

# BRANCHING OUT

## What's Happening at Lake Wilderness Arboretum

### February's Education Program: Avoiding Mistakes in Your Home Landscape

The South King County Arboretum Foundation will present the first of five Tuesday evening programs for 2005 on February 1, 7pm at the Maple Valley Community Center, 22010 SE 248th, Maple Valley.

Featured speaker is J. Patrick Bowman, landscape designer, educator, and SKCAF Board member, presenting a program titled "Avoiding Mistakes In Your Home Landscape." He will discuss some of the most common mistakes made when planning and installing a home landscape and offer solutions that are sure to work.



J. Patrick Bowman,  
speaker

Patrick was active in the development of the Arboretum's Volunteer Garden, and is the Membership and Public Relations Committee Chair as well as the 40th Anniversary Celebration Chair.

He is a Washington Certified Professional Horticulturist (CPH), and a member of the Washington State Nursery & Landscape Association, the Maple Valley Creative Arts Council and the Garden Writers Association. Also,

he's been a contributing writer for several months for this newsletter.

The program is free and open to the public. Be sure to bring your neighbors and friends who have landscaping concerns. ♦

### 40th Anniversary Offers Opportunity for You to GET INVOLVED

by J. Patrick Bowman

The year 2005 is the Lake Wilderness Arboretum's 40th anniversary. With activities planned throughout the year and the related preparation, this could be one of the busiest periods of recent history at the Arboretum. Your involvement is critical to accomplish all that needs to happen behind the scenes.

The first event is National Arbor Day on Wednesday, April 13. We hope to involve the local school children and present a short educational program. The month of May has been designated by the planning committee as Lake Wilderness Arboretum 40th Anniversary Month. We plan to have docent tours on weekends and an open house for our strategic partners and garden clubs. The Spring Plant Sale, May 6 and 7, is a major undertaking, and although it is very well organized, there are always ways to help before, during, and after. The main celebration day will take place Saturday, May 21, with an outdoor program and ceremony followed by a reception and Arboretum history presentation in the Lake Wilderness Lodge.

Many activities slated for this year will be continuing in years to come and require significant volunteer hours to be successful. The Board and Committee are confident that volunteers will be motivated to tackle the projects. This will be an exciting year for those who get involved in the programs, work parties, committees, and celebrations surrounding the 40th Anniversary of the Lake Wilderness Arboretum.

If you are not a member of the SKCAF, now is a great time to join. If you are a member, find a place of service within the organization. Feel free to contact me personally at [shutterstory@aol.com](mailto:shutterstory@aol.com) or 425.432.4176. Let's talk and find a way you can get involved. ♦

# Happy 40th Anniversary to the South King County Arboretum Foundation! (1965-2005)

I hope that everyone's year is off to a terrific start! The SKCAF Board and committees are off to a brisk start preparing for all of the wonderful activities we are planning as a part of our 40th Anniversary celebrations throughout the year. Forty years as an all volunteer, non-profit foundation is quite an accomplishment, and we hope that all our members, family, friends and the community will help us celebrate throughout the year. We are fortunate to have a core group of extremely energetic and knowledgeable volunteers leading the way planning for the festivities, and we hope you will join us. As you read through this newsletter, please think of how you would like to participate and be in touch with us as we'd love your help, whether just for a few hours one day or helping regularly on a project.

Also, I'd like to welcome Barbara Bartnes, Barbara Huseby and Sandy Cirlincione to the Board as Board Members at Large. All of us are excited to have these talented and energetic people joining us! ♦

## President's Message

by Kadri Linask-Goode



## Board Retreat

The SKCAF Board held a retreat on Saturday, November 20, 2004 to identify major Arboretum goals and to form committees to carry out these goals. Sixteen Arboretum Board members and volunteers attended. Committees were formed to set goals for grants and funding, for reviewing the Master Plan, and for examining property management/development needs. Also, a 40th Anniversary Celebration committee was established, with Patrick Bowman as Chair, to begin laying the groundwork for the various events. ♦



Pat Bowman prioritizes Arboretum goals on his computer as Retreat members look on.



