

A New Campaign

After a year of planning and strategizing, the Foundation is launching a new public campaign to support the next phase of the Arboretum Master Plan, as well as create a general endowment to fund basic programs in the Arboretum. Our goal for this campaign is to raise \$5.5 million over the next two years. Thanks to some very generous recent gifts and bequests—from donors such as Kathleen Ogle, Joy Spurr, Barbara M. Williams, and Trudy and Harold Stack—we have already raised more than \$1.2 million to date.

The campaign funds will be used to finish construction and planting of the New Zealand and Cascadia forests in the Pacific Connections Garden, and build a Master Plan endowment of \$2.8 million that will ensure the maintenance and care of these new forests for generations to come.

We are also aiming to raise \$1 million for general endowment, which will become the backbone for our continued funding of important day-to-day programs in the Arboretum such as Youth Education, and the Arborist and Tree Care Program.

The Importance of Endowment

“This is the most ambitious campaign we have ever undertaken,” says Foundation Executive Director Paige Miller. “For the Master Plan portion of the campaign, we’ll be hoping to engage major donors—both those who have given generously to the Arboretum in the past, and new donors who we know have a deep love of horticulture and the environment. We’ll also be targeting Foundations that donate to environmental causes.”

“For the general endowment portion of the campaign,” continues Paige, “we’ll be looking to generate more pledges of legacy gifts from individual donors. Creating a robust endowment—whether it’s for Pacific Connections or the Arboretum in general—is vitally important to the long-term health of this special place. With the economic downturn of recent years, maintaining what we have here has been a struggle. A well-managed endowment will enable us to fund core Arboretum staff members and keep the Arboretum strong and beautiful regardless of future economic uncertainties.”



SNEAK PEEK: The New Zealand entry garden at Pacific Connections provides a preview of what's to come.

The New Zealand Forest

Things are about to get very exciting again up at Pacific Connections. With the help of the capital campaign funds we’ve received so far, along with matching funds from the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy approved by Seattle Voters, grading and site preparation of the 2.5-acre New Zealand eco-geographic forest will begin late this summer. Planting is scheduled to begin in spring 2013.

Propagation of the plants for the New Zealand is going well. Cistus Nursery, in Oregon, is growing 10,000 healthy New Zealand native plants for us, all of them cultivated from wild-collected seed. We’re happy to report that all of the taxa we were planning to showcase in the forest garden have been secured. When the forest is created next spring, it will be the first large-scale planting that we’ve done in Pacific Connections using material whose precise origins are scientifically documented. We look forward to celebrating the birth of this new forest with you in the new year!

“These are thrilling times at the Arboretum,” says Paige. “And we are excited at the level of support we’ve received for our campaign so far, despite the tough economy. If you are interested in donating or finding out more about it, please contact me or our Development Director Andrea Myers at 206-325-4510. We’d be happy to bring you on a tour and explain all the great plans that we and our partners at the Arboretum have for sustaining and enriching this wonderful place.” ☺

News and Notes

Foundation Receives Over \$20,000 During GiveBIG

The tally is in! The Arboretum Foundation received roughly \$20,000 from 53 individual donors during the Seattle Foundation's second annual GiveBig event on May 2. That's quadruple the amount we received during last year's event! In addition, we received about \$2,000 from the Seattle Foundation's pro-rated "stretch pool" of matching funds, bringing the grand total to nearly \$22,000. GiveBIG is an online day-of-giving created by the Seattle Foundation to support nonprofits that make our region a healthier, better place to live. Thanks to all those who gave to the Arboretum Foundation this year, including several members of our Board of Directors who set up a matching fund of \$8,000 for the BIG day. Your generous donations will go a long way towards keeping the Arboretum vital and beautiful.

Miller and Peach Foundations to Fund Stewards Program

Launched in August 2011 by the Arboretum Foundation and UW Botanic Gardens, the Pacific Connections Garden (PCG) Stewards program has so far been a great success. Over the past year, we have recruited nearly 30 experienced gardeners to

join this special volunteer corps and help with the maintenance of the new eco-geographic displays at the south end of the Arboretum. Program Coordinator Rhonda Bush deserves a lot of the credit for the getting the stewards initiative off the ground. Her position at the Foundation was originally planned as a temporary one; however, we are pleased to announce that thanks to a grant for \$20,000 from the Pendleton and Elisabeth Carey Miller Charitable Foundation, and an additional grant for \$10,000 from the Peach Foundation, we will be able to fund Rhonda's salary, as well as the equipment needs of the stewards program, for another year. Our sincere thanks to the Miller Foundation (www.millercharitablefoundation.org), which supports regional horticulture and historical research, and the Peach Foundation, which funds local environmental conservation and children's education, for their generous gifts.

