



NPA Spring Plant Sale is April 13

Michele Cournoyer

IT'S HERE, our biggest plant sale of the year! The NPA Spring Plant Sale is coming to North Seattle College on Sunday, April 13. Here's your chance to break out of the ordinary and shop an amazing assortment of perennials, natives, succulents, evergreens, shrubs, small trees and more.

Many of the small nurseries and local growers who participate aren't open to the public, so sales like ours are your only chance to browse their unique selections of plants. As an added bonus, you can shop tax free, saving almost ten percent, while you help support the educational programs of NPA.

PLANTS WORTH SPECIAL MENTION

Queen's Cup Nursery will be showcasing easy care native perennials, including *Dodecatheon hendersonii*. This plant has a slender stalk from 12 to 18 inches tall that rises from a basal cluster of thick, spoon-shaped leaves and carries a cluster of about ten magenta "shooting stars." It colonizes nicely.

Queen's Cup will also be selling our native columbine, *Aquilegia formosa*. "Formosa" is latin for beautiful. This is a lovely native plant that needs to be in more gardens—at least to make the hummingbirds happy! It's two to three feet tall with numerous open branches of blue-green

lobed foliage and a profusion of distinctive red and yellow flowers.

Bouquet Banque, which grows 116 varieties of epimedium, will be featuring *Epimedium leptorrhizum*. This is a little known species from Guizhou and Sichuan that is a dwarf, running *E. brachyrrhizum*. It spreads by slender rhizomes and can expand by eight inches each year. It's topped in spring by short flower spikes of large, pink-lavender flowers, often with lighter purple spurs. It prefers not to get too dry. Grow it in light shade.

They'll also be selling *Dysosma versipelle*, always a showstopper. Bouquet Banque

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Dodecatheon hendersonii

NPA SPRING PLANT SALE
 Sunday, April 13, 9-3 PM
 North Seattle College
 9600 College Way North, Seattle
 Plenty of free parking.



Dierama pulcherrimum



Glumicaly x goseloides



Aquilegia formosa

- APRIL 13 **Spring Plant Sale**, Sunday, 9 am - 3 pm, North Seattle College 9600 College Way N, Seattle. (details, pages 1 & 3)
- APRIL 26 **Free tour of new BBG Education Center and gardens**, Saturday, 10 am - noon (details, page 9)
- MAY 10 **Open Gardens season begins**, Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm. Free! Tour private gardens almost every weekend, now through mid-September. See your Open Gardens directory for details
- MAY 10 **Tea and Trilliums with Susie Egan**, Wednesday, 10-noon (Sold out)
- MAY 21 **Rhodies, and So Much More**, Wednesday, 10 – noon, \$25 (details, page 9)
- JUNE 20 – 23 **Hardy Plant Study Weekend**, Friday-Monday, Hilton Bellevue. Register now at www.n-p-a.org.(details, page 4)

A warm welcome to our new members

Ann Aahl & Jim Kemmish
 Nancy Beck
 Carol & Tom Bohman
 Suzanne Britsch
 Joanne Brown
 Patty Buckingham & Jack Eng
 Debbie Calvert
 Lucinda Capers
 Cathy Carson
 Amy Churchill
 Collene Collins & Randy Johnson
 Christine Cranston
 Jeanne Cronce
 Allen Dietz
 Deborah Donovan
 R. W. Drake
 Mary Drummond
 Sigrid Elenga
 Chris Erlich
 Mary Frederick
 Barbara French Green & Robert Green
 Elsie Godfrey
 Leanne Goulding
 Debera Harrell
 Steve Haviland & Curtis Ma
 Carol & Paul Heeren
 Mary Joan Hervey
 Sine Hough

Dawn Hummel & Maria Zampini
 Carol Jacobson & Mike Hill
 Sharon Jangaard
 Diane Johnson
 Donna Johnson
 Pat Johnston
 Stephanie Jushinski
 Linda Kleppe
 Linda Kline
 Mary La Tourelle
 Melinda & Tim Larson
 Sara Litt
 Julia Long
 Sharon MacDonald
 Helen McCall
 Ethel McEachron
 Lisa Melton
 Eleanor Menzies
 Sonia Moore
 Maureen Morris
 Lauri Myers
 Gwyn Nielsen
 Christine Norrander
 Jerry Paulukonis
 Marcus Phelps-Munson & Gary Epperley
 Linda Rasp
 Jean Raynard
 Maura Roberts
 Dale & Alex Roper