Terry Higashiyama, who served as Retreat Facilitator, is seated, on the right.



Maureen Paszek leads a discussion concerning publicity for 2005.



Back Row: Bill Paine, Maureen Paszek, Barb Bartnes, Eric Larson, Judi Alvau, Pat Bowman, Maria VanZanen, Linda Bartlett, Terry Higashiyama, Maggie Westerland. Front Row: Rebecca Stewart, Linda McMonagle, Geoff Culbert, Cindy Ostermann (not pictured, Kadri Linask-Goode and Viola Scoby)

## Welcome to Our New Board Members



Barb Bartnes



Barbara  
Huseby



Sandra  
Cirlincione

Three new talented Board members began their two-year terms this January: Barb Bartnes, Barbara Huseby, and Sandra Cirlincione.

Barb Bartnes joined the SKCAF Board as a Member at Large and is also serving on the Budget & Finance Committee. Having been a member on various boards, Barb has much experience creatively raising funds. At the Board's recent Retreat, she enthusiastically shared some very workable ideas.

Barb has worked in many facets of gardening. Her first job, at age 14, was planting daffodil bulbs. Since then, she has worked in several nurseries, large and small, doing everything from watering to pruning to propagation of plants. In the mass production setting at Columbia Greenhouse in Kent—which she says is fascinating—her job title was Head Seeder. Also she loves doing container planting and has designed the huge planters for Seattle's Pioneer Square.

Barb and her family live in Covington but participate in many Maple Valley sports activities. Also, Barb and Board member Pat Bowman have worked together on publishing projects.

Barbara Huseby has been an active member of the Arboretum for four years. Last year, she co-chaired the Spring Plant Sale with Kadri Linask-Goode and will be the Chair this year. She's been a faithful volunteer and potting party participant. Also, she was one of the group leaders at this year's Make A Difference Day.

She says that she's been gardening her entire life! A year ago, she completed the Master Gardener requirements. After doing many garden designs for friends and family, she started designing professionally a year ago.

Sandra Cirlincione has been an Arboretum member and volunteer for five years helping often at the Late Bloomer Work Parties and cashiering at Plant Sales. On Boeing Good Neighbor Day this year, she was one of the group leaders working in the Smith-Mossman Garden.

She enjoys researching plants and has been a "plant finder" for the Arboretum and informed the Board when she learned about gardens that were going to be dismantled and the plants given away.

Her grandfather who grew both vegetables and flowers in the back yard influenced her when she was a child in California, and she says she's been a gardener her whole life. Learning about plants, using as many native plants as possible, and using natural gardening methods are her gardening interests. ♦

## Take the Bus to the NW Garden Show

by Katie Swickard

Move from the cold, gray days of winter to the high-energy phase of spring by joining Covington Water District on a charter bus trip to the NW Flower and Garden Show. Tour display gardens, enjoy free seminars and hands-on demonstrations, visit nearly 300 commercial exhibits as well as every imaginable plant society and horticultural organization. There will even be a mini-garden seminar during the bus trip.

Our charter bus will arrive at the Covington Water District office (18631 SE 300th Place) at 8am on Saturday, February 12th and will return to the CWD office at approximately 6pm. Imagine—no traffic or parking hassles. In fact, you will be delivered right to the door of the Convention Center! The Flower Show's "spring greeting" to you includes more seminars than at any other flower show in the world! With 115 presentations and an open demonstration stage, the seminars feature topics that are sure to capture the interest of both the beginning and expert gardener. The list of seminars is available at [www.gardenshow.com](http://www.gardenshow.com).

The cost will be \$18 per person if you are a District customer, and \$25 for non-District customers. The cost covers transportation, muffin & juice, mini-seminar on the bus "Finding Your Inspiration" and your show ticket.

