



Change – One of the Beauties of Gardening

As gardeners, we all understand that a garden never stands still and consequently is never finished, and how boring it would be if it were! One of the beauties of gardening is continuous change. There are always moments of gorgeous and glorious splendor to enjoy, whether it is new spring growth, a blossom's fragrance, or a plant combination that makes you smile. The flip side is that our best-laid gardening scene that was stunning yesterday, or last year, is suddenly in need of attention. The weather may have wreaked havoc, plants may have died prematurely or grown twice as large as anticipated, or our carefully crafted design may become lost in the midst of overgrowth.



Volunteers begin the huge job of plant removal in February 2018

*Beth Burman,
Border Co-Supervisor,
and Volunteer Linda Kline,
inventorying plants*



At the NPA Perennial Border at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, we are continuously working with change. NPA is currently in the middle of a remodel associated with the need to update the drip irrigation from manual to automatic control. We see this as an excellent opportunity to tackle some overdue gardening tasks.

Glenn Whithey and Charles Price designed the beautiful display along the stairs shown in the photos. The area has grown and filled in, creating

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Primula sieboldii

SPRING PLANT SALE May 4 – May 5

The Plant Sale has changed this year, see page 3



<p>APRIL 19, MAY 17 JUNE 21, JULY 19 AUGUST 16</p>	<p>Border Weed & Feed, third Thursdays, 10 am – noon. Work two hours in the NPA Perennial Border at Bellevue Botanical Garden, then enjoy a potluck lunch</p>
<p>APRIL 28</p>	<p>Garden Blogging -- The Most Fun You Can Have for \$1.99 a Month with Peter Herpst and Alison Conliffe, Saturday, 10 am - noon, Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden* (See page 9.)</p>
<p>MAY</p>	<p>Open Gardens season begins this month through September! 10 am – 4 pm. Tour private gardens every weekend, now through mid-September. Read your Open Gardens directory for details. (See back cover.)</p>
<p>MAY 4-5</p>	<p>Spring Plant Sale with King County Master Gardeners (See facing page.)</p>
<p>MAY 12</p>	<p>Carnivorous Plants: What's the Big Deal?! with Scott Vergara and The Bogs of Doom, Saturday, 10 am - noon, Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden* (See page 9.)</p>
<p>JUNE 8-10</p>	<p>Sorticulture Garden Arts Festival, Visit the NPA booth to say hello. Friday, June 8; Saturday, June 9; Sunday, June 10, 10 am - 4 pm, Legion Memorial Park, Everett (See page 11.)</p>
<p>JUNE 22-24</p>	<p>Gardening: A Lifetime of Pleasure, 2018 Hardy Plant Study Weekend in Seattle. Hosted by NPA. (Tickets have sold out.)</p>
<p>* Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden (BBG) address: 12001 Main Street, Bellevue, WA 98005</p>	

Welcome New Members!

Steve Aitken	Gunnel Chapman	Nancy Goldman	Geneme Keyser	Charles Ogburn	Carol Stanley
Maralyn Akiyama	Annette Christensen	Caroline Gray	Jane Kiley	Courtney Olander	Jody Stark
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Ross Bayton	Kathie Dando	Kathleen Hargrave	Kathy Leber	Joan Peterson	Sue Tong
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Natanya Bednarski	Debbie DeRosier	Karyn Hartinger	Darci Long	Florence Pickard	Loretta Turner
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Shirley Binkley	Theresa Fancher	Angela Hoard	Lynn McIntyre	Barbara Rivett	Sarah Wallace
Gretchen Blanchard	Mark Farnsworth	Eva Holman	Kasey Meier	Deborah Roberts	Erin Warren
Carol Bohman	Susan Fenton	Julie Holmes	Stephen Minnich	Patty Roberts	Larienne Weber
Patricia Bottorff	Della Ferguson	Sally Hurst	Christine Mitchell	Mike Robertson	Barbara Whisler
Virginia Bowen	Patricia Fisher	Nancy Huston	Melody Mociulski	Melody Robidoux	Jan Williams
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Spring Plant Sale Change

Friday, May 4; 4 – 8 pm
Saturday, May 5; 9 am – 5 pm

Center for Urban Horticulture
3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle

(Montlake Bridge closed to vehicles 10 am – 3 pm Saturday; Boating Opening Day)



NPA will have plants for sale at a new venue this spring. We are partnering with the King County Master Gardeners, and will be a vendor at their annual sale.