Sonja Ross
 Barbara Sanderson
 Leslie Sanderson
 Heather Schanbacher
 Judy Scheuffele
 Kay Schrag
 Marcia Schwendiman
 Sherry Sheng
 Monica & Donald Shull
 Cynthia Smith
 Florence Stiles
 Karen Tift
 Craig Wagner
 Kyle & Robert J. Walsh
 Peggy Walton
 Terry Welch
 Fred Welcher
 Cindy West
 Jeff & Donna Wilson
 Karel & Bernard Winter
 Renee Youtsler

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grows many Chinese podophyllums and there is much discussion on naming the species. So here's the mother they propagate: eight-lobed "pleiantha" style leaves that are shiny and waxy green. Clusters of blossoms dangle from the leaf on strong, bold stems as much as three feet tall. The reflective green tolerates a bit more light than other dysosma—be sure it gets a moist sitting in summer shade. It's unmistakable in the garden and pretty tough and slug resistant.

Elemental Plants will feature *Iris innominata* (Siskiyou Golden Iris, aka Del Norte Iris), a strong, clump-forming perennial about 16 inches tall, sporting several gold/yellow flowers on each stem. Also check their tables for the dramatic *Rudbeckia alpicola* (Alpine Coneflower),

grown from seed collected on Table Mountain, near Liberty. Crown-forming, ultimately with several three to four foot



Rudbeckia alpicola

stems from each crown. Blooms mid-summer through September (when the photo was taken). Each head is up to five inches across with a purple-brown cone. The leaves are irregularly lobed and ray flowers are absent; instead, the bracts of the head spread widely and are a glossy green on the upper surface. Once called *R. occidentalis* var. *alpicola*, it is a Wenatchee Mountains endemic.

For plants that are happy in sun to part shade, check the Wind Poppy tables for *Dierama pulcherrimum*, a gorgeous plant with pendulous floral bells infused with dark cherry purple hues. Or stop for a whiff of *Glumicalyx goseloides*—both the leaves and orangish-red blossoms are fragrant. And for a neat little groundcover that blooms all summer, look for *Anthyllis vulneraria* var. *coccinea* 'Red Carpet'.

NPA Spring Plant Sale Vendors

BLUE FROG NURSERY

Russ & Miriam Smith

A tempting assortment of perennials, ground covers, shrubs, trees and azaleas
www.bluefrog-nursery.net

BOUQUET BANQUE

Judy Zugish & Bill Roeder

Fat, juicy, healthy, 2-gallon perennials
www.twig-twisters.com/nursery.html

CELESTIAL DREAM GARDENS

Celeste Erickson

Healthy, well-grown plants, both tried and true or rare and few
celestialdreamgardens@hotmail.com

COLVOS CREEK

Michael Lee

A great variety of natives, drought-hardy and hard-to-find plants
www.colvoscreekdesigns.com

ELEMENTAL PLANTS

Susan McDougall & David Biek

Wonderful PNW native plants, specializing in shrubs and trees.
<http://treeslivehere.com/elemental-plants.html>

GLENWOOD GARDENS

Nancy Hansen

Discover new and unusual perennials, dwarf conifers and shrubs
www.glenwood-gardens.com

GROWING GIRLS

Beth Burman

A North Bend nursery offering unusual shade loving perennials

KEEPING IT GREEN

Arlen Hill

Ooh and aah over hardy orchids, unusual woodlanders and hard-to-find natives
info@keepingitgreennursery.com

LEE FARM

Carrie Lee

Outstanding trees, shrubs, perennials, grasses and hardy fuchsias
www.leefarmandnursery.com

OVERLAND ENTERPRISES

Mark & Susan Overholt

A waterwise selection of drought tolerant perennials for sun or shade
<http://overlandent.com>

QUEEN'S CUP NURSERY

Pat Parks

Puget Sound easy care native perennials, including rare and hard to find plants
pat@queenscupnursery.com

RAMBLE ON ROSE PERENNIALS

Marta Gorny

Perennials, perennials and more perennials!
rorp@wavecable.com

TAKING ROOT

Kathy Norsworthy

Unusual perennials, hostas, ornamental grasses and ferns
www.takingrootnursery.com

WHITE PICKET GARDENS

Kristi Fina

Unusual perennials, drought tolerant plants, salvias and hebes
(360) 629-0131

WIND POPPY

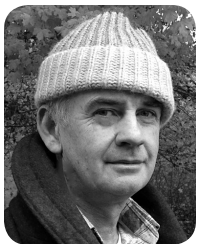
Sara & John Burns

Grasses, sedges, rushes, water plants and perennials
www.windpoppy.com

It's not too late to register for Study Weekend

THERE ARE STILL SOME TICKETS available for Study Weekend. This star-studded, four-day gardening event comes to Seattle only once every four years. It returns this June 20-23 to the Bellevue Hilton. You must be registered to enjoy the lectures, classes and amazing open gardens, so don't delay, register now at www.n-p-a.org.