NEW THIS YEAR: Registration priority is for CWD customers. Non-CWD customers may call and be put on a waiting list. On Monday, February 7th, any remaining seats will be made available. To reserve your seat on the bus, please call us at 253.631.0565. ♦

Come to Covington Water District's seminars to learn how to follow "A Better Path To Beautiful" in your garden and landscape and also how to be a water wise, environmentally-friendly gardener. The seminars will be held at the Maple Valley Community Center, 22010 SE 248th Street, Maple Valley, 7-8:30pm. Call 253.631.0565 x170 or email kswickard@covingtonwater.com to register. Participation is intended for Covington Water District customers, but everyone is welcome.

## Free Water-wise Seminars: "A Better Path to Beautiful"

by Katie Swickard

• **Mediterranean Gardens for the Northwest: Lessons in Water Wise Planting with Style** features speaker Phil Wood on **Thursday, Feb. 24 at 7pm, MVCC**. The Northwest shares with the Mediterranean a gardening climate of wet winters and dry summers. Enjoy dramatic before and after photos of garden transformations and learn design techniques that will help you in our challenging and rewarding horticultural climate. Phil Wood is the owner of Phil Wood Garden Design. Phil earned his Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from the University of Washington and his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Sculpture from Cornish College of the Arts. He has designed seven gardens at the NW Flower and Garden Show and writes "The Garden Designer" in the Sunday *Seattle Times*.

• **A Down-to-Earth Approach to Growing Roses** features speaker Don Morrow on **Tuesday, March 8 at 7pm, MVCC**. Growing gorgeous roses without making a huge dent in your schedule and without messing up the environment is the down-to-earth approach Don recommends. Put away those chemicals and learn about the best disease resistant varieties for our climate. Don has grown roses in Washington for over 40 years. He's been a WSU/KC Master Gardener for 12 years, an American Rose Society (ARS) Consulting Rosarian for 21 years, an ARS Rose Judge and the ARS Pacific Northwest District Consulting Rosarian Chairman for the past six years.

• **Wildlife Friendly Yards** features Arboretum member Linda Bartlett as speaker on **Thursday, March 17 at 7pm, MVCC**. Would you like to have a yard full of birds and other wildlife? Do you know what plants attracts them? Have you ever heard a bird sing and wished you knew its name? Linda Bartlett, a Rainier Audubon Society member, will talk about wildlife-friendly yards, native plants and give you ideas for creating a bird habitat in your back yard. CWD customers will receive a FREE copy of the book *Grow Your Own Native Landscape* by Michael Leigh. If you're not a CWD customer, ask about purchasing one when you register. Bartlett's yard won an award in last year's "Washington Backyard Wildlife Garden Contest" judged by wildlife expert Russell Link.

• **Kick-butt Gardening with Fruits And Vegetables** features speakers Clay Antieau and Naomi Chechowitz on **Thursday, March 31 at 7pm, MVCC**. Growing fruits and vegetables in the Puget Sound area is a challenge given our many garden pests and diseases and droughty and cool summers. Clay and Naomi will share their many "lessons learned" to help you maintain a garden requiring minimal irrigation and pest management while obtaining the most production and beauty with the least effort and cost. Bring your own ideas to share, too! Both have gardened in the heart of Seattle for 15 years. Clay is a horticulturist and botanist who planted his first sweet corn when he was five. Naomi, a botanist and water resources professional, learned vegetable gardening as a child from her grandfather.

• **This Old Yard...How to Revitalize and Be WaterWise** features speaker Ed Hume on **Tuesday, April 12 at 7pm, MVCC**. Are you frustrated hearing about all the wonderful ways to have a water-efficient yard, but already have a well-established landscape? Become acquainted with some great ideas on how to enrich soil in areas where plants have been situated for some time and learn the importance of properly preparing soil for plantings. Also, learn how to restore and revitalize an established lawn to make it the best looking, easiest-to-maintain lawn in the neighborhood. Ed Hume is one of America's best-known garden authorities, a newspaper columnist, radio commentator, television personality and author of several books. ♦



Ed Hume

I have been doing some thinking about the assets and liabilities of the SKCAF. Not the finances, of course. Hal Lamon does a fine job as treasurer. I am looking at the human assets and liabilities. We have them both. All organizations do.

