



## NPA kicks off the season with two inspiring lectures

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

### “REFRESH YOUR GARDEN DESIGN” with Rebecca Sweet

Annual Membership Meeting & Lecture  
Doors open at noon for plant & book sales  
Lecture begins at 1 pm  
NPA members free/nonmembers \$15  
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue  
Botanical Garden  
12001 Main Street, Bellevue

You’ve seen her gardens in magazines, heard her on numerous radio programs, and watched her on the acclaimed PBS series “Growing a Greener World.” Now NPA is proud to welcome garden designer Rebecca Sweet as she makes her only appearance in the Seattle area this year.



Rebecca Sweet is our September speaker.

In this special lecture based on her new book, “Refresh Your Garden Design,” Rebecca cuts through gardening buzzwords and trends and takes a fresh

approach to explain and simplify traditional garden design concepts for home gardeners of all levels. Both practical and inspirational, she will show you how to break down traditional garden design principles into easy-to-understand and, more importantly, easy-to-implement solutions. Inspirational photographs highlight and reinforce real-life situations, helping you not only to identify what has gone wrong with your garden, but how to fix the problem. Find out just how easy it is to wake a weary garden, turning a “blah” space into a breathtaking place. Mark your calendars now for this exclusive, not-to-be-missed event.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

### “THE ART OF GARDENING: DESIGN INSPIRATION AND INNOVATIVE PLANTING TECHNIQUES FROM CHANTICLEER” with Jonathan Wright

Doors open at noon for plant & book sales  
Lecture begins at 1 pm  
NPA members free/nonmembers \$15  
Center for Urban Horticulture  
3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle

Chanticleer is a garden where foliage often trumps flowers and the gardeners lead the design with big, bold, innovative plantings. As part of the talented team that creates and maintains this famous 35-acre pleasure garden in Wayne, Pennsylvania, Jonathan Wright will share ideas and inspiration from the staff. Follow him as

he digs deeper into the process of design, shows you how to think differently about color and plant selection, and explains how to create the perfect union between plants and site. You’ll treasure the many



Don’t miss Jonathan Wright in November.

lessons learned and love how they translate beautifully to your home’s garden.

Jonathan Wright lectures all over the country and is an instructor for Longwood Gardens and the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. For this lecture at CUH he will be bringing books to sell and autograph. Be sure to get your hands on a copy of “The Art of Gardening,” a drool-worthy book co-authored by the horticulturists of Chanticleer. It’s brand new this fall.

- SEPTEMBER 16 **"Gardening with Fungi" class** with Tristan Woodsmith, Wednesday, 11 – 1 pm, Lakewold Gardens (see Classes, page 3)
- SEPTEMBER 20 **Annual Meeting & Lecture** with Rebecca Sweet, Sunday, 1 pm, The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden (details, page 1)
- SEPTEMBER 23 **Special J.A. Jance Garden Tour** with Alan Burke, Wednesday, 10 – noon (see Classes, page 3)
- OCTOBER 14 **"DIY Pruner Maintenance" class** with Cynthia Wheaton, Wednesday, 10 – noon, Lynnwood (see Classes, page 3)
- OCTOBER 17 **"Fall Renewal and Division" class** with George Lasch, Saturday, 10 – noon, NPA Border (see Classes, page 3)
- NOVEMBER 1 **"The Art of Gardening" lecture** with Jonathan Wright of Chanticleer, Sunday, 1 pm, Center for Urban Horticulture (CUH), Seattle (details, page 1)
- NOVEMBER 11 **"Rejuvenate Your Gnome Party"** with Cynthia Wheaton, Wednesday, 7 – 9 pm, Lynnwood (see Classes, page 3)

## A warm welcome to our new members

Laima Abele  
 Elaine Adams  
 Nancy Agler  
 Patricia Amundsen  
 Maureen Ancich  
 Kelli Armstrong-Smith  
 Mary C. Bates  
 Marilyn Bentson  
 Martha Bosma  
 Suzanne Bowen  
 Karen Brandon  
 Vivien Brehm  
 Virginia Brewer  
 Maureen Canfield  
 Linda Canney  
 Mary Carlson  
 Kathy Carlson  
 Wendy Cash  
 Sheri Coluccio  
 Art Converse  
 Michael Crawford  
 Robbi Currey  
 Kristine Cutter  
 Joel Davis  
 Lila Day  
 Kaitlin Dean  
 Steven Dittmar  
 Carolyn Doherty  
 Suzanne Eklund-Grayum

