn’t stop Seattle’s gardeners from coming to the Arboretum to get their plants.



LEFT: STUPENDOUS SLIDERS:

The food at this year’s PreSale & Party was a big hit. The Skillet Food Truck served up tasty small bites to Foundation members and their guests.

New Members continued

Diane Honeywell
Catherine Jones
Tom Keane
Linda A. Kent and
James M. Corson
Kyra Kester
Carolyn and Robert Kitchell
Ruth Klemola-Phillips
Penelope Kriese
Primary Addressee
Elsie Lee

Pam Lowney
Kathryn Mahony
Linda Mammano
Tony Martinez
Sharon Massey and
Dan Henderson
Jon McClellan
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Cheryl Moore
Tomio and Yan-Jenny
Moriguchi

Claudia Nelson
Greg Nelson
Bart Ozretich
William and
Johanna Padie
Samuel Scott Parrish
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VOLUNTEER VINE

Thanks to Our Plant Sale Volunteers! Our annual April plant sales were another big success this year, thanks in large part to the tremendous work of our volunteers. On April 13, our volunteer-run Plant Donations Nursery and Pat Calvert Greenhouse hosted Early Bloomers, and helped local gardeners kick off the garden season. Then came FlorAbundance (see page 5) at Graham Visitors Center, from April 26 and 28. Over the course of the event, more than 100 volunteers donated over 600 hours of work! Our dedicated volunteers come through for us time and time again and deserve our sincerest thanks.



CELEBRATING CLINT

At the Foundation's Annual Meeting on June 19, Clint Staaf received our Volunteer Legacy Award for his outstanding service to the Arboretum. Over the past two years, Clint, a retired Seattle Parks and Recreation carpenter, has worked tirelessly as a member of the new Pacific Connections Garden Stewards. He was also a key member of the design committee for our multi-award winning display garden at the 2013 NW Flower & Garden Show. Clint has also used his carpentry know-how to make improvements to the Graham Visitors Center, specifically in modifying the front desk to make room for our new coffee bar. Thanks Clint for all your wonderful help!

August 8: Volunteer Party, With a Kiwi Twist—Party on! Kiwi style! The annual UW Botanic Gardens/Arboretum Foundation volunteer appreciation celebration will be held at the Arboretum on Thursday, August 8, from 5 to 7 p.m., and the theme this year will be New Zealand. At 4 p.m., before the party starts, we'll be hosting guided tours of the New Zealand Forest in Pacific Connections. Then light hors d'oeuvres and a special gin cocktail, the "Kiwi Collins," will be served in the Graham Visitors Center. There'll be live entertainment, an awards ceremony, and more. All volunteers welcome! To attend, please RSVP to Carrie Cone, cmcone@uw.edu, by August 1.

What's In My Garden 🌿

Jenefer Hutchins, Plant Donations Nursery Volunteer



What is in your garden this season? As I'm writing this (in early June), our bush anemone (*Carpentria californica*) is in full flower and gorgeous in one of the few bright sunny spots in the garden. I bought it from Plant Donations, where I volunteer. Perennials in bloom right now include *Tradescantia virginiana*, *Achillea* 'Moonshine', *Brunnera macrophylla* 'Jack Frost', and a new little groundcover, *Beesia deltophylla*, which has charming small white flowers on spires. In another month, the flower show will include *Echinops ritro*, *Hydrangea involucrata* 'Hortensis', and a tree—the stunning *Eucryphia* × *nymansensis*.

What is your favorite season to garden? Spring, when everything is lush and uplifting. But my mother used say that the true test of a good garden is the way it looks in late fall and winter. So I am working on improving ours.

Can you recommend a good gardening or nature book? My favorite book is *The Education of a Gardener*, by Russell Page. Not only does Page give salient gardening information, he has also inspired and enlarged my appreciation of gardens. Visiting gardens and parks is a big part of traveling for me. Another book I enjoy is *The Green Tapestry*, by Beth Chatto. She writes so beautifully about grouping plants for visual effect and healthy growth.

When did you start volunteering at the Arboretum? My mother, a Master Gardner, introduced me in the 1990s first to Pat Calvert Greenhouse and then to the Plant Donations Nursery. Later, I served on the Arboretum Foundation's Board of Directors, which gave me a broader perspective on the organization's work.

What is your favorite thing about volunteering at the Arboretum? Working with all of the wonderful, knowledgeable people to support the Arboretum is stimulating and fulfilling. ☺

UWBG Events & Classes

Art Exhibit: Burnscapes— Paintings by Suze Woolf

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This summer, the Miller Library is hosting an exhibit by local artist Suze Woolf (suzewoolf-fineart.com). Woolf's "Burnscapes" series is a collection of paintings depicting fire-scarred trees, and is a meditation on forest fires and the effects of climate change. For more information about the exhibit, call 206-543-0415 or go to www.millerlibrary.org.