We will need volunteers to work two hour shifts, selling plants. If you're able to help, please contact Diana Davidson at davidson.npa@gmail.com. Whether you volunteer, or come to shop, we look forward to seeing you there!

Volunteer Focus: CAMILLE PAULSEN

Camille Paulsen volunteers as our Business Membership Director. In this newly created position, Camille interfaces with nursery owners, encouraging them to become NPA business partners. This raises the nursery's profile amongst our garden lovers, with the added benefit that many offer discounts to NPA members. Camille's main focus is nurseries in the South Sound, which is a great service for our members in that area.

Camille learned about the NPA through a neighbor, one of our Open Gardens Co-Editors, Julia Graham, and joined in 2016. She wanted to tour more gardens than just the large gardens open to the public. Camille finds inspiration in every garden she visits, and loves meeting fellow gardeners who are as passionate about plants as she is. She encourages members to generously open their gardens to help keep the NPA successful.

Camille describes her own garden as "Pacific Northwest with an Asian Flair." It's an eclectic mix of water features, stonework, conifers, Japanese maples and cool plants from Far Reaches Farm and Dan Hinkley's Windcliff Plants. Her plant selections have been influenced by her travels throughout Europe and









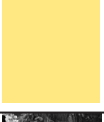
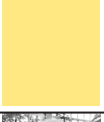






Asia. She lived in Japan as a young child, and has travelled to numerous islands in the South Pacific. Very strong in her memory is visiting uninhabited Henderson Island in the Pitcairn Group, where endemic plants, left to their own in nature, were thriving. This has led to her next challenge: growing tropical plants in her own garden.

With a degree in International Business from the University of Georgia, Camille has worked in hotel and property management as well as in the travel industry.


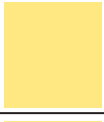

Study Weekend participants will have the opportunity to visit Camille's garden in June. We thank Camille for enthusiastically embracing the NPA and for her energetic volunteer work.

NPA Exists Because of Volunteers!

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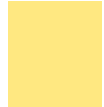



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Need details, have questions?
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 NPA President at
haesloop.npa@gmail.com
 or call NPA at
 425-647-6004.

Men welcome too!

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NPA Exists Because of Volunteers!

Dear NPA Member,

The NPA is in CRITICAL need of active leadership volunteers. In order to keep the NPA functioning, we need to fill various positions immediately.

We have a number of current vacancies for board members and project chairs. We will have additional vacancies in August, as several board members complete their terms. If you enjoy working with others and are enthusiastic about NPA, we need you to step forward and help!

Need Now – A summary of positions that need filling:

Directors at Large* – Five open spots need immediate filling.

Board Member Positions* – These two chairmanships need to be filled by board members.

Membership Co-Chair: Checks members in at lectures, answers questions, updates membership records when needed, and works with Jan Jensen, the other Membership Co-Chair.

Education Chair: Lines up speakers, organizes the four NPA lectures each year, and works with the Class & Workshops project chair.

Project Chair or Co-Chair Positions – These positions may be filled by any NPA member. It is not a requirement to be on the board for these roles. It is helpful to be on the board, though, in order to stay in the loop on other events, ideas and collaborations.

March Mania Plant Sale Chair: organizes & runs the sale at Bellevue Botanical Garden.

Northwest Flower & Garden Show: organizes and oversees the NPA booth at the event.

South Sound Plant Sale Chair: a new position; we would like to have our second sale be in the South Sound area.

The upside of participating is that there is a lot of reward and satisfaction in working for NPA! And be assured that there will be guidance, notebook references and assistance available from the present Board members for anyone who is interested.

If you would like to get involved, please contact: Kit Haesloop, NPA President at haesloop.npa@gmail.com or call NPA at 425-647-6004.

* The board meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 – 8 pm at various locations east of Seattle, and via teleconferencing. Using Skype has been a boon for board members living too far to make driving practical. New board members may start as a Director at Large, contributing ideas, energy & support at events, while learning more about running the NPA. The usual term is a 3-year period.

