

## Bulb-a-Rama!

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It's bulb-planting season, and gardeners everywhere are starting to plan and orchestrate their flower displays for next year. They won't want to miss the Arboretum Foundation's annual Fall Bulb & Plant Sale on **Sunday, October 3** and **Monday, October 4**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Graham Visitors Center, in Washington Park Arboretum. Featuring hundreds of varieties of daffodils, tulips, crocuses, alliums, anemones, fritillarias, and more, the sale is a Shangri-La for bulb enthusiasts.

It's also a great venue for buying companion plants to go with your bulbs: Several of the region's top specialty nurseries will be present at the Sunday event, selling ferns, perennials, and shrubs.

Arboretum Foundation members may shop early at the **Member Pre-Sale, Saturday, October 2**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Both the pre-sale and the Monday sale are "bulbs only"; however, the



*Tulipa 'Juan', new at the sale this year!*

Arboretum's Pat Calvert Greenhouse and Plant Donations Nursery will be open for browsing throughout the event, and will be selling a wide array of herbaceous and woody plants to complement your bulbs.

As a special feature this year, we'll also be selling a large collection of bonsai trees donated to the Foundation by one of our very

generous members. See page 5 for

details. Also new this year at the Sunday sale will be a kids' table hosted by educators from the UW Botanic Gardens. Parents and kids can take a break from shopping and enjoy free, fall-themed educational activities.

### New and Popular Daffodils

"Among the wonderful daffodil varieties that we'll be offering for the first time this year," says Narcissus department chair Sally Abella, "is the small-cupped cultivar 'Jamestown'. Small-cupped varieties have a quiet grace and form that captivate many. The white petals and brilliant yellow cup of 'Jamestown' are accented by a distinct green eye that wins the plant blue ribbons in flower shows. But the bulb is also a great performer in the garden! It is often quite expensive to purchase, so we feel lucky to be able to offer it at an affordable price."

"Another exciting new addition this year is the cyclamineus hybrid 'Bittern,'" continues Sally. "It's a cheerful, early-blooming yellow-orange combination with swept-back petals that looks sensational with early pansies and grape hyacinths—and it will battle with the rain to keep you happy in our gray March weather!"

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## All About Bulbs—With Marty & Bob

Wednesday, September 22, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Graham Visitors Center  
Free admission and parking

To whet your appetite for this year's Bulb & Plant Sale, the Foundation will once again host a lecture and Q&A session about bulbs with garden writer and radio personality Marty Wingate and plant expert Bob Lilly. Learn all you need to know about buying, planting, designing with, and caring for bulbs! The event will begin with a short lecture on bulb basics, followed by a lively Q&A with Marty and Bob mediated by Arboretum Foundation Executive Director Paige Miller.

*Parking and admission are free! The Fall Plant & Bulb Sale raises important funds to support Washington Park Arboretum.*



# News and Notes



**DON'T FORGET YOUR SHOVEL!** [From left to right] Seattle Park and Recreation's Christopher Williams, the Foundation's Julia Maywald and Barbara Wright, Seattle Parks and Recreation's Andy Sheffer, and UW Botanic Gardens' Sandra Lier during the groundbreaking ceremony for Gateway to Chile on June 11.

## **GATEWAY TO CHILE: Opening Celebration and Ribbon-Cutting Sunday, October 17, Time TBA**

The Arboretum Foundation, the University of Washington Botanic Gardens, and Seattle Parks & Recreation invite you to join us to celebrate the official opening of the new Gateway to Chile display in the Pacific Connections Garden on Sunday, October 17. The event is free and open to public, and will feature garden tours, live music in the Pacific Connections meadow, a performance by Chilean folk dance troupe Violeta Parra, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, and complimentary snacks and refreshments (while supplies last). Keep an eye on our website, [www.arboretumfoundation.org](http://www.arboretumfoundation.org), for more details.

## **520 Update: Arboretum Representatives Meeting with WSDOT**

This fall, the State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is working to refine Governor Christine Gregoire's preferred alternative for the SR520 bridge design so that a final plan can be adopted next year. Recently, WSDOT officials have been meeting with the Arboretum and Botanical Garden Committee (ABGC)—an advisory group made up of representatives of the University of Washington, City of Seattle, and the Arboretum Foundation, as well as state and mayoral appointees—twice a month to

work on how to improve the plan to avoid or reduce the impacts of the bridge replacement on the Arboretum, as well as to discuss which Arboretum projects we would like to see implemented as compensation for the bridge's unavoidable impacts.