New Automated System at Miller Library

This summer, the Miller Library at the Center for Urban Horticulture is replacing its old-fashioned card-based circulation system with an automated, web-based system. Library patrons will soon be able to access the library catalog online (www.millerlibrary.org) to see if a book is checked out, and if it is, when it's due back. Users will also be able to place holds and renew library materials online.



Plants Vandalized in Gateway to Chile

In early May, vandals caused significant damage to some highly valued plants in the Gateway to Chile section of the Pacific Connections Garden, using a hatchet or machete. They destroyed three Chilean wine palms, two monkey-puzzle trees, and three *Gunnera tinctoria*. The total estimate of the damage was around \$43,000. This is the second time plants in the Gateway to Chile display have been targeted. A year ago, members of a local university fraternity house damaged plants from the garden in order to harvest decorations for their "jungle party." So far, it's unclear who caused last week's damage. Seattle Parks and Recreation, the Arboretum Foundation, and the UW Botanic Gardens ask anyone with information about the crime to contact the Seattle Police Department's East Burglary Unit at 206-684-4300.

The story is not all doom and gloom. Shortly after the vandalism occurred, UW Botanic Gardens received a gift of \$43,000 from an anonymous donor. The money will be used to purchase replacement plants. "Any leftover funds will go to support the Gateway's maintenance and operations," says UWBG's manager of horticulture David Zuckerman. "We're also researching the possibility of placing surveillance cameras in the garden during high-risk times, such as April and May."

STUMPED: Chilean wine palm with fronds hacked off. (Photo by David Zuckerman.)

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CHOICE PLANTS: Shoppers browse the Plant Donations Nursery during the Early Bloomers sale in mid April. The sale made close to \$5,000 for the Arboretum.

Summer Bloomers at Plant Donations

The Plant Donations Nursery at the Arboretum currently has a nice supply of yellow candelabra primroses, small hardy *Fuchsia magellanica* plants, and yellow daylilies. The nursery volunteers would also be delighted to receive donations of small- to medium-sized trees, as their stock in this department is low. The nursery is located just south of the Visitors Center and is open Wednesdays and second Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Summer Camp Sessions Filling Up

Registration is now open for the UWBG's Arboretum Summer Camp, offered for five weeks in July and August to children ages 6 to 12. Sign your kid up for a week (or more!) of fun and educational adventure's in our 230-acre outdoor classroom! Each, weeklong day camp has its own botanical and environmental conservation theme, such as "Woodland Wonders" and "Native Plants and People." Depending on the weekly theme, campers may become ethnobotanists, artists, urban farmers, or field biologists—all while learning about the importance of teamwork and sustainability. The cost is \$250 per child per week. Kids and grandkids of Arboretum Foundation members receive a 15% discount. To register, visit www.uwbotanicgardens.org. For more information, e-mail uwbgeduc@u.washington.edu or call 206-221-6427. Classes are filling up fast (as we go to print, week 1 of the camp—July 9 to 13—is already fully booked), so register soon!

Changes Coming to the Visitors Center

This summer, to make the Graham Visitors Center a little more visitor-friendly, the City will be extending the patio on the east side of the building (next to the current bike stand) and installing new outdoor tables and chairs. Our partners will also be extending the covered portion of the current patio, so that some of the new seating area will offer shelter from rain. The new seating area will be a great spot for visitors to relax and enjoy a snack or some lunch. Or perhaps some hot Arboretum coffee! This summer, the Foundation is planning to install a new coffee service in the Visitors Center, where we'll be selling our signature blend, created by Zoka Coffee Roasters of Ballard. ☞

What's Happening

Arboretum Foundation Annual Meeting
Wednesday, June 20, 5:00—8 PM

Arboretum Walks & Talks
First Thursdays, 4—6:30 PM
July 5, August 2, September 6
Offered to Arbor Circle, Legacy Circle, and Steward-Level Members

Arboretum Summer Camp
July 9—13, July 16—20, July 23—27,
July 30—August 3, August 6—10
See page 3

Japanese Garden Events
Saturday, July 7—Tanabata Star Festival
Friday, July 20—Third Annual Garden Party
Saturday, August 4—Wandering & Wondering
Saturday, September 1—Moon Viewing
See page 7

— ONGOING EVENTS —

ARBORETUM PLANT SALES

Pat Calvert Greenhouse
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 AM—NOON

Plant Donations Nursery
Wednesday and 2nd Saturdays
10 AM—2 PM
April to October

Guided Arboretum Walks
Every Sunday, 1—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.

