



Urban Renaissance Group at September Day of Caring

This was the second visit of employees from the Urban Renaissance Group who volunteered their time and hard work in both 2015 and 2016 on the Day of Caring. 25 volunteers came to the Garden ready to work in two shifts, during the morning and in the afternoon.

They accomplished a great deal - trimmed all of the lavender in the Sensory Garden, cleaned out and weeded the planter in the Sensory Garden, weeded the entrance and pruned overgrown shrubs, rose hips, wilted phlox and other plants. They cleared space for the new Western Species Fuchsia Society Bed, and planted all of our new Western Species plants. They helped weed the Daylily bed, and anything else we needed doing, we just asked them to do it, and they did it!



Urban Renaissance employees at work in the Highline Botanical Garden.

New Garden Greenhouse Update

The Board of Directors has been working on the purchase and construction plans for a 16 X 20 greenhouse for the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden. The greenhouse will be used for storage of climate sensitive plants like fuchsias and for educational classes for K-12 youth who want to learn more about plant propagation and how greenhouses play a part in gardening. We also hope that when the greenhouse is completed late this summer, we can assist gardeners in the new

Community Garden to propagate vegetable seeds.

Construction should begin around March after all of the building permits are approved, and we expect to complete the project by September 30th with the final installation of the heater, fans, sink, shelving and thermostat.

We have raised around \$20,000 so far and are hoping to raise the final funding from outstanding applications and donations by Friends of the Garden responding

to our end-of-the year fund raising letter. Contributors so far have included the Sunderland Fund of the Seattle Foundation, an anonymous donor, the Parkside Garden Club, the Highline Exchange Club, the West Seattle Garden Tour, the Norman Archibald Charitable Trust, and in-kind labor from the City of SeaTac. We hope you will join us as we raise the remaining balance of \$18,000.

Inside this issue...

Page 1

Urban Renaissance Day of Caring
Greenhouse Update
Contents

Page 2

Pergola Update
Barbie in the Garden
Ice Cream Social Recap

Page 3

President's Message
News from PSFS
Dates to Remember

Page 4

WSFS News
Neighborhood Heritage Garden
Looking Ahead

Pergola Reconstruction Update

Next time you visit the Garden, you might be observing the demolition of our old pergola and the beginnings of the new one. The Board of Directors selected John Barker of Barker Landscape Architects to build the new pergola. He presented a design very similar to the current pergola and has proposed using Black

Locust logs from trees located at the south end of the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden. Black Locust is extremely durable wood, even more so than cedar. He will be demolishing the current pergola which was damaged by termites and carpenter ants, and curing and treating the new logs over the next few months. The new

pergola will then be constructed at the current site, and may present a slightly different roof design depending on wood left over from the tree cuttings. We look forward to the new structure which should be done in time for the May Plant Sale.

Contributors who made this project possible include Friends of the Garden and the Nanette Mead trust.

Children's Booth a Success at the Ice Cream Social.

We were so lucky this year that a volunteer from the Northwest Fuchsia Society, Anika Juhasz, stepped forward to develop a children's activity as part of the Ice Cream Social. Pictured are two girls making a planter for their Mother as Onika looked on and provided some direction.

Over 200 people attended the Ice Cream Social. In addition to the ice cream and children's event, President Jason Billingsley, Manager at Furney's Nursery demonstrated the design and building of a fall planter. We also held a Scavenger Hunt. A good time was had by all.



Attendees were delighted with their planters.

Barbie In The Garden

One of the frequent visitors and friend of the Garden is Marigene Cole who often brings Barbies from her collection to photograph in the Garden. Marigene is also a member of the African Violet Society. She takes great pleasure in bringing her Barbies to the Paradise Garden. The bathing beauty picture was taken in the Paradise Garden stream and the elfin photo was taken on Elda's original sign, both in 2005. More of Marigene's photos can be found at her fotki picture site.



Barbie, posing in the garden.



President's Message

by Jason Billingsley

Hello friends of the garden, Fall has arrived! In addition to cooler temperatures, fall brings with it a more than a few highlights in the garden. If you haven't taken a fall stroll in the garden, grab an umbrella and read on...

One of the wonderful things about the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden is that it doesn't just bloom in spring and summer. Every season brings new flowering plants to the forefront. During the fall, you will not be able to miss the lovely red and pink Cape Lilies (*Schizostylis coccinea*) that bloom all along the stream in Elda's Paradise Garden. These beautiful perennials are tough as nails and will often bloom well into December. Cape Lilies grow so vigorously that we will often divide a bunch of them and pot them up for you to experience in your own garden! Look for them at the spring plant sale! If you have paid for a membership this year, you even get a discount!

Of course, I would be remiss if I didn't also talk about the wonderful fall foliage that can be seen in the garden. There are many beautiful specimen trees and shrubs in the garden that boast fall colors ranging from golden yellow to pumpkin orange, to bright fiery red! One of my personal favorites is the Katsura Tree, which goes through all of those colors before finally dropping its leaves sometime in November. One of the fun things about the Katsura in particular is that its fall foliage emits a strong fragrance that smells like burnt sugar. It is lovely!

Have you ever watched the birds at the garden? No, I'm not talking about the man-made ones that can be seen taking off and landing year-round. I'm talking about the feathered types! The Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden (And the surrounding North SeaTac Park) is an eBird hotspot with dozens of species having been reported here. During the fall, the garden hosts large numbers of

Golden and Ruby Crowned Kinglets, Pacific Wrens, and Varied Thrushes. The garden is also the year-round home to many more species including Northern Flickers, Steller's Jays, Black Capped and Chestnut Backed Chickadees, Downy Woodpeckers, American Robins, and Dark Eyed Juncos. How many can you spot?

