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FALL LECTURES!

Have you ever wondered what magic makes some gardens absolutely outstanding? Would you like yours to be one of those show stoppers as well? In this presentation, award-winning author and garden designer, Brenda Adams, will explain how and why plant combinations work to create more beautiful and compelling spaces.

Her presentation is a step-by-step guide to success. You will discover new ways to use foliage, color, texture, form, and other plant attributes to create combinations that far exceed the beauty of each individual plant. Brenda uses examples of gardens from Alaska, the Pacific Northwest, and the East Coast to offer a unique, fresh perspective on how to achieve results that set an exceptional mood and ambience. You'll learn techniques to design upbeat,

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

"Truly Compelling Combinations – Creating Sizzle and Subtlety"

with Brenda Adams

Annual Meeting and Lecture

Doors open at noon for plant sales and book signings

Lecture begins at 1 pm

NPA members free/Nonmembers \$15

Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden
12001 Main Street, Bellevue 98005



dazzling, and exciting combinations as well as those with a calm, more subtle, but still very memorable presence.

Brenda is the author of the award-winning books, *Cool Plants for Cold Climates: A Garden Designer's Perspective* (University of Alaska Press, 2017) and *There's a Moose in My Garden: Designing Gardens in Alaska and the Far North* (University of Alaska Press, 2013).

She is also the award-winning designer of Gardens By Design, Alaska's premier garden design firm. She has

designed over 200 unique and personalized gardens for both residential and commercial clients in Alaska. Brenda's designs have received several prestigious awards in the Perennial Plant Association's annual international competition. The awards recognize projects that are exemplary in the use of herbaceous perennials to help create balance and beauty in landscape design. She, her book, and her designs have been featured in numerous publications and she is a frequent guest on radio offering advice to gardeners.



Has your beautiful flowering quince become so large and out of control that it now blocks your view from the kitchen window? Is your favorite fragrant viburnum growing so far into your walkway that you are considering learning to do hurdles? Learn basic pruning techniques for a variety of shrub types. In addition, corrective pruning methods will be covered so that you can repair common pruning mistakes (remember the forsythia you sheared into a duck)? Bess Bronstein will provide you the know-how at the perfect time to do the proper fall pruning of your shrubs.

Bess has over 30 years experience in arboriculture, landscape management and garden design. She was an instructor for the Edmonds Community College horticulture program for 28 years teaching courses on pruning and tree care, plant identification, diagnosis of plant pests, and soils.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Back by popular demand to a new South Sound location*

"How to Successfully Prune Any Shrub"

with Bess Bronstein

Doors open at noon for plant sales

Lecture begins at 1 pm

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***Gig Harbor Community Center**
3510 Grandview Street
Gig Harbor 98335

NPA EVENTS

Calendar

- SEPTEMBER 16** **"Truly Compelling Combinations – Creating Sizzle and Subtlety" annual meeting & lecture** with Brenda Adams, Sunday, 1 pm, **Aaron Education Center** at Bellevue Botanical Garden (details, see cover)
- SEPTEMBER 20** **Weed and Feed**, Thursday, 10 am - noon. Spend two hours working in the Bellevue Botanical Garden (BBG) Border, then enjoy a potluck lunch.
- OCTOBER 7** **"How to Successfully Prune Any Shrub"** with Bess Bronstein, Sunday, 1 pm, **new South Sound location, Gig Harbor Community Center** (details, see cover)
- OCTOBER 18** **Weed and Feed**, Thursday, 10 am - noon. Spend two hours working in the Bellevue Botanical Garden (BBG) Border, then enjoy a potluck lunch.

Perennials for Year-Round Color

Sept. 12, (Wed.) 10am-noon at Bellevue Botanical Garden

Instructor: Cleo Raulerson

Member/Nonmember price is \$15/\$20

Do you want to see color in your garden from flowering plants for multiple months or throughout the entire year? Cleo will give a presentation on a wide variety of perennials, focusing on their bloom time. She will identify her favorite "tried & true," "new or unusual," and "self-seeders or creepers" perennials. In the second half, Cleo will lead the class on a tour through the Urban Meadow and NPA Perennial Border.