Thank You



My Most Favorite Terrible Plants



What blooms in spring, is sky blue and grows anywhere? I always included it in my bouquets as a 5-year-old along with dandelions and blue bells. It's in the Borage family. Give up? Forget-Me-Nots! (*Myosotis scorpioides*.) How

could you forget? They are so pretty, aren't they! One day my garden is neat and clear of weeds and the next... I have hundreds of Forget-Me-Nots in bloom. I march outside with hands on my hips for a face off. Their millions of cute little sky blue flowers just laugh at me. After all, what else is such a beautiful cerulean blue in your garden? And how about those little yellow button centers? Maybe I'll just enjoy their flowers for a couple of days..... Of course, it rains for the next week, so when I finally get back out there, they are so smug. "Yes, we are past our prime and full of mildew," they seem to say, "So go ahead and pull us out, but just know this....we have already reseeded, so we've won anyway. We even left some on your gloves!"

Years ago I used to patronize a little garden store in Wallingford called The Garden Spot. They carried all kinds of fun and interesting plants and maintained a garden in the parking strip. They popped in things that made you smile and want to go in and buy them. One of them looked like a bicolored

pink corydalis. It's ferny gray green leaves only added to their charm. They spread around the other plants like yellow corydalis do, poking up here and there (and everywhere.) I asked if I could buy some. They told me they didn't grow them to sell. May I take some seed, I asked? We don't recommend it, it tends to take over. Safe in a parking strip, but not in your garden proper. So I naively collected some seed and went merrily on my way to grow my own pretty weaver. Several years went by and people commented on the charming pink flowers growing in my garden...on top of, around, in between and under all the other plants.

Well, after that year, I decided this thug had to go. So I started pulling out every plant I could find. The following year, I knew it had reseeded so I contin-



Fumaria capreolata

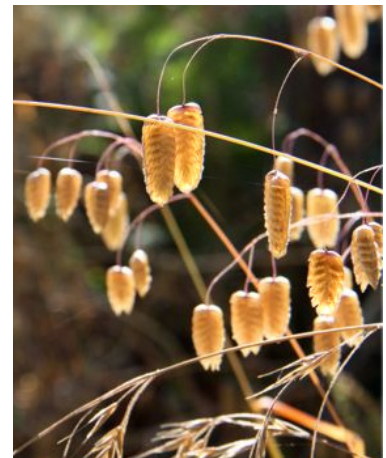
ued to pull every one I saw starting in February! Now it's been more than a decade and they just laugh when I pull them out. They don't even need to flower anymore, the seeds just keep germinating or flowering and going to seed before I can find them. Remember their evil name, it's not corydalis, it's *Fumaria capreolata*. If you ever see it, cover your

eyes immediately, carefully back away, then turn and run as fast as you can the other way.

When your neighbor three houses away tells you he has one of your cool ornamental grasses in his yard, you know there's a problem. People walking by my garden must wonder why I let so many grassy looking weeds take over my beds. Before they bloom, they

do look something like crabgrass (*Digitaria* species.) Years ago, I started trying out all different kinds of annual ornamental grasses. This one, called Rattlesnake Grass (*Briza maxima*), turned out very charming indeed with its dangling clusters of green to beige spikelets. Each little rattle consists of many seeds. When it's time to pull them up, they shatter, spreading their progeny in every direction. No need to replant...ever again. They'll return as sure as death and taxes. That said, I'm still glad I will never be without them as they are very ornamental in flower arrangements and add a whimsy to the garden.

I could go on and on about the



Rattlesnake Grass (Briza maxima)

many plants that create too many replicas in my garden—*Verbena bonariensis*, Western Bleeding Heart (*Dicentra formosa*), and Welsh Poppies (*Meconopsis cambrica*) to name a few. But the thing is, they are all very charming flowers, so I guess that's how they suck you in. I know I'll never be without any of them, so it's good that I like them. These "weeds" could be much uglier and they don't leave any bare soil for other competition in my garden. All of them look great in a bouquet and you never feel bad about cutting them. So I guess I'll just continue to call them my most favorite terrible plants.

Wendy Lagozzino

Change – One of the Beauties of Gardening *continued from cover*



Splendor along the stairs in 2015



A full display in 2017



Area cleared and ready for re-planting

a dramatic vista along the heavily travelled thoroughfare. Unfortunately, the Buxus (boxwoods), the rounded shrubs anchoring the stairs, were beginning to succumb to disease. Also, many of the perennials were in dire need of dividing. NPA saw this as the perfect opportunity to tackle a series of tough gardening challenges all at once.