## A Growing Concern: Cookies in the Oven

by J. Patrick Bowman, CPH



When I approach a landscape design, I am keenly aware of the 'human scale' aspects of the design. That is, how can I give the people that live on this property the most enjoyment of their landscape? Four foot wide paths, so they can maneuver their wheelbarrow through for maintenance, patio and deck areas large enough for entertaining, areas to cook, and rest, and talk. User friendly would be the current term.

I have written in other publications about my first rule of retailing: Make it easy for people to spend their money. Make them feel comfortable and invited. A little extra effort goes a long ways toward guaranteeing that customers will come back instead of going to the competition.

This January 1 began my appointment as Chair of the Membership and Public Relations Committee. Maureen has done a fantastic job the last few years, and I thank her for laying the groundwork for me. She will be taking a long deserved rest, although I was told we could probably talk her into consulting for us. She told me I would probably want to put my own flavor in the pot, and I have already started by reorganizing the committee a bit. I am appointing sub-chairs over two key areas: membership and volunteers. These two sub-chairs will have more focused responsibilities regarding

their duties, with planning events for new members and volunteers being a key aspect of their positions.

We have seen the building of a mighty army of propagators (TWIGS) that have done wonders in the greenhouse and whose fruit will be realized in added revenue at the annual plant sale, Mother's Day weekend. Judi Alvau, TWIGS manager and her team are doing a wonderful job adding new varieties of plants that we have not seen for sale before. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. You are a great asset to the Arboretum.

One area I see as a liability is our lack of providing opportunities for those members who would like to volunteer but do not necessarily want to work with plants. I will be working with the Education and Conservation committee in designing programs and events that will appeal to that segment of members who are missing a place to call home within the organization. I want to make it easy for all members to spend their money, which is to buy into a place of service within the Arboretum structure.

Our 40th Anniversary year is an excellent time to evaluate our human factors quotient and be sure we have a large enough patio so that everyone feels comfortable, and a good wide path, and benches for resting along the way. In other words, my goal is to help make the Lake Wilderness Arboretum a destination spot that has a welcome mat at the door, cookies in the oven, and where the coffee pot is always on for everyone.

Chocolate chip are my favorite...◆

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## Committees Need Key People

by J. Patrick Bowman

If you have been looking for a way to get more involved at the Arboretum, consider this article an invitation to contact me and get busy. There are several committees under my direction that have real needs for enthusiastic volunteers.

The Membership and Public Relations Committee was recently restructured and is in need of a sub-chair who will be responsible for membership coordination, programs, and events. This is a key position requiring good people and organizational skills. The other positions are on the publicity committee.

There is a lot of work to do relating to the 40th Anniversary, and your help is greatly needed. Feel free to email me at [shutterstory@aol.com](mailto:shutterstory@aol.com) or please phone me at 425.432.4176 with your questions. ◆

## Behind the Scenes

The reasons our volunteers became interested in gardening and in Lake Wilderness Arboretum are always interesting! Following are details that three of our active volunteers shared, plus some of their favorite gardening tips or information sources.

• Rebecca Stewart: “When I was in elementary school in Virginia the neighbor lady down the street had lots of African violets, and we would take leaves and make new plants. It was exciting since violets propagate so easily that even a kid can be successful! Another lady made terrariums (these were the ‘in thing’ in the early 70s), so I would go for walks in the woods behind our neighborhood with her and collect little plants for them. After my family moved to Mississippi, my parents built a two-



Rebecca Stewart

story solarium onto the back of the house, and it has been packed full of plants (including a banana tree) ever since. When I moved here and bought my house, it had no landscaping. I hired a designer since I knew nothing and was starting from scratch. I just caught the gardening bug! Then I decided

to go back to school and study horticulture at Edmonds Community College where I completed my Associates degree in Landscape Design. Now I have my own company.

I was one of the original members of the Late Bloomers garden club. Another member, Karen Bohlander, was in charge of Arboretum Plant Sales. She asked for volunteers, so I helped cashier. I did that for several years before actually getting involved with the Arboretum.