To register, go to NPA's website, www.n-p-a.org

Fall Care for your Peonies

Oct. 10, (Wed.) 10:00-11:30am at Bellevue Botanical Garden

Instructor: Kit Haesloop

Member/Nonmember price is \$15/\$20

Peonies are prized in gardens for their easy upkeep and exquisite flowers. Ensuring the beauty of your peony plants requires minimal fall season attention. However, some care is important to ensure maximum blooms and to prevent diseases. This class will spend time outdoors in the perennial border for some hands-on time with peony plants learning winterizing techniques and how to divide them.

To register, go to NPA's website, www.n-p-a.org



VOLUNTEERS KEEP NPA VITAL

A huge thanks to volunteers listed below, who contributed time to our organization in ways big and small. Some Study Weekend attendees devoted about an hour of time during the conference, and other volunteers spent many hours helping with multiple events. 2018 NPA activities included: working on the Board, maintaining the NPA Border at Bellevue Botanical Garden, recruiting members at the NPA Booth at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show and at Sorticulture, helping with plant sales, and many jobs related to our June Hardy Plant Study Weekend. Names followed by * indicate volunteers who helped at two or more events and/or devoted countless hours to one or more ongoing projects.

Volunteers attending the September 16 lecture will receive a hand painted token of appreciation—some long term volunteers are creating a collection!

Lynne Allison
Ruth* Bachrach
Joan Baldwin
Christa Balk
Jeanne Bayley
Karen Bensen
Donna* Bogumill
Karen Brighton
Chanetta Bryant
Paul* Brynes
Dana* Burns
June Campbell
Lucinda* & Jerome* Capers
Joanne Cisneros
Alison Conliffe
Art Converse
Michele* Cournoyer
Susan & Marisa Daggett
Diane* Dancer
Diana* & Gary* Davidson
Dana Davoli
Gabriele Dickmann
Tina* Dixon
Beth Donnellan
Sara* Drogin
Denise* DuBose
Nancy Entenza
Sandy Fakenbridge
Margaret & Lincoln Ferris

Catherine* Geddis
Lisa Gilbert
Julia* Graham
Caroline Gray
Linda* Gray
Linda Haas
Kit* & Dan* Haesloop
Erica Halford
Margie Harrison
Denise* Hartzell
Peggy* Herron
Lisa* Hilbert
Zoe Hillard
Sandra* Hollenbeck
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Wendy Jackson
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Alison Johnson
Francia Johnson
Maribeth* Johnson
Dorothy Jones
Sandy Kanaga
Janet Kaseda
Jennifer Keith
Joan* & Jim* Killingbeck
Linda* & Ed Kline
Joyce & Stephen Kormanyos
Bea & Harvey Kriloff
Pat* Kulgren
Wendy* Lagozzino
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Dorothy Matsui
Sue* Melgaard
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Camille* Paulson
Gail Peterson
Susan Picquelle
Cleo Raulerson
Lynda Raymond
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Debbie Roberts
Carol* Ross
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Mary Rumpf
Carole Rush
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Ellie* Sanchez

Barb Sanderson
Tia Scarce
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Paula Schwartz
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Deborah* Shattuck
Clare* Sheehan
Suzanne* Sheldt
Petra Sixl
Toni Smith
Louise Soltow
Vicki Sorg
Sonia Tanielian
Percy Tierney
Sarah Thomas
Ann Thurley
Myrna Torrie
Candy Troy
Nancy & Mark Tucker
Cheryl* Van Blom
Gretchen* Van Brunt
Kathleen Veit
Joyce Voldal
Margaret* & Craig* Wagner
Andrew Wallace
Judith Warren
Kathleen* Warren
Cynthia Weber
Sherri Wilson

Thank You!

Did You Treat Yourself to 2018 Open Garden Tours?

