

BRANCHING OUT



What's Happening at Lake Wilderness Arboretum

Native American Garden Progress

by Steffany Neuschaefer

Through the efforts of many Arboretum and community volunteers and a local Boy Scout troop, the Native American Ethno-botanical Garden is taking shape. As you're probably aware, local fire departments "cut" the 280 foot trail in June 2005. Since then the trail was widened to about 20 feet and has been cleared. Two hundred yards of mulch has been delivered and will be spread to define the garden perimeters. After that, the planting starts. Some of the native plants have been donated, some propagated by TWIGS members, and some have been ordered.

Arboretum members under the guidance of Steffany Neuschaefer are designing and planning the placement. Signs naming the plants and their traditional uses will be added. Also, if you know of someone who would carve a totem pole to include in the garden, please let us know (425.413.2572). Plans are being made for a summer dedication of the garden. As always, volunteers are needed and welcomed in order to bring this unique garden to fruition. ♦



Steffany Neuschaefer and a volunteer clear vegetation in one part of the 280 foot linear garden-to-be.



This cleared area shows the results of countless hours of work by volunteers in preparing the area for planting.



To give us an idea of the amount of mulch that will be spread, Steffany stands next to one of the two huge piles.

February Program: A Healthy Forest

Many of us enjoy hiking through the Forest Reserve at the Arboretum but haven't given much thought to a forest's maintenance or future. Just what needs to be done to preserve forested areas so that they can be enjoyed not only by us but by future generations?

You can find out on Tuesday, February 7, 7pm at the Arboretum's Education Program held in the Maple Valley Community Center, 22010 SE 248th Street in Maple Valley. John Neorr, SKCAF Board member, will explain Forest Stewardship and what a stewardship plan involves. He will speak about forest ecology in general, that is, its many different elements—soil, water, trees, plants, wildlife, etc. Understanding these elements and how they interact is the first step in assessing a forest's current health so that recommendations can be made for maintaining or improving it.

Do take advantage of this excellent opportunity to learn about keeping our precious wilderness healthy and to increase your knowledge about the Pacific Northwest's beautiful forests. This Education Program is free. Invite your friends and neighbors! ♦

President's Message

by Steffany Neuschaefer



When my family and I moved here a year and a half ago from Colorado Springs, I came with a dream of living in a community that wanted to make a difference. I wasn't sure how that was going to look, but I knew it would have to do with nature, kindness and generosity. I have found that community at the Lake Wilderness Arboretum.

I am thrilled and honored to be President of the South King County Arboretum Foundation. Community, education, and plants are all the topics I want to be involved in! Lake Wilderness Arboretum is a place where dreams and visions are manifested, where stewardship for the earth is learned and implemented, and where fun and exciting events are enjoyed.

There are loads of exciting projects currently taking place and many more to be scheduled. The Master Plan Committee is developing goals that will "knock your socks off." Education programs are under way involving South King County schools at all levels as well as adult classes. Walks, talks, workshops and lectures are scheduled on many different horticultural topics. We invite you to email or write to SKCAF with topics you are interested in. The Membership and Public Relations Committee has plans to put our neighborhood Arboretum on the map making Lake Wilderness Arboretum the botanical gardens of choice!

Big dreams happen when people work together with a commitment that is for the good of all. That's the kind of people I have found at the Lake Wilderness Arboretum, the kind of community I want to live in. Thank you to all of the volunteers for your time and hard work, to the members for your interest and participation, and to the people and businesses that have donated financially to the Arboretum. The momentum is awesome! ♦

SKCAF Board Update

No one really knows the importance, frustrations and satisfied feelings of being on a governing board until they've actually served. And the 2004-2005 SKCAF Board is to be commended and thanked for their perseverance and important contributions to the development of the Lake Wilderness Arboretum during these past two years.

