

Budget Crisis Threatens Arboretum

Over the past two years, the University of Washington has lost more than \$132 million in state funding, or roughly 30 percent of its state appropriation. And sadly, more cuts are on the way! If the Governor's proposed budget for 2011-13 passes through the legislature, the UW will have lost more than 50 percent of its state appropriation in just three years.

In February 2011, UW Interim President Phyllis Wise sent a letter to the state legislature addressing the issue and listing potential budget cuts at the university to meet the state's targeted funding reduction. One of her proposed cuts is to "reduce or eliminate funding for the Washington Park Arboretum."

"This would be a tremendous blow to the Arboretum," says Foundation Executive Director Paige Miller. Currently, the state provides about \$300,000 per year in funds for the maintenance and care of the plant collections in the Arboretum—roughly the same amount that the Foundation now provides for maintenance, as well as for the children's environmental education program.

"We are endeavoring to learn how deep the proposed cuts actually will be and how we can minimize them," continues Paige. "We will let you know through our website and email as soon as we have better information."

In the meantime, the Foundation is mobilizing in several ways: We are

working to raise more funds to support the care of the plant collections, and working on the creation of a new unit of volunteers to care for the Pacific Connections Garden. This unit, together with existing units and volunteers—as well as groups like the Day of Caring volunteers and the Qwest Pioneers—will play a vital role in the collective effort needed to sustain the Arboretum. Please help us in our mission by volunteering your time, becoming a member of the Foundation, or making a donation. Contact us at 206-325-4510 or info@arboretumfoundation.org.

Early Bloomers
Plant Sale
Saturday, April 9,
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Graham Visitors Center
For details, see page 2.

The Primo Plant Sale!

Are you lusting for lobelia, craving *Corylopsis*, or itching for *Ipomoea*? Then don't miss our annual FlorAbundance Spring Plant Sale, the region's largest and best! The sale returns to Building 30 in Warren G. Magnuson Park on Saturday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, May 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dozens of specialty nurseries will be on-hand offering a spectacular array of trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, vegetable starts, and more.

Benefit from the advice of gardening experts, who'll be roving through the aisles to help you with your plant selections. Look for the folks in the yellow aprons! And look for the brightly colored surveyor flags, which will mark the favorite plants of Ciscoe Morris and Bob Lilly this year. As always, the sale will feature a

merchandise hold area, easy check-out, and a coffee cart. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call 206-325-4510. See a complete list of participating nurseries on our website, www.arboretumfoundation.org.

FlorAbundance
SPRING PLANT SALE



Pre-Sale & Party for Members

Arboretum members and their guests are invited to attend the FlorAbundance Pre-Sale & Party, on Friday, April 29, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Get the first pick of plants at the sale, while enjoying delicious finger foods, desserts, wines, and live music. Tickets are \$20 each in advance and \$25 the week of the sale and can be purchased by calling 206-325-4510 or at www.arboretumfoundation.org. Ticket numbers are limited, so please buy yours soon! ☺

News and Notes

Early Bloomers
PLANT SALE



Our first plant sale of the year—Early Bloomers—takes place on Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hosted by the volunteers in our Plant Donations Nursery and Pat Calvert Greenhouse, the sale takes place within the beautiful environs of Washington Park Arboretum, so you can come shop for your plants near the Graham Visitors Center and then enjoy a relaxing stroll through Seattle's premier public garden. You'll find a great selection of young trees and shrubs for sale in the Greenhouse, and wonderful early blooming perennials such as trilliums, pulmonaria, and hepatica in the Nursery.

Display Garden Wins Top Honors



ROGER WILLIAMS

The Arboretum display garden was awarded a Gold Medal by the judges at the 2011 Northwest Flower & Garden Show. It also took home the *Pacific Horticulture* Magazine Award. "The Arboretum's entry beautifully captured the essence of a Japanese garden in a Pacific Northwest woodland glade," said *Pacific Horticulture* editor Richard Turner. Congratulations to display designers Phil Wood, Bob Lilly, and Roger Williams and to all the volunteers and Foundation, Seattle Parks and Recreation, and UW staff who worked on the garden! And thanks to the many individuals and businesses who generously provided us with plants, materials, and artwork!