Daniel Mount, garden designer and plantsman, has created a new design for the area. As we are literally in the middle of the remodel, you will have to come visit the NPA Border to see the new design.

The NPA Border at the Bellevue Botanical Garden (BBG) is open until dusk, every day of the year. Admission is free, as BBG believes everyone should have access to beauty and learning year-round. You can tour on your own or request a docent tour. NPA volunteers work in the Border on the third Thursdays from 10 am - noon--comradery, learning and a potluck lunch included! Come explore and enjoy this beautiful garden.

Apply for an NPA Scholarship!

Denise Hartzell

Do you know a deserving horticulture student who would appreciate a little help with tuition and books? Please encourage them to apply for an NPA Scholarship.

This year the NPA will award a \$1,000 scholarship to be used at a two or four-year accredited college or accredited trade school within the academic year following receipt of the scholarship. Applicants must be enrolled as matriculated students pursuing education in horticulture, botany, landscape design/architecture, or environmental science. Funds are paid directly to the school that the recipient will be attending, and these funds may only be used for tuition and books.

The scholarship recipient also receives a one-year membership in the NPA. Applicants can download the application form on the NPA website at <http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org>. The deadline for applications is May 15th, and funds are available in June.

Gayle Richardson



Rachel Dein – Botanical Casts

IN BLOOM: *Creating and Living With Flowers*

by Ngoc Minh Ngo

This author starts by saying, “Flowers seduce us with their piercing beauty, but they also have much to teach us about the impermanence of life.” Well, if there were ever a book filled with piercing beauty, it’s this one. Eleven artists and designers welcome us into their homes and worlds, showing how they incorporate flowers into their work and lives. Paint, paper, plaster, clay and plants themselves are used with amazing imagination. You haven’t lived until you’ve seen Claire Basler’s workroom. If you are charmed by the flowers of Livia Cetti, check out her two books and you can make them for yourselves. If you’re seduced by Rachel Dein’s ethereal plaster plaques, contact me at info@northwestperennialalliance.com and I’ll send you the info I have about making your own...no need to go to London to take one of her classes.

Rats. I thought my house was pretty interesting, but now I see I’m going to have to go back and re-think the whole darn thing.

HEIRLOOM: *Notes from an Accidental Tomato Farmer*

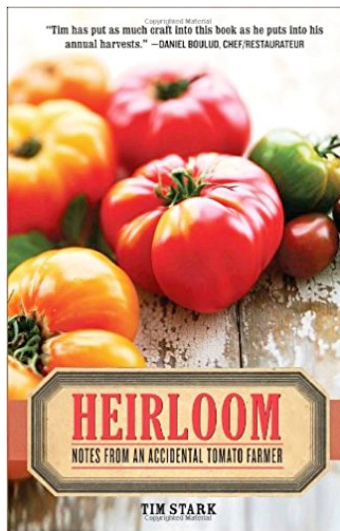
by Tim Stark

Hillbilly, Tiger Tom, Radiator Charlie’s Mortgage Lifter, Black Krim, Striped German, Albino White Wonder, Cherokee Purple, Yellow Brandywine, Zapotec Pleated, Rose de Berne, Extra Eros Zlatolaska...the names of these heirloom tomatoes roll from the page like poetry. Tomatoes that taste and smell the way REAL tomatoes used to. Tomatoes that some of us (the oldsters) are lucky enough to remember from childhood.

This affable memoir of a fellow who has made a living from this kind of pomo d’oro—apple of gold—is hard to put down. It all starts on the property of a rather grand house he grew up in, in Pennsylvania Dutch country, and soon moves to Union Square Greenmarket in NYC—where many of America’s greatest chefs come to shop.

Stark compellingly describes the sheer terror of bad weather, bad luck, failing equipment, days that start at 3 AM and end at midnight, the never-ending search for dependable help—the frantic scramble to make a living from his way of life. Oh, and the weeds.

Other bits of the book are comic though, or downright affecting—see the part about the aftermath of the terror attack. Along the way, we learn about auctions, the many and varied sects of Amish and Mennonites and much more, including a nation-wide storm of vitriol that rises up against him from certain quarters. You’ll want to get to it quickly, or put it on your list for next winter’s reading.