Margaret Erwin  
 Anne Foshage  
 Faith Gant  
 Alex Greenberg  
 Linda Griesbach  
 Mollie Groendyke  
 Mary Hall Sommers  
 Carol Lee Harrison  
 Sally Hasselbrack  
 Kelly Hatfield  
 Donnita Hatlestad  
 Larry Hayes  
 Bea Hellis  
 Ardis Henderson  
 Judy Holcomb  
 Patricia Huckell  
 Julie Hull  
 Julie Jacobson  
 Lila Johnson  
 Michaelinda Kaestner  
 James Killingbeck  
 Cynthia Kimmey  
 Cindy A. Klett  
 Diane Kloberdanz  
 Carole Kosturn  
 Kim Kouba  
 Alex LaVilla  
 Noel Leone  
 Denise Lotter

Linda Lunt  
 Andrea Maillet  
 Clara Mason  
 Tom Matthews  
 Sarah McCoy  
 Belva McMillen  
 Carol McRae  
 Lori Mercer  
 Scott Meyer  
 Paula Miller  
 Linda Minarcin  
 Manuel Montenegro  
 Lois Moss  
 Mary Muth  
 Donna Neal  
 Pat Nordin  
 Marla Nulph  
 Philip O'Brien  
 Carole Oesterhaus  
 Kathleen Olsen  
 Mary Therese Ortega  
 Jane Ostericher  
 Linda Pachel  
 Maria Pascualy  
 Susan Pavlansky  
 Carol R. Peterson  
 Erich Petschke  
 Rebecca Randall  
 Kathryn Robbins

Todd Sanchez  
 Mary Alice Sanguinetti  
 Christine Schomaker  
 Julie Scott  
 Marilyn Showalter  
 Ellen Simpson  
 Patricia Smith  
 Gloria Sodt  
 Barb Sommers  
 Carrie Sparlin  
 Chick Stamschror  
 Shirley Stanley  
 Lauren Stay  
 Diana Stearns  
 Ann Strosnider  
 Linda Thompson  
 Sandi Vivion  
 Jolene Vrchota  
 Max Wagner  
 Beverly Ward  
 Trish Webb  
 Sheryl Wesley  
 Heather Whitingham  
 Carol M. Wick  
 Connie Winslow  
 Joan Younkin  
 Hui-yong Yu

# NPA CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



Wednesday, September 16, 11 – 1:30 pm

## **GARDENING WITH FUNGI: NATURAL CULTIVATION OF MUSHROOMS AT HOME**

**Tristan Woodsmith**

Lakewold Gardens

12317 Gravelly Lake Dr. SW, Lakewood, WA

Fee: \$15



Have you ever considered growing Shiitake or Oyster mushrooms in your garden? In this class, Tristan Woodsmith of Fungi Perfecti will introduce mushroom growing at home and in the garden. Topics will include basic mushroom biology/ecology, habitat selection, substrate choices (compost, wood chips, etc.) and companion planting. Join us and experience the joy that comes from adding another kingdom to your garden.

Wednesday, September 23, 10-noon

## **SPECIAL J.A. JANCE GARDEN TOUR**

**Alan Burke**

Bridle Trails

Fee: Members \$25/nonmembers \$40  
Limit: 20



Tour prolific author J.A. Jance's Bellevue garden, an acre of literary inspiration

with, according to The Seattle Times, "the feel of a treasure hunt." A decade in the making, this very personal garden features expansive porches, patios, stonework, metal and water elements, with a bit of the tropics and the Desert Southwest mixed into the lush Bridle Trails setting. Jance's landscape architect, Alan Burke of Classic Nursery, will be leading the tour. Carpooling will be necessary, and instructions will be sent prior to the event.

Wednesday, October 14, 10 - noon

## **DIY PRUNER MAINTENANCE**

**Cynthia Wheaton**

Creation Station, Lynnwood

Fee: \$35

Class Limit: 10



Do you have one or more pairs of hand pruners in need of rehab? Dull blade? Stiff action? Do you hesitate to "do it yourself" when it comes to this maintenance project? Cynthia will provide step-by-step guidance to completely disassemble your pruners and teach you to put them back together thoroughly cleaned, lubricated and sharpened. Lose your fear of doing it wrong! You'll be able to maintain your pruners and save money for the rest of your gardening life. Bring a pair of your pruners and wear comfortable clothes. You will take home your rehabbed pruners and a maintenance kit that includes the cleaning fluids and other supplies you need for this task.