Thanks to Sandra Lier!

Veteran administrator Sandra Lier has retired from her position as Executive Director of the University of Washington Botanic Gardens. Sandra has been at the helm of UWBG since March 2008 and has done an excellent job managing the institution and cultivating a positive and productive working relationship with the Arboretum Foundation and Seattle Parks and Recreation—the University's partners at the Washington Park Arboretum—

over the past three years. Thank you Sandra for your stellar contribution! School of Forest Resources Professor and former Associate Director of UWBG Sarah Reichard will serve as Interim Director through June 30, 2011.

Foster Island Spider May Be New Species

In February, Rod Crawford, Curatorial Associate of Arachnida at the Burke Museum of Natural History, identified what he thinks is likely a new species of crab spider—from a specimen collected in the Arboretum. The spider was found on Foster Island last spring during the Arboretum's first Bioblitz, a day-long effort by professional and citizen scientists to document the flora and fauna of the park, sponsored by the Arboretum Foundation. Crawford will need to collect and study more specimens of the spider before officially publishing his results and designating the new species. What effect, if any, the find will have on the construction of the new 520 bridge remains to be seen.

Sign the Kids Up for Summer Camp

Registration is now open for the UW Botanic Gardens Children's summer day camp at Washington Park Arboretum. This year's program promises to be the best one yet! It is divided into three separate week-long sessions, each with its own special focus.

1. **JULY 11 – 15: NATIVE PLANTS & PEOPLE.** Learn how people have used native plants for millennia for everything from food to fuel.
2. **JULY 18 – 22: LITTLE GREEN THUMBS.** Students will learn how to grow their own veggies and how home-grown food can lead to healthier diets and communities, and a healthier planet.
3. **JULY 25 – 29: ARBORETUM DETECTIVES.** Kids will explore the nooks and crannies where urban wildlife takes up residence and finds refuge.

The camps are \$250 per week. Kids and grandkids of Arboretum Foundation members receive a 15 percent discount! For more information or to register, e-mail uwbgeduc@u.washington.edu or call 206-543-8801.

Spring Events at the Seattle Japanese Garden

- **Puget Sound Bonsai Show**—Sunday, May 15, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Don't miss this annual display of bonsai collections by the Puget Sound Bonsai Association.
- **Children's Day**—Monday, May 30, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A day filled with child-oriented activities and performances to celebrate the happiness and healthy growth of children.

For details, call 206-684-4725 or visit <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/parkspaces/japanesegarden.htm>

News and Notes

POOLING RESOURCES:

Pacific Connections gardener Kyle Henegar working on the Arboretum's new bog garden.



New Plantings in the Arboretum

The UW Botanic Gardens staff has had a busy season of late-winter planting in the Arboretum. Gardener Roy Farrow has installed a number of new Japanese maples just north of the Woodland Garden. Gardener Ryan Garrison has been planting new young conifers in the Pinetum. And Kyle Henegar has begun planting native trees and shrubs (grown from wild-collected seed) in all three zones of the Siskiyou Slope in the Cascadia Forest of the Pacific Connections Garden. She and her UW colleagues are also creating a new native bog garden in the future chaparral section of the Cascadia Forest. Moisture-loving ferns and other plants, such as *Vaccinium vitis-idaea* (lingonberry), are being used to stabilize the banks of the garden. Cobra lilies (*Darlingtonia californica*) will be planted there in spring. "We're also staging pieces of wood inside and outside of the water with the hope of attracting salamanders," says Kyle.

Mother's Day at the Arboretum

Sunday, May 8, 1 to 4 p.m., Graham Visitors Center

A trip to Washington Park Arboretum on Mother's Day has become a spring-time tradition for many Seattleites. Families come here in droves to stroll along historic Azalea Way and see the spectacular azaleas, rhododendrons, and dogwoods in full bloom. Once again, the Foundation and the UW Botanic Gardens' Education Department will host their popular annual Mother's Day event at the Graham Visitors Center. Kids can enjoy fun, plant-themed activities, and families can have a free, Instamatic photo taken in front of the azaleas.

