



Hoyt Arboretum

a world of trees for all seasons



Hoyt Arboretum Member News Fall 2010

Welcome to the fall 2010 edition of the Hoyt Arboretum member e-newsletter! Each issue is sent on the first day of the new season to keep you informed and connected to what's happening at your arboretum. So welcome to fall, and thank you for your continued support.

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A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It rained on my birthday, again. You see, as a native Oregonian with a July birthday, that's not an uncommon experience. And that just about sums up the summer we had. It rained when we least expected it, and now that we're ready for the cooler temperatures of fall and our typical gray skies, the sun is once again shining. Like our trees, I have adapted to this climate and have learned to cherish what each day brings.



It is my hope that you too had a chance to experience all the wonder and beauty that our unusual summer brought us this year. If for some reason you missed the chance to hike the trails of the Arboretum this summer, I would like to formally invite you to join us for a special member event this October called the "Fall Color Tour...Preview." Martin Nicholson, our dedicated curator, insists that I add that last part because we never really know when fall color will arrive, and on what trees on any given day.

So, join us for this special member's only event on October 21st at 6:00 pm for a guided tour and preview or live showing if nature permits, of our spectacular fall color. I promise you do not need to travel all the way to the East Coast to see some of the most amazing foliage on the planet.

Mat Sinclair
Executive Director



TREE BARK by Tripp, Chocolate Lab

Woof! What a great summer I had! Did you know that they allow us K-9s on the guided tours lead by volunteer docents on Saturdays? Me neither. But my human really needed an educational walk a few weeks ago so I clipped on my leash and took him up to the Arboretum. I think he learned a lot because now when we walk through the trees he tells me what they are and where they come from. I'm so proud of him!

I also met one of my biological cousins along the trail one day. While smaller than me, the Coyote, *Canis latrans*, evolved in North America during the Pleistocene epoch 1.8 million years ago alongside the Dire Wolf. Unlike the wolf, the coyote's range has expanded in the wake of human civilization, and coyotes readily reproduce in metropolitan areas. They're very quiet and sighting them is rare, but if you do come across one, just stop, let him pass, and enjoy the fact that we live in a great city with so much nature that we get to experience wildlife on a regular basis. Speaking of which...is that a squirrel? Gