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Letter from the President
by Jason Billingsley

2020 marks the 20th Anniversary of the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden. We moved the Elda Behm Paradise Garden at the end of 1999 and the beginning of 2000 to a holding area near the current garden and into the master planned space where it has grown for the past 20 years. With your help, over the past 20 years, we have grown our Garden to over 5.5 acres.

I want to thank all of the donors who gave funding to help us plant a Mid-Century Flower Garden in the Neighborhood Heritage Garden. We raised over $5,000 to develop this special place which will serve as a sampling of the types of flowers raised by Northwest gardeners in the 1940’s and 1950’s. We are very pleased to begin the design process for this new flower bed and hope to have the project completed by year’s end.

I am very excited to invite you to visit our booth and the Northwest Flower and Garden Show February 26 through March 1 at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center in Seattle. The hours for the show are posted on the Internet under NW Flower and Garden Show. Markus Burdine will once again staff our booth along with our valued volunteers.

Also we are very thankful to the City of SeaTac for their ongoing support of efforts in the Garden. The City has made a generous contribution of plantings for the Seike Japanese Garden. Volunteers Hal Seike and James Hiyashi worked with Aaron Wiseman to select some special plantings that will enhance the current space and create a colorful and interesting border.

We are working on a project to label our Partner Display Gardens funded by the Port of Seattle ACE Fund. Signs will identify in picture and name the plants featured in each display garden, the date the garden was planted and the organization’s website. We will also create a multi-language brochure with information about each display bed.

Five signs are planned, one each for the following plant societies: Seattle Rose Society; King County Iris Society; Puget Sound Daylily Club; Puget Sound Fuchsia Society and the Species Fuchsia Society. Signs will be completed and placed by June 2020.

And, we are always looking for volunteers to assist on Board Committees for events and other efforts and to work in the Garden. If you are interested in assisting at any level, please let us know by emailing the Garden at www.highlinegarden.org. Thank you again for all that you do to support and sustain the Highline Botanical Garden.

Coming Events at Nearby Public Gardens

Mother’s Day at Powellswood Garden. Give your mother a special treat on May 10th. Take her to PowellsWood Garden located at 430 South Dash Point Road, Federal Way. For more information about reservations, hours of the event, and costs, call (253)529-1620 or go to www.powellswoodgarden

Jazz in the Garden at Soos Creek Garden. On July 15, Soos Creek Garden will present “Jazz in the Garden.” Tickets will go on sale in June. Cost is $15 per ticket. Soos Creek Garden is located at 29308 132nd Avenue Southeast, Auburn. For more information about this event, call (253)639-0949 or go to www.sooscreekgarden

Calendar Update for 2020

This year’s updated calendar is listed below. Be sure to mark the dates for our main events on your personal calendar — Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Plant Sale and Ice Cream Social.

February 26 – March 1 ....NW Flower & Garden Show Booth
March 4 ................................................Board Meeting
March 12 ....Volunteer Appreciation Dinner / Annual Meeting
March 21 ..................................Rosie the Riveter Recognition
March 22 ....Wedding / Quinceañera Show - Tacoma Conv. Ctr.
April 1 .................................................Board Meeting
May 2 ...........Plant Sale and Victory Garden Dedication
May 6 ..............................................Board Meeting
June 3 ................................................Board Meeting
July 8 ...........Board Meeting (July 1 is First Wednesday)
August 5 ..............................................Board Meeting
August 16 ..Ice Cream Social and Spirit of ‘45 Recognition
September 2 ......................................Board Meeting
September 11 ...........United Way Day of Caring
October 7 ..........................................Board Meeting
October 10 ......................................Board Retreat
November 4 ......................................Board Meeting
December 2 .......................................Board Meeting

The Rose Garden is reserved for private events on: June 20
2020 Wedding Show

Through a grant from the City of SeaTac, the Highline botanical Garden Foundation was able to have a booth at the January 4th and 5th Wedding Show this year at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center. Pictured above is Susan Gallotte, the Garden’s Wedding Coordinator speaking with a prospective bride about the Garden as a site for Weddings. We have already booked our first June wedding this year and look forward to many more this spring and summer.

Susan and Board Member, Amanda Leon gave out 400 roses to booth visitors and spoke with at least 500 prospective brides and grooms about the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden as a possible venue for weddings. They had such an enthusiastic response that we have made a reservation for a booth at the 2021 Wedding Show, January 9th and 10th.

Victory Garden Interpretive Sign

We will dedicate the Victory Garden at noon during the plant sale. The Victory Garden is symbolic of hundreds of Gardens planted in the Puget Sound Region to help supplement food rationing which occurred during WWI and WWII, when much of the food grown in the US was part of the war effort.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture asked citizens to plant vegetable and fruit gardens to grow fresh produce for themselves and to share their harvests with friends and neighbors.

Vegetables grown in our Victory Garden are shared with the Tukwila Food Pantry, a nearby community food bank located one mile from the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden.

In Case You Missed It

Inhabitat, a “green design and lifestyle website” that covers environmental news and the latest in sustainable design ran a very complimentary article about the Garden last October. Wendy Morgan and her dog Snooks took Teresa Bergen from Inhabitat on a tour of the grounds and shared stories of the Gardens’ history and showed off the special features that make the Garden a landmark in the community.

To read the article, go to: inhabitat.com
Correction for the Last Edition of the Cuttings. The Highline Botanical Garden Foundation wants to acknowledge the support of the Port of Seattle in planting the new native garden. Forterra, which coordinated the planting is funded by the Port of Seattle ACE Grant Fund.

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Happy Gardening!

Highline Botanical Garden Membership Application and Renewal Form

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I am joining at a higher support level:

- $50 Steward
- $100 Patron
- $500+ Benefactor

I wish to contribute $______ to support the garden.

I wish to volunteer:
- [ ] fundraising
- [ ] plant sales
- [ ] working in the garden

Your dues go toward paying for the garden’s growth and upkeep. Thank you!