

Hoyt Arboretum Friends Spring Newsletter



Notes from the Executive Director

HAF Welcomes New Board Members

HAF continues to strengthen its board with the addition of four new and enthusiastic members.

Please welcome George Battistel, associate vice president for finance at Lewis and Clark College; Julie Hedges, owner of Kanshoh Tree Preservation; Gisel Hillner, vice president for the Oregon region, commercial banking at Washington Trust Bank; and Elisabeth Shellan, tax attorney at Stoel Rives LLP.

Collectively, they bring skills and experience in finance, horticulture and marketing to keep HAF moving forward. Our deepest thanks to past board members Colleen Foley Sacks, Colleen Lockovitch and Dane Tudhope-Locklear for their many hours of hard work and dedication. We are often in need of volunteers to serve on our board committees; if you, or someone you know, believe in the mission of Hoyt Arboretum and have experience in fundraising, event planning, marketing, board development or donor relations, please contact me.

Strategic Planning Begins

Oregon Organization Development Network has generously offered their pro-bono services to HAF to develop a strategic plan and board development process. A team of three consultants will lead the HAF board and staff through the process of revisiting our mission, vision, values, goals and strategies that will guide us for the next three to five years. We are strengthening our organization by planning for the future and creating the tools to continue to improve Hoyt Arboretum and HAF so they continue to be a vital and well-supported destination for Portlanders and our visitors.

Peggie Schwarz

Executive Director, Hoyt Arboretum Friends

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Include Hoyt Arboretum Friends in your estate planning and be recognized as a member of the Sequoia Legacy Collection.

Contact Peggie at 503.823.1648

When Will They Bloom?



Plums and Cherries are just beginning to bloom. Their fragile blooms require calm weather for peak viewing now through the end of April.

Dogwoods are a staple in Oregon. These beauties can be seen blooming near the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial beginning in mid-May.



Month

April



Maples will begin to unfurl their long flower chains in late-April. These are stunning intricate blooms that are often overlooked.

May

Magnolias begin blooming as early as mid-April with *M. stellata* and will last until the end of May. The peak bloom time should be early May.



Spring Blooms Abound The signs of spring are upon us and rumors of magnolia blooms abound. Many visitors are asking about the status of the Hoyt Magnolia collection and when the peak viewing time will be. The first of our magnolias to bloom and a common sight around Portland is the small tree form of *Magnolia stellata*, Star Magnolia.



Magnolia stellata, at the Hoyt Arboretum

M. stellata has been in cultivation for hundreds of years in Japan and was first introduced in the US in 1861 by George Hall. Today, there are about 8 common cultivars, though 20 or more exist. Most often seen is Royal Star, an early, profusely blooming white tepaled (petaled) selection.

Common cultivars are 'Jane Platt', 'Rubra', 'Waterlily', 'Rosea', 'Centennial', 'Pink Stardust', and 'Chrysanthemiflora.' Additional cultivars exist but are often not significantly different from this group. Grown for its early bloom time, this Magnolia is a reliable and exuberant bloomer in good moist soil. A sunny location will increase bloom and summer water is important for all magnolias. Bloom color on some cultivars is more pink and tepal numbers can range from 12 to 32 in a single flower. In all cases, this is a small finely branched tree reaching about 15 feet in height.

Though the cultivars of this magnolia are plentiful and common, the species itself has been given the endangered status of "vulnerable" on the Botanic Garden Conservation International Red List. Native to Japan, the population is scattered and under threat from land development and illegal collection. *Ex situ* conservation practices (off-site conservation) carried out at Hoyt Arboretum and other public gardens will ensure this species is protected. Hoyt Arboretum's Magnolia collection is nationally recognized as part of the North American Plant Collections Consortium's multi site Magnolia collection. Come and see the *Magnolia stellata* species and cultivars today!

Martin Nicholson

Curator, Hoyt Arboretum, Portland Parks & Recreation



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Spring Titles Arrive at the Hoyt Arboretum Nature Store

Springtime is all about adventure. Pick up the latest titles for family reading and outdoor recreation planning at Hoyt Arboretum:



Wildwood - Colin Meloy & Carson Ellis
Wild in the City - Mike Houck & M. J. Cody
60 Hikes Within 60 Miles - Paul Gerald

Spring Classes at Hoyt Arboretum

April 21st
11am-2pm

Botanical Drawing and Watercolor I

Artist Lauren Jarret will introduce all skill levels to close observation and recording of shape, volume and botanical detail. The goal of this class is to provide a basis for further work, whether realistic or impressionistic. Focus: Dogwood blooms and other spring specimens.

• \$45 for HAF members, \$55 for non-members

May 5th
10am-12pm

Oregon Native Plants; Identification and Landscape Uses

The second in a 3-part series of native plant tours. Portland Parks and Recreation Ecologist Kendra Petersen-Morgan will be leading this session focused on herbaceous native plants that can be a welcome addition to any home garden.

• \$27 for HAF members, \$35 for non-members

May 19th
11am-2pm

Botanical Drawing and Watercolor II

The second in a series with Artist Lauren Jarrett. Multiple mediums will be explored with a focus on Magnolia blooms and image composition. Class can be taken independently or in conjunction with Botanical Drawing I. All skill levels.

• \$45 for HAF members, \$55 for non-members

For more information, please visit us on the web at:
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April is Arbor Month

Celebrate Arbor Month at Hoyt with these fun events:

April 2nd Hoyt Arboretum Magnolia Bud Walk
Noon

April 7th Seedling Celebration and Easter Egg Hunt
11am

April 10th Herbarium Informational Evening with Hoyt's Systematic Botanist
6:30 - 8pm

April 29th
2pm **Hoyt Arboretum Friends Annual Meeting**
3pm **Spring Color Tour with the Curator**

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