THE WRITER’S GARDEN: *How Gardens Inspired Our Best-Loved Authors*

by Jackie Bennett

After reading this book, two images will stick with me forever:

- 1) Jane Austen as a HAYMAKER, which as a child she was expected to be, and
- 2) From Roald Dahl’s ‘Gypsy House’...I need to start saving my pennies to buy a minimum of 100 *Allium hollandicum* ‘Purple Sensation’ and plant them in a single stunning swath.

And from every one of the 17 other gardeners profiled you’ll take away some other inspiring idea, revelation or downright head-shake-worthy bit of knowledge. E.g., Leonard Woolf, Virginia’s husband, must have been a precise sort of man. He had his grass mown to 7 cm. high.

Every one of the gardens can be visited and a helpful section at the end gives the websites for each to help in travel planning.

First on my list is Henry James’/E.F. Benson’s ‘Lamb House’ in Rye. I’m eager to see the setting of Benson’s ‘Lucia’ novels. Come to think of it, *there’s* a recommendation for you. You’ll find a few gardening wars going on, along with the shenanigans of the god-awful Miss Mapp and the iron hand/velvet glove scheming of Lucia herself. The series starts with ‘Queen Lucia’ but really hits its stride when she moves to ‘Tilling’ (Rye). Look also for the unforgettable television adaptation that’s widely available and a sheer delight. All this reminds me to get out my omnibus edition and plow through it for the third time. Oh, happy day!

NPA CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Spring

Garden Blogging - The Most Fun You Can Have for \$1.99 a Month



with Peter Herpst
and Alison Conliffe

Date: Saturday, April
28, 2018

Time: 10 am – noon

Location: Aaron Education
Center at Bellevue Botanical
Garden, 12001 Main Street,
Bellevue, WA 98005

Fee: NPA members \$20
Non-members \$30

Limit: 30 participants

Join local garden bloggers Peter Herpst (The Outlaw Gardener) and Alison Conliffe (Bonney Lassie) for a lively, educational and entertaining discussion of the ins and outs of how to get started blogging. Topics include: why start a blog, how to find a voice as a writer, how to choose a focus, how to come up with ideas for posts, how to participate in blogging memes (and what are they?), what are the benefits of garden blogging, and how to take a breather from it. Tips on composing good photos will also be included.



Peter and Alison will walk you through the steps of creating your own blog using the free Google Blogger application and help you to create your own first post, which you may or may not choose to publish. Participants need to bring a laptop, tablet, smart phone or other device capable of accessing the Internet, and any electronic images you'd like to use. Wi-Fi will be available. To use Blogger, you must have an account on Google.

Peter Herpst, began gardening in Alaska (USDA zone 3) and moved to the Puget Sound region thirty years ago. He works as a special educator, church choir director, and stained glass teacher/artist to support his plant addiction. He has a Bachelor of Music Degree from the University of Puget Sound and a Masters degree in Education from Antioch University.

Alison Conliffe is an avid gardener who moved to Washington almost ten years ago from the East Coast (USDA Zone 6), after visiting and falling in love with the great gardening climate here. She worked professionally as a journalist and has a Bachelor's degree in English literature.



Sarracenia
(North
American
pitcher plant)
in bloom

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Carnivorous Plants: What's the Big Deal?!

with Scott Vergara and The Bogs of Doom

Date: Saturday, May 12, 2018

Time: 10 am – noon

Location: Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical
Garden, 12001 Main Street, Bellevue, WA 98005

Fee: NPA members \$25, Non-members \$35

Limit: 40 participants

Really!? What's not to love about a plant that eats fruit flies, yellow jackets, flesh flies and more! Carnivorous plants are a living gateway, a learning opportunity to help children young and old to see plants as something much more exciting than just the stuff of the standard backyard.

Through a PowerPoint presentation and living flesh eating examples, Scott will examine the amazing adaptation of carnivory in plants, their appropriate care and feeding, how to create suitable "environments" for successful cultivation and enjoyment outdoors along with discussing which plants are suitable as year round houseplants. He will also touch on conservation. To start your own collection, Scott will have plants for sale.



