



The Kruckeberg Botanic Garden at Richmond Beach is dedicated to providing educational, cultural, and aesthetic enrichment to the community and all who visit.

"In the end we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand; and we will understand only what we are taught."

- Baba Dioum, Senegalese Ecologist

Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday, January 25th, 7p.m.

Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation Winter Meeting for Members and Friends

Featured Speaker: **Dr. Sarah Reichard**

The Conservation Gardener: Not as Easy as it Sounds

Dr. Sarah Reichard specializes in rare plants of Washington State, and the effects of invasive species on eco-systems. She is an Associate Professor at the University of Washington's Center for Urban Horticulture, where she directs the noted "Rare Plant Care and Conservation Program."

Please plan to attend! The meeting will be at the usual location, the Richmond Beach Congregational Church-United Church of Christ located at the corner of Richmond Beach Road and 15th Avenue N.W. in Shoreline (1512 NW 195th St, Shoreline, WA 98177). Entry on the west side of the church at the lower level.

Kruckeberg Botanic Garden

20312-15th Ave NW
Shoreline, WA 98177

Hours: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Same hours as MsK Nursery

Please park parallel to the garden along 15th Ave., leaving as much room as possible for pedestrians.

Progress Toward a Truly Public Garden

Dear Members,

As of this newsletter my term as president of the Foundation has concluded, and I wanted to take a moment to give you a few of my reflections. Much has happened in the past year to aid in the realization of the dream of Art and Mareen Kruckeberg: to have their garden become a public resource and a place for learning and enjoyment. Most notably, the city of Shoreline included the garden in a Shoreline Parks and Open Space bond levy. That bond issue was approved by the voters in May. Hurrah! This will lead to a public-private collaboration, with the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation managing the garden and educational programs, while the city of Shoreline owns the property. The Foundation was pleased to work with the city and the citizens of Shoreline on the bond issue, and we look forward to continuing to work together to build a fine public garden. There is yet much to do. We hope to complete the real estate transaction around the New Year.



You, our members, and friends of the garden are a critical component. Thank you for your support. In the coming year I hope to see more you at our activities, such as the monthly garden parties sprucing up the garden, including the upcoming "Rake and Bake" on Saturday, November 18, and the horticultural talks featured at the twice yearly member's meetings. These talks are open to the public and always fascinating.

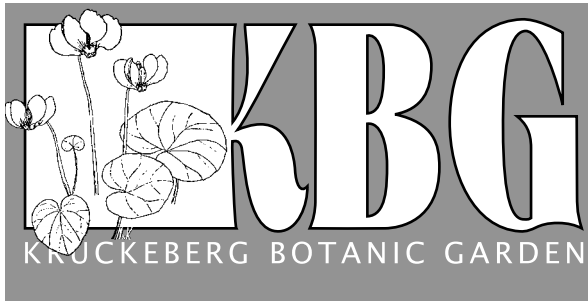
This coming year will also see more fundraising efforts and the beginning effort to raise an endowment. We encourage anyone wishing to participate to let the Foundation know by e-mail or phone. Establishing stable financial support for the garden is a critical goal.

By working together we can all look forward to the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden as a place to learn about sustainable landscaping: a place to watch birds; a place to learn how to propagate plants for your own garden; a nursery source of ornamental native plants; and a beautiful garden in which to wander.

Tanya DeMarsh-Dodson
President, Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation

From Art Kruckeberg:

"As President, Tanya has served our Foundation most ably and devotedly during challenging times. She will be missed as a fine leader! Tanya brought a richly varied palette of skills to the position: she is a well known and respected professional horticulturalist and takes active roles in garden-related organizations. We are most pleased that she will continue as a board member, offering her counsel and wisdom to the Foundation during this critical period of fundraising and integration with Shoreline."



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on the Shorewood Site Council and then as a member of the Shoreline School Board, including terms as vice president and president. Paul was appointed to the Shoreline City Council in 2003 and served through 2005.



Paul worked in human resources and labor relations from the late 1970s to the early 1990s. For the past 13 years he has worked for the Port of Seattle in labor relations and systems operations. In addition to school and City Council activities, a major civic endeavor has been conflict resolution. Paul has served as a mediator for dispute resolution centers throughout Western Washington since 1993, mediating landlord-tenant, commercial, workplace, family and neighborhood disputes, and arbitrating business cases for the Better Business Bureau.