I like the magazine *Fine Gardening*. I have several bookcases of books, but I think my most useful one is the RHS (Royal Horticulture Society) *Good Plant Guide*. It is compact and full of info. My best tip would be to join the Northwest Perennial Alliance. They have great lectures, symposiums, and open gardens almost every weekend. It’s the best \$25 you can spend!”

• Linda Bartlett: “Our family always had a vegetable garden in the back yard. My father also had a beautiful row of roses along the drive, as well as perennials. My brother and I transplanted small fir trees along our road and watched them grow into

big trees. However, my luck with annuals from seeds made me think I had a ‘black thumb.’ After I married, we lived in diverse climates. In Delaware I grew veg-



Linda Bartlett

etables and *zinnias*! In Las Vegas, I had a cactus garden I was proud of. A return to the Pacific Northwest found me attending home landscaping classes and learning basic principles of design. A local move found me with a ‘clean slate’ and a desire to attract birds (as a member of the Audubon

Society), so I ‘went native’ as a basic structure and added a few colorful annuals and perennials.

I learned about the Arboretum through the Plant Sales where I could find unusual plants for good prices. There I met two of the sweetest, most knowledgeable gardeners, Gladys Krohn and Laura Nowotny, who showed me their gardens and shared their wonderful plants. They also introduced me to Loie Benedict and her garden. Loie insisted that I join the Northwest Perennial Alliance, which greatly enhanced my plant knowledge.

My favorite garden ‘discovery’ is to add a new perennial or shrub border by mowing the grass very closely, then adding a thick (8 inch) layer of well rotted horse manure and planting directly into it. Let the earthworms do the rest!”

• Judy Nash: “As a child growing up in Ravensdale, I was exposed to the gardening world by my mom. She did a lot of gardening—growing all kinds of vegetables, a wonderfully natural lawn, many very fragrant peonies and lots of trees. As an adult, when I moved back to the area where I grew up, I then moved many of her wonderful plants to my home.



Judy Nash

I met Judi Alvau when I went to a meeting at the Arboretum. Her incredible knowledge and wonderful energy just swept me up! I always enjoy learning more and didn’t want to pass up an opportunity like this.

One thing led to another, and I became a part of TWIGS and the Propagation Team and then was asked to be the Arboretum’s Nursery Manager which I really enjoy.

My special interest is in being ‘green,’ so I always try to do everything without chemicals. I like to find ways to grow things naturally. That is my special desire and interest and an area I hope to expand on and carry into my work at the Arboretum.” ♦

Maureen Paszek is preparing a Time Line of Arboretum history which will be a major component of a special edition 40th Anniversary publication. Darlene Stump, Nancy Davenport, and Susan Roberts compiled early Arboretum history, and Maureen is now working on more recent years. Below is a condensed version of the first twenty years of Lake Wilderness Arboretum's history.

## Historically Speaking:

### Time Line 1965 to 1985

**1965–1970:** Foundation established. Forty-two acre site management undertaken in cooperation with King County

**1970–1975:** Master Plan developed. King County budgeted \$50,000 for improvements. Limited water supply made available by late 1975. Trails system laid out by Scouts. Lath house built and nursery area fenced. Maple Trails, Propagation and Wilderness units formed to support Arboretum.

**1975–1980:** Volunteer work parties, youth groups, and Scouts clear scotch broom. Chinook District Garden planted. Yearly Arbor Day celebrations held. Entrance gate and fire pit completed

**1980–1985:** Gazebo built by high school students. Well was dug. Storage shed and tool house built. On-site caretaker hired for security and maintenance help. Sprinkler system installed in Nursery and on the grounds from Nursery west to entrance. Signs placed on major roads indicating Arboretum's location. ♦

Judi Alvau, TWIGS manager at the Arboretum, will be conducting two workshops this spring for anyone interested in increasing their success with propagating plants at home.

## Upcoming Spring Propagation Workshops

The first workshop will be held on Saturday, March 12th from 9am to noon. It's about how to build and maintain a propagation chamber which can be used to root cuttings or germinate seeds. The second workshop is also a three-hour workshop with instructions on how to build and use an automatic mist controller. This controller is a perfect addition to your propagation chamber but could also be used in a greenhouse or cold frame. It takes the guesswork out of misting your cuttings

and does the work for you. It also works well for seed germination. This class is Saturday, April 9, from 9am to noon.