I hope you all have a great fall! I look forward to seeing you in the garden. It truly is a beautiful place to get away from the hustle and bustle of life in the city.



*Jason Billingsley
President – Board of Directors
Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden*

Puget Sound Fuchsia Society News

by Janet Dillow

Fuchsias are not pansies... When other flowers have blossomed and gone to seed, fuchsias continue to embellish their surroundings. Visit the fuchsia display garden this time of year and you will see a plethora of color. When it is too wet and cold to comfortably meander through your garden, fuchsias continue to flourish.

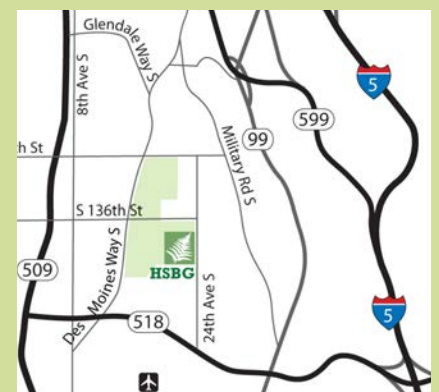
Think: it's a dark and dreary day, you get home from work, your head is down to prevent drowning, you walk to your front door and what greets you on your way but a flurry of graceful flowers swaying in the breeze wind. Their message "this too shall pass and we will survive". Really, give fuchsias a break. Yes, they are delicate and beautiful but in a pinch they will be there for you.

Another thing you will notice at the fuchsia display garden is the variety of plants that can easily survive our Pacific Northwest winters. You can see the dainty ballerina bushes in many yards, but look closely at what is on display in the botanical garden. There are double blossom plants that look like they belong in the Mothers' day basket you get from your kids. Trailers that generally are planted in pots or basket were planted in the ground just to see what would happen. They look marvelous, like ground cover with class. Also planted this year are heat tolerant fuchsias where they get sun all day long.

For easy to maintain, continuous flowering plants you cannot beat fuchsias.

Upcoming Events

- January 16** MLK Jr. Day Work Party
- March 14** Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and 2017 Annual Meeting
- April 22** Earth Day Work Party
- May 6** Annual Plant Sale
- June 13** Highline Garden Tour
- June 25** Rotary Fundraiser
- August 20** Ice Cream Social
- September 15 or 22** Day of Caring Work Party in the Garden.



Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden
13735 24th Ave S, SeaTac, Wa 98168

Western Species Fuchsia Society

The Highline Botanical Garden Foundation is pleased to announce that the Western Species Fuchsia Society has begun its display bed in the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden with the planting of a gift of hardy species fuchsias. There were

18 plants that were placed in their new home on September 18th as part of the Day of Caring. Volunteers from the Urban Renaissance Group prepared the bed for the plants and then carefully placed them in the ground.

The Greenhouse will be the new winter home of future species fuchsias in the fall of 2017.

Frankie Dennison of the Western Species Fuchsia Society represents the society on the Foundation Board of Directors.

Neighborhood Heritage Garden

In addition to the Garden's Master Plan, the Garden Board will continue to look at developing the Neighborhood Heritage Garden which will tell the story of the homes which were once located where the current public garden stands.

The shrubs and trees which once decorated their yards still stand on the property just east of the Rose Garden. The Board will be looking at ways to develop this 3rd heritage garden on the

property to provide some local history, and to show how the plantings and some new additions can attract birds, insects and other backyard wildlife to Northwest Gardens. We hope also to provide an interpretive sign which will tell the story of the original neighborhood.



Looking Ahead...

The Garden Master Plan: The Garden Board of Directors wishes to thank the SeaTac City Council for approving our request for a Garden Master Plan to be conducted in 2017.

The Master Plan is essential now for the following reasons:

1. **Future Development.** The Garden has currently developed about 50% of the available 11 acres including the City's Community Garden. Looking to the future, potential uses of the remaining 5 ? acres, include a Children's Garden, a Visitor's Center, and other species display gardens.
2. **Land Use.** A topographical assessment of the land will recommend best use and suitability.
3. **Future Staffing Needs.** Identifies adequate future staffing based on recommended uses.
4. **Potential Funders.** Local service clubs and foundations are willing to fund some of the capital expenses when we can better define our future.
- 5: **The Master Plan accomplishes the following tasks which will define the Garden's future.**
 - Review the Mission and Vision statements
 - Define the theme/story that HBG wants to tell at the botanic garden
 - Provide a conceptual master plan of the ultimate garden concept
 - Address the freeway noise impacts on the site and identify methods to attenuate the noise.
 - Define developments of the HBG and their relevance to the mission.
 - Provide opportunities for community outreach
 - Prepare attendance and membership projections scenarios
 - Develop a staffing goal with identified positions of employees and volunteers.
 - Prepare cost estimates of design/construction and annual operations and maintenance.

Cuttings is published by

Highline Botanical Garden Foundation

P.O. Box 69384 • SeaTac, WA 98168
206-391-4003 • www.highlinegarden.org

Board of Directors

Garry Fanthorpe	Luanne Coachman
Jason Billingsly	Wendy Morgan
Janet Dillow	Frankie Dennison
Lori McCleary	Jennifer Muscolo
Mike Fitzpatrick	

Lifetime Members

Linnea Egbert	Jolly Eitelberg
Elaine Childs	John Parker
Mary Jackson	Markus Burdine
Stephen Lamphear	Hal Seike
Greg Butler	Fran Seike
Wendy Morgan	