One of ABGC's—and the Foundation's—highest priorities is reducing traffic on Lake Washington Boulevard, and we have discussed solutions such as traffic calming (e.g. pedestrian crossings) as well as traffic management (e.g. tolling for traffic going to and from the 520). On August 23, ABGC presented WSDOT with a list of priority projects from the Arboretum Master Plan that might be funded with SR520 mitigation money. These include daylighting Arboretum Creek and completing the Pacific Connections Garden. To follow what's happening, check out the ABGC website at <http://depts.washington.edu/wpa/abgc/>. You'll find agendas and minutes of meetings posted there.

## **Special Photo Exhibit at the Japanese Garden**

As part of its 50th anniversary celebration, the Japanese Garden is hosting a special photography exhibit this fall entitled "Katsura: The Photographs of Ishimoto Yasuhiro." Funded by the Japan Foundation, the exhibit features Yasuhiro's acclaimed photos of the interior and exterior of the historic Katsura Detached Palace, in Kyoto. The photos will be on display from 1:30 to 4 p.m., Thursday to Sunday, September through November 14. For more details, call 206-684-4725.

## **Thanks and Farewell to Barbara Selemon!**

The Arboretum Foundation would like to say a special thank you to UW Botanic Gardens Manager of Program Operations Barbara Selemon for her many years of dedicated service to Washington Park Arboretum. The most recent victim of the budget constraints currently plaguing our University and City partners, Barbara worked at the UW Botanic Gardens for 25 years, starting out as a gardener in 1985 and working her way up through the ranks. For more than two decades, she managed all plant propagation and production of plant collection development and conservation for the UW Botanic Gardens. She also initiated and coordinated the community-based learning program at the Washington Park Arboretum, collaborating on projects with community organizations that serve underprivileged youth while also restoring and beautifying the Arboretum.

As the UWBG's grant writer, Barbara raised approximately \$90,000 in awards for her organization, including a

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five-year grant from the State Department of Ecology to control invasive garden loosestrife populating the shorelines of Lake Union. Barbara's Native Plant Propagation Program resulted in the salvage, propagation, and planting back of approximately 3,000 native plants in the Arboretum. Of the 1,400 different accessions that have been planted out on the grounds from the container nursery since 1987, 1,035 were propagated by Barbara from either seed or cuttings. Thank you, Barbara, and best of luck!

## Foundation Receives Generous Bequests

In August, the Arboretum Foundation received a gift of approximately \$71,000 from the Estate of Joy Spurr, a partial distribution of her bequest to us. Joy was the official photographer of the Arboretum for more than three decades (see the article in the summer 2010 issue of the *Washington Park Arboretum Bulletin* celebrating her work), and had years ago generously given her Arboretum slides to the Foundation, as well as the rights to their use and publication. We are in the process of digitizing the collection for ease of use and preservation, using a grant of \$5,000 donated by Joy last year. We are very grateful to Joy for her many gifts to Arboretum over the years, including her most recent legacy gift.

In recent months we have received a number of other generous bequests from longtime members and friends who have passed on, including \$5000 from the Thelma LaBow Shields Trust, and notifications of a \$15,000 gift from Lucy Mitchell and a \$25,000 gift from Ralph Jacobson. We are deeply grateful for their goodwill and devotion to the Arboretum. If you are interested in including us in your estate plans, contact our Director of Development, Andrea Myers at 206-325-4510 or [amyers@arboretumfoundation.org](mailto:amyers@arboretumfoundation.org).