Saturday, October 17, 10 am - noon

## **FALL RENEWAL AND DIVISION: GETTING A JUMP ON SPRING**

**George Lasch**

NPA Border at Bellevue Botanical Garden

Fee: \$25 Class Limit: 20

Come spend the morning with George Lasch in the beautiful NPA Border at the Bellevue Botanical Garden learning how to get the most from your garden, keeping it looking its best and ready for spring. George will teach you which plants are best divided and cut back in the fall to renew and maintain their vigor. He will demonstrate his technique on various plants in the Border. Come away with new garden insights and new gardening techniques.

Wednesday, November 11, 7 - 9 pm

## **REJUVENATE YOUR GNOME PARTY**

**Cynthia Wheaton**

Creation Station, Lynnwood

FREE EVENT Class Limit: 25



Do you have a garden gnome who could use a make-over? We all say "I should just repaint him," but who wants to buy full-sized jars of paint for the tiny bits you would need? We supply the paints, brushes and clean-up supplies. You bring your favorite faded gnome and a potluck snack to share while the fresh paint is drying!

**REGISTER FOR CLASSES NOW AT:** [www.n-p-a.org](http://www.n-p-a.org) or email [classes@northwestperennialalliance.org](mailto:classes@northwestperennialalliance.org)



## Of garden gems, 'mosaicks' and monkeys

Gayle Richardson

### THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST GARDEN TOUR: THE 60 BEST GARDENS TO VISIT IN OREGON, WASHINGTON AND BRITISH COLUMBIA

By Donald Olson

How delightful to have a guidebook that doesn't daunt/overwhelm/stagger us with 1001, or even 501, things to do before we die! These 60 must-see gardens will do very nicely instead...and may well be actually accomplishable with a little concentrated planning and foraging. Gorgeous color photographs grace virtually every page of the book and excellent how-to-visit info is laid out, right down to "dogs/no dogs allowed." Of course, the first thing every lucky reader of this book will do is check the contents page to see how many can be ticked off as already done. Double-edged sword, as, in addition to the new ones, those previously seen cry for revisits. Note: everyone planning to head down to Salem for the Hardy Plant Study Weekend in June 2016 needs to have this gem from Timber Press tucked in the glove box.

### MRS. DELANY AND HER CIRCLE

Edited by Mark Laird and Alicia Weisberg-Roberts

Forced at 17 into a loveless marriage, Mary Granville Pendarves Delany could well have never risen from obscurity as a well-born member of Georgian society, but with all her tremendous drive and accomplishments she has become a person we can read about with interest and admiration more than 200 years later. She knew and engaged with Samuel Johnson, Handel, Pope, Swift, Walpole and John Wesley among others. Besides her voluminous correspondence, she is best known for her magnum opus, begun at age 72:



*Pancratium maritimum* illustration from "Mrs. Delany and Her Circle," Yale University Press, 2009.

some 1,000 "botanical mosaicks," collages that she created from papers she snipped, painted and assembled with noteworthy botanical accuracy. That she lived in an age of great botanical exploration greatly aided the worldwide range of her specimens. It is worth checking out the book just to see her ethereal *Pancratium maritimum* on a black background. And how satisfying to learn that she made a later very happy marriage with a distinguished clergyman...and avid gardener. The volume comprises, besides countless illustrations, essays by 12 scholars and historians on various aspects of her life and society. I happily spent hours poring over this book—hope you do too.

### THE GARDEN OF READING: AN ANTHOLOGY OF TWENTIETH-CENTURY SHORT FICTION ABOUT GARDENS AND GARDENERS

Edited by Michele Slung  
Overlook Press 2005

What a revelation to learn on the front flap that the word "anthology" itself has

a botanical origin, from the Greek words for "flower" and "gather." Obvious, once you think about it. Included here are lots of little bouquets from such authors as Robert Graves, Stephen King, Sandra Cisneros, Rosamund Pilcher and Eudora Welty. But rather than a bouquet, think of the collection as a Whitman's Sampler. Snatch choices from all over, favorite authors first (story number one was not my favorite). That honor goes to Saki's wickedly sly "The Occasional Garden," which will put a new acronym in your life: EON ("envy of the neighborhood"), as well as Jane Gardam's "Blue Poppies" and Garrison Keillor's "How the Crab Apple Grew."