Donna Bogumill and Julia Graham



McFerran garden—Gig Harbor

Take 100 beautifully unique gardens, add a generous dash of warm hospitality, toss in hundreds of enthusiastic visitors for spice, and bake in a full summer of glorious Northwest sunshine. What do you get? Another wildly popular NPA Open Gardens season.

This moving feast covered north to Stanwood, south to Portland, east to Yakima, west to Fox Island, and everywhere in between.

As of late summer, an estimated 3,900 visits were made by NPA members and their guests. They were greeted by incredibly gracious hosts who shared ideas and inspiration for creative garden design, plant combinations, hardscape, art, water features, tips for garden challenges, and so much more.

And, of course, one of the nicest treats was the opportunity for hosts and visitors to share their enthusiasm and passion for gardening, make new acquaintances, and simply relax and enjoy the day in beautiful gardens.

The Open Gardens program is for members, by members. A *huge thank you* to all the garden hosts and visitors for another successful touring season and making Open Gardens the most popular benefit of NPA membership.

Don't miss this one!

Open Gardens 2018 Highlights Show

We will be presenting a slide show featuring highlights from most of the gardens on tour during the 2018 season. It will take place at NPA's January 2019 meeting at the Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden. You'll get glimpses of gardens you didn't get a chance to visit and of those you want to re-visit. The debut of this show was hugely popular last year and is sure to be so this time. Get there early for a good seat!



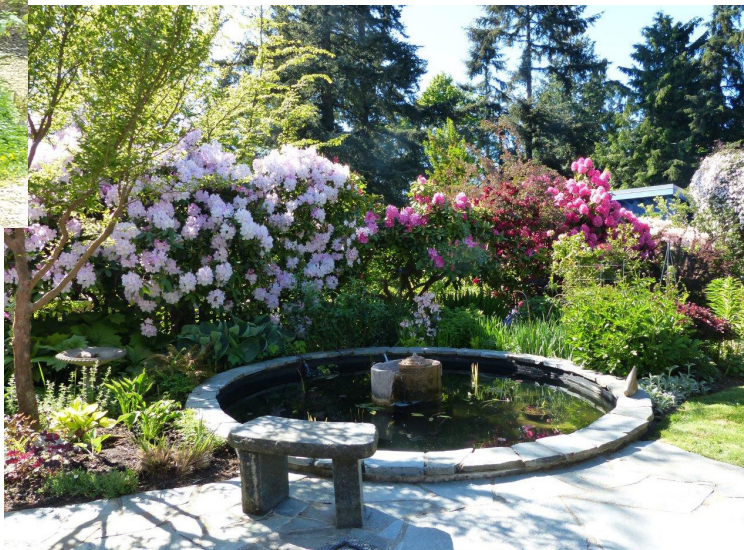
Faught garden
Stanwood



We hope you enjoyed at least a sampling of the open gardens, as there were some delicious treats on the menu this year. Tiny treasures to multiple acres, full of flowers or focused on foliage, old or new, sophisticated or relaxed, filled with water or dry as a bone, there was something to please every appetite.

Lane garden
Medina

Tucker garden
Seattle



Discover Salvias Kit Haesloop



Bud Hensley Photography

Salvia 'Black and Blue'

When visitors to the NPA Border at the Bellevue Botanical Garden (BBG) ask where they can see hummingbirds, we direct them to the northern-most bed in the Border that is loaded with salvias. When one thinks of the genus *Salvia* or sage, it is so often the red and white flowered *Salvia microphylla* 'Hot Lips' made popular by Ciscoe Morris that comes to mind, and hummingbirds just love them. NPA also grows 'Hot Lips' in a container in our



Hummingbird in Salvia in NPA Border

propagation yard at BBG, so that we have hummingbirds visiting while we work.