STUDY WEEKEND SPEAKERS



Frank Ronan

Enjoy two stimulating talks by the Irish writer whose column has been a popular feature in *Gardens Illustrated* for years.

“Treat It Mean and Keep It Keen: Making Your Garden Love You Back” looks at how relationships go wrong when they become one-sided. You give and give and the next thing you know your garden is doing stuff behind your back. “The Invisible Garden” asks, would the ideal garden be one where there was no physical evidence of anyone having gardened there at all?



Annie Hayes

“Couples Therapy for the Fun and Fabulous!” Join the owner of Annie's Annuals & Perennials for a super-fun slideshow

presenting some of her favorite examples of joyful co-habitation and mutual full bloom actualization. Easy and heart-melting combos plus exciting rarities you won't want to miss.



Billy Goodnick

“Do You Suffer From a Fear of Plant Commitment?” Help is at hand as Billy sorts out your symptoms. Are you a serial dater? Do you

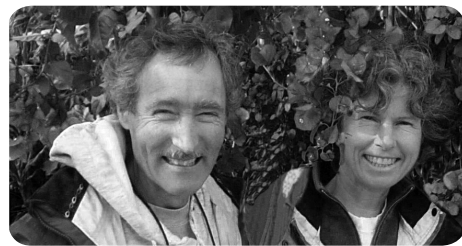
have “one-of-each-itis”? Logical planning and picking a style are essential steps in selecting plants that work together. Learn how to say, “You're cute, but I'm in a committed relationship with my cottage-style garden.”



Debra Prinzing

“Hollywood Marriages: Celebrities and the Gardens & Homes That Possess Them.” Get an inside look into the gardens, terraces and

balconies owned by stars of the small and big screens. Expect a little inside gossip, too!



Ciscoe Morris & Mary Flewelling Morris

“Separate Beds.” Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live and garden with Seattle's most popular gardening personality? You'll find out as Mary joins her husband Ciscoe on stage. Hear how they've gardened together for 30 years and stayed married...so far.



Nancy Pearl

“The Perils and Pleasures of a Life of Reading.” Enjoy a uniquely Seattle welcome from Nancy Pearl, legendary

Seattle librarian and a regular on NPR's Morning Edition. Nancy will kick off Study Weekend on Friday evening with funny stories and must-read books, some of them related to gardening.



Sue Milliken & Kelly Dodson

“Plants 24/7/365 and Still Smiling.” The plant-obsessed owners of amazing Far Reaches Farm in Port Townsend met and fell in love on a seed-collecting expedition to China. Their first love is perennials, but their expanding plant palette includes a wide range of plants that can tantalize even the most jaded gardener.

STUDY WEEKEND CLASSES

THE JOY OF GARTENDING

with *Beth Evans-Ramos*

Friday, June 20, 2 - 4:00 pm

Class fee: \$40

Gardening plus bartending equals mixology merriment!

THE IPHONE GARDENER: SEEING, PICTURING & SHARING GARDEN MAGIC WITH YOUR SMART PHONE

with *David Perry*

Friday, June 20, 2 - 5 :00 pm

Class fee: \$45

Learn simple tricks to unlock the amazing potential of your smartphone camera.

STUDY WEEKEND OPEN GARDENS

Friday, June 20 & Monday, June 23

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Whidbey Island and Georgetown/ Normandy Park

Saturday, June 21, 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Eastside gardens

Sunday, June 22, 1:00 – 5:00 pm

From Laurelhurst to East Shoreline

I LOVE LISTS

Noma Edwards

SIMPLY CANNOT HELP MYSELF: I love lists! I make them most days related to what I hope to accomplish. I make a shopping list for the grocery store and stray occasionally when I reach the produce or the bakery. I make a list when I go to a nursery with the goal of only buying the items on the list, ho, ho. Straying from this particular list is so common that it has become a family joke. I bought “The Pacific Northwest Gardener’s Book of Lists” by Ray and Jan McNeilan and “The Northwest Gardener’s Resource Directory” by Debra Prinzing, which is sort of like a book of lists. Like I said, I can’t help myself. So when I came across “The Golden Rules of Gardening” I was a happy camper. Now here was a list I could really put to use.