Along with that thank you, a hearty welcome is to be extended to the new and returning SKCAF Board members who will serve in 2006 and 2007. Steffany Neuschaefer is the new president succeeding Kadri Linask-Goode. Eric Larson will again serve as the First Vice President, and Sharon Leishman is the new Second Vice President. Chris Neorr is the new

Recording Secretary, and her husband, John, is a Member at Large. Leona Candler will begin her term as the Corresponding Secretary, and Criss Barrett will continue as Treasurer. Barbara Huseby-Pilgreen, Maggie Westerlund and Geoff Culbert will continue in their roles as Members at Large along with new member Mary Kay Bailey. Maria VanZanen is the returning Property Management & Development chair. New chairs are Patty Davis for Education & Conservation, and Stanette Marie Rose for Budget & Finance. A Membership & Public Relations chair will be named.

We apologize that Barbara Huseby-Pilgreen's bio was inadvertently omitted from the December newsletter article, *SKCAF 2006-2007 Board Nominees*; here it is: "I've always enjoyed plants and gardening and started volunteering at the Arboretum in 2001. In 2004, I completed my WSU Master Gardening training and have recently chaired Arboretum plant sales in 2004 and 2005 and the

40th celebration this past November. Last August, I started working with the Wednesday Branches work party to renovate some of the existing gardens at the Arboretum. Now I am working on the February 12th Hellebore Tea to be held at the Lake Wilderness Lodge. My goal for 2006 is to make more people in South King County aware of the Arboretum and to help increase the Arboretum's responsiveness to the public's need for information on gardening, landscaping and environmental issues." ♦



The new SKCAF Board members hold their first meeting for 2006.

Marianne Binetti, April Speaker

Mark your calendar now for the Arboretum's Tuesday, April 4 Education Program. Marianne Binetti will be speaking on Landscape Design at just the right time of year—when we're excited and ready to garden, when the spring weather is inviting us to get outside, and when it's time to easily make some changes in our landscapes.

Marianne will offer lots of 'how-tos' and tips for carefree landscapes—ideas that she uses in her own gardens. Spread the word and plan on bringing paper and pencil to take notes for great ideas you can use in your yard!

Marianne, a northwest horticultural expert who lives in Enumclaw, shares her gardening tips on HGTV and the Discovery Channel as well as in her weekly Thursday *Seattle Post Intelligencer* gardening column. She also has written several gardening books. ♦

Free Arboretum Spring Classes

The Arboretum is offering three Saturday classes in February and March which are free to Arboretum members and \$15 for non-members. (The non-member fee can be applied to an Arboretum membership.) Class size is limited. Please pre-register by calling 425.413.2572 or emailing Info@LakeWildernessArboretum.org. These classes will be held in the lower-level classroom at Lake Wilderness Lodge, 22500 SE 248th Street in Maple Valley.

- **Make Herbal Facial Products**, Saturday, February 4, 9am, with instructor Steffany Neuschaefer, certified herbalist. In this hands-on class, you'll make a cleansing grains formula, brew an herbal facial steam, enjoy a skin toner, mix a facial mask and blend a moisturizing cream. Each of these herbal formulas you can then use to sooth and nourish your skin. Bring a wash cloth and large bath towel. Materials fee is \$5.

- **Grafting Basics**, Saturday, March 11, 9am, with instructor Judi Alvau, the Arboretum's Propagation and TWIGS Manager. The class covers the basics of grafting ornamental plants with special attention to conifers, roses and Japanese Maples. This is a hands-on class where you will be grafting plant material in class.

- **Prune Your Plants the Right Way**, Saturday, March 25, 9am, with instructor Rebecca Stewart, a horticulture graduate of Edmonds Community College and owner of Heritage Garden Designs. You'll learn the 'hows and whys' of pruning plants, shrubs and trees in the classroom and then go outside for some 'hands on' demonstrations. Dress for the weather and bring your pruners and gloves. Rebecca enjoys sharing the proper way to prune because it pains her to see badly pruned plants, and it's much less work in the long run. ♦

Hellebore Tea

The Late Bloomers garden club and SKCAF will again co-sponsor the Hellebore Tea, a fund raiser with proceeds benefiting the Arboretum. This third annual Tea will be on Sunday, February 12, 1:30pm at the Lake Wilderness Lodge. Guests may enter a fun Garden Hat contest if they wish, and will take home a hellebore plant of their choice. For more details or information on tickets, call Maria at 425.432.2213 or Barbara at 425.432.8770.. ♦

Spring Plant Sale

by Judy Nash

The 2006 Spring Plant Sale on Mother's Day weekend, May 12 & 13, promises to be an exciting one with more plants than ever. There will be a nice selection of Great Plant Picks and many beautiful camellias, ferns, trilliums and sedums to choose from along with unique yard art.

