

The Kruckeberg Botanic Garden at Richmond Beach is dedicated to fostering and providing educational, cultural and aesthetic enrichment for all who visit: gardeners, amateur and professional horticulturalists, and young students of the plant world — in all, people of all walks of life.

“In the end we will conserve only what we love, we will love only what we understand, we will understand what we are taught.”

-- Baba Dioum Fenegal

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Art by Mareen Kruckeberg: **Cyclamen coum**  
from the Caucasus Mountains blooms mid-winter  
regardless of weather.

## Meetings

The winter general membership meeting was held January 17 at the Richmond Beach Congregational Church-United Church of Christ. The speaker was Russell Link, an urban wildlife biologist with the state Department of Fish and Wildlife. Russell is an engaging speaker with a great sense of humor. He gave a fascinating presentation on ways to design and maintain wildlife habitat around a home, including landscape layout and placement of bird feeders, nest boxes, water sources, etc., so as to create optimal wildlife viewing opportunities. You can learn more about Russell Link and his book, “Landscaping for Wildlife in the Pacific Northwest,” at [www.wa.gov/wdfw/pubaffrs/1stpersn/rlink.htm](http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/pubaffrs/1stpersn/rlink.htm).

This is an opportunity to express our thanks to the Church for their kindness in allowing us to use their facilities during the past several years. We are very grateful.

Regular Board meetings are normally scheduled on the third Tuesday of each month; members are welcome to attend. Call 206-542-4777 or email [kbgf@kruckeberg.org](mailto:kbgf@kruckeberg.org) to ask for more information.

## Mareen's Corner: How Big Will This Tree Grow?

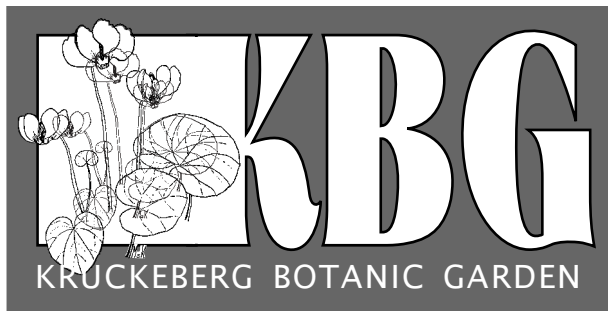
*From time to time Mareen Kruckeberg shares her views of plants and gardening. Here are a few thoughts on anticipating growth.*

You're planning to add a tree to your garden, and size is an important issue. You ask the nurseryman, “How big will this tree grow?” The answer: “Fifteen to 18 feet.” So you purchase the tree and plant it, allowing space for a tree that size. Then you visit our garden and come upon the same specimen, but it's 30-35 ft tall! Were you misled? Not necessarily. Is it time to panic? No. It takes a long time for a tree to grow to full maturity. Some of the trees we started from seed are now 40 years old, and that is quite a long life in the average garden. Our *Cornus kousa* (Korean dogwood), now about 40 ft tall, is a good example. If we had allowed space for the mature tree when it was planted, we would have had a pretty large bare area for many years. Better to adapt the surrounding plantings as the years pass and the tree slowly becomes mature. And who knows, you might change your mind about that tree and decide after ten years to start fresh with a different specimen. Planning ahead is usually a good thing, but it's possible to plan too far ahead. Every avid gardener welcomes changes of scene as the years pass, such change is natural, and there is a wealth of plants for you to choose from. Try to make the natural change process work for you.

## Garden Tours

The City of Edmonds is now offering tours of the Garden in its Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services catalog, iCRAZEi (Winter-Spring 2002). The dates are April 13 and May 25. For more information call 425-771-0230. The City of Shoreline plans to offer tours of the Garden in its 2002 Spring Recreation Guide; the date is June 15. Look for the Guide in your mailbox, and contact the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at 206-546-5041 to sign up. In each case the fee is \$20 per person, of which the City forwards \$15 to KBGF. Tours are usually conducted by Mareen Kruckeberg.

Tours may also be scheduled directly by calling the KBGF voicemail line, 206-542-4777. These tours normally are offered for groups of 6 to 15 persons, by appointment. The fee is \$15 per person (fee waived for students). Tours normally start at 10 am and last about two hours. Parking is limited, and carpooling is recommended whenever possible.