## June 11th: A Very Special Day

Friday, June 11, was a big day for the Arboretum Foundation. In conjunction with our annual meeting, we celebrated the Foundation's official 75th anniversary with about 100 guests. Highlights of the evening included speeches by outgoing Board President Barbara Wright, Acting Seattle Parks Superintendent Christopher Williams, Interim Director of the UW School of Forest Resources Tom Hinckley, and former Foundation board President Duane Kelly. New members were elected to the Foundation Board of Directors for fiscal year 2011 (Beth Morgan, Steve Lorton, Jim Reid, and Roger Williams), and new board officers were voted in (including Della Balick as Board President). We presented our Volunteer Legacy Award to Carole Allison for her many years of devoted service. In recognition of our anniversary, UWBG is giving a conference table to the Foundation made from the American elm removed from the Witt Winter Garden in early 2010. ↪



**VOLUNTEER EXTRAORDINAIRE:** Carol Allison (right) with our volunteer resources manager, Elly Lien. Carol was this year's winner of our Volunteer Legacy Award.

## What's Happening

### All About Bulbs With Marty & Bob

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### Member Pre-Sale

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### Gateway to Chile

Ribbon-Cutting & Celebration  
Sunday, October 17, Time TBA

### Gifts & Greens Galore

Saturday, December 11, 10 AM–2 PM  
Sunday, December 12, 10 AM–2 PM

## — ONGOING EVENTS —

### ARBORETUM PLANT SALES

#### Pat Calvert Greenhouse

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 AM–NOON

#### Plant Donations Nursery

Wednesdays and 2nd Saturdays  
10 AM–2 PM, through October 20

### Guided Arboretum Walks

1st and 3rd Sundays, 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 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.

# New Developments



**ENJOYING THE VIEW:** Longtime Foundation supporters Dick and Betty Wood purchased a commemorative bench in the Pacific Connections Garden meadow to honor the 75th anniversary of Washington Park Arboretum. On July 15, the Woods visited the Arboretum with their family to see the finished bench and enjoy the surrounding view. Thank you Dick and Betty for your continued love and support of the Arboretum! For information on our commemorative bench program, contact Gregg Cato at 206-325-4510 or [gcato@arboretumfoundation.org](mailto:gcato@arboretumfoundation.org).

## Foundation Hires New Development Director

The Arboretum Foundation is pleased to announce the hiring of Andrea Myers as its new, full-time Director of Development. Following the departure of our part-time Director of Major Gifts, Julia Maywald, in June, we have restructured the Development Department in order to create a full-time director's position. Andrea will take the helm of both our capital campaign and operations fundraising. Andrea has a very impressive resume. Her most recent position has been as Assistant Dean for Advancement and External Relations at the University of Washington, where she worked both with the Dean of the Nursing School and the UW Advancement Office. Prior to this, Andrea was Director of Development for three and a half years at Harborview and UW Medical Centers and was part of a team that helped raise more than \$1 billion for the UW Medicine departments. Before that, she was Director of Development for the Swedish Medical Center Foundation for nearly 10 years. Welcome Andrea!

## Foundation Publishes 2010-2012 Strategic Plan

Beginning in late 2009, the Foundation's Board worked with the University of Washington and City of Seattle to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the three Arboretum partners. It also focused on clarifying the roles of our Board, volunteers, and staff. Following this, a strategic planning committee worked with our Board, partners, and stakeholders to craft a new strategic plan for the Foundation. The finished document was published on our website in early summer, 2010. You can download it in long and summary form at [www.arboretumfoundation.org/whats\\_new/StrategicPlan2010.cfm](http://www.arboretumfoundation.org/whats_new/StrategicPlan2010.cfm).



**CELEBRATING SUCCESS:** Gateway to Chile campaign co-chair Lynn Garvey and former Pacific Connections Campaign Cabinet chair Allen Ferrin at the Windcliff donor event.

## Gateway Donor Celebration at Windcliff

On August 3, the Arboretum Foundation celebrated the successful completion of its Gateway to Chile Campaign with donors and supporters of the project at Windcliff, the spectacular Indianola home of Dan Hinkley and Robert Jones. Seventy guests enjoyed a light reception, sweeping views of Puget Sound, and five acres of amazing plant collections, some originating from Chile. Thanks to Dan and Robert for providing the venue for the event. The Foundation raised \$425,000 last year, with the help of campaign champions and co-chairs, Lynn Garvey and Kathy Fries. Work on the Gateway garden began in spring and is on track to be completed this fall (see page 2). Thank you to all our generous campaign donors! ☺

## New Members

The Foundation welcomes members who joined during the period of May 15 to August 16, 2010.