Committees are being formed. Call Plant Sale Chair Karen Urick (360.886.9689) or Judy Nash (360.886.0243) now to let them know you'd like to volunteer. As in the past, volunteers who are Arboretum members get first choice of the plants at the Thursday Pre-sale. If you're not yet an Arboretum member but plan to volunteer, you can join the Arboretum and become eligible to shop early also.

This year, rather than having to pre-order your annuals, tomatoes and fuchsia hanging plants, you can purchase them at the Plant Sale. ♦

Water-wise Seminars

The Covington Water District is offering three free seminars featuring helpful information about environmentally friendly gardening. These seminars will be at the Maple Valley Community Center, 22010 SE 248th Street, Maple Valley. For more information or to register for these informative and fun seminars, call Katie Swickard at 253-631-0565 x170 or email her at kswickard@covingtonwater.com.

- **Bugs: Love 'em or Splat 'em**, Tuesday, March 7 at 7pm. Ciscoe Morris, well-known media personality, will help you learn to recognize and encourage the good bugs while dissuading the bad ones by using environmentally friendly methods.
- **How to Renovate the Overgrown Garden**, Thursday, March 30, at 7pm. Cass Turnbull, founder of PlantAmnesty, will speak about yard renovation, where pruning is but one environmentally friendly tool to restore a garden.
- **Elegant and Easy Plants for a Carefree Yard**, Thursday, April 13 at 7pm. Marianne Binetti, author, teacher, and speaker from Enumclaw, will highlight some of the best-performing plants for the Puget Sound area. ♦

On Support!

by Cindy Ostermann

The vitality of our South King County Arboretum Foundation and the scope of what it accomplishes, both at Lake Wilderness Arboretum and in community outreach and programs hinges on one big word: SUPPORT. That's a powerful word, since as a noun, it is something the Foundation and Arboretum both need, in the form of donations, grants, and volunteer devotion, to survive and thrive. As a verb, support, has no less than eight definitions, each a powerful action, including "*carry, bring to a place; to give courage, faith, or confidence to; to maintain or provide for.*" The Foundation relies on an active cadre of volunteers and those in our greater community to carry out those supportive actions.

Although the final figures for 2005 will not be available until after our newsletter's deadline, thanks to terrific volunteer support, donations, and increased grant support, the Foundation was able to make significant strides on the Arboretum grounds and with some of the Foundation's administrative needs, accommodating increased spending (approximately \$25,000 over what was projected by our 2005 budget with at least as much increased income!) Our newsletter and website continued to be an area of pride. Our Anniversary Celebration in November renewed our appreciation for all of those who volunteered and served in the past, as well as introduced some great new programs and gardens that are starting to become a future legacy. A well deserved 'Thank you' to all of those who contributed the time, talent, materials, and cash to make this 40th Anniversary year so successful!

I am pleased to announce that Stanette Marie Rose has agreed to serve as our new Budget & Finance Chair. This adds one more "Past" prefix to my titles: President of the Foundation, Volunteer Garden Committee Chair, Project Manager for a variety of other projects, and B&F Committee Chair. I want to once again express my personal appreciation for all those who lent their support, both within the Foundation, Maple Valley Council and Staff, and a host of others, while I served in those positions. You helped make them rewarding experiences for me! It does 'take a village'! I would especially like to thank those with whom I worked closely while B&F Chair in the last two years: Past President Kadri Linask-Goode, past Treasurer Hal Lamon, present Treasurer Criss Barrett, First Vice President Eric Larson, Bookkeeper Barbara DeGruyf, and P&MD Chair Maria VanZanen, as well as Maple Valley Finance Director Tony McCarthy. My latest project involvement was with the Volunteer Garden. Those who volunteered to serve on that committee—Patrick Bowman, Judy Nash, and Rebecca Stewart—really defined teamwork and helped transform that garden bed into something special! Two thumbs up to them as well as those who contributed materials and time to complete the project.