### THE MAN WHO PLANTED TREES

By Jean Giono

A classic fable of and for our times: a lone figure traipses the blasted post-WWI Provencal countryside with nothing more than a metal rod, a bag of acorns and endless determination. A lifetime later, the barren, waterless, dead landscape is a lush and thriving home to countless people, plants and animals. Striking woodcuts adorn every page.

### WHEN THE MONKEYS CAME BACK

By Kristine Franklin

A marvelous, beautifully illustrated picture book for ages 5 to 8 about a young girl yearning for the howler monkeys, once such a part of her Costa Rican village life. They disappeared along with the trees her father sold to men from the city. She spends a lifetime working to bring the hills back to life and finally their howls are heard again. A book neither you nor your young ones will forget.

# Plant propagation working exhibit to be built at NPA Border

*Kit Haesloop*

**A**N EXCITING PROJECT is on the horizon for the NPA Border at the Bellevue Botanical Garden (BBG). In late fall, NPA will be moving our propagation yard from where it is now hidden behind a fence to a prominent location at the south end of the NPA Border. NPA will be turning the plant propagation yard into a working educational exhibit for visitors and students. BBG is doing an expansion project into the NPA's current propagation yard location.

NPA's new plant propagation yard will be adjacent to a well-traveled visitor path. A storage shed will be built facing the path, with a portico to serve as a small porch for visitors and horticultural displays. The shed will store tools that the volunteers use in maintaining the Border and tools needed for propagation. It will be designed for efficient storage in the smallest possible footprint to allow maximum space for the propagation yard. A gate beside the shed will allow access into the yard.

As the propagation yard will be an educational exhibit, a path will be established behind the yard for visitors and classes of students. The yard will be fenced to prevent foraging by deer and rabbits, but it will be metal fencing that allows visitors to look in, ask about the work in progress and learn about propagation.

NPA volunteers will continue to propagate plants from the Border at the new yard to sell on our Plant Stand at the BBG and also at NPA plant sales. Proceeds from the NPA Plant Stand benefit the NPA Border.

The City of Bellevue has already approved the project and has donated granite pavers. Funding for the plant propagation yard project will need to come from

multiple sources. NPA will be writing for grants and asking for contributions. Please consider making a contribution to help fund this important project and know that you were part of NPA's plant propagation working, educational exhibit. And remember, NPA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and your donation is tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. To donate or read more about this project, visit the Propagation Yard Project page on the NPA website at [www.n-p-a.org](http://www.n-p-a.org).



The old propagation yard is about to get a new home.



Proceeds from the NPA Plant Stand benefit the NPA Border.

## ***Seed Exchange Stand and deliver!***

It's time to get that seed from your garden treasures that you've collected into the hands of the NPA Seed Exchange. Any and all types welcomed, from the rare to well-known garden favorites. Contact Gayle Richardson at [seeds@northwestperennialalliance.org](mailto:seeds@northwestperennialalliance.org) to arrange delivery. The Seed Exchange and shoppers nationwide thank you profusely.

# Open Gardens 2015: What a blast!

*Ilse Nethercutt, Open Gardens Editor*

**T**HANK YOU, NPA gardeners, for making 2015 a memorable Open Garden season. Participation from both hosts and visitors is running at an all-time high. There seems to be a newly-kindled excitement about Open Gardens, and many people were and are out “touring” every weekend. Even those freakish heat spells could not stop determined NPA gardeners. Hosts worked hard to keep their gardens looking good, despite record temperatures and drought. Visitors were undeterred to come out and see these gardens, armed with heat-defying spirits, sun hats and umbrellas.

This season saw lots of new gardens. One of those belongs to my friend Irene Scheck, a reluctant new garden host, I might add. After the event Irene sent me an email about her experience. It moved me because it speaks to doubts and trepidations many first-time garden hosts have.

*“I must say that opening my garden was a lot of fun and totally rewarding.*

*I was surprised at all the positive comments, even from people who know so much more than I about garden design and plants. It was great to meet other gardeners, answer questions (even if I didn’t*



Janice Tallman in her Everett garden



Rick Main and Kim Brewer in their garden near Yakima

*know some plant names!) and I enjoyed hearing all the comments.*

*My fear was that people would be looking for unusual plants and plant combinations and might think of my plant selections as pretty ordinary, which they are. I have lots of stuff from Lowe’s and Home Depot, and I grow wild foxgloves and common ground covers. But people didn’t seem to care all that much about the type of plants and were more interested in the overall effect. And even people who were obviously experts had positive comments.*

*So my take-away is that we are our own worst critics and that we should just relax. We obviously all love our gardens and that seems to come through when others look at them.” — Irene Scheck*

Thanks, Irene! I hope that all garden hosts had a positive experience like yours, and I also hope that your words will sway other reluctant NPA gardeners to join in the fun next year.

