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We've got exciting news about Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens!



## October 2018

Happy October to all the friends and members of Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens! Now that summer has officially ended and autumn has begun, it is time to enjoy the bright foliage that fall has to offer. So many specimens throughout the Arboretum will be glowing gold, orange, and red this month. Birds darting about plucking berries here and there. Squirrels adding to their winter stashes. As always, there is much going on in the gardens..... and with our group this month. But first a quick review of September.

In September, there were some very successful volunteer events. We all thank our volunteers immensely for their continuing support. We held our annual Volunteer Appreciation BBQ on Saturday, September 22nd and had

a wonderful crowd in attendance. Folks chatted about all the successes from 2018 and enjoyed some fabulous shish kabobs, fresh vegetables, and cider. We also placed some of the plants in the south area and folks got the chance to install the inaugural specimens in this new garden. Some nice volunteers from Naval Station Everett came to help as well - we thank them and could have not have gotten all the work done without their help. It is awesome to see plants down there finally! There is much still to do, but all the progress is most encouraging. Thanks once again to all who came down to the BBQ!

We also had the pleasure of hosting a day of caring event on Saturday, September 29th at Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens. Thanks to Craig Callies and Dee Drake, our backyard garden champions, for signing us up and arranging the work party. As you know, we have been trying to rejuvenate some the various gardens in the Arboretum. All of us thank them for their leadership and thank the wonderful volunteers who came and got some serious work done in the backyard garden. Numerous struggling plants were removed and lots of new specimens were added as part of the master plan. This garden will remain a perfect example of both easy to grow and showy plants that visitors can note for use in their own gardens. Thanks to all for making this happen in the Arboretum!

At our September Board Meeting, we did vote on the membership levels that were suggested last year. The changes were approved by the Board and will go into effect for the 2019 membership season. We sincerely appreciate all of our members' support and hope that you will consider renewing at a higher level going forward. Just a reminder - nothing has changed - all the dues that come in go directly to running the Arboretum and projects/plants that we add! We remain a non-profit and are proud to help the Arboretum in any way we can.

The Scouts, led by Jacob Bazzell, have taken on the bridge replacement project in the Woodland Garden. This is Jacob's Eagle Scout Project and he is doing an excellent job in planning and designing - now it is time for the installation! The old bridge was rotten and becoming unsafe, so Jacob and his helpers have removed it and prepared the location to install a safer bridge this month. The new version promises to be both sturdy and attractive and we can't wait to see the finished project. This bridge is one of the most photographed spots in all the Arboretum and a great spot to pause and gander upon the Woodland Garden. Thank you, Jacob, for partnering with us on this project!



Now onto October at Evergreen Arboretum and Gardens! We have one of the best Arboretum events this month - the third of our Family Fun Event Series - [our annual Bulb Fest!](#) On Saturday, October 20th, from Noon to 2 PM we will be hosting the second edition of this family friendly event for all. We have more than a thousand bubs to plant in the gardens, including Daffodils, Tulips, and Snowdrops. Everyone who comes gets to take a bag of bulbs home to plant in their yard as well. Tools and snacks will be provided. There will be bulb information and handouts for all to learn.

Members can join in the fun for free while others wishing to come can [join as members](#) or pay a \$10 class fee and participate as well. Last October we planted masses of Daffodils that were simply stunning this spring in bloom. We look to add more bulbs in other gardens and see even more color in spring 2019. Our group hopes to see a huge crowd, so mark your calendars and come and enjoy the fun on the 20th of October!

Once again happy fall to all! Be sure to stop down and see all the progress in the south area as well as the stunning colors of autumn throughout the gardens. We hope to see you on an Arboretum walkabout soon.

### **Trevor Cameron, President**

#### **Evergreen Arboretum and Garden**

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