Although a good deal of my attention is focused on a new home my husband and I are building nearby, I will continue to believe in the Foundation's Mission and lend it my support as much as possible. Our newly elected Board and our various committees seem to have a great blend of experience, new ideas, and enthusiasm. Please make sure you do everything YOU can to lend them your SUPPORT! ♦

Dedication and Ingenuity

by Sidonia St. Germaine

“That Judi is crazy,” my husband Fred said as he came in the door. He had just been working with Judi Alvau, TWIGS manager, at Classic Care Nursery, the camellia nursery whose owners Ray and Willadeen Childress donated thousands of camellias to the Lake Wilderness Arboretum last year when they retired. “She intends to dismantle those greenhouse buildings including the underground irrigation systems and move them up to the Arboretum lock, stock and barrel!” I just smiled at him and said, “You don’t know Judi. If she says it can be done, it will get done.” I have been working with Judi for the past several years now at the Arboretum and have learned that what she says we can do, we CAN do.

On a sunny Saturday morning, we met at 9:00. As usual, Arboretum members and many spouses rallied for the cause. I

have worked with many different groups over the years and have yet to see more dedicated volunteers than we have. Never mind that this was a beautiful Saturday for which anyone could have chosen to do something else, sixteen sets of helpful hands were there to work.

By 11:30, the first 30’ x 60’ hoop house was completely dismantled. No one was actually telling individuals just what to do, but the group worked as if it had been choreographed. Everyone seemed to just see where they were needed and there they went. As the last of the first hoop house came down, most of the volunteers moved to the second hoop house, a 20’ x 40’ structure. It too was taken down quickly, and all the parts and pieces of both hoop houses were trucked over and stored at the Arboretum.

The entire job was finished in about five hours. The two ‘new’ hoop houses will be erected this summer and used in the nursery. The smaller (20’ x 40’) structure will be used as a mist house for propagating cuttings, seeds and grafts and will replace the small wood structure we are currently using. The larger (30’ x 60’) building will be used for equipment storage and for working in during bad weather. It will also be used to host educational workshops to the public on horticultural related subjects.

“Well?” I said to Fred with a smirky grin when the job was finished. He just looked at me with a funny little smile and didn’t say a word. Of course, you know what I was thinking. (Told ya!)

In addition to special projects, such as the dismantling of the hoop houses, TWIGS members processed many hundreds of cuttings early this fall and are now processing hardwood cuttings. We are also potting up hundreds of established cuttings that we processed last year.

It’s not all work though, Judi makes sure that we have some ‘fun rewards’. In the fall, we had a hyper-tufa-making party and Steffany Neuschaefer and Judi co-hosted a lovely Christmas brunch for us.

We also welcome our newest TWIGS member, Eleonore Meier. ♦



Standing from L to R: Dwight VanZanen, Geoff Culbert, Sidonia St.Germaine, John Neorr, Barbara Huseby-Pilgreen, Judi Alvau, Maureen Paszek, Maria VanZanen, Joe Paszek, Sue Quinn, Bill Visee, and Suzanne Talmadge. Behind them are Herb Pilgreen by the ladder, Richard Quinn on the ladder, and Fred St.Germaine on the scaffold. Patty Davis isn't pictured.

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- Sterling Services, Inc. Landscaping - Bobcat vehicle helped clear the trail
- Frankie’s Pizza - Lunch for the Eagle Scout Project Work Party
- Goodnight Construction - 200 yards of mulch
- Cedar Grove Compost - Load of topsoil
- Classic Care Nursery - Two hoop houses
- Ian Robertson, UW Landscape Architecture professor - Consultation on master plan ♦

Below are details that three Arboretum volunteers shared about themselves, along with some of their favorite gardening tips or information sources.