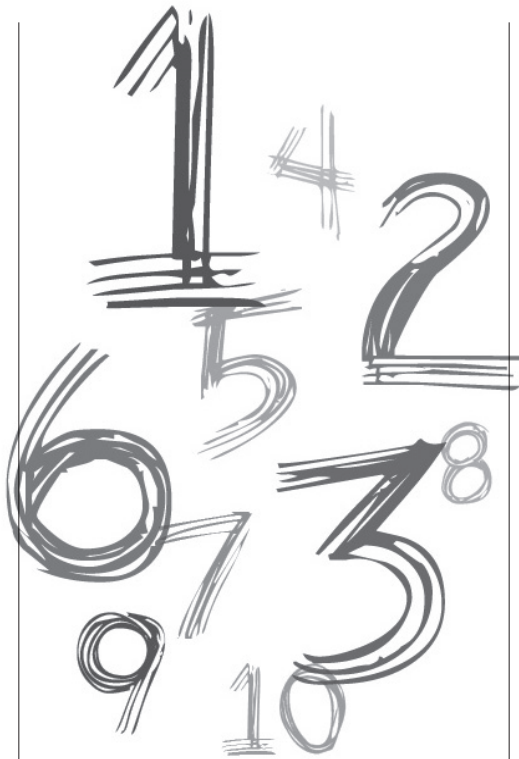
Although I have discovered there is more than one of these lists floating around I have decided to share the one I like the best because it speaks to me and the kind of relaxed gardening that I practice. Also, this list does not seem to belong to anyone in particular and I have added several entries of my own. I hope this is helpful.

GOLDEN RULES OF GARDENING:

The better the soil, the better the garden. We have hardpan clay in some areas of our landscape and in the eleven years we have been mulching and working to improve our soil we still have a long way to go.

Shop carefully. Do not buy root-bound plants. Turn pots over and look before you buy.

Buy favorite annuals in six packs. Quit fooling around and make a real statement. Shuffle perennials. Clever gardeners move



plants around to adjust color combinations or to make room for fast-growing plants.

Stake tall perennials before it’s too late. Place wire supports over peonies, holly hocks, veronica, etc. Don’t wait.

Repeat strong shapes. Break up a long border with groups of mounding shrubs, such as mini-hydrangeas, or dwarf conifers (my favorite) at regular intervals to create smaller sections visually while tying the design together.

Calculate a plant’s water and light needs before you plant it. Right plant in the right place. More and more I depend on plant labels to help me determine if the plant I am buying will live through a cold spell, a really cold spell.

Repeat color and texture to add continuity to your garden design. Use plants of different shapes and size in the same color family.

Try at least one new thing every year to keep you jazzed about your garden and add interest for your visitors. It could be a

plant or it could also be a birdbath, pillar, stepping stones, garden bench, whatever.

Weed wisely. Don’t let them go to seed. Be ruthless!

Patrol your borders. Keep grass from creeping into your flower beds.

Deadheading will help your flowers continue to bloom.

Don’t prune or spray or fertilize if plants don’t need it.

Share your ‘extras’ with your gardening friends: tubers, bulbs, divisions, produce, etc.

Take breaks often to save your back and knees and give yourself a chance to simply sit a minute and enjoy your garden. Five minutes rest gives me about fifteen more minutes of energy.



Noma Edwards gardens in Fall City and is co-founder of the Lilies of the Valley NPA neighborhood group in Snoqualmie Valley. Noma has been a Master Gardener since 1992 and writes a monthly garden column for the Fall City Neighbors newsletter.

The Roots of NPA

Michele Cournoyer

THIRTY YEARS AGO, NPA WAS founded by a small group of plant enthusiasts in Seattle. They wanted to pattern it after the Hardy Plant Society of Great Britain, offering free garden tours, lectures, plant sales and a seed exchange.

“I met Kevin (Nicolay) when I was working in my garden on top of Queen Anne,” Judith Jones recalled. “He was out walking and stopped to hang over my fence. I gave him some plants. That’s how it began.”

A Hardy Plant Society had started a few years earlier in Portland, followed by one in Victoria and then Eugene.

“We had an organizing meeting, it was a very small group,” Judith said. “The thought was ‘Hey, can we do an organization here? Do we have enough people? Could we host a Study Weekend?’ Kevin was the group’s motivator.”

And so the Northwest Perennial Alliance was born. No one remembers exactly where the name came from. “We wanted to be called the Hardy Plant Society of Washington,” Charles Price said, “but someone else had that name.”

Today, with specialty nurseries overflowing with amazing perennials and plants available worldwide at the click of a mouse, it’s hard to appreciate how primitive things were thirty years ago. At that time, nursery offerings ranged from rhododendrons to flowering cherries, with an occasional viburnum thrown in.