CROWN OF BROKEN

BRANCHES: Watercolor on archival paper, by Suze Woolf.
Don't miss Woolf's exhibit at the Miller library this summer.

Summer Pruning of Trees & Shrubs

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 8:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.
WASHINGTON PARK ARBORETUM

Summer is an excellent time, even the preferred time, for pruning certain plants. Generally, pruning in mid-summer is done to remove water sprouts, prevent heavy sucker growth, and to control a plant's size. In this outdoor demonstration class, you can learn what, why, and how to prune in summer. The expert instructors will be Bess Bronstein, a consulting arborist and horticulture instructor at the Edmonds Community College; UWBG horticulture manager David Zuckerman; and UWBG arborist Chris Watson. The cost is \$80 per person. You can register online at <https://www.cfr.washington.edu/uwbg/>. For more information, call 206-685-8033 or email urbhort@uw.edu. ↪

Summer Events at the Seattle Japanese Garden

- **Sunday, July 7: TANABATA**—A traditional Japanese star festival, featuring cultural demonstrations and performances. Held in conjunction with the Wing Luke Museum.
- **Friday, July 26, 5:30 to 8:00 PM: FOURTH ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY**—This year's party hosted by the Japanese Advisory Council will benefit the pond restoration program in the Garden. Enjoy an evening stroll, light dinner catered by Hiroshi's, a sake tasting, live entertainment, and more. Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased online at www.brownpapertickets.com.
- **Saturday, August 10: WANDERING & WONDERING**—Join local movement artists and musicians for site-specific performances inspired by the garden.
- **Saturday, August 17: MOON VIEWING**—An evening event celebrating the beauty of the full moon.

For details, call 206-684-4725 or visit the Japanese Garden website, www.cityofseattle.net/parks/parkspaces/japanesegarden.htm. ↪

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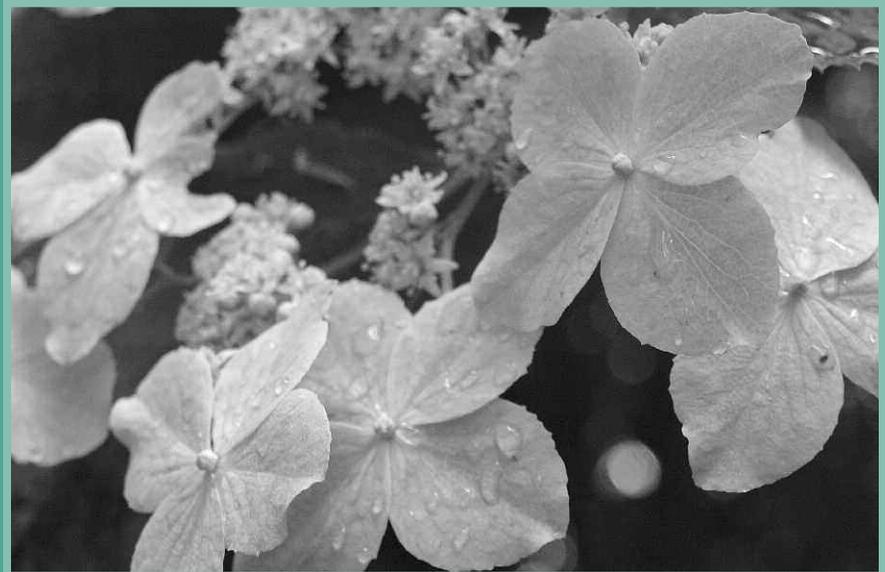


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Arboretum Scene: *Hydrangea heteromalla*

I love plants that break the rules, and *Hydrangea heteromalla* is guilty of grave size infractions. In ultimate size, it far exceeds nearly all its brethren, forming a small tree up to 20 feet high, with trunks eight to ten inches thick. While this species varies somewhat in appearance across its broad range—from the Himalayan region to central and northern China—its large-leaved canopy reliably fills with luminous, cream-colored “lacecaps” by mid-June. But that’s not how the show ends. As the flowers are pollinated, each “petal” begins a progression of color shifts that continues through summer and into fall. By October, the long-lasting, ever-changing floral parade culminates in rich burgundy stained flowers. With such a floral spectacle, *Hydrangea heteromalla* recalls the saying, “if you must break the rules, at least be very good at it.” In the Arboretum, you can see this hydrangea being very good indeed in the Rhododendron Glen (grid 12-6E).



—Randall Hitchin, Major Gifts and Outreach Manager, Arboretum Foundation