However, at the Hardy Plant Study Weekend in June, speaker Jimi Blake (from Ireland) opened our eyes to the full extent of the *Salvia* genus. He gave a special 30-minute talk on salvias. We learned from Jimi that the genus includes plants that grow in the shade, sun and greenhouse. Flower colors cover the entire rainbow from white, red, orange, yellow, blues and purples, even to black calyxes with green petals. They often will bloom from June until frost, with some varieties blooming in the greenhouse in the winter. They can be small enough for the rock garden or over 4 feet tall – there are even climbers! – with most being about 2 feet tall. Some

have fragrant foliage and many sages have culinary uses. Salvias can be easily grown from seed or propagated by cuttings or divisions. Some forms are a sub-shrub and woody like *Salvia microphylla* 'Hot Lips', while many behave like a normal herbaceous perennial and die back for the winter, sending up new growth in the spring.

Salvias growing in the sun don't want to be crowded by neighboring plants, so give them space. For hardy perennial salvias, if your soil is clay, plant on a hillside or amend your soil for good drainage, so that the roots don't rot in the winter wet. This applies to many garden plants, so properly amend your soil.

NPA grows *Salvia glabrescens* 'Shi Ho' in the border. The blooms add color to the garden starting in September and often blooming into November, but even if it didn't flower, the leaves are a beautiful lime green to dark green and have an interesting shape and texture. *Salvia koyamae* grows in the shady and moist section of the NPA border. Its soft yellow flowers and large leaves brighten up the shadows.



Salvia koyamae blooming in shade

A couple favorites of the author are *Salvia* 'Black and Blue' and *Salvia hians*. True to its name *Salvia* 'Black and Blue' has stunning, dark blue flowers with black calyxes. *Salvia hians* happily survives and blooms in inhospitable places in the garden and shrugs off our hot dry summers. Hummingbirds fuss and fight over access to its flowers.



Salvia hians shrugging off the hot and dry conditions

Salvias are worth discovering to bring summer color and hummingbirds to your garden. NPA will have *Salvia hians* seeds along with other plant seeds for sale at our lectures in September and October.

Ideas, Inspiration and Laughter at the Hardy Plant Study Weekend

The Hardy Plant Study Weekend hosted this year by NPA was a smashing success. The engaging speakers shared their gardening passions, insights and wisdom. The gardens showcased everything from small urban jewels to country estates all with color, textures and combinations to give the attendees plenty of ideas to incorporate in their own garden. The Saturday Soirée was a hit with Ciscoe Morris providing as much entertainment as the guests that dressed up to compete for the awards. Finally, the silent auction raised over \$6,000 to benefit NPA's horticulture scholarship program.



Nancy Kartes and Dan Hinkley at Soirée

The success of this event hinged on countless hours put in by the Study Weekend committee of Kit Haesloop and Diana Davidson, Co-chairs, Tina Dixon, Denise DuBose and Ellie Sanchez. Dozens of volunteers procured items for the silent auction, were garden greeters, helped at registration and other activities for the event. NPA thanks all the volunteers that made this event so successful!



Ciscoe and Sara Drogin laughing over her designed boots winning Best Garden Shoes category.



Best Garden Hat contestants





















Succulent container for silent auction















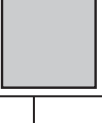
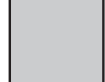
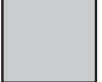

Garden tours

We're getting closer..... please help fill in the rest of the blanks!

NPA Volunteer Update

Board Officers		Board Committee Chairs		Directors at Large	
President Kit Haesloop		Board Development Kit Haesloop		Position #1 Lucinda Capers	
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		Volunteers Chair Linda Kline		Position #5 Alison Johnson 	

Project Chair Positions				Position #6 _____		
Business Membership Director Camille Paulsen			Open Gardens and Directory Co-Editors Julia Graham & Donna Bogumill	 	Position #7 _____	
Classes & Workshops Chair Alison Johnson					Position #8 _____	
						

Facebook Sara Drogin			Perennial Post Co-Editors Jacqueline Houston & Jeanne Macdonald	 
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March Mania Plant Sale Chair or Co-Chairs _____	 		Scholarships Denise Hartzell	
NPA Border at BBG Kit Haesloop			Sorticulture Kathleen Neal	
NPA Border Volunteers Linda Kline			Spring Plant Sale Chair or Co-Chairs _____	 
Northwest Flower & Garden Show Chair or Co-Chairs _____	 		Vendor Liaison Gayle Richardson	


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or call NPA at
425-647-6004.

