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Notes from the Executive Director

Thanks to a very generous gift from the Joyce M. Furman Memorial Trust, the Visitor Center courtyard will be transformed into a northwest alpine rock garden. This new garden, called a crevice garden, will be the only public garden of its kind in Portland. A crevice garden is a type of rock garden in which slab rocks are implanted vertically allowing deep-rooted alpine plants to grow between the rocks. While the rocks are being put in place this month, plants will be installed in the fall with the cooler weather. The garden will serve to educate the public via this unique garden design and alpine plants with dramatic foliage and flowers that can be grown locally.

You are invited to view the new courtyard garden at our signage event on September 23rd when we celebrate 250 new directional and interpretive signs – another accomplishment of Hoyt Arboretum Friends to make the Arboretum an even more magical place.

Peggie Schwarz
HAF Executive Director

Portland Parks & Recreation Staff help Curator Martin Nicholson place rocks in the crevice garden.

Curator's Plant Pick

Hot? While we feel the heat, a plant that appreciates our nice stretch of hot weather is Crepe myrtle, genius *Lagerstroemia*, in the family *Lythraceae*. Blooming this year after a poor bloom last year the Crepe mytle in our visitor center beds are looking great. Though common in southern climates with more heat accumulation a few of the many cultivars will

bloom here in Portland with flowers ranging from reds to white, depending on the cultivar. Beautiful year round, is the exfoliating and smooth bark on many of the species and cultivars.

If you want one in your garden be sure to plant in full sun and select from locally adapted cultivars (shop local at one of many fine nurseries). At Hoyt Arboretum we grow L. indica 'Zumi' and L. limii, a rare species from China with spectacular bark and sporadic blooms.

Martin Nicholson
Curator, Hoyt Arboretum

Upcoming Events & Classes

Botanical Drawing Workshop: Draw from Nature
August 25th; 11am - 2pm
$45 for HAF Members, $55 for Non-Members
Space is limited; registration required.

Growing Trees as Bonsai: Make your Own!
September 13th; 2 - 4pm
$20 for HAF Members, $25 for Non-Members
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Lagerstroemia limii blooms in the Visitors Center Parking Lot

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