As you read this newsletter, some great tours remain on our calendar. And there is still opportunity to design your own custom tour from the Appointment Only and Self-Guided Tours sections in your Open Gardens Directory. Take advantage of what’s left of the summer and visit these gardens and specialty nurseries, to find inspiration and some treasures – after all, September is for planting.

Fellow NPA members, as our 2015 Open Gardens extravaganza is drawing to a close, preparations are already underway for our next season. Let’s not lose momentum! Let’s keep the excitement going as we work together towards another year of inspiration, friendship and sharing our love of gardening.



Jean and John Morra, garden hosts in Coupeville



Nita Waller, Julia Craig, and Pam Coney (from left), visiting each others’ gardens after their Open Day



## LABELS, PLANT LISTS?

To help us remember what cultivars we are growing, many of us just leave the plant labels next to the plants. Not a bad system, but labels can get lost over the years. Some gardeners are more ambitious; they keep plant lists with precise data for each plant. Mary McFarlane, one of our Seattle garden hosts, uses a different system: she keeps a ring binder with sections for each garden area, and she simply tapes each label onto the sheet of paper in the appropriate binder section. If a plant gets moved to a different garden area, so does the label in the binder—easy to do because it is only taped, not glued. I love this idea— thanks, Mary!

# Photos, photos, we need photos!

CALLING ALL PATIO AND BALCONY gardeners. We all enjoy touring Open Gardens, but we have a number of creative gardeners in our midst whose gardens will never be on tours. But that doesn't mean we can't see them.

If you live in a condo or apartment and you garden in pots on your balcony or your patio, then let us help you show off your creations. We are starting an album on Facebook just for you, so we can all share

your unique garden — why don't you send some pictures and invite us in?

## CALLING ALL GARDEN HOSTS

Please submit photos from your garden of your favorite garden vignettes, containers you designed, or garden art you created. You may see your creations, with acknowledgments, on the NPA website, in the Perennial Post or in other NPA publications.

Email your photos to [opengardens@northwestperennialalliance.org](mailto:opengardens@northwestperennialalliance.org)



# NPA business memberships way up in 2015

*Ramona Hensrude*

LAST FALL I VOLUNTEERED to help Ilse Nethercutt with the Open Gardens Directory, taking on the Business Spotlight and Discount sections of the directory. My goal was simple: increase the number of business members and businesses who offer discounts to NPA members.

Here are the numbers:

	2013	2014	2015
Business Spotlight	26	17	56
Business Discounts	24	24	30

It was a harder sell job this year because the dues for business members were raised to \$75 a year. Many of those 56 members were a challenge to sign up. My email traffic to most of the nurseries in Western Washington ran into hundreds of messages. I followed up with phone calls and ran into more challenges trying to connect with a decision maker. I was surprised and delighted when new business member-

ships came in with little or no previous contact with NPA or its members.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

I'm convinced we need more NPA member contact with nurseries and other garden-related businesses. You can help by being a customer. Thank them for becoming an NPA member. Like their Facebook page and leave positive comments. Send us your customer experiences and photos for our Facebook page. Write Yelp and Trip Advisor reviews. If you know a nursery owner or employee, ask how NPA might partner with them by teaching a class or organizing a members-only event at the nursery.

Organize a field trip to destination members like Christianson's in Mt. Vernon, Westport Winery and Garden Resort, or Country Garden Antiques in Wapato. It's more fun to go as a group and you'll save on transportation costs. Don't you want to use that money to buy more plants?

If you visit a nursery that's not a member, show the owner or manager the Open Gardens Directory. Tell them that for their \$75, their information will be printed in the directory and on the web site--up to five times if they offer a discount and participate in an Open Gardens tour.

I have some ideas on how we can expand our Business Spotlight and Discounts programs. I'm sure you have ideas too. Due to my job as NPA office administrator and scheduled hip surgery in October, I won't have as much time to do all of the recruiting. I can coordinate if four or five volunteers step up to help me.