Men welcome too!

 New volunteers -
thank you!

NPA Says Hello and Goodbye to Exceptional Board Members

Five NPA members have responded to the ongoing request for volunteers to come forward and help run NPA. We are thrilled to have Alison Johnson, Diane Dancer, Jeanne Bayley, Joan Baldwin and Lisa Hilbert join the board of directors. NPA looks forward to them sharing their energy, expertise, knowledge and talents.

Meet Alison:

Alison Johnson, originally from England, has tried to recreate an English country garden at her Redmond home.



She has been an NPA member for several years, opening her garden for the first time last year. She is a Master Gardener and serves on the board of the MG Foundation King County and their education and plant sale committees. She will be the project chair for NPA's classes and workshops.



Meet Diane:

Diane Dancer is a retired Architectural Draftsperson and Construction Project Manager. She fell in love with gardening over 20 years ago

while creating her own garden on a bare one-acre lot near Portland. Diane is currently creating a new garden featuring shade perennials at her home near Redmond. She has been a consistent volunteer at the NPA Border.

Meet Jeanne:

Jeanne Bayley's love of gardening grew from living on a farm in the Yakima Valley where her family grew everything. She is the coordinator for the NPA neighborhood group, Eastside Hortiholics. Her current 1906 home came with many established plants including old roses and fruit trees, whose heritage she has enjoyed researching. On the board, Jeanne will be the Membership Co-chair with Jan Jensen.



Meet Joan:

Joan Baldwin has gardened on her one-third acre property in the convergence zone in Bothell for 40+ years. She still has the first plant she

ever bought, a deciduous azalea, and still loves it. She has served on other boards including the Associated Builders & Contractors of Western Washington, the National Association of Builders & Contractors and served on a national Chapter Development Committee. A long time NPA member, Joan will use her analytical skills as NPA's Treasurer.

Meet Lisa:

Lisa Hilbert earned a Master of Science degree from the University of Washington. She has held leadership positions in the Junior League of Seattle and is past president of a Seattle Children's Hospital fundraising guild. Lisa has become an enthusiastic gardener as a result of her volunteer work in the NPA Border. She has already offered and implemented numerous ideas for streamlining NPA operations and volunteer recruitment.



Adieu to Denise:

NPA has benefited greatly and greatly appreciates Denise DuBose sharing her energy and enthusiasm on the board for the past eight years. She served many roles on the board including Membership Co-Chair working with the neighborhood groups, project chair for classes, fundraising and plant stand assistant. She has volunteered for almost



every event that NPA has had from lectures to plant sales. Additionally, she has recommended and recruited exceptional people to serve on the board. Denise worked in major roles in the 2014 and 2018 Hardy Plant Study Weekend events including spear heading the silent auction and soiree for the 2018 event. Her positivity, cheerfulness and event ideas will be greatly missed. However, NPA knows she won't be far away and will help out if called upon.

Adieu to Diana:



NPA has been extremely fortunate to have Diana Davidson on the NPA board for the past seven years and as Vice President for four of those. She has been a dynamo organizer, creative and amicable. Every year she organized numerous events including the March Mania and Spring Plant Sales and the NPA booth at the NW Flower & Garden Show. She has been the volunteer coordinator for hundreds of members that volunteer for NPA events each year, written articles for the Perennial Post, painted volunteer gifts and crafted butterfly puddle bottles for NPA events. Diana was Co-chair on the Hardy Plant Study Weekend in 2018 and also worked on the 2014 event. Diana and her husband, Gary – NPA's Treasurer for three years, have been dedicated volunteers at the NPA Border doing work above and beyond the regular volunteer hours of 10:00am to noon Thursdays. Diana originated the idea for every third Thursday Weed & Feed, where volunteers work for two hours followed by a potluck in the break room. It has been a fun social event bringing everyone together. Clearly, she will be greatly missed on the board. NPA need not look far to find Diana, as she will still be a regular Thursday volunteer in the NPA Border and sharing laughter and stories at Weed & Feed.