Mary Barre  
Suzanna Ekstrom  
David Engelstein  
Claire Hummel

Andy Jessup &  
Heidi Powell  
Mary Leonard

Andrea and Ravi  
Myers  
Courtney Olander

Heesung Lim &  
Changyong Park  
Cynthia Welte  
Ellen C. Widmayer

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“We should finally have enough bulbs of *Narcissus poeticus recurvus* (the Poet’s daffodil) and the elegant ‘Misty Glen’ to meet the great demand that we have had for these two varieties over the last few years,” adds Sally. “The true Poet’s daffodil is often hard to find in stores, and is a favorite of those who remember its beautiful yellow-centered white flowers and great fragrance from their grandparents’ front yard. ‘Misty Glen’ is an award-winning pure white flower that captures the heart of everyone who sees it and has consistently sold out in the first rush of the public sale.”

## Tulip-mania

We’ll have a lot of gorgeous new tulip attractions at the sale this year,” says Tulip department head Darlene Klein. “We have high hopes for ‘Bestseller’, a single early-flowering tulip with long-lasting orange, red, and yellow petals. It’s especially nice in a mass planting. Then there’s ‘Lighting Sun’, a Darwin variety with subtle fragrance. The flowers are a lovely marigold-orange, with an azalea-pink sheen and yellow



**ART AND ARTISANAL WINE:** Our second annual “Art in the Park,” on August 12, was a resounding success. Attendance was higher compared to last year, art sales were up 191 percent, and more than 50 guests partook in the wine and cheese tasting. All in all, the event raised more than \$1500 for the Arboretum and earned the Foundation a host of new friends and admirers, who enjoyed the open-air format of the art show, the excellent wines, and the chance to visit the Arboretum on a lovely summer evening. Special thanks to our sponsoring wineries—Nota Bene Cellars, OS Winery, and Ott & Murphy Wines—and to our media sponsor, KUOW 94.9 FM. Thanks also to the following businesses who generously donated food and beverages for the event: Essential Baking Company, Sugar Mountain Capital, PCC Natural Markets, Starbucks Coffee Company, and Trader Joe’s Capitol Hill. See more event photos on our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/pages/Arboretum-Foundation/85953492679](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Arboretum-Foundation/85953492679).

## A Bumper Bonsai Sale

As a special feature at this year’s Fall Bulb & Plant Sale, we will be selling a collection of bonsai trees donated to the Arboretum by a generous member of the Foundation. It’s a marvelous collection of about 20 trees of varying ages and sizes, including conifers, broadleaf species, and bamboo. One relatively large (foot-high) Engleman spruce is well over 150 years old! See an illustrated catalog of the collection on the Bulb Sale page of our website, [www.arboretumfoundation.org](http://www.arboretumfoundation.org).



White pine (*Pinus strobus*)

center. The brilliant color and strong stems make it perfect for cut-flower arrangements.”

“Other new faces at this year’s sale,” says Darlene, “include the Fosteriana tulip, ‘Juan’—a real showoff, with its deep orange and yellow petals and purple-mottled foliage; the handsome ‘Lucky Strike’, a triumph tulip with vibrant red petals fading to white at the edges; and ‘Dordogne’, a very unusual multi-colored single-late tulip sporting pink petals brushed with orange and yellow.”

“Returning favorites at the sale include *Tulipa batalinii* ‘Bright Gem’, a species tulip with delicate, orange-flushed sulfur-yellow flowers perched above broad, shiny leaves; ‘Tsar Peter’, a regal, award-winning Greigii tulip, with mottled foliage and claret-rose and sulfur-white petals; and *Tulipa acuminata*, a hard-to-find species tulip with long, narrow, pointed, scarlet and yellow petals.”

## Specialty Items

Along with narcissus and tulips, we’ll be selling more than 150 varieties of specialty bulbs, including lovely *Allium*, *Chionodoxa*, *Crocus*, *Galanthus*, *Muscari*, and *Watsonia*. New offerings this year include the hybrid *Camassia* ‘Blue Heaven’, which boasts intense, sky-blue flower spikes and long, upright sword-like leaves; *Crocus* ‘Yalta’, a spring flowering variety with rich, purple-blue petals and yellow insides; and *Iris ensata* ‘Lion King’, a fully double Japanese water iris with frilled-edge purple and white flowers.

See you at the sale!