Want to brainstorm ideas? I'd like to host a get together at my house over wine and appetizers. Let me know if you're interested in participating by emailing me at [Hensrude.npa@gmail.com](mailto:Hensrude.npa@gmail.com). If you can't come to a meeting, please send me your ideas or call me at 425-647-6004.

# 2015 volunteers to be honored at annual meeting

**SEPTEMBER 20, 1 PM**  
 Bellevue Botanical Garden  
 Aaron Education Center

AT THIS YEAR'S annual meeting, we will take a few minutes to recognize the many people who have helped at our plant sales, volunteered at our booth at the Northwest Flower & Garden Show, worked in the NPA Border at BBG, and/or served on the NPA Board. Volunteers attending the meeting will have the opportunity to participate in a drawing for yard art. Many thanks to all those listed here who help keep NPA the vital organization that it is!



Our Border volunteer group includes (back row) Connie Adams, Cheryl van Blom, George Lasch, Tom Frey, Gary Davidson (front row) Nina Cox, Gayle Richardson, Linda Kline, Diana Davidson and Kim Beach.

## ***Thank you to all of our dedicated NPA volunteers***

***Cathy Atkins  
 Christa Balk  
 Kim Beach  
 Penny Beane  
 Nancy Bowen-Pope  
 Karen Brighton  
 Walt Bubelis  
 Dana Burns  
 Claudia Calderheads  
 June Campbell  
 Nina Cox  
 Ellen Cressy  
 Caroline Crolley  
 Diana & Gary Davidson  
 Nancy Dawson  
 Patti Denman  
 Gabriele Dickmann  
 Lori Dougan  
 Sara Drogin  
 Denise & Steve Dubose  
 Ralph Federspiel***

***Dianne Ferris  
 Eleanor Ferris  
 Udell & Gary Fresk  
 Thomas Frey  
 Stan Giant  
 Mary Jean Gilman  
 Elsie Godfrey  
 Gayle Gower  
 Jeff Graham  
 Linda Gray  
 Matt Gregory  
 Nancy Hansen-Stifel  
 Kit Haesloop  
 Laurel Harrington  
 Ramona Hensrude  
 Emma Heubler  
 Ann Holman  
 Allison Howes  
 Tohnnie Ingals  
 Nancy Jackson***

***Suzanne Jacobs  
 Carol Jacobson  
 Iris & Bob Jewett  
 Sandra Kanaga  
 Jim Killingbeck  
 Joan Killingbeck  
 Linda & Ed Kline  
 Louise Kulzer  
 George Lasch  
 John Longres  
 Judy Maginnis  
 Mary MacFarlane  
 Helen McCall  
 Maxine Mitchell  
 Susan Miller  
 Ila Morrow  
 Diane Nanamichi  
 Lucy Nesse  
 Ilse Nethercutt  
 Virginia Olsen***

***Rosalie Preble  
 Lynda Raymond  
 Susan Ramsey  
 Gayle Richardson  
 Carole Rush  
 Pat Rytkonen  
 Ellie Sanchez  
 Tia Scarce  
 Carol & Percy Scheuffle  
 Judy Silk  
 Toni Smith  
 Vicki Sorgs  
 Val Taylor  
 Percy Tierney  
 Sharon Tighe  
 Robin Thome  
 Myrna Torrie  
 Nancy Tucker  
 Margaret & Craig Wagner  
 Cynthia Wheaton***



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Linda Kline

*Diana Davidson*

LINDA KLINE can be found at the NPA Border at Bellevue Botanical Garden nearly every Thursday morning, helping maintain the plant stand, pulling weeds, pruning plants, and most importantly, sharing her broad smile. Linda's cheerful work ethic contributes to the fun all the border volunteers have working together to maintain what we consider to be the "star of the show" at BBG.

Linda has also volunteered at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show NPA booth, is a Director at Large on the NPA Board, and has worked at plant sales, where she has enlisted the aid of her husband, Ed. During the 2014 Hardy Plant Study Weekend, she and Craig Wagner hosted the Tea in the Garden at BBG.



Linda Kline, NPA volunteer

But working at the NPA Border is what Linda likes best. She enjoys the camaraderie and the third Thursday "Weed and Feed" potluck. She has learned about hardy plants in our climate zone, and appreciates George Lasch's explanation of pruning whys and whens. Assisting Linda Gray with the nursery and plant stand has greatly increased her knowledge of various plants, including their Latin names.