Gayle Richardson

THE SECRET GARDENERS:
*Britain's Creatives Reveal Their
Private Sanctuaries*
by Victoria Summerley

I've been feeling guilty that my columns for too many issues have been top-heavy with the "eye candy" sort of book, but I have to sneak in just one last example before reverting to good old solid prose for a while. The 'secret' here is that the 25 gardens featured belong to some of the wealthiest/most famous people in Britain and we'll certainly never get in to see them. Richard Branson, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Jeremy Irons, Sting and Trudy Styler, and Ozzy and Sharon Osbourne are the most familiar here in the US. It's fun to sneak our quick peek at, and read about, these mainly classic English-style gardens, but at least we don't have to mow the lawns. Eye candy indeed.

LIFE IN THE GARDEN
by Penelope Lively

This sedate title reveals nothing of the sparkle of this marvelous author and the treats that lie within.

I've been reading her books since 1973 and, whether fiction or non-fiction, I have loved every one. In this memoir she casts back to her own gardening experiences and those she has encountered in other writers' books. I had the luck to hear her speak about it recently and one moment that will stay with me for a long time is her recollection of going to England in the 1940's as a girl (from Egypt where she was raised) for schooling. As she rode in a train through the verdant English countryside, she was absolutely thunderstruck at the immense lushness, conscious that every sprig of green that she had ever seen in Egypt had been solicitously hand-watered. If you discover only one new writer this year, let it be Penelope Lively.

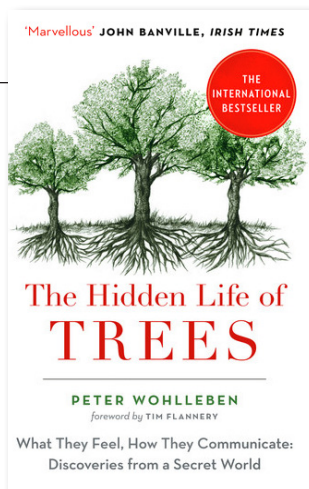
**THE HIDDEN
LIFE OF TREES:**
*What They
Feel, How They
Communicate:
Discoveries
From A Secret
World*
by Peter Wohlleben

Claudia West, speaker at the Hardy Plant Study Weekend, interrupted her fascinating talk on ecological planting design to question the audience directly: how many of us had read this title?

She seemed pleased and impressed by the number of hands that went up. To the rest of us she said, "Everybody needs to read this book!" It's the labor of love of a German forester who reveals the marvelous and at times incredible capabilities of trees and their relation to their surroundings. Complaints about a bit too much anthropomorphizing rise from some quarters, but it's an inspiring, illuminating and fascinating tome nonetheless. Put it on your get-to list.

RECIPES FOR LOVE AND MURDER:
A Tannie Maria Mystery
by Sally Andrew

I've talked with many of the readers of this column, and I know for a fact that there are an awful lot of mystery fans among you. So I'm taking this

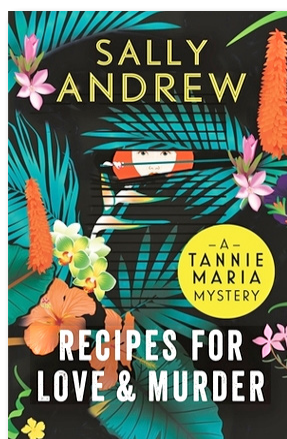


of South Africa's Klein Karoo region, and lyrical descriptions of the gwarrie tree, qualify as horticulture and it's legit to include it here. Our detective is Tannie Maria, writer of a cooking column for the Ladismith newspaper who is booted from her job. I'll give nothing of the plot away and just restrict myself to saying,

"Remember the feeling that came over you the first time you met Inspector Gamache, or Flavia de Luce, or Vera Stanhope or Bruno Courreges?" It's here as well. I loved this book, and know you will too.