For a full list of bulbs at this year’s sale, visit [www.arboretumfoundation.org](http://www.arboretumfoundation.org).

# VOLUNTEER VINE

## *Bulb Sale Volunteers Needed—*

The Fall Bulb & Plant Sale wouldn't be possible without the help of our wonderful volunteers. And this year's event on October 2, 3, and 4 will be no exception! We're looking for volunteers to assist with bulb bagging prior to the sale, set-up, and take down, and to work as cashiers, markers, porters, and more. See a schedule of volunteer jobs on the Bulb Sale page of our website, [www.arboretumfoundation.org](http://www.arboretumfoundation.org). To sign up, contact our Volunteer Resources Manager, Elly Lien, at 206-325-4510 or [alien@arboretumfoundation.org](mailto:alien@arboretumfoundation.org).

## *Fall Offerings at Plant Donations—*

Our volunteer-run Plant Donations Nursery, located just south of the visitors center at the Arboretum, has a large assortment of plants for all areas of the garden, from sunny borders to moist, shady areas. You'll find a great

**INDUSTRIOUS INTERN:** The Arboretum Foundation would like to thank Ashley Bean and wish her the best of luck in her senior year at Gonzaga University, in Spokane. This past summer, Ashley interned at the Foundation office in the Graham Visitors Center, assisting us with the cleanup of our database. She will be graduating with a degree in International Business next spring and is then planning to join the Peace Corps. We expect to see great things from her!



**Arboretum Shop**  
WASHINGTON PARK ARBORETUM

### NEW ITEMS FOR FALL

- **HERITAGE PLAYING CARDS**—finally with trees of North America
- **LOTS of NEW BOOK TITLES**—including those reviewed in the fall issue of the *Washington Park Arboretum Bulletin*
- **NEW, BIG-STATEMENT JEWELRY**
- **FRESH BATCHES of ARBORETUM HONEY**, bottled by the Puget Sound Beekeeper's Association
- **TALL GARDEN STAKES** for all those ranging vines and perennials

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selection of trees and shrubs for autumn planting, including fall-blooming *Clerodendrum*, hard-to-find *Comptonia* (sweet fern), a tall-form *Callicarpa* (beauty berry), and ferny-leaved *Sorbaria* (false spirea). Perennials include fall-blooming cyclamen, hellebores (plant now for a great spring display!), the unusual groundcover *Galax* (good for flower arrangements!), and the old standby, *Epimedium*, a late-winter bloomer. The nursery is open on Wednesdays and second Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Last day of sales for the 2010 season is Wednesday, October 20. ☺



## What's In My Garden 🌿

Mary Ellen Mulder, Board Member and Visitors Center Volunteer  
(pictured here with husband, Gordon)

*What is in your garden this season?* I have 14 varieties of Japanese maple, and they all turn different shades of red, orange, copper, and bronze. They're probably my favorite plants. Some areas of my garden are carpeted with hardy cyclamen. I still have dahlias in flower: They bloom such a long time!

*What is your favorite season to garden?* Probably spring. There's always that feeling of expectation and excitement about which bulb will come up, which flower will open.

*Can you recommend a good gardening or nature book?* My "turn to" book in most cases is the *Sunset Western Garden Book*. For tips on propagation, the Arboretum Foundation's *Cuttings Through the Year* is an excellent resource.

*When did you start volunteering at the Arboretum?* My husband and I bought our house on Mercer Island in 1970 from another Mary Ellen who was a Foundation volunteer. Our neighbors also encouraged us to join. By 1976, I was chair of the Plant Sale.

*What is your favorite thing about volunteering at the Arboretum?* The opportunity to learn about plants, and the great people that you meet. Currently, I volunteer at the front desk in the Graham Visitors Center, and I love

**EMPOWERED YOUTH:** Two high school interns from the Pacific Science Center Discovery Corps program, Carnissa and LaChrista (second and third from left in photo), worked with UW staff and volunteers this summer on a project to resurrect the native plant walking tour of the Arboretum. Discovery Corps ([www.pacsci.org/discoverycorps](http://www.pacsci.org/discoverycorps)) aims to place motivated young people



with organizations throughout Seattle to gain new knowledge and skills through meaningful volunteer projects. This year's project theme was climate change, so in addition to resurrecting the self-guided tour, LaChrista and Carnissa gathered baseline data to be used in a phenological calendar that will track the effects of global warming on our region's native flora.