“In the early years, Barbara Flynn held the NPA plant sale in a horse pasture,” Glenn Withey recalled. “Everyone was just getting into perennials and the organization grew fast. People were just crazy about plants. All of us learned a lot from Kevin. Back then, Kevin got heliobores imported from England. He also smuggled plants into the country from Canada in his dirty laundry.”

“People were tired of the rhododendron and beauty bark look,” Charles added. “Amazing things were being done in England, Belgium and Germany. We wanted to bring over famous gardeners we admired so we could learn from them. That’s what Hardy Plant Study Weekend did.” The first NPA Study Weekend, “Mousemilk, Bullslops and Treacleberries,” was held in 1991 in Mary Henry’s home. Over the next several years, local and worldwide speakers were invited to talk at meetings. Among them were Pamela Harper, Christopher Lloyd, Graham

Stuart Thomas and Ray Lancaster.

“There were incredible plants out there,” Charles said. “We wanted to figure out how to get those plants and share them. We never wanted it to be exclusive. From the beginning, NPA encouraged people to use perennials and to propagate things amongst ourselves and share them. We also encouraged nurseries to get things in.”

“NPA’s mission was always to help propagate new and endangered plants and to promote the new and best perennials,” Glenn added.

“It was important to build something that would bring joy to people’s hearts and a smile to their lips,” Judith said. “A passion for plants, that’s the bottom line for NPA.”



This article is based in part on interviews with Judith Jones, owner of Fancy Fronds, and noted garden designers Glenn Withey and Charles Price.

A History of the NPA Border

Glenn Withey & Charles Price

OUR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE NPA BEGAN when we were invited to its second meeting, thirty years ago, held in Eleanor Carnwath’s home. Seeing her garden, and those of other early members (Sue Buckles, Barbara Flynn, Kevin Nicolay, Judith Jones and Pam Snow, to name a few) gave us inspiration for a new half-acre garden, the NPA Border, which we launched a few years later and feverishly worked on for seven years.

The idea for the garden began when members of NPA decided to provide a mixed border for the education and enjoyment of the public. A home for the project was found when we were approached by Iris Jewett at the end of a lecture we’d given. Iris and her husband Bob founded the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society,

which was working with the Bellevue Parks Department to build a new garden on property donated by Cal and Harriet Short.

From the beginning, the border’s purpose was to preserve older and endangered cultivars, promote worthy new plants and to educate ourselves, each other and the public on what herbaceous plants could bring to a garden.

Charles was the design lead, with Glenn, Bob Lilly and Carrie Becker assisting. While we wouldn’t describe the first display border as a “breech birth,” it did not have an easy start. But, with perseverance, things came together just in time for the grand opening of Bellevue Botanical Garden in 1992.

The design of the first border did not include evergreen shrubs, since incorporating them into an intensively planted mixed border would’ve proven very problematic.

Color-wise, the garden was divided into different sections, with a midrib and veins of taller plant materials used to separate them.

Back then there were no problems with deer or rabbits, something we now look fondly back upon. Without these predators, we were able to use the full spectrum of plant material.

The NPA Border eventually received a lot of press, locally, nationally and in the U.K. At 16,000 square feet, sited on a slope, it was unique at that time.

Seven years after the first border was planted, the two of us left, as the project had become too fraught with politics. The border persevered for some time after we left, but noxious weeds became rampant and trying to maintain the border proved untenable.

After a re-organization, NPA President Michele Cournoyer asked us to work with a new Border Committee headed by George Lasch, to redesign the border. Work began in 2008, and it was decided to phase the renovation over two years, due to logistics and associated costs.



Border renovation began in 2008

The most valuable plants were salvaged, cleaned (to ensure no *Ranunculus ficaria* or morning glory were left in the roots) and potted up. Other plants, along with the noxious weeds, were bulldozed and new soil was brought in. Even with all of this work, remnant bits of weeds still come up today, from deep in the dense clay soil.

A main focus of the new design was to provide easier access for visitors and volunteers. Two staircases crossing the slope were installed, along with gently graded, wider gravel pathways that allowed people to get closer to the plants. This also made maintenance easier, as one can more easily haul in mulch and bring out debris.

It was decided to try and make the plantings simpler to maintain, with less staking, and with fewer plants that look horrid if not deadheaded. Without the vegetative tsunami, we were able to add evergreens for year-round structure.

While we knew that there were “some” deer and rabbits, their numbers, and the extent to which they eat/rub/stomp/destroy plant material, is shocking. Any and all “deer proof” or “rabbit proof” lists proved nearly worthless. As a result, the original mandate of wanting to showcase a wide variety of perennials, both old and new, fell to the wayside. Even now, five-plus years into the project, we still are trying to figure out what will or won’t be eaten. There’s nothing quite like planting almost 70 oriental poppies, only to have them promptly devoured by rabbits, which we had read wouldn’t eat them!