Donations Nursery Now Accepting Plants

Our seasonal, volunteer-run Plant Donations Nursery has begun accepting new plants for the 2011 season. Area gardeners can donate plants to the nursery (located just south of the Graham Visitors Center) on Wednesdays, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. We especially need early-blooming plants such as hepaticas, primulas, and erythroniums, as well as early-spring-flowering shrubs. Please include the name and flower color of each donated plant, if possible. For detailed information about donating to or volunteering at the nursery, see www.arboretumfoundation.org or call our Volunteer Resources Manager Elly Lien at 206-325-4510. The nursery will open for sales on Wednesday, April 6. ➔

What's Happening

Early Bloomers Plant Sale

Saturday, April 9, 10 AM–2 PM

FlorAbundance Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, April 30, 9 AM–5 PM

Sunday, May 1, 10 AM–2 PM

Member Pre-Sale

Friday, April 29, 5:30–8 PM

Arboretum Walks & Talks

Thursday afternoons/evenings

April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7

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Sunday, May 8, 1–4 PM

Arboretum Foundation

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 15, 5:30 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

Donations now being accepted

2011 sales begin April 6

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

Foundation Creates New Legacy Circle

For many people, leaving a bequest through the Arboretum Foundation is a simple way to continue the giving they began during their lifetimes. Bequest gifts have a significant impact on the health and vitality of the Washington Park Arboretum. Your bequest may be of any size. You may leave its purpose unrestricted or choose to designate the bequest for a specific purpose that is most important to you, such as tree maintenance, children's education, or endowment. Either way, your intention to leave a bequest qualifies you for membership in our new Arboretum Legacy Circle. Become a founding member of the Circle by letting us know that you have included the Arboretum in your estate plans. We would like to thank you for your gift intention and celebrate your generosity with you. To notify us about a bequest or to ask questions about making a planned gift to support the Arboretum, please contact our Development Director, Andrea Myers at 206-325-4510 or amyers@arboretumfoundation.org.

Introducing Arboretum Walks and Talks

Spring is in the air, and the Foundation is introducing a new way for folks to explore Seattle's beautiful arboretum. On the first Thursday of every month, starting in April 2011, Arbor Circle and Steward-level members are invited to join us for a special guided walking tour. "Arboretum Walks and Talks" will be hosted by our Executive Director, Paige Miller, and led by a diverse group



WOTT'S UP! The one and only Dr. John Wott will lead our inaugural Arboretum Walks & Talks tour on Thursday, April 7.

of plant experts and enthusiasts. Each month, the tour will feature a different speaker/walk leader and highlight a different section or collection in the Arboretum. There will be plenty of time for Q&A during the tours, and each one will conclude with a light wine-and-cheese reception. We encourage you to bring your friends (up to two guests allowed per member on each tour) to share in this informative and pleasant outing.

The Arboretum

Walks & Talks will begin at the Graham Visitors Center. Dress for the weather, and wear comfortable shoes! The first tour is on Thursday, April 7, from 4 to 6 p.m. It's entitled "What is Springing into Bloom This April?" and will be led by the wonderfully erudite and entertaining Dr. John Wott, Director Emeritus, Washington Park Arboretum. Save the dates for our upcoming tours: May 5, June 2, and July 7. For more information about the tours or to find out how to become an Arbor Circle or Steward member, please contact Andrea Myers at 206-325-4510 or amyers@arboretumfoundation.org. ⇐

New Members

The Foundation welcomes members who joined during the period of November 23 to March 10.

Kim Anderson	Shannon M. Donohue	Rahul Thombre & Margaret Hayes	Michael Massa & Beata Rycharski	Jim Reid & Richard Smith	Beverly vanHartesvelt
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To renew or enhance your membership, please call 206-325-4510 or visit www.arboretumfoundation.org.