We're extending a big thank you to Linda for all she does to keep the border blooming.

## Local businesses support the NPA Border

WE'RE GIVING a big shout-out to three Bellevue area businesses that have supported our NPA Border at Bellevue Botanical Garden: Pacific Topsoils, Home Depot and Wells Medina Nursery.

In early spring, Pacific Topsoils donated 30 yards of composted mulch. NPA paid a minimal delivery fee, as the product came from their nearest facility, roughly two miles from BBG. With help from BBG garden staff, NPA Border volunteers spread the mulch in the border over a two-day period.

Proceeds from our plant sales support the NPA Border. When we needed to replace the plastic used to protect tables from dirt and water at our plant sales, Bellevue Home Depot came through, donating \$100 in gift cards, which was applied to the purchase of rolls of 4mm plastic sheeting. Gayle Richardson cut the rolls into lengths for the tables.

For many years, Wells Medina Nursery has donated the boxes customers use at

our plant sales. This year was no exception. With some advance notice, staff at Wells Medina cheerfully loaded hundreds of boxes into an NPA member's car, ready to be folded for the next plant sale.

The NPA Border at Bellevue Botanical Garden is our gift to the community and is enjoyed by the public throughout the year. We appreciate these businesses' donations, which contribute to our volunteers' efforts to make the border a great place to visit.

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## Kudos to Wendy Lagozzino

NPA MEMBER Wendy Lagozzino may be too modest to mention it, but her amazing back garden steps were featured on the inside back cover of the Summer 2015 issue of Pacific Horticulture. Wendy opens her garden to NPA members, helps proofread the Perennial Post and somehow finds time to write engaging, informative gardening articles. Hats off to you, Wendy!

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## Meet Ramona Hensrude, NPA Office Administrator

*Diana Davidson*

SINCE LAST YEAR, Ramona Hensrude has made a huge contribution to NPA, working with Ilse Nethercutt to put together the Open Gardens Directory. And this year, Ramona has added a new hat: NPA Office Administrator.

Ramona's background includes administrative experience at the UW and working in customer service prior to that. She has had leadership positions as a volunteer in Master Gardeners and Purrfect Pals.

Ramona is pleased to have the Office Administrator job because she can do most of the work from home, and it's part time. She enjoys managing the membership database, responding to members'



Ramona Hensrude, NPA Office Administrator

questions, and working with our accountant and staff. We are pleased to have Ramona and her enthusiasm for NPA as our Office Administrator!

# Hail and farewell to NPA Board members

*Kit Haesloop*

**E**VERY SEPTEMBER THE NPA Board welcomes new board members and says thank you to others finishing their terms.

NPA has been fortunate to have **Gary Davidson** as Treasurer the past three years. He has done an exceptional job. Gary organized and streamlined all the accounting details, which helps make many other processes at NPA go smoother. Fortunately, he won't be far away as he will continue working in the NPA Border on Thursdays and volunteering at NPA events.

**Sara Drogin** is leaving the board to focus on raising her 1 year and 3-year-old girls. She has been the Director of Communications the past three years, superbly handling NPA's media announcements and serving as an editor on various NPA publications. Sara will continue to handle NPA's Facebook postings.

**Carolyn Whittlesey** is leaving the board to focus on family and travels. She was instrumental in NPA's successful and entertaining Fifty Shades of Green party last year at Hardy Plant Study Weekend, as well as the fun NPA bus trip to Portland in 2012.

**Craig Wagner** has been NPA's creative force whether writing an article for the Perennial Post, working on the award-winning design for NPA's booth at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show, or designing the 2015 Open Gardens Directory with Ilse Nethercutt. He was a steady presence in the NPA Border on Thursdays, as well as at plant sales and other NPA events. Craig is leaving the board to focus on his health, yet we are keeping an eye out for his return.

## HAIL TO THE NEW NPA BOARD MEMBERS

NPA is thrilled to welcome **Ilse Nethercutt** to the NPA Board. As you know, she spent countless hours creating our 2015

Open Gardens Directory. Ilse obtained her goal of increasing the number of open private gardens by talking to anyone who would listen, telephoning, emailing and visiting garden groups. When she had orphan gardens, she sent SOS messages to members who had previously hosted in those areas. The coolest thing is that the cavalry came.

