**CENTER NEWS**

**Spring Into Action**

Spring is the time when everything seems to awaken, especially plants. So too with our spring classes, tours, lectures, flower shows, and special events. Don't miss the special Arbor Day celebrations in mid-April, our new "Botanizing the Arboretum" course, the Arboretum Foundation Plant Sale, the Primrose, Rhododendron, and Bonsai Shows, and the special Northwest Horticultural Society Lectures.

**News From the Elisabeth C. Miller Horticultural Library**

The Library will be open on two Saturday mornings this spring: March 28th and April 25th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Librarians and volunteers will be on hand to answer your reference questions, and many new books, subscriptions, and garden catalogs will be available for browsing.

Our book catalog is now being developed on computer; author, title, and subject printouts are growing week by week. Ask to see them the next time you visit the Library. Special thanks to volunteers Eileen McCarey, Susan Smith, and Barbara Glicksberg and to student librarian assistant Cindy Lyons for helping with development of the catalog.

**Hort Field Day**

The Center for Urban Horticulture in cooperation with Washington Association of Landscape Professionals will sponsor a Hort Field Day, Tuesday, April 21, on the Union Bay grounds. This year's event will find over 200 vocational horticultural students competing in 11 landscape design/maintenance events. This program is designed to bring students, professionals, and contractors into closer communication. If you'd like to assist, let us know.

**Volunteers!**

What we are all about? A six-month stint at the CUH reception desk is a good way to find out. All the center's activities flow through the reception area. We need enthusiastic volunteers, a few hours a week, to mind the phone and do some typing. Interested? Call Becky Johnson at 545-6033.

**Puget Sound Mycological Society—Welcome**

The Puget Sound Mycological Society has moved its office and future meetings to Martha L. Isaacson Hall (CUH), joining N.O.H.S. and Seattle Garden Club in this building especially designed for horticultural organizations.

Formed in 1964, the organization aims to promote the understanding and appreciation of mushrooms, the fungi, and related disciplines as both a hobby and a science. They support mycological research and teaching in both students and special projects. The P.S.M.S. will hold free identification clinics (Mondays in April and May 3–7 p.m.). For other information on classes and monthly meetings, call them at 522–6031.

**Special Horticultural Events**

The Washington State Chapter, American Primrose Society stages its annual show and plant sale March 28, 10 a.m.—5 p.m. (CUH). The Early Rhododendron Show featuring specimens of early flowering rhododendrons will brighten the CUH Conference Hall April 4–5 (1–5 p.m., 10 a.m.—5 p.m. respectively).

The Puget Sound Bonsai Association will hold their annual display of all types of bonsai specimens on Mother's Day weekend, May 9–10 at the Center for Urban Horticulture, 10 a.m.–p.m. both days. Ongoing demonstration and sales.

**Northwest Horticultural Society**

April 14, 10:30 a.m.

Jane Pepper, president of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society which hosts the famous "Philadelphia Flower Show."

April 23, 10:30 a.m.

Lawrence Banks, London, England, owner of one of the world's finest private gardens "Hergest Croft."

June 2, 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Richard Howard, former director of Arnold Arboretum, Harvard University, lectures on the tropical gardens in the Virgin Islands, "Mystery and History."

June 16, 17, 1–5 p.m., 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

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**Thank you!**

The Center/Arboretum's first annual phonathon in November raised more than $8,000 in gifts and pledges. We are grateful to our friends for this strong support. Special thanks go to the following, who have given $100 or more:

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Gerard & Margaret Vaness
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FREE PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

These one-hour lectures are offered as a service to the public and cover a wide range of horticultural interests.

**The Plant Enthusiast**
Second Wednesday of each month, 10 a.m., at the Center for Urban Horticulture.

**Arbor Day Special: Small Flowering Trees**
April 8 (Washington State Arbor Day) by Jan Pizzino Binol, WPA
Discover the array of small trees that can add color, as well as shade, to the often cramped urban landscape. There are many choices that are much more interesting than Japanese cherries and purple-leaf plums.

**Gardening Books for the Readoholic**
May 13
by Nan Ballard, gardener and bibliophile
Ms. Ballard will review her favorite gardening books and authors. She will tell you where to find both new and used gardening books.

**Plants and Gardens of the World**
Third Monday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Center for Urban Horticulture.

**Plants and Animals of Madagascar**
April 20
by Joy Spurr, nature photographer
Madagascar was once considered a naturalist’s paradise. Geographically isolated from Africa and the rest of the world, this large island developed a unique flora and fauna. Unfortunately, many of these fascinating plants and animals and their habitats are now threatened by human population pressures.

**The Master Gardener**
Second Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Center for Urban Horticulture.

Practical gardening information presented by the Washington State University Master Gardeners.

**Gardening in Small Spaces—Fitting Everything You Want**
April 10
by Mary Robson
Do you only have a balcony, deck, or postage stamp size lot on which to garden? If so, come discover the many space-saving structures and techniques that you can use to grow vegetables, fruits, and ornamental plants.