Arbor Eden: The Preview Gala

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LEFT: BENEVOLENT BENEFACTORS—Long-time friends and supporters of the Arboretum, Pete and Andrea Paup.

CENTER: UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON FRIENDS—Dean of the UW's new College of the Environment, Lisa Graumlich, with daughter Maya, Interim Director of the School of Forest Resources, Tom Hinckley, Philanthropy Officer Wendy Kelly, UW Botanic Gardens Associate Director Fred Hoyt, and Philanthropy Officer Alina Niklison.

BOTTOM: THREE'S COMPANY—Foundation Board of Directors Vice President Fred Isaac, Foundation Executive Director Paige Miller, and Patron Jim Travis.



More than 550 guests attended our 22nd annual Arbor Eden gala on February 22 and enjoyed fine wines, delicious food, live music, silent auctions, and the chance to tour the beautiful horticultural displays of the Northwest Flower & Garden Show the evening before it opened to the public.

This year's event celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Seattle Japanese Garden at the Arboretum. The south lobby of the Washington State Convention Center was festooned with traditional Japanese decorations; guests came dressed in kimonos; and the most popular display garden of the night was the Arboretum Foundation's homage to Seattle's spectacular 3.5-acre public garden (see page 2). Patrons and Benefactors enjoyed a buffet dinner and the chance to mix and mingle with local gardening celebrities such as Ciscoe Morris, Marty Wingate, and Marianne Binnett.

This year's "fund-an-item" was a great success. We raised \$13,500 to fund a season of maintenance for the Pacific Connections Garden—\$3,500 more than our goal for the evening.

**Special
thanks to this year's
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Thanks to all those who made the event a resounding success, in particular our event sponsors; the numerous individuals, businesses, and organizations that generously donated to our auction; and our many dedicated and hard-working volunteers.

VOLUNTEER VINE

Thank You! A special thanks to all our volunteers who have helped out at recent events, including everyone who helped with Gifts & Greens Galore, Arbor Eden, the Arboretum Display Garden, and the Display Garden plant sale. As you all know, your help is invaluable to the Foundation and to the support of the Arboretum.

A New Way to Sign Up—

Starting with the Early Bloomers and FlorAbundance spring plant sales, we will be using the website SignUpGenius.com to manage much of the volunteer scheduling and communications for our large events. The website is easy to use and has a number of great time-and-energy-saving features. For instance, you (our treasured volunteers) will be able to select your own



THE G&GG-MEN: Some of the volunteers at our Gifts & Greens Galore sale, on the weekend of December 11 and 12. The sale was a big success despite torrential downpours on Sunday.



Arboretum Shop
WASHINGTON PARK ARBORETUM

HOT ITEMS FOR SPRING

- **Fine glass vases**—whole new line, many sizes, for table top or hanging
- **Korean tea ware**—surprise return of an old favorite; limited stock, found by supplier during warehouse reshuffle; get it while it lasts!
- **Great new book titles**—including *Designing With Grasses*, by Neil Lucas (Timber Press, 2011), and *Attracting Native Bees and Pollinators*, by the Xerces Society (Storey Publishing, 2011).

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Ten percent discount for Foundation members

job positions and shifts; find out right away if your desired shift is available, rather than wait for us to confirm it; check up-to-date volunteer schedules at any time; and cancel or select a different volunteer shift. For added security and privacy, you will be required to create an account on SignUpGenius.com. If we have your email address, you've probably already received information from us on how to sign up for the plant sales using SignUpGenius.com. You can also access the sign-up website via the dedicated event pages on our own website, www.arboretumfoundation.org. If you have questions about the new sign-up system, please contact our Volunteer Resources Manager Elly Lien at 206-325-4510 or elien@arboretumfoundation.org.