## Explore the Arboretum at Night

The popular "Park in the Dark" family program returns on Saturday, September 25, from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. Join UW Botanic Gardens educators on a nighttime tour of the Arboretum and learn about animal adaptations to the dark. Become a bat or a moth, test your sense of smell, and use your "Deer Ears" to hear night sounds. The program is free for children and \$6 for adults. To learn more or register, contact Lisa Sanphillippo at 206-543-8801 or [lsanphil@uw.edu](mailto:lsanphil@uw.edu). BYOF (bring your own flashlight!)

## Botanical Illustration: A Living Art

OCTOBER 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, MILLER LIBRARY  
CENTER FOR URBAN HORTICULTURE (CUH), 3501 NE 41ST STREET, SEATTLE

In this exhibit and art show at the Elisabeth C. Miller Library, professional botanist and botanical artist Linda Ann Vorobik presents a retrospective of her work as it has evolved during her 25-year career. See pen and inkplates used in floras featuring Linda Ann's work; watercolors of ferns, orchids, and local native plants; paintings of flowers from the garden of Linda's late mother, Ruth Vorobik; and more. The show is dedicated to the memory of Ruth, a long-time member of the Arboretum Foundation, volunteer Unit 24, and the *Washington Park Arboretum Bulletin* editorial board. An artist's reception will be held at the library on Friday, October 8, 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 206-543-0415 or visit [www.millerlibrary.org](http://www.millerlibrary.org).

### ~ UWBG Fall Classes & Events ~

- GARDEN DESIGN WALK IN MADISON PARK  
Saturday, September 18, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP  
Saturday, September 25, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. CUH
- BOTANICAL DRAWING I  
Five Thursdays beginning September 30, 7 to 9:30 p.m., CUH
- SMALL GARDEN DESIGN WITH MARTY WINGATE  
Tuesday, October 19, 7 to 8:30 p.m., CUH
- MEET YOUR GARDEN SOIL WITH LINDA CHALKER-SCOTT  
Tuesday, October 26, 7 to 8:30 p.m., CUH

For more information or to register, call 206-685-8033, email [jrobins@uw.edu](mailto:jrobins@uw.edu), or visit [www.uwbotanicgardens.org](http://www.uwbotanicgardens.org). ☺

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**Graham Visitors Center/Gift Shop:**  
10 AM–4 PM, daily  
**Information Hotline:** 206-543-8800

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**Arboretum Offices/Graham Visitors Center:** 206-543-8800  
**Japanese Garden:** 206-684-4725  
**Master Gardeners Hotline:** 206-296-3440  
**Miller Library:** 206-543-0415  
**Plant Answer Line:** 206-897-5268  
**UW Botanic Gardens:** 206-543-8616  
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## Arboretum Scene

*Camellia sasanqua* 'Tago-no-tsuki' (sasanqua camellia)

PHOTO BY RANDALL HITCHIN



Often overlooked in favor of its larger-flowering cousin, *Camellia japonica*, the sasanqua camellia has a number of admirable traits that make it worthy of greater attention. Native to Japan, the fall-blooming species is as versatile as it is beautiful, adapting well to a range of growing conditions and uses in the garden. Dozens of cultivars are available, offering a wide variety of forms, sizes, and flower colors. One of my favorites is 'Tago-no-tsuki' (the name translates to "Tago Moon"). While more commonly seen in gardens as a dense, evergreen shrub of 6 to 8 feet in height, the cultivar will over many decades develop into a small tree of perhaps 18 feet.

In late autumn, it produces big, white, semi-double flowers with petals that look like crumpled satin. The flowers have a soft but very pleasant scent variously described as reminiscent of green tea, corn silk, or fresh cut grass. Vigorous, pest and disease free, and a regular bloomer in the Pacific Northwest, 'Tago-no-tsuki' performs best in full sun to partial shade and moist, humus-rich, acidic soil. ↪

—Randall Hitchin, UWBG Living Collections Manager & Registrar, Washington Park Arboretum

In the Arboretum: At grid coordinates 10-4E, 10-5E, 10-6E, and 11-4E or ask at the Graham Visitors Center.