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Sarracenia flava with meal approaching

Scott has been collecting and cultivating carnivorous plants for the past 25 years and loves to share his enthusiasm for these truly bizarre plants.

This is a joint class of NPA with the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society. Register via the Bellevue Botanical Garden website at www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

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Sincere thanks to our generous donors for supporting the many educational programs of NPA, including Open Gardens, the NPA Border, lectures, workshops and student scholarships. Membership dues alone do not cover the cost of providing these benefits; your gift supports our tradition of offering a broad range of activities that can be enjoyed by both new and seasoned gardeners alike.

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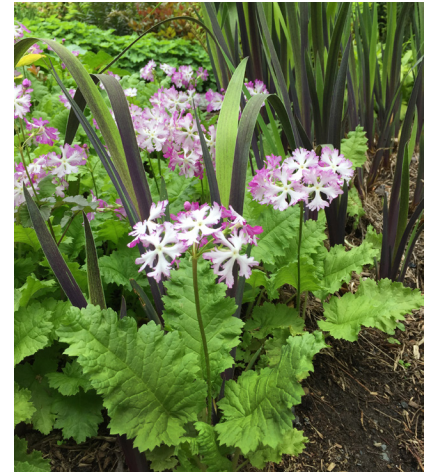
Iris and Dragonfly

Sisyrinchium striatum

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'Lacy Lady' with *Iris*
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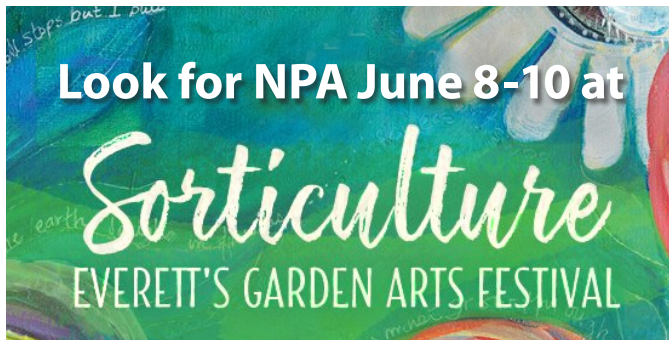
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Friday, June 8; Saturday, June 9; Sunday, June 10
10 am - 4 pm, Legion Memorial Park, Everett

<https://everettwa.gov/823/Sorticulture-Garden-Arts-Festival>

Visit our NPA booth in June at Sorticulture in Everett

The immensely popular outdoor festival features garden art, specialty nurseries, a wine garden and live music. Our booth will be staffed by NPA members, many from our neighborhood groups. Stop by and say hello. And encourage your friends to become members while there. As a volunteer organization the NPA needs you as a volunteer too, for the booth and in many other capacities! Let us know how you can help the NPA.

Those who become a new member at Sorticulture may miss some early open gardens, but they'll receive their Open Gardens directory for the rest of the summer on the spot. Yes, summer really is coming. See you at Sorticulture!

Please email kathleen.neal@comcast.net if you can volunteer.



Kathleen Neal & Judy Maginnis, photo taken by Sara Drogin



Thank You Volunteers!

Once again, we had a successful year at our booth at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show. Most of the registrations were new members. Obviously, our volunteers did a great job of promoting the NPA!

We owe a big thanks to Barbara Sanderson and Gayle Richardson, who did prep and follow up work for the booth. This included organizing volunteers, and setting up and striking the booth display.

The book, "Plant: Exploring the Botanical World", donated by Gayle Richardson, was won by Judith Warren of Seattle.

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Your 2018 Open Gardens Directory arrives this month!

Get out your calendar and start planning a season full of garden tour adventures from May to September! The Open Gardens Directory is your invitation to visit 96 gardens located throughout Western Washington as well as east to Yakima, and south to Portland.

The vast majority are unique private gardens not generally open to the public. Also included are special public gardens and nurseries with display gardens. Experience a wide range of gardening styles, sizes and maturity levels. Have fun meeting the garden hosts and seeing their accomplishments and works in progress.

You are sure to come away with lots of new ideas and inspiration to enhance your own piece of paradise. And don't forget - you too could open your garden next year!



Top left: Chick Stamschror & Rick Guttu garden. Bottom left: Patti & John McFerran garden. Right: Myrna Torrie garden