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## Open House

On Sunday, April 28, the Garden will be open to members and their guests from 1 until 4 pm. Come and enjoy the Garden in bloom. Refreshments will be available.

## Volunteer Help

We plan to resume Sunday afternoon work parties in March 2002. Again this year they will be on the first Sunday of the month (with an exception in September). The dates are March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 8, and October 6. Please mark your calendar and join us. Start time is noon, and we usually work until 4 or 5 pm. The March-April-May dates will be particularly busy, as we recover from winter and anticipate Mother's Day. We need your help, even for an hour or two, whenever your schedule permits. If you have questions, please contact either of the following: Frankye Jones (206-546-5325, brockfrankye@earthlink.net) or Bonnie Storm (206-352-7088 or 206-542-4777, bstorm@kruckeberg.org).

We understand that Sunday afternoon volunteering doesn't work well for everyone. If that's true in your case, our "Adopt a Bed" program might be a good alternative. We invite you to choose a bed of plants in the Garden as your area of interest, your personal "preserve." You may visit the Garden at your convenience, any day of the week, to work on weeding, mulching, watering, and whatever is needed. The first step in the Adopt-a-Bed process will be to consult with Mareen Kruckeberg (206-546-1281) or leave us a voicemail message (206-542-4777).

We would also welcome your help with the other work of the Foundation. We're still looking for docents, a newsletter coordinator, and help with publicity, plant inventory and labeling, grant applications, workshops and seminars, and our web site. If you have an interest in any of these areas, please call us at 206-542-4777 or send email to [kbgf@kruckeberg.org](mailto:kbgf@kruckeberg.org).

## Web Site

In each issue we include this standing reminder of our web site, [www.kruckeberg.org](http://www.kruckeberg.org). Worldlink Internet Services is donating domain-name hosting for KBGF. Worldlink offers the following discounts to KBGF members:

- Dialup Internet Access at \$15/month
- DSL at 15% off
- All other Worldlink services at 10% off

Worldlink is a local company with over 5,000 subscribers, and we have been pleased with their support and positive attitude. Visit [www.w-link.net](http://www.w-link.net) or call 1-888-361-4638 for more information.

## Membership Renewal

We continue to mail this newsletter to a growing list of friends (now more than 100) whose membership has expired, and to many others who have not yet joined. Look in the lower right corner of the mailing label for the expiration date of your membership. Please send renewal donations to Kathie Morino, 958 Walnut St., Edmonds 98020. Your donation is tax-deductible.

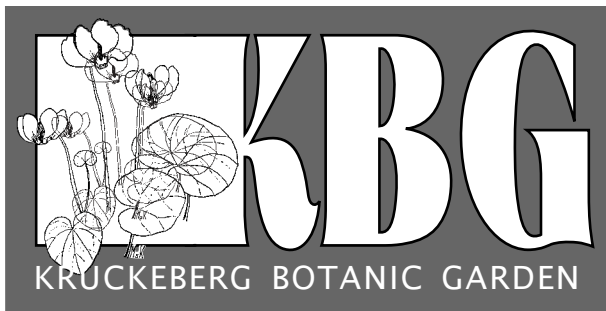
Gift matching is a great way to get more bang for your buck. Bank of America, Key Bank, Boeing, Bon Marche, Safeco, Starbucks, Washington Mutual, Microsoft and many other organizations will match employee gifts to non-profit organizations such as KBGF.

## Mark Your Calendar

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|----------|------------------------------------|
| March 3  | Garden cleanup work party, 12-4 pm |
| April 7  | Garden cleanup work party, 12-4 pm |
| April 28 | Open House for members, 1-4 pm     |

Call 206-542-4777  
for tour reservations

Please pass this newsletter  
on to a friend!



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## KBGF Wish List

We welcome donations of needed items. Our wish list currently includes:

- **A computer more capable than a 486 or Macintosh Performa**
- **A Mac-compatible external hard drive (sealed or removable cartridge)**

## KBGF T-shirts

Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation T-shirts are available for \$15. They come in various sizes, and you can choose the new color combination (green on taupe) or the original (cream on green). Place an order or inquire by calling 206-542-4777 or emailing [kgbf@kruckeberg.org](mailto:kgbf@kruckeberg.org).