Paul and Claire are avid sea kayakers. They've enjoyed kayaking in many areas of the United States and Canada, including a week-long exploration of Moresby Island in the Queen Charlotte Islands. Paul loves to garden, and he supplies his house (and neighborhood) with vegetables and flowers throughout most of the year. He is the family chef (favorite cuisine: Italian) and for years has donated gourmet meals to school, Chamber, Arts Council and other community auctions.

Fall Color in the "Meadow"

By Deborah Horn

Although more of an arboretum than a meadow, those of us who live and work in the Garden still reference locations by their traditional names. Hence, the lower three acres that were once home to the Kruckeberg children's horses and had more grassy areas than we see now is still affectionately called "the meadow."

The description of fall color that follows is gleaned from notes I have taken in previous years:

Color in the meadow goes through several peaks from October through December. The first peak begins at the west end of the meadow with *Betula lenta* (sweet birch): its elliptical leaves breathe a mellow golden color against the background conifers before dropping into a lake of gold encircling its trunk. The bright yellow *Sorbus arias* sing their echoing solos at the east end of the meadow. The second peak arrives when the larches come into their own. The *Larix gmelinii*'s stellar performance can be matched only by the alpine larch, *Larix lyalii* (which cannot be domesticated enough to grow at lowland levels). The startlingly intense, mesmerizing molten gold has caused me to stand and stare as if spellbound, all chores and cares forgotten. That such joys can be lived outside the wilderness!

The third peak, coming sometime in November, happens when the *Lindera obtusiloba* (Japanese spicebush) waves hundreds of butter-yellow hands at the South side of the meadow. Nearby, a grove of *Metasequoia glyptostroboides* (Dawn redwood) deepen their color to an Indian Red next to the milky orange of the *Larix kaempferi* (Japanese larch). The leaves of chestnuts and elms form oval patches of russet and tan. In December, the witch-hazel relative *Parrotiopsis jacquemontiana* turns from green to gold.

The succession of color ultimately ends up on the meadow floor. Imagine the thousands and thousands of leaves that need to be swept into the leaf compost bins! So, if you'd like to come by anytime during nursery/garden open hours, please enjoy the "Meadow" and embrace the beauty of fall.

(Next time: Winter berries at the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden)

KBG News is edited by Pamela Tupper and designed by Ron Carnell.

Art by Mareen Kruckeberg:

Cyclamen coum from the Caucasus Mountains blooms mid-winter, regardless of weather.

Congratulations to Art Kruckeberg!

Art was the recipient of two awards at Botany 2006, the joint annual meeting of the Botanical Society of America (BSA) and several other professional societies. The meeting was held this summer at Chico State University in northern California. He received the BSA's Centennial Award and the Peter Raven Award. We'll have a more complete report in our next issue.

New Board Member

Paul Grace is a native of the Midwest who grew up outside St. Louis. He is a 1968 graduate of Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, and there he met Claire, his wife and life partner of 37 years. After working overseas for several years, they lived in Boston until moving to Seattle in 1983.

The Graces were drawn here by Shoreline's great schools, but it's the quality of our neighborhoods – and neighbors – that keeps them here. Their third of an acre is replete with Kruckeberg Garden shrubs, ground covers and trees, which they began collecting at a Mothers' Day sale almost 20 years ago.

Their daughters attended Shoreline schools, and Paul was active in the PTA, Art Docent program and other aspects of their education. He served

We Love Volunteers - Rake 'n Bake Party!

November 18, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.



If everything goes according to schedule, by the beginning of November the trees in the meadow will have shed thousands of photosynthesizing factories and we, the humans, will need to rake them into the compost bins where they will in turn feed the fertilization factories (i.e. the worms). This keeps the open areas and beds looking their best through the winter months.

Please join Nursery/Garden staff from 1-4p.m. on November 18th, a Saturday, for our first annual "Rake and Bake" party. We will provide home-baked goodies and help rake in the fall goodies and it should be a fun, social time for all. See you there!