New Developments

Recognizing Arbor Circle and Legacy Circle Members

Rain and cool weather didn't dampen the spirits of Arbor Circle and Legacy Circle members at the annual recognition party on Tuesday, June 5. Despite record rainfall on the day, the party atmosphere was warm and convivial inside the Graham Visitors Center.

Nearly 70 people attended, including family and friends of some members, as we encouraged members to invite "the next generation" to join the party. Tours of the Pacific Connections Garden were offered, and fabulous food was provided and served by Bigfood mobile catering. Board president Della Balick and executive director Paige Miller thanked attendees and gave a quick update on our current fundraising campaign for the New Zealand and Cascadia Forests and endowment funds (see cover story).

Thank you Arbor Circle and Legacy Circle members for providing unrestricted private support to help sustain the Arboretum! For information on our lead membership programs, contact Andrea Myers at 206-325-4510 or amyers@arboretumfoundation.org.

Celebrating 100 Years of Nancy Davidson Short

Beloved member, advocate, and horticultural expert Nancy Davidson Short will be celebrating her 100th birthday in September. The Foundation plans to



OUR LEAD MEMBERS: Guests at our 2012 Arbor Circle and Legacy Circle Celebration on June 5.

honor Nancy at a party on Sunday, September 16, in the Graham Visitors Center. The Northwest editor of *Sunset* magazine for three decades, Nancy is a legend in regional gardening circles. She's also a longtime supporter of the Arboretum and its education programs. One of her many contributions to the Arboretum over the years was her popular "Garden Notes" column, which she published in *GroundWork* for more than a decade following her retirement from *Sunset*. Our party for Nancy will also be a fundraiser for the Arboretum. Ticket prices will start at \$100—in recognition of Nancy's milestone birthday. Look for detailed information about the party in your mailbox and on our website (arboretumfoundation.org) soon. ↪



Arboretum Shop
WASHINGTON PARK ARBORETUM

HOT ITEMS FOR THE SUMMER SEASON

- **Aletheia Creation Botanical Jewelry**—necklaces and earrings made with real leaves by local artist Marise Miville
- **Northwest Native Plant Gifts**—posters, fridge magnets, and keychains
- **Fruit Trees in Small Places**—a new book by Colby Eierman (Timber Press, 2012) that teaches how to grow abundant fruit crops in the garden

OPEN 10 AM TO 4 PM DAILY
Ten percent discount for Foundation members

New Members

The Arboretum Foundation welcomes members who joined during the period of March 9 to June 6.

Beatrice Ashburn
Karen Beck
Herb Bridge & Edie Hilliard
Eileen Bruce & Chris Rennick
Brynn Buck
Katrina & Ken Case
Anna Chen

Tracy Diederich & Michael Duffy
Polly & Camron Fredlund
Annalisa Gironi
Dan Grausz & Clare Meeker
Jane C. Herman
Doug Hill

Kathy Holzer
Paul Hopkins
Matt Houghton
Amy Knudson
Katarzyna Kurek-Moore & Charles Moore
Josh & Colleen LaBelle

Kerry & Anita LaFranchi
Kayla Laughlin
Bettina Maher
Chong Merz & Barbara Merz
Virginia K. Metz
Maureen Nolan

Mel Oneal & Spencer Oneal
Marie Perdue
Gary Phillips
Tamara Piksa
Gretchen Powers
Tammy Preuss
Kelly Schnebly
Kristine J. Sharpe

Paul Soreff
Jessica Sprague
Odette T. Sueda
Robyn Takamine
Cindy Thompson
Dewey Webster
Nancy White
Brooke/Wanless Gardens

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

FlorAbundance Returns Home



LEFT: EXPERT ASSISTANCE: Garden designer Janine Anderson, one of our volunteer plant experts for the sale, advises a couple of shoppers.