As an example of the ongoing evolution of the plantings, we had wanted to stay clear of daylilies, as they are a mess if not dead-headed. But since they are usually avoided by the animals, and hence will provide some color, we increased their numbers over the last two years. Unfortunately, there is now a midge which wreaks havoc with them, but that’s another story.

Another important criteria for inclusion in the border is that plants cannot remain if they become a nuisance. There have been a number of grasses, which have begun to seed about in a troubling way, necessitating their removal. We have also lost some strong growing, newly planted cultivars, in various genus, which have proven untrue to name. Hence, there are numerous open areas, which will take a few more years to fill in, given the vicissitudes of the place.

This coming June the NPA will be hosting Hardy Plant Study Weekend and hundreds of attendees will visit the border. It should look nice, thanks to the efforts of so many volunteers. As with every good garden, it is constantly changing and evolving. We hope you’ll attend!



Level paths provide easier access in the new NPA Border

EACH YEAR, the Seed Exchange prepares and packages several hundred types of seed provided from the NPA Border at the Bellevue Botanical Garden and our members' gardens. We try to supply quantities of seed equal to or greater than those given by the major seed houses at a greatly reduced price. Seed is available for purchase by NPA members and nonmembers alike online at www.n-p-a.org and at all NPA lectures and plant sales. The seeds are listed in two groups: general seeds and Pacific Northwest natives

GENERAL SEEDS:

Actaea simplex 'Black Negligee' parent
Adlumia fungosa
Aconitum x cammarum 'Stainless Steel' parent
Aethionema grandiflorum
Alcea rosea single red purple
Allium atropurpureum
Allium acuminatum
Allium hollandicum (aflatuense)
Ampelopsis brevipedunculata
Anamanthe lessoniana
Angelica pachycarpa
Anomatheca laxa
Aquilegia chrysantha hybrids yellow/red
Aquilegia vulgaris dark blue-purple parent
Aquilegia vulgaris var. *stellata* 'Clementine Series'
Asphodeline liburnica
Asphodeline lutea
Astrantia major
Astrantia major 'Hadspen's Blood' parent
Baptisia australis
Belamcanda chinensis
Billardiera longiflora
Campanula barbata
Campanula lactiflora
Campanula latifolia var. *macrantha*
Campanula moesiaca
Campanula primulifolia
Cardocrinum giganteum
Carex flagellifera 'Kiwi' parent
Carex phyllocephala 'Sparkler' parent
Carex tenuiculmis 'Cappuccino' parent
Caryopteris x clandonensis 'Worcester Gold' parent
Cephalaria gigantea
Chelone lyonii
Chelone obliqua
Clarkia rubicunda
Clematis addisonii
Clematis erecta
Clematis heracleifolia 'China Purple' parent

Clematis recta 'Lime Close' parent almost impossible to find
Clematis tangutica
Codonopsis clematidea
Codonopsis lanceolata
Corydalis cheilanthisifolia
Cryptotanea japonica 'Atropurpurea'
Dactylocapnos scandens (Dicentra scandens)
Dactylorhiza fuchsii hybrids
Dianthus hybrids white/reds
Dictamnus albus var. *purpurea*
Dierama pulcherrimum rose-violet
Digitalis ferruginea
Digitalis trojana
Disporum cantoniense
Dorycnium hirsutum
Duchesnea indica
Ecchreocarpus scaber
Eremurus sp. mixed colors
Fritillaria meleagris
Gentiana asclepiadea
Gentiana asclepiadea 'Rosea'
Gentiana cruciata
Gillia capitata
Gillenia trifoliata
Gunnera tinctoria
Helianthus 'Lemon Queen' parent
Helleborus corsicus
Helleborus corsicus mixed hybrids
Helleborus x hybridus
Hesperanza (Schizostylis) coccinea parent: bright red flowers
Hesperanza (Schizostylis) coccinea parent: pink flowers
Heuchera richardsonii
Hosta cultivars 3" to 30"
Hosta sieboldiana var. *elegans*
Hypericum androsaemum 'Tuscan Gold' parent
Indigo heterantha
Inula helenium
Inula magnifica
Iris douglasiana hybrid white flowered parent
Iris ensata 'Picotee Wonder' parent
Iris louisiana hybrid lavender-blue flowered parent
Iris spuria 'Rose Ark' parent
Iris versicolor blue-violet with yellow and white on falls
Iris x pacifica parent: red-violet with yellow markings
Kitaibelia vitifolia
Lavatera olbia 'Rosea'
Lepechinia hastata
Leycesteria formosa 'Golden Lanterns' parent
Lilium canadense
Lilium formosanum
Limnanthes douglasii
Linaria alpina hybrids
Lobelia tupa
Lobelia x 'Bruce Wakefield' parent
Lomatium grayi