BIG DREAMS SMALL SPACES
by Monty Don

Netflix. Do you have it? If so, you'll definitely want to see this series by one of Britain's superstar gardeners. Each show features gardeners in attached houses who opt to share their minuscule garden spaces in hope of making something more impressive. Very down to earth...the householders do all the work themselves, often with minimal budgets, and it's a great introduction to Mr. Don, who has to be one of the most affable and likeable gardeners alive. There's a sneak preview at <http://gardenrant.com/2018/03/monty-don-comes-to-netflix.html>



opportunity to alert you to a marvelous one that I've discovered. Some may say that there's not much that's plant-related in it, but I'm declaring that the paeans to the beauty



Legendary librarian Gayle Richardson is past NPA Vice President and an avid NPA volunteer.

Portland and Beyond!

Barb Bourscheidt

This spring thirty-five Harbor Gardeners trekked south to the beautiful Willamette Valley for a garden- and laughter-saturated 3-day bus trip. The club has taken an annual trip for the past five years, choosing a unique itinerary each time. One year it was Victoria, last year, Bellingham – this year took us on our third trip to Portland and beyond.

Our annual trip tradition began when several of our members attended a day trip sponsored by a nearby garden club. "We should do this!" exclaimed one of our enthusiastic companions, and at our annual planning meeting we decided to make it a 2-nighter.



Linda Broun enjoys the bus ride

That first year, I accepted the responsibility of doing all the arranging and planning, as I had trip planning experience in a previous life. Since that first trip, a committee of four plans and executes the trip as their contribution to our club activities. Each committee member has a specific job, with much spillover and cooperation. Basically, one member arranges private gardens to visit and books commercial growers and nurseries. One handles all the money, the budget and registration forms, another researches and makes hotel reservations while the fourth is in charge of bus hosting, seat prizes, snacks, happy hours, etc. There are multiple tasks which require input from all committee members, such as the final

decision on the itinerary and meal arrangements. A graphics-skilled member handles promotional materials. Costs are held down appreciably because we are all volunteers. Having an established working relationship with a coach company and a garden resort has been helpful. On the way home we poll our participants for ideas and suggestions. This information is used to plan the following year's trip, which is how we decided to go back to Oregon again this spring.

On June 5, we loaded the 40-foot coach which would serve as our transportation for the next 3 days, giddy at the prospect of all those gardens and nurseries ahead of us. On that first day we visited the inspiring gardens of Nancy Goldman in NE Portland, and Lucy Hardiman, who uses her garden to benefit others less fortunate than herself, and in between squeezed in a visit to a garden shop. On Wednesday, we managed to visit four separate nurseries



Neve Norton, Kathy Hawkins and Patti Reed

specializing in everything from peonies to geraniums, several of which included beautiful display gardens. By Thursday, the undercarriage of the bus was so full of plants that we had to transfer all of our luggage into the bus itself! That day we visited Thomas Vetter's packed semi-urban garden, took in yet more unique nurseries, and headed home.

Our hard-working trip planning committee's work paid off and the wonderful group of gardening friends, their demeanor and timeliness made this trip acclaimed by many "the best one yet!" Stay tuned to see where our travels will take us next year!!

For detailed info on this trip, contact Barb Bourscheidt at barbgig35@comcast.net

Wish List for the NPA Border

Have you visited the NPA Border at the Bellevue Botanical Garden lately? Our volunteers work hard to keep the Border stunning no matter what Mother Nature sends our way. If a plant doesn't survive and thrive in our changing climate, NPA replaces it. Thus, the Border is a living laboratory of what works in our gardens and provides excellent design ideas.

Tools wear out and break, even with good care. Below is a list of current needs for the Border. Feel free to bring new items to the NPA propagation shed at the Bellevue Botanical Garden on Thursdays from 10:00 am to Noon or contact NPA at (425) 647-6004 or email info@northwestperennialalliance.org and we will arrange a pick-up. You can also ship directly to NPA, PO Box 1034, Bellevue, WA 98009-1034.