BELOW: A HAPPY LEADER: Foundation board president Della Balick (center), with board member Jim Reid and his partner Richard Smith at the PreSale & Party.



In late April, we hosted the FlorAbundance Spring Plant Sale at Washington Park Arboretum for the first time since the 1970s. Thanks to careful planning, the help of our amazing volunteers, and the co-sponsorship of our partners at Seattle Parks and Recreation, we were able to overcome the special challenges posed by the site—in particular, space constraints and traffic/parking logistics—and put on a great sale.

Feedback from shoppers, vendors, and volunteers has been mostly very positive. We do plan

to hold the event at the Arboretum again next year—and now we have a lot of great ideas for making it even better. Renovation of Building 30 at Magnuson Park is scheduled for 2013, so we are hoping FlorAbundance will return to its regular venue in spring of the following year.

Thanks to all of you who came to the event this year! We appreciate your continued support.

Thank You!

Special thanks to our sale co-chairs **Bob Lilly** and **Neal Lessenger**, and our party chair **Carol Allison**.

Seattle Parks and Recreation
The BoxMaker, Inc.
Broadmoor Golf Club
Chateau Ste Michelle
Zoka Coffee

Summer Tours at the Arboretum

Sunday Tours to Focus on Conifers 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 Conifer collection, while the August tours will explore both the hydrangea collection in the Arboretum and the Pacific Connections Garden. The tours take place every Sunday, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., and start at the Graham Visitors Center.

Bay at the north end of the Arboretum at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on August 29 and 30, as well as September 5, 6, and 7. Guests will learn about the history of the wetlands and have a chance to meet some of its plant and animal residents. The fee is \$30 per person. All proceeds go to the Agua Verde Scholarship Fund, which helps provide educational opportunities at UWBG to schools with limited resources. For more information or to register, visit the Agua Verde website at www.aguaverde.com/paddle_tours_arb.shtml or call 206-545-8570 ext. 23. ☺

Kayak Tours of the Arboretum Wetlands

For the third 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.

The 90-minute tours will push off from Duck

VOLUNTEER VINE

Thanks to Our Plant Sale Volunteers!

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped out at the plant sales in April! Our Donations Nursery and Greenhouse volunteers hosted another successful Early Bloomers at the Arboretum on April 14. And just two weeks later, more than 120 volunteers contributed nearly 800 hours during FlorAbundance, working on everything from vendor set up in the Visitors Center parking lot to traffic control on Arboretum Drive East. Our volunteers are simply tremendous, and we appreciate everything you do to support us and Washington Park Arboretum!



THE GREENHOUSE GANG:
Jan Fong (bottom left) with
her Pat Calvert cohorts.

Farewell to Jan Fong

The Foundation would like to say thanks and farewell to one of our longest-serving and hardest-working volunteers, Jan Fong. Jan has been a core member of our Pat Calvert Greenhouse team for 25 years, but is now moving to Sebastopol, California, with her husband

Rich to enjoy retirement. Among her many accomplishments as a Foundation volunteer, Jan created and managed the spectacular perennial border on the south side of the UW's Big Greenhouse, adjacent the Visitors Center parking lot.

With the benefit of a degree in landscape architecture, Jan turned what used to be a modest site with a few formally accessioned plants into a stunning ornamental display devoted to showcasing drought-tolerant species and varieties. The garden is also a valuable

source of cuttings for propagating new greenhouse plants.

Says fellow Pat Calvert volunteer Ann O'Mera, "Jan has continually added new plants, replaced old ones, removed ones that didn't do well, and refined the best times to take cuttings or divisions. Our sunhouse is filled with plants from the border!"

Thank you, Jan, for your many years of devoted service! You will be greatly missed! ⇨

What's In My Garden 🌿

Susi Bryer, Pacific Connections Garden Steward

What is in your garden this season? Color... I love the hot tropical colors of summer. The names alone of some coneflowers—like 'Tiki Torch', 'Coconut Lime', and 'Merlot'—invoke the feeling of being on holiday. Deep-orange sun-roses (*Helianthemum*) flow over the top of a large container. While blooming lavender and hebes shine on those cloudy summer days, *Kniphofia*, *Crococsmia*, and penstemons will keep the hot color going through the summer.