## Send Us Your Email Address

Of the 180 or so KBGF members, we have email addresses for about 100 people. Email is a quick and inexpensive way for us to inform you of happenings of interest. If you think we may not have your email address, please send a message to [kgbf@kruckeberg.org](mailto:kgbf@kruckeberg.org). We invite friends of KBGF (nonmembers) to do the same; we have about 185 of you on our mailing list. All such personal information is kept strictly private.

## The Washington Native Plant Society's Native Plant Stewardship Program By Deborah Ferber

Since 1996, the Central Puget Sound Chapter of the WNPS has trained 170 volunteer stewards in King and Snohomish counties how to identify, protect and restore Pacific Northwest native plants and their ecosystems.

There's more than one connection between the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden and the Native Plant Stewardship Program. As I found out at my first day of class, Dr. Art Kruckeberg teaches the section on the Puget Sound landscape and ecosystems. His capacious overview of the geological history and ecological zones of our state (with a liberal sprinkling of literary references) was an appropriate introduction to the vast amount of subject matter we were to cover in the following ten weeks. In the early years of the program, Mareen gave a tour of the Garden to the class. As many of you might imagine, in the Kruckeberg garden, like nowhere else, students could learn about the benefits of leaving tall snags for birds, and how an oasis of choice native plants (including those lovely conifers) can be created in the midst of an urban setting. Sasha Shaw, WNPS coordinator for the Native Plant Stewardship Program, said that this year's program will have an urban forest emphasis, and she hopes that stewards can tour the Kruckeberg garden in June.

All the lecturers brought in for the program are top-notch speakers and experts in their field. Often, their infectious admiration for our native plants gave us new eyes. While standing in woods near Echo Mountain, Fred Weinmann, wetlands biologist, extolled the beauty of our languid, lime-green sedge, *Carex deweyana*. John Gamon, botanist for the Natural Heritage Program, introduced us to the rare beauty of *Castilleja levisecta*, our "golden paintbrush." We had lecturers teach us about ethnobotany, native plant identification, watershed processes, invasive plants and noxious weeds, landscaping for wildlife and how to lead native plant restoration and education projects in the urbanized areas of the Puget Sound Basin. We went on several field trips to local parks and wetlands, and were introduced to the definitive source for PNW plant ID: Hitchcock and Cronquist's "Flora of the Pacific Northwest." (The late C. Leo Hitchcock, "Hitchy," was a good friend of both Art and Mareen.)

KBGF president and founding member, Michael Broili is a graduate of the class of '98. He says that Art and Mareen's involvement with native plants led him to take the course, and that it was a "natural next step." At that point, Mike had already begun the process of preserving the Kruckeberg property (and all the native gems contained therein) as a Botanic Garden, but now adopted the Garden as his "stewardship project." After their training, stewards are required to donate 100 hours of volunteer service. In Michael's case, the requirement was about 900 hours shy of his actual service to date. He says, "Working for the Kruckeberg Botanic Gar-



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\_\_\_\_\_ \$250 Red Cedar (Sustaining)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Dogwood (Club)

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$35 Madrone (Regular)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Vine Maple (Student/Senior)

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Garden:

den goes way beyond the rewards of the Stewardship Program; when you know you've contributed to something that will endure beyond your own lifetime, you know you've contributed something important to this world."

Other Native Plant Stewards who have worked at the Kruckeberg garden include: Liane Newman, Christine Mustlier and John Dixon. I was actually introduced to the Stewardship Program and the Kruckeberg garden by John, and remain grateful to him for that. My stewardship hours are being worked off at the potting table near Mareen's greenhouse. If you see me working there someday, feel free to ask me about the program. There is, in fact, another training about to start up this spring. Because the number of applicants is usually double the number of spaces available, there is an application and interview process that is a pre-requisite to the program itself. This year, applications are due March 11. Call Sasha Shaw, the program coordinator, at (206) 527-3210 or visit [www.wnps.org](http://www.wnps.org) for more information.

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