Features of the Highline Botanical Garden Master Plan

As the map below indicates, the major features of the Master Plan include the following:
• The visitor center as a catalyst for growth: The visitor center is planned for the Southeast end of the Garden property with access off 24th Avenue South and some limited parking. The Center as proposed will include 1 or 2 large meeting rooms with multiple uses like receptions, weddings or classroom use, public bathrooms, a gift shop, some offices and record storage space. The visitor center will have the capacity for programs, conferences and community use encouraging local residents and visitors to the area to visit and enjoy the Garden.
• Adjacent Event Meadow: Near the visitor center, the event meadow can provide outdoor formal and informal meeting space.
• Showcase for sustainable development best-practices: This is space designated for demonstrations of innovative gardening techniques.
• Canopy walk and Woodland restoration celebrating ecological succession with Pacific Northwest plants: This can provide an overhead view of the forested section west of the Paradise Garden with views of the woodlands, birds, and other features.
• Restored Wetland and boardwalk: West of the Paradise Garden, there is currently a stormwater retention pond that can be developed into a restored wetland surrounded by a boardwalk.
• Amphitheater and performance space: This is a terraced outdoor seating area which would be built at the Northwest corner of the undeveloped property.
• Nature Play: This is the proposed children’s garden area south of the current plant propagation site and greenhouse. Using natural structures and natural settings, this is proposed to be a children’s garden.
• Foundation Ruins Garden: This area at the Southwest corner of the Gardens would be cleared of invasive plantings and pathways around the foundations and steps of former houses that once existed on the property.
• Expanded Pea-Patch and community pavilion
• Apiary, Entry Sign and way-finding signs
• Additional Display Gardens
• Seike Gateway and Expansion

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Our 12th Annual Ice Cream Social was a Big Success!

Highlights from the 12th Annual Ice Cream Social with Ciscoe Morris included attendance by over 275 people, ice cream for over 210 guests, and a colossal plant sale presented by Jolly Eitelberg and her marvelous crew of helpful volunteers.

SeaTac City Councilmember Pam Fernald won the lavender basket at this year’s Ice Cream Social. She was hoping to win and was very excited to have her very own lavender wands and sachets from the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden along with some really cool lavender creams, soaps and powder.

First Batch of Honey from the Garden is Harvested

Something sweet has happened in the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden. Our beekeeper, Kim Michaels, harvested 52 – 12 oz jars of honey. He still has some available at $12 per jar. You can contact Kim and order honey by calling 775-220-4191.

Community Garden Plots are Available for 2019

Contact the SeaTac Community Center if you are interested in reserving a p-patch for 2019. The cost is $40 for the year. Spaces will go quickly as folks have seen the wonderful crops grown in the Community Garden in 2018. Raised beds are available for seniors or younger disabled gardeners. The ground plots are available for all others. There are a total of 35 beds available. Applications for the 2019 plots will be at the front desk counter of the SeaTac Community Center. If you have questions about the Community Garden, call Brian Tommisser at 206-973-4680.
Garden Awarded Funding for Promotional Work

SeaTac’s Hotel Motel Tax Advisory Committee is recommending to the SeaTac City Council that the Highline Botanical Garden Foundation be awarded $16,000 in funding for promotion of the Garden in 2019 and again in 2020. This funding will be used for design and reprinting of the brochures, printing and postage for the Cuttings, maintenance of our website at www.highlinegarden.org, and booths at two Wedding Shows and the Northwest Flower and Garden Show.

The Foundation is very pleased to have this funding which will make the Garden more visible to local residents and to tourists visiting the area.

More News from the Garden

More and more people use their phones or tablets to locate activities near the airport and are visiting the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden as a result. They often will rate their visits on Trip Advisor, Yelp and Facebook. We are pleased to report that our average rating is 4.7 out of 5.

Weddings are an important part of the Garden’s service in the community, and the Board will work hard to promote the Rose Garden as the ideal place for weddings. We estimate that for every wedding in the Garden, that between 5 and 10 guests stay at local hotels. For other celebrations that often include photo opportunities in the Garden, five guests will stay in local hotels. It is the stays in hotels that provide the hotel/motel tax that supports our promotional efforts.

Work continues in our Neighborhood Heritage Garden with the installation of pathways in November of this past year. The next installation will be the Victory Garden funded by the West Seattle Garden Tour. The Design Committee will complete its work soon, and we will install the victory Garden in early 2019. Please note that the end-of-the-year fund raising letter was sent requesting additional help with our continuing work in the Heritage Garden.

Message from the President

As we reach the end of 2018, we reflect back on this year as having been a very productive time in the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden. As you visit, you will see pathways in the Neighborhood Heritage Garden, the new greenhouse filled with climate sensitive plants, and several additions of border plantings throughout the Garden. What is not visible is featured in this newsletter, the master plan that envisions the future of the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden. We have included a map and brief feature explanations that were the result of our work with Site Connections, the consultants who worked with SeaTac Parks and the Garden Board to share ideas of what our next 5-1/2 acres might look like.

We look forward to working with you, the Friends of the Garden over the next few years as we begin the challenge of our next developments. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to wish you and yours a very happy holiday season and a healthy, happy prosperous new year.

Jason Billingsley

Rosie the Riveter Rose Garden

The Garden Board has approved a request from the Seattle Rose Society to create a Rosie the Riveter addition to our Celebration Rose Garden. The sign featured with this article will be placed next to three roses from the Rosie the Riveter collection in honor of the women who worked on the home front during WWII. An event celebrating the installation of this new section will occur in March 2019.

We are very pleased to celebrate the women who made history on our Home Front. Join us in March as we will also celebrate the installation of the Victory Garden.

Watch for news of the specific date in your special invitation to join us.
Seeking Wedding Coordinator(s)

We are currently looking for an individual or couple who would be interested in coordinating weddings in the Garden during 2019. The wedding coordinator is responsible for the following:

- Respond to inquiries about weddings in the garden
- Take reservations for weddings/events by mail including application and initial $225 (1/2 of the total booking cost) and collect remainder of amount on or before the wedding date.
- Maintain a calendar of HSBG events to insure that conflicts do not occur.
- Timely forward all deposits, completed applications, and final payments for weddings/events to the HBGF Treasurer, (currently Lori L. McCleary).
- Work with the wedding/event sponsors to determine the length of set-up time needed.
- Unlock gates at the beginning of the agreed set-up time and post event-specific signage at least one half hour prior to the time announced for the wedding/event.
- Remain in the HSBG during set-up, break-down, and the weddings/events themselves checking to see that rules are followed and the HSBG is left cleared and clean.
- Remove the event-specific signage and lock the gates at the close of the wedding/event.
- Timely discuss any problems that arise or the need for a substitute coordinator for any wedding/event with the HBGF President.

If you are interested, please contact Wendy Morgan for more information at 206-246-2165. The wedding coordinator agreement with the Foundation Board of Directors provides payments of $150 per wedding to the coordinator.

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Happy Gardening!

Highline Botanical Garden Membership Application and Renewal Form

Annual Dues  [ ] $25 Individual  [ ] $40 Family
Enclose check or money order payable to:

Highline Botanical Garden Foundation

Amount Enclosed

Name ________________________________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________________________

City_ State____ Zip______________________________

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[ ] $ 50  Steward
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Your dues go toward paying for the garden’s growth and upkeep. Thank you!