**Small Gardens of Britain**
May 18
by Sally Allen, Heathwood Cottage Nursery
This armchair tour will take you through small but special gardens, most of which not open to the public, in England, Scotland, and Ireland. The focus will be on the choice plants, people, architecture, and history associated with these gardens.

**Introduction to Organic Vegetable Gardening**
May 8
by Tina Cohen
Learn the basics of organic gardening. Find out how to develop a healthy soil, select pest-resistant vegetable varieties, and control insects and diseases without chemicals.

**Brown-Bag Garden Talks**
First and third Wednesday of each month, 12:10 to 12:50 p.m., at the HUB.

Increase your horticultural I.Q., while eating lunch, at these informal lectures and demonstrations. Jointly sponsored by the Center for Urban Horticulture and the Washington State University Master Gardeners.

**The Miller Horticultural Library—How It Can Serve You, the Home Gardener**
April 1
by Valerie Easton, librarian at the Center for Urban Horticulture

**Perennials**
April 15
by Beryl Dearden, W.S.U. Master Gardener

**Wildflowers in Your Backyard**
May 6
by Sheila Walters, W.S.U. Master Gardener

**Landscape Water Conservation—How to Cut Your Summer Water Bill**
May 20
by Judi Gladstone of the Seattle Water Department

**Multi-Useful Rhododendrons**
June 10
by Steve Wittich, Washington State University Cooperative Extension

What happens after the rhodies finish blooming? Many gardens in our area become a monotonous sea of green between June and March. But why? There are lots of rhododendrons that can provide color and interest throughout the year.

**Lapland’s Flora in Midsummer**
June 15
by Shirley Keith, Arboretum Foundation

Relive Mrs. Keith’s incredible journey above the Arctic Circle to Lapland. Despite its cold, barren, and inhospitable image, the tundra is densely carpeted with a vast assortment of wildflowers in midsummer.

**Pruning for Beginners**
June 12
by Cass Cleland

How to put off pruning your overgrown trees and shrubs because you don’t know where to start? Afraid to make that first cut? All you need is an elementary understanding of the art and science of pruning.

**Campus Tree Walk**
June 3
by Van Bobbitt of the Center for Urban Horticulture

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Checks payable to University of Washington. No bank cards. Registrations filled in order received. Limited class enrollment: classes fill rapidly, so register early.

Refunds: Requests must be in writing or in person. Requests received 7 days or less from first class meeting have a $3.00 handling fee deducted. No refunds after first class meeting.

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Saturday Children’s Tours—New!

First and third Saturdays of the month from 1 to 2:30 p.m. For grade school age children accompanied by a parent. Upcoming tours are on April 4 and 18, May 2 and 16, and June 6 and 20. These are free, but space is limited, so call early for reservations.

Sundays at One

Every Sunday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. during April, May, and June. There’s no prettier place to spend a Sunday afternoon in the spring. Free—no reservations required.

Tuesday Picnic Tours

Every Tuesday from 12 noon to 1 p.m. during April, May, and June. If the weather is nice, bring a lunch and picnic in the Arboretum after the tour. Free—no reservations required.

Explorers’ Walks—for the plant enthusiast

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon on the fourth Wednesday of each month—April 22, May 27, and June 24. An in-depth look at plants through the eyes of the Arboretum plant personnel. Free—no reservations required.

Special Group Tours

Is your group looking for an activity that is both fun and educational? Then come see the Washington Park Arboretum—the Northwest’s largest collection of trees and shrubs. Special guided tours for school groups, garden clubs, and other organizations can be arranged with three weeks advance notice.

All tours begin at the Donald G. Graham Visitors Center, 2300 Arboretum Drive East. For more information call 543-8800.
WASHINGTON PARK ARBORETUM

Graham Visitors Center
This will be the first spring in the Graham Visitors Center. Join us for weekend openings, Sunday-at-One Tours, and special plant programs. The Arboretum Foundation Gift Shop is rapidly becoming a favorite place to shop for gifts. If you'd like to help during spring weekends, please call 543–8800.

Plant Sale
The annual Arboretum Foundation Plant Sale will be held Wednesday, May 6, 1987, from noon to 7 p.m. and Thursday, May 7, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Held near the Graham Visitors Center, this sale features one of the Northwest's most comprehensive arrays of plant materials. For a sale catalog and pre-ordering information call the Arboretum Foundation office 325–4510.

Arbor Day/Arbor Week
Celebrate trees! Wednesday, April 8, is Washington State Arbor Day, traditionally a day for planting trees. The Washington Park Arboretum, though, will be celebrating the whole week of April 5 through April 11. There will be guided tours every day at 1 p.m., each tour focusing on a different part of the Arboretum. With advance notice, school groups can arrange special "Arbor Week" tours. Youngsters will find the "Children's Corner" in the Visitors Center to be both fun and educational. The Visitors Center will also feature horticultural displays and demonstrations for adults. Groups cooperating in our "Arbor Week" celebration include the Arboretum Foundation, Washington State University Master Gardeners, and International Society of Arboriculture. For a complete schedule of "Arbor Week" events call 543–8800.

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