Participants will pay for materials. Kits are available in several sizes with prices starting at \$25. Call Judi Alvau at 425.432.6650 to register and for a list of kit sizes and prices.

Both workshops are free to SKCAF members and \$10 for non-members. Non-members can apply the \$10 fee to an Arboretum membership if they wish.

The classes will be held at the Maple Valley Public Works Annex, just south of the Lake Wilderness Lodge, 22500 SE 248th Street in Maple Valley. ♦

Planning is well underway for the second annual Hellebore Tea to be held on Sunday, February 27, 2pm at the Lake Wilderness Lodge. Funds raised will benefit the Arboretum. The Tea is co-sponsored by the Arboretum and the Late Bloomers Garden Club. Maria VanZanen is Chair and can be reached at 425.432.2213. Information can also be found at [www.LakeWildernessArboretum.org/tea.html](http://www.LakeWildernessArboretum.org/tea.html). ♦

## Hellebore Tea

The first Planning Meeting to prepare for the Arboretum's Spring Plant Sale & Garden Fair will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 7pm at the Public Works Annex. There's a place for your talents whether you have a few hours to commit or many. If you'd like information, email Chair Barb Huseby [bhuseby@spiretech.com](mailto:bhuseby@spiretech.com) or call her at 425.413.8700. Be sure to add the Spring Plant Sale to your calendar on May 6 & 7. ♦

## Plant Sale Meeting

## Birding Update: November through January by Linda Bartlett

**B**rrrrr—winter birding is only for the intrepid! The survey on the third Saturday of November was quite chilly, having gotten down to 26 degrees in the night, and the birds seemed to be feeling the cold too, for there did not seem to be much activity at first. We did manage to eventually see 25 species, though none were new. I had heard Red Crossbills earlier in November up on the trail beside the lake in the tops of the conifers, and we added these to the list. Those hardy participants who did make it out in November were Kim Wagie, Bill Paine, Geoff Culbert, Merlin Weise and myself, and we managed eventually to see 25 different species. Probably the highlight for most of us was going in and getting a cup of hot coffee afterwards!

December 18 was extremely foggy and around 40 degrees. Just Merlin and I ventured out in the fog to see what we could find. We had a difficult time focusing the scope on anything on the lake but as we were about to leave, the fog lifted just enough to see the largest group of Hooded Merganser pairs we have ever seen! There were at least a dozen of them, as well as eight Common Merganser pairs. It's exciting to see so many beautiful males with the females. Once the pair have young, the males all seem to disappear. These interesting fish-eating, diving ducks have streamlined bodies and long narrow bills. They are very awkward on land; however, they nest in tree cavities and sometimes in holes on the ground. Also in December we were rewarded with a handsome adult Bald Eagle perched high in a Douglas fir at the north end of the lake.

...eventually the fog lifted just enough to see the largest group of Hooded Merganser pairs we've ever seen!

At the time this newsletter goes to print, we have not done a January 2005 survey. But, birding on my own this week at Lake Wilderness, I saw the Eurasian Wigeon and a Mew Gull. New species are continuing to show up. I plan to, on my own, keep birding the area, hoping to add a few more species before we print the list in a brochure for Arboretum visitors. If you would be interested in accompanying me some morning, please call me at 253.631.1959. And if you observe anything unusual like the those elusive white swans who have been reported in previous years, by all means call or email me at [llbart@scn.org](mailto:llbart@scn.org). ♦

## Blooming Now

**O**n your walk in the Arboretum during February, be sure to enjoy the Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis x intermedia*) with their yellow, orange and red blossoms that look like bundles of twisted ribbons on bare twigs. They're very fragrant, particularly on warm winter days. When you come back later in the spring, you'll see their brown seedpods beginning to develop. Not only do the Witch Hazels put on this spectacular winter show, their deciduous leaf color in the fall is brilliant gold and red. Look for them by the self-guided trail marker #10 just inside the forest edge off the meadow. ♦