Luzula nivea
Lychnis chalconica parent fire engine red-violet
Lychnis chalconica parent bright red
Lychnis flos jovis
Lysimachia ephemeron
Mimulus x hybridus parent dark carmine
Nepeta racemosa
Nicotiana mutabilis
Nicotiana sylvestris
Ophiopogon planiscapus 'Nigrescens'
Origanum laevigatum
Paeonia hybrid (not P. suffruticosa) single white parent
Paeonia ludlowii
Paeonia mlokosewitschii
Paeonia obovata single flowers of red/white/pink
Papaver somniferum single; dark plum-purple, red or lavender parents
Penstemon pinifolius
Persicaria virginiana
Persicaria virginiana 'Painter's Palette' parent
Phytolacca americana 'Silberstein' parent
Platycodon grandiflorus blue
Platycodon grandiflorus pink
Platycodon grandiflorus double white
Polemonium caeruleum
Polemonium hybrid white with lavender eye
Potentilla gelida
Potentilla nepalensis
Primula Candelabra hybrids rose/crimson/violet shades
Primula florindae
Primula sieboldii
Salvia barrelieri
Scutellaria altissima
Silene regia
Sisyrinchium californicum
Smyrniolum perfoliatum
Succisella inflexa 'Frosted Pearls' parent
Thalictrum rochebrunianum
Valeriana officinalis
Veronica longifolia
Veronica spicata 'Pink Damask' parent

PACIFIC NORTHWEST NATIVES

Actaea rubra
Agastache occidentalis
Aquilegia formosa
Aralia californica
Arnica cordifolia
Arnica fulgens
Arnica mollis
Balsamorhiza rosea
Boykinia major
Boykinia occidentalis
Brodiaea coronaria
Caltha leptosepala ssp. *biflora* var. *rotundifolia*
Camassia quamash ssp. *quamash*
Camassia liechtlinii ssp. *leichtlinii*
Campanula scouleri

- Carex mertensii*
- Delphinium distichum*
- Delphinium multiplex*
- Delphinium nuttalianum*
- Dodecatheon dentatum*
- Dodecatheon jeffreyi*
- Drymocalis pseudoruprestris*
- Epilobium glaberrimum*
- Erigeron glacialis* var. *glacialis*
- Erysimum arenicola* var. *torulosum*
- Erysimum occidentale*
- Erythranthe (Mimulus) cardinalis*
- Erythranthe (Mimulus) lewisii*
- Erythronium grandiflorum*
- Frasera albicaulis* var. *albicaulis*
- Fritillaria pudica*
- Geum triflorum*
- Gentiana affinis* ssp. *ovata*
- Gentiana calycosa* var. *calycosa*
- Grindelia integrifolia*
- Ipomopsis aggregata* var. *aggregata*
- Lilium columbianum*
- Lilium washingtonianum* ssp. *purpurascens*
- Lupinus polyphyllus* var. *burkei*
- Micranthes odontoloma*
- Monardella odoratissima* ssp. *discolor*
- Nothochelone nemerosa*
- Olsyium douglasii*
- Orthocarpus cuspidatus* ssp. *cuspidatus*
- Orthocarpus imbricatus*
- Oxytropis campestris* var. *gracilis*
- Penstemon:
 - anguineus*
 - attenuatus* var. *attenuatus*
 - cardwellii*
 - confertus*
 - euglaucus*
 - parvulus*
 - procerus* var. *brachyanthus*
 - pruinus*
 - roezlii*
 - serrulatus*
 - subserratus*
- Phemeranthus spinescens*
- Polemonium californicum*
- Polemonium occidentale*
- Rudbeckia glaucescens*
- Salvia dorrii*
- Sedum oregonense*
- Sidalcea oregana* ssp. *spicata*
- Silene uniflora*
- Solidago velutina* ssp. *californica*
- Stachys chamisonis* var. *cooleyae*
- Streptopus amplexifolius*
- Symphiotrychum spathulatum* var. *intermedium*
- Veratrum insolitum*
- Veronica wormskjoldii*
- Wyethia amplexicaulis*
- Xerophyllum tenax*

Saturday, April 26, 10am – noon
TOUR OF NEW BBG EDUCATION CENTER & GARDENS

Fee: Free! Class Limit: 12

We all know that the Bellevue Botanical Garden (BBG) is an urban refuge in the big city, but have you wondered what to expect during the construction of the new Visitor Center and Education Center at BBG? Join us for a first-hand, hard-hat (required) tour of the fabulous new and enlarged facility – construction is now far enough along to really be able to see what it’s all about!