Items are available from Amazon:

- 3 pkgs 6-pack Atlas Nitrile 370 Garden Gloves in large, medium & small
- 10 pair Tabor S3 Professional Sharp Bypass Pruning Shears
- 1 Oxo Good Grip Adjustable Gardening Hand Rake
- 1 Hosaip 50ft Expandable Garden Hose
- 5 Hori Hori Gardening Knives
- 10 Nejiri Gama Hoe, 18in long

Donations to purchase:

- Leaf Rakes
- Hand Rakes
- Sprinkler
- Kneeling Pads
- Metal Wheelbarrows

Donations are tax-deductible, as allowed by law. NPA will issue a receipt for items or donations received. Thank you!

Announcing the 2018 NPA Scholarship Recipient

Alanna Matteson

Denise Hartzell

This year NPA awarded one, well-deserved \$1000 scholarship. The NPA Scholarships are for students pursuing education in horticulture, botany, sustainable agriculture, landscape design/architecture or environmental science at a 2 or 4 year college or trade school in the Puget Sound, and are awarded based on academics, experience and career goals.

The scholarship recipient, Alanna Matteson, is Cum Laude with Honors from Haverford College and now pursuing a Master of Landscape Architecture at the University of Washington College of Built Environments. Alanna's mother, a Master Gardener, ignited her botanical curiosity and instilled in her a desire to create space that comforts and nourishes. This led to her interest in global food systems and gardening in urban settings, where she has pursued many positions, internships, travels, and grants to further her cause. She received a College Service Award for founding 1/4 acre farm and bee club on campus to institutionalize farm center education programs. Also, Alanna coordinated an



Urban Farm Recovery Project with the Brooklyn Grange Rooftop Farm and Immigrant Fund to provide paid, sustainable agriculture internships for refugees and asylum seekers. Her career ambition is to create niches and pathways to energize and restore anemic urban and working lands. She is passionate about developing wild gardens in urban and postindustrial landscapes in order to promote biological diversity, and to connect people to each other and the world around them.

To learn more about the NPA Scholarships or for questions regarding applying for a 2019 NPA Scholarship, please visit the NPA website at www.n-p-a.org.

NPA Welcomes New Business Members

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NPA at Sorticulture Garden Arts Festival

Kathleen Neal



Sorticulture, the city of Everett's fabulous festival featuring all things gardening was June 8th, 9th, and 10th. It was wonderful, despite the thunder, lightening, and rain that swept through quickly on Sunday! The festival included unique plants from specialty nurseries, hand-crafted garden art, display gardens, kids activities, garden tools and plant supports, birdhouses, music, food, and non-profit booths, including the NPA's. The attendance generally exceeds about 1500 visitors, and like the Flower & Garden Show, it gives us the opportunity to promote the NPA to fellow

gardeners and potential gardeners. We couldn't participate without the generous effort of our volunteers. A big thank you to all of our volunteers who helped set up and staff our booth over the three day festival.

This year we enrolled many new and renewing members, and were happy to see so many of you stop by the booth to say hello. We had a raffle for members and new members. Congratulations to John Marsh for winning the beautiful copper rain chain! If you haven't attended Sorticulture in the past I hope that you won't miss out next year, and join us in promoting the NPA.

A warm welcome to our new NPA members

Carol Ager
Christine Anderson
Alice Armstrong
Barb Beaman
Natanya Bednarski
Dianne Bell
Rosina & Tom Bell-Games
Sue Benson
Michael Benton
Monica Blanchard
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Deborah Engel
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Ray Fortner
Richard & Dorothy Fuhrman
Tamishia Garrett
Andrea Gilbert
D'Anne & Ed Gilmore
Shannon Goodfellow
Clara Green
Claudine Guignard
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Susan Hedrick
Karen & Charles Heiberg
Susan & Gary Hendricks
Wendy Hess
Sherree Hill
Angela Hoard
Ahna Holder & Ryan Smith
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Sally Hurst
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Mary Jacoby
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Sara Litt
Ester MacIlroy

Brenda & Don Mallett
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Clem Manuel
Alanna Matteson
Keith Maw
Lisa McGregor
Monica McLaughlin
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Susan Nelson
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Elizabeth Robinson
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