What's In My Garden

Walt Bubelis, *Bulletin* Editorial Board Member



What is in your garden this season? Blooming right now are two large 'J.C. Williams' hybrid camellias, that wonderful harbinger of spring, Indian plum, and lots of herbaceous material, including *Omphalodes cappadocica* and *O. verna*, *Arabis fernandinandi-coburgi*, pulmonarias, *Iris reticulata*, and of course, hellebores (Lenten and Corsican).

What is your favorite season to garden? Fall, because it's a time to reflect upon your successes and misfires, while gathering the autumn leaves, as well as a time for planning ahead to the future, even if only in your mind's eye.

Can you recommend a good gardening or nature book? I'm always a sucker for the latest releases, such as *Christopher Lloyd: His Life at Great Dixter*, by Stephen Anderton, *Book of Leaves*, by Allen J. Coombes, and *The World of Trees* by Hugh Johnson. The books I go back to the most are the *Royal Horticulture Society Dictionary of Gardening* and Gerd Krussmann's *Manual of Cultivated Broad-Leaved Trees and Shrubs*.

When did you start volunteering at the Arboretum? About 2 years ago.

What is your favorite thing about volunteering at the Arboretum? Besides helping a great organization and a true Northwest treasure, the chance to meet and interact with some great people. It's true about gardeners being great people! ☺

UWBG Events

GENTIAN, BY SUZANNE FERRIS. See this and other beautiful botanical artwork at the Miller Library, April 2 to May 7.



Garden Lover's Book Sale

Saturday, April 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Center for Urban Horticulture (CUH), 3501 NE 41st Street

The Miller Library's annual book sale

fundraiser returns on April 2. Stock your shelves with gently used gardening books! You'll find thousands of titles on a wide range of horticultural topics. Admission to the Saturday sale is free. A wine-and-cheese preview party and sale will be held on Friday, April 1 (from 5 to 8 p.m.) and costs \$20. Proceeds from the sale enable the library to purchase the best and newest gardening books and journals. To find out more, visit www.millerlibrary.org or call 206-543-0415.

Botanical Art Exhibit

April 2 through May 7, Elisabeth C. Miller Library, CUH

Members of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the American Society of Botanical Artists will be exhibiting—and selling—illustrations and paintings at the Miller Library in April and early May. A portion of sales will benefit the library. For more information, visit www.millerlibrary.org or call 206-543-0415.

2011 Urban Forest Symposium

Monday, May 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., CUH

The UW Botanic Gardens and Plant Amnesty are reprising their highly successful Urban Forestry Symposium, an all-day event at the Center for Urban Horticulture. The past two symposiums have focused on the value and preservation of trees; this year's event will delve into the nitty gritty of how trees and infrastructure can coexist. The event will bring together highly-regarded "tree people" from a variety of fields, including ecologists, arborists, landscape architects, and utility planners. Keynote speaker Chris Maser, knowledgeable consultant and "Gandhi of the Forest," will offer insight and wisdom on how to design the urban forest to effectively serve the citizens of the city. For more information or to register, contact Jean Robins at 206-685-8033 or jrobins@uw.edu ↪

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Arboretum Scene

Malus 'Adirondack' Crabapple

M*alus* 'Adirondack' was selected and named by the great plant breeder Donald Egolf and introduced through the National Arboretum in 1987. Since its introduction, this excellent crabapple has consistently received high marks throughout the country from nursery growers and gardeners alike. 'Adirondack' forms an upright, vase-shaped tree that reaches 16 feet high and half as wide at maturity. Its restrained growth rate and petite ultimate size make it an ideal tree for smaller landscapes and confined garden spaces. A profuse and dependable bloomer,

'Adirondack' produces carmine red buds that open to brilliant white flowers with traces of red. This display is followed by a heavy crop of half-inch fruits. The scarlet to vermillion fruit ripen in early autumn and last well into December. In addition to its ornamental qualities, this cultivar has exceptional disease resistance, a crucial factor for selecting crabapple cultivars in the rainy Pacific Northwest. ↪

—Randall Hitchin, UWBG Living Collections Manager & Registrar, Washington Park Arboretum
This plant can be seen on the lawn on the east side of the Graham Visitors Center.