In addition, we’ll tour the many gardens of BBG, which includes 53 acres of restored woodlands and natural wetlands, stuffed with plants that thrive in the Pacific Northwest. The Shorts Visitor Center is still open to relax, use the restrooms, and get maps and general information. We’ll meet at the Wilburton Hill Park and walk into BBG on the Lake-to-Lake trail.

This tour is free to NPA members, but you must pre-register to participate by contacting the NPA office at info@northwestperennialalliance.org or calling 425-647-6004. The completed facility will offer many new opportunities for NPA members for education, classes and workshops, plant sales and other events. Come join us and celebrate.

Register for classes online at www.n-p-a.org or call the NPA office at 425-647-6004

Wednesday, May 21, 10am - noon
RHODIES, AND SO MUCH MORE

Fee: \$25 Class Limit: 25

An oasis of green awaits you when you join us for a tour of the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden in Federal Way. You’ll not only get a chance to tour the 700+ species rhododendrons, but also marvel at the amazing sight of an entire meadow of blue poppies (*Meconopsis*) in glowing, unforgettable bloom.

We’ll also learn about and tour the largest Victorian Stumpery in the world. What on earth is a stumpery? It is an intentional creation of a habitat especially for ferns, composed of tree trunks, stumps and tree root wads artfully arranged to highlight an amazing variety of ferns and other woodland wonders. Stumperies are enjoying a resurgence since Prince Charles installed the famous one at Highgrove House. It’s a concept not quite like any other in landscapes, and maybe just the right one for a corner of your yard. This year the Rhody Garden will celebrate its 50th year. If you haven’t visited the Rhody Garden in a long time, or ever, now’s the time. We’ll end by taking advantage of the Rhody Garden plant sale, famous for unusual and desirable plants at reasonable prices.

Thank you, Garden Show volunteers!

Diana Davidson

This year’s Northwest Flower & Garden Show had to compete with the Seahawks parade on Wednesday and heavy snow that Sunday. In spite of these distractions, our intrepid volunteers dedicated themselves to spreading the word about our

great organization and recruited several new members. Great job, volunteers!

Nearly 150 NPA members signed up for the drawing for the terrarium. Cecilia Hawley was the lucky winner.

NPA’s vitality is maintained through our volunteers. You can offer your help for events at volunteers@northwestperennialalliance.org. The next events are the Spring Plant Sale April 13, and the Study Weekend, June 20-23, 2014.

Thank you to our donors

Many thanks to our generous donors for supporting the many programs of NPA, including Open Gardens, the NPA Border at Bellevue Botanical Garden, student scholarships, lectures, classes & workshops and horticulture classes at Edmonds Community College. 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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Neighborhood Groups News

Denise DuBose & Barbara Danek

Barb and I have had so much fun attending various neighborhood group meetings and getting to know their members. All the groups are so unique! Last August, we spent an evening with the Twilight group on Whidbey Island. This group is a fun bunch! At the beginning of every meeting, members all share something from their gardens. We enjoyed seeing the variety of plants that were brought in and hearing what was special about them.

The Twilight group is unique among all the groups that we have visited because members will pick a subject they are curious about, do some research and present their findings to the group at their meetings.

The August meeting was held at Bob and Annette Barca's home. Bob had a wonderful presentation prepared for us on

plants in the Protea family, including Grevilleas. Bob specialized in growing these Australian and South African plants, and he had literally hundreds of varieties in his Whidbey Island garden. You may have visited his garden, Hummingbird Hill, on one of our Open Garden Tours. After Bob's presentation, we took advantage of the beautiful August evening to spend a few extra minutes strolling with Bob through his garden. Looking back, that was a very special meeting because it was the last time we saw Bob before he passed away. It was a fun and educational night, and one that we will remember.

If you are an NPA member and would like to know if there is a neighborhood group in your area, check our website at www.n-p-a.org or email us at groups@northwestperennialalliance.org and we will connect you. There is a new group starting in the Queen Anne area that is looking for new members. If the group nearest you is "closed" due to size limitations, we'll show you how very easy it is to start your own neighborhood group.



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Shown above: the gardens of Doug Gochanour & Victoria Gilleland, Lake Forest Park; Dan Hinkley & Robert Jones, Windcliff and Joanne & Giles Bohannon, Bellevue