Deborah Horn, Nursery Manager

We Get E-Mail

This is a condensed version of an e-mail Q & A session this spring:

From Nola V: Last year a friend gave me a seedling of mutant tanbark oak (*L. densiflorus var. attenuatodentatus*). It has thrived in a large container of well-draining soil and I need to plant it somewhere but I'm having trouble finding an appropriate location.

I live on Tiger Mountain, east of Issaquah. I expect I'm at the far end of the habitat range. The references I've found give the mature height at anywhere from 30 to 80 feet. If I could count on the tree never getting above 30 feet, then the ideal location (exposure and drainage) is about 25 feet from the southeast corner of my house. Farther from the house I have glacial till or woodlands or areas where water collects in the winter.

I assume this tree does not care for wet feet. I know if I put the tree close to the woodlands I'm increasing the risk for sudden oak death. And I would probably need a backhoe to break ground in the glacial till.

I suspect you're going to tell me to donate the tree to an arboretum in a more hospitable location and I would actually consider doing so if the likelihood is high the tree will die if planted on my property. But I'm hoping you can give me some information on the cultural requirements for this wonderful tree.

Reply from Deborah Horn, Nursery Manager, MsK Rare Plant Nursery: I'm happy to hear that such a special and rare tree is getting your thoughtful consideration as to its placement. First, I suggest you visit KBG to see the two largest specimens in the state. One is about 15 feet from the house and is now taller than the house itself.

The biggest concern I would have is excellent drainage. The trees in the KBG don't seem to have a problem with being so far north of their range, but the KBG does have good, fast-draining soil. Glacial till would NOT be recommended. Sudden oak death is not a concern in our area, and we hope it won't be in the future. In any case, keeping the tree away from a woodland won't necessarily prevent this disease since horticultural rhododendrons and huckleberries that people plant near houses can carry the pathogen as well.

If you have room, I think your idea of placing it near the house is best, but not having seen your property I can't say for sure. I hope this helps.

Editor's note: The mutant tanbark oak is one of the signature trees in the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden. Seedlings while extremely difficult to propagate, are occasionally available at the nursery.

For Guided Tours, Info, Ideas, or Suggestions

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Membership Categories

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| _____ \$1,000 Oak (Benefactor) | _____ \$50 Dawn Redwood (Contributing) |
| _____ \$500 Douglas Fir (Patron) | _____ \$35 Madrone (Regular) |
| _____ \$250 Red Cedar (Sustaining) | _____ \$25 Vine Maple (Student/Senior) |
| _____ \$100 Dogwood (Club) | _____ Other |

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Please Make Checks Payable to KBGF and Mail to:

Laura Brodax • 617 NW 175th Shoreline, 98177

Has Your Membership Expired?

We continue to mail our newsletter to friends whose membership has expired, and to others who have not yet joined. Look in the upper right corner of the mailing label for the month and year your membership expires. Please consider rejoining our effort to preserve this very special place. Just clip and mail this form. Your donation is tax-deductible.

New Members

Caroline Kruckeberg-Clemans
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Garden Tours

Tours of the Garden are scheduled in advance with the Parks & Recreation Departments of the City of Edmonds (425-771-0230) and the City of Shoreline (206-418-3383). These tours are available to individuals or groups. The fee is now \$10 per adult (age 18 and older), of which the City forwards \$7.50 to KBGF. The fee for a youth (age 12-17) is now \$5.00 (\$3.75 to KBGF). Additional tour information is on our web site, www.kruckeberg.org.

Tours also may 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. Fees are the same as above. For organizations dedicated to coordinating senior citizen activities, and for student organizations, a flat fee of \$60 is charged, irrespective of group size. Tours normally start at 10 am and last about two hours.

Please Don't Forget!

Many companies will match donations to non-profit organizations such as KBGF. There are at least 120 such companies in our area; ask your HR office if your employer is a gift-matcher.

Parking

Many readers know the Garden is in a residential neighborhood, the right of way on 15th Ave. is narrow, and parking for visitors is quite limited. When planning a visit for tours or other events, please make carpooling a very high priority. When necessary to reduce parking impact on the neighborhood, we will set special parking arrangements. If you have questions about parking, call us at 206-542-4777. Thanks in advance for your cooperation, and thanks also to KBG neighbors for their patience.

Web Site

Reminder: Our web site is at www.kruckeberg.org.

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