• **John Neorr:** “I am now retired from Boeing after working there in software engineering for 37 years. My wife Chris and I have lived in the Covington area since 1972 where we raised our four children and are now spoiling our dog, Millie.

Behind the Scenes

I grew up in Ohio and have been interested in trees ever since my Grandpa Luke told me to put a Buckeye in my pocket for good luck. Growing trees from nuts has been a hobby of mine for a long time. My previous home in Covington boasts of walnut and oak trees raised from nuts from my great-grandfather’s Ohio farm. It also has a tree whose parent marks the high water mark of the Confederacy at Gettysburg.

I have been active in the Arboretum for only a short time. I heard, via Chris, about the Wednesday Branches work party and began working with them this past fall. My interest in trees headed me towards the care and management of the Arboretum’s Forest Reserve. This interest was further strengthened by my attending a forest stewardship class. As a result of this class I have drafted a forest stewardship plan (www.lakewildernessarboretum.org/stewardship_plan_rev1.pdf). When I am not working at the Arboretum or on the computer, you will find me playing golf or fishing.

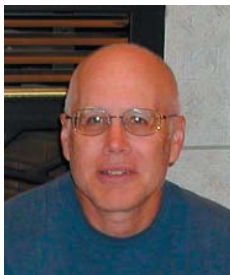
My gardening tip is not to be afraid to trim your trees. Trimming them while they are young greatly enhances their shape; trimming them later in their life helps to maintain their shape, opens them to more light, and generally enhances their visual appeal.”

• **Geoff Culbert:** “I have lived in the Pacific Northwest since 1979, in Bellevue, Seattle, and the last decade in Redmond. So what’s the connection to Maple Valley? My parents retired here nearly 20 years ago, and with my three young children, we have always enjoyed the ‘wilderness’ of the greater Lake Wilderness area. And why the outdoors for me? I like trees, plain ‘n’ simple. I grew up in Switzerland where our large family enjoyed all the natural beauty of the Swiss landscape.

My involvement with the Arboretum started in late winter two years ago, when my father pointed out the Forest Reserve trails were clogged by downed limbs from recent windstorms. I quickly learned how much more there is to do than simply clearing forest debris! I am now serving on the SKCAF Board with some of my focus on developing our Docent Tour program. The dedication and enthusiasm of all the volunteers continues to impress me. Whether it’s our bigger events like the Plant Sales or Hellebore Tea, or the weekly groups in the nursery, or specific SKCAF committee meetings, or community work parties, or day-to-day maintenance—there is so much accomplished with the ‘magic’ of volunteerism. The Arboretum is truly a community treasure, and I am delighted to play a small part in its continued success. I’d have to say the Arboretum Plant Sales are my most recent source of knowledge where plenty of expertise is shared widely and graciously. Also, the links to various sites on our very own web site (www.lakewildernessarboretum.org) is what I use these days for plant-related info.”

• **Victoria Jonas:** “When my family and I first moved to Maple Valley, I wasn’t aware that we had the good fortune of having an Arboretum right in our community’s backyard! I recall reading, a number of years ago, about the South King County Arboretum’s Spring Plant Sale in the *Voice of the Valley* and became curious to learn more about the Arboretum. I did in fact go to the plant sale and I was surprised to learn of the Arboretum’s location as I had walked past the grounds on numerous occasions but didn’t know what it was! I have to chuckle now as the very first person I met at the Arboretum was Cindy Ostermann. Cindy was so friendly and welcoming and her passion for gardening was quite evident when she began telling me about the Arboretum’s history and of the ample volunteer opportunities available. Thanks to Cindy, I am the proud owner of several Smith-Mossman Azaleas—I love their delicate features and beautiful array of colors.