Ilse's message to NPA members is that we can all help with our Open Gardens



**Ilse Nethercutt**

tradition. Make it a point to let garden hosts know we appreciate the work they put into getting their gardens ready for the rest of us. When you take non-NPA members as guests to an Open Garden, share your excitement, and encourage membership. New members bring new gardens into the mix, helping perpetuate the program and keeping it fresh.

We look forward to having Ilse on the NPA Board with her "can-do" attitude, energy and ideas.

**Noma Edwards** brings a wealth of experiences to the board, as a gardener, writer and business owner. Noma co-founded the Lilies of the Valley neighborhood group to welcome gardeners in the Snoqualmie Valley to the NPA. She writes several gardening columns for publications including The Master Gardener newsletter, the Fall City Neighbors monthly newsletter and the Valley Record newspaper. She previously had a consulting firm; a volunteer management/customer service business. We look forward to Noma sharing her expertise in this



**Noma Edwards**

area, encouraging increased volunteerism among our membership.

Outside NPA, Noma gardens with her husband on five acres in Fall City, volunteers at the Fall City Food Pantry, is in two book clubs, and enjoys driving vacations and antiques malls. We're delighted she is finding time to be part of the NPA Board.

**Kathleen Neal** will be bringing the passion she has for gardening, extensive administration and management expertise to the NPA Board. Her work experience in Washington and Alaska healthcare administration included travel, speaking at seminars, training, contract and team management.

Kathleen has over 30 years of practical gardening experience, along with knowledge gained from classes, books and



**Kathleen Neal**

online. She opened her garden this year as part of the Edmonds tour, and has opened it in previous years. She also visits as many NPA open gardens each summer as she can and looks forward to this for years to come.

Kathleen was the coordinator of the Edmonds Late Bloomers neighborhood group for three years, until she passed the torch this year. She misses the role, but is excited to move on to more involvement in the NPA. We look forward to Kathleen bringing her enthusiasm, passion and talents to NPA.

#### 2015-16 NPA Board

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Position 9	<b>Kathleen Neal</b>

## Neighborhood coordinators: Save the date, October 24, for a thank you party

*Denise DuBose*

AS A THANK YOU for coordinating a neighborhood group, we're throwing a bash! On October 24, Lakewold Gardens is offering all 2015 neighborhood group coordinators a free pass to the 2015 Beautiful Tables Showcase. We will have a morning brunch and meeting for the coordinators, followed by an afternoon trip to Lakewold Gardens to see this popular show and autumn in the gardens. Be sure to save the

date – you won't want to miss it! Invitations will be mailed to all coordinators with more details.

## Announcing the 2015 NPA scholarship recipient

*Cathy Atkins*

THE NPA HAS AWARDED one, well-deserved \$1000 scholarship to Naomi Goodman of Seattle. She is enrolled at Edmonds Community College, finishing her degree in Landscape Design and working full time designing and maintaining beautiful properties in the Seattle area. Naomi's previous career was in public policy with 17 years in nonprofit and government sectors, working on issues such as poverty reduction and affordable housing. Her years of dedication will be an asset in her advocacy work with the Association of Professional Landscape Designers.



Naomi Goodman

NPA scholarships are for students pursuing education in horticulture, botany, landscape design or environmental science. Applicants are evaluated based on their academic record, references, career goals and experience. The scholarship funds must be used at a Puget Sound two or four-year accredited college or accredited trade school on tuition and books. Along with the scholarship award, recipients also receive a one-year membership in the NPA.

To learn more about NPA scholarships or for questions regarding applying for a 2016 NPA scholarship, please visit the NPA website at [www.n-p-a.org](http://www.n-p-a.org).

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## Garden party fundraisers were a big hit!

Here's a peek inside our two sold-out, spring garden party fundraisers, a Champagne Brunch and an International Blooms cocktail party. Both celebrity-studded events were held in a beautiful garden filled with rare and unusual plants collected from around the world. Many thanks and much appreciation to our garden hostess and attendees. You continue to make NPA the organization where gardeners share inspiration and the joy of gardening.



Dan Hinkley was not fooled by the "Stump the Expert" game.



Ciscoe Morris, Dan Hinkley and Jeanette Kunnen.



Susan Picquelle and George Lasch with a spot of bubbly.



James and Angela Clarke enjoying the garden.



Nancy and Mark Tucker, George Lasch, Jeanette Kunnen and Ciscoe Morris relax at the "after-party."



Darcanne Nixon and Rosalie Preble signing the guest book.