What is your favorite season to garden? Spring seems to be the busiest time and a bit overwhelming; but add a few warm sunny days to all the rain, and it seems that every time I turn around, something new has popped up (and I don't mean just weeds). I love the excitement of discovering something new or forgotten in the garden.

Can you recommend a good gardening or nature book? *The Inward Garden*, by Julie Moir Messervy, guides us to look within ourselves to design our garden spaces. Exercises throughout the book invite you to daydream—of childhood memories, places travelled, and what is in your heart—in order to create the garden of your imagination. Whether you're a tree lover or not, *The Meaning of Trees*, by Fred Hageneder, is just an enjoyable book with some great photographs. The author shares fascinating facts about the history and folklore of a variety of trees, as well as their practical and natural healing uses. It's a great conversation starter for the coffee table.

When did you start volunteering at the Arboretum? Just last August when I heard about the Pacific Connections Stewards. I liked the idea of getting involved in a new garden and seeing it grow.

What is your favorite thing about volunteering at the Arboretum? The people. Everyone has a common goal, and I think there is a sense of pride that differs from the pride of caring for your own garden. And Kyle Henegar, the curator of Pacific Connections, is so passionate about her job! ⇨



UWBG Events & Classes



Deepia splendens, by David Fishman.
See Fishman's botanical photography
at the Miller Library in June and July.

Art Exhibit: “Out of the Ordinary” Botanical Photography by David Fishman

Through July 26,
Elizabeth C. Miller Library

Center for Urban Horticulture (CUH),
3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle

The Miller Library is hosting a photography exhibit by David Fishman, now through July 26. Fishman's technique for creating botanical portraits is unique: He uses a broad range of exposures and a wide depth of field to reveal fascinating

shapes and patterns in his plant subjects. To see examples of Fishman's work, visit the artist's website at www.fishmanbotanicalportraits.com. For more information about the exhibit, call 206-543-0415 or go to www.millerlibrary.org.

Enjoy Nighttime Tours of the Arboretum

“Park in the Dark” is a popular summer and fall program of night hikes offered to families by the UW Botanic Gardens education department. On these special adventures, kids and grown-ups learn 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 **June 23, July 14, and August 25**, and they run from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person, and you can register online at www.uwbotanicgardens.org or by calling 206-685-8033. ↪

Spring Events at the Seattle Japanese Garden

- **Saturday, July 7: TANABATA**—A traditional Japanese star festival, featuring cultural demonstrations and performances. Held in conjunction with the Wing Luke Museum.
- **Friday, July 20, 5:30 to 8:30 PM: THIRD ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY**—This delightful fundraiser benefits the Japanese Advisory Council programs and the horticultural needs of the garden. Stroll the grounds, and enjoy light dinner and drinks, live entertainment, and silent auctions. Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased online at brownpapertickets.com. For details, call 206-684-4725 or go to the web site: www.cityofseattle.net/parks/parkspaces/japanesegarden.htm.
- **Saturday, August 4: WANDERING & WONDERING**—Join local movement artists and musicians for site-specific performances inspired by the garden.
- **Saturday, September 1: MOON VIEWING**—An evening event celebrating the beauty of the full moon.

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Arboretum Scene

Cornus kousa Kousa dogwood

In the mind of a gardener, many plants belong to a specific season; but it's difficult to know in which season to place the kousa dogwood, because its charms are so numerous and its beauty spans all four seasons. *Cornus kousa* is a small, deciduous tree that occurs as an understory element in the hardwood forests of its native range throughout much of China, Korea, and Japan. Mature plants grow up to 30 feet tall and often develop multiple tiers of horizontal branches. The floral show begins in late spring or early summer with clusters of small, greenish-yellow flowers, each surrounded by four large, showy, pointed white bracts. The floral clusters impart a distinctly starry and cheerful effect, leaving the tree flocked in "snow" for about six weeks. The flowers develop into showy, deep red, raspberry-like fruits in summer and fall. Autumn also witnesses a transformation of the foliage from medium green to lovely shades of red and maroon. Mature trees develop an exfoliating bark, creating patchworks of cream, gray, tan, and mahogany brown that provide interest through the winter. In conclusion, any time of year is a good time to admire the kousa dogwood! The best places to do that in the Arboretum are grids 12-4E, 13-7E, 33-1E, and 39-4W.



Randall Hitchin, Outreach & Volunteer Manager, Arboretum Foundation