Witch Hazel, *Hamamelis x intermedia*

## Check out Great Plant Picks for Great Ideas

**A**n important consideration for gardeners is whether that beautiful plant they're yearning for is really going to live after purchase. A website that will help you decide whether or not to buy a certain plant is [www.greatplantpicks.org](http://www.greatplantpicks.org),

Great Plant Picks is a plant awards program targeted to Pacific Northwest gardeners to help them identify unbeatable plants. Their website has helpful planting and growing suggestions, great photos, and ideas for companion plantings. The 2005 Great Plant Picks list is now or will soon be listed there.

Fortunately for gardeners in the Maple Valley area, a local nursery stocks many of the Great Plant Picks. It's the Big Dipper Farm, an Arboretum member, located at 26130 SE Green Valley Road near Black Diamond. Look for the "green leaf symbol" of Great Plant Picks at their website, [www.bigdipperfarm.com](http://www.bigdipperfarm.com). ♦

Dear Editor,

## A Letter to the Editor

As Kadri Linask-Goode begins her second year as our Foundation's president, I would like to thank her on behalf of the Foundation for her devotion, enthusiasm, and leadership over the last year. For those of you who may not be aware, Kadri had moved into our area and become an active member of our TWIGS group only a short time before she took over this important leadership role—a place where “The buck stops here!” Not only did she make great efforts to quickly get up to speed on how our rapidly growing organization works internally, she also soon became an integral part of our evolving relationship with the City of Maple Valley and helped coordinate with the City's staff. Just before she assumed her new role as our President, Kadri became the lead Project Manager for two important projects that the City of Maple Valley funded as part of our 2004 Grant: (1) Update and print our new brochures and (2) Update and add information to our kiosk maps (They're Great! Wait until you see them early this year!) That's not to mention the need to “hit the ground running” in January as positions on the Board, committees, and the Spring Plant Sale still needed to be filled. In addition, there was that ferocious winter windstorm that left dozens of downed trees and tons of debris that had to be addressed!

Two Green Thumbs Up and THANK YOU to our present President—and all of the volunteers who have actively supported her and the Foundation over the last year!

Sincerely,  
Cindy Ostermann  
Immediate Past President

## 2004 Memberships expired Dec. 31 Have you renewed?

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### LAKE WILDERNESS ARBORETUM (SKCAF) MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM

#### NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS

Lifetime  \$250.00  
 Business or Org.  20.00  
 Family  15.00  
 Individual  10.00  
 Senior (55+)  5.00  
 Student  2.00

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Benefactor  \$1000.00 or more  
 Steward  500.00 to 999.00  
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**Please Circle the Committee/Group you'd like to work on:** Property Management & Development  
 Budget & Finance Education & Conservation Membership & Publicity Plant Sales History Mailings  
 Work Parties Propagation Data Entry Programs

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## Calendar

### February

(TWIGS meet every Thursday, 9am at Arboretum)

- 1 Education Program, 7pm at MVCC
- 5 Late Bloomers & Maple Trails Work Party,  
9am–noon at Arboretum
- 8 Spring Plant Sale Planning Meeting,  
7pm at Public Works Annex
- 9 SKCAF Board Meeting, 6:45pm at Public Works Annex
- 27 Hellebore Tea, 2pm at Lake Wilderness Lodge

### March

(TWIGS meet every Thursday, 9am at Arboretum)

- 1 Newsletter articles deadline
- 5 Late Bloomers & Maple Trails Work Party,  
9am–noon at Arboretum
- 9 SKCAF Board Meeting, 6:45pm at Public Works Annex
- 12 Class—Build your own propagation chamber,  
9am–noon at Public Works Annex

## SKCAF Personnel

### Board Officers

President: Kadri Linask-Goode  
First Vice President: Eric Larson  
Second Vice President: open  
Recording Secretary: Linda McMonagle  
Corresponding Secretary: open  
Treasurer: Hal Lamon

### Board Members at Large

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