I’ve been a member of the Arboretum for several years now and one of the best reasons for becoming a member is receiving a copy of the newsletter, *Branching Out* six times a year as it is packed full of great gardening information, and I especially enjoy reading about all of the volunteer groups and the great work they do! I feel very fortunate to be a member of the Lake Wilderness Arboretum and having the opportunity to work along side and to get to know such great folks. My volunteer time with the Arboretum is limited



John Neorr



Geoff Culbert



Victoria Jonas

If there’s an Arboretum volunteer you’d like to have featured in an upcoming newsletter, email editor@LakeWildernessArboretum.org.

to working the Spring and Fall Plant Sale, as I volunteer to cashier. I really enjoy this assignment as it gives me an opportunity to have brief friendly conversations with local, enthusiastic gardeners!

Thinking back on my life, I became interested in gardening when I bought my first house in the 1970s. I am a pretty basic gardener with a love of roses, perennials and lots of red geraniums during the summer months. Being a member of the Arboretum and listening and talking to passionate gardeners has rubbed off on me as I have expanded my perennial gardens over the past several years. With the busy life I lead right now, I don't have much time for gardening, however, I look forward to retiring in early 2007 and plan on spending more time outdoors in my garden, planting 'new stuff' and perhaps becoming more involved in the Arboretum volunteer groups.

Thinking about a gardening tip I could share, I would say when you purchase plants at the Arboretum's Plant Sale, make a commitment to plant the newly acquired plants within 24 hours! I'm embarrassed to think about all of the plants I've 'killed off' because I didn't plant them in a reasonable amount of time! In closing, I am very thankful for the friendships that have blossomed through my volunteerism with the Lake Wilderness Arboretum. ♦

Plant Questions?

When you have a gardening question that is puzzling you, remember the expert plant people at the Master Gardeners Phone Clinic Hotline. They're available year-round, Monday through Friday, 10am—4pm, except holidays and can answer your questions or direct you to someone who will. You can reach them at 206.296.3440. ♦

Saige Paget of Boy Scout Troop 767 completed his Eagle Scout Project on November 19, 2005, at the Lake Wilderness Arboretum. He will be seeking review by the Chief Seattle Council and the Boy Scouts of America for recognition and an Eagle Scout Award.

Eagle Scout Project

by Steffany Neuschaefer

In the fall of 2005, Saige organized his project team of over 30 people to complete the clearing of forest brush and define the Ethno-botanical Native American Garden at the Arboretum. The garden is located in the forest at the meadow edge and is approximately 280 feet long by 20 feet wide. This garden is built and sited for educational purposes for children at all levels, as well as for adult education. Due to this successful accomplishment, the Arboretum is well ahead of schedule in the completion of this garden.



Saige Paget

Maple Valley Community contributors for Saige's project include Sterling Services, Inc. Landscaping and Frankie's Pizza. Special thanks to these businesses and their staff.

Special thanks to Saige Paget, to Troop 767, to his team and to families including Chavien, Chalise and Pascale Paget; Craig and Brandon Holt; Preston and Kent Wheeler; Ned Sharp; Jamie Huson; Tyler Bills; Stephen and Douglas Hogg; Darren and Nathan Bills; Nathan and Matt Duffy; Robert Munk; Austin, Brittany, Lindsey and Sonya Shaw; Brian Dion; Jason Hutchinson; Jesse, Lance and Amber Peterson; Dean Jaegerman; Shirley and Bonnie Hart; and David Millard.

Saige's accomplishment in executing his Eagle Scout Project was very beneficial to the community. We congratulate him and wish him success in the future. Thank you, Saige! ♦

Volunteer Opportunities

Was your New Year's resolution to make a difference by volunteering in your community? Come join a fun dedicated group of Arboretum volunteers. No matter what your talents are or whether you have a few hours or many to offer, there's a place for you. If you enjoy meeting and talking with new people, then perhaps you'd like to fill the Volunteer Coordinator opening. Call 425.413.2572 or email Volunteer@LakeWildernessArboretum.org to let us know you're interested. You'll be glad you did! ♦

CALENDAR

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- 2 TWIGS, 9am at Nursery
- 4 Late Bloomers/Maple Trails Work Party, 9am at Nursery
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- 7 Education Program: A Healthy Forest, 7pm at MVCC
- 8 Branches Work Party, 9am at Nursery
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- 29 Branches Work Party, 9am at Nursery
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To purchase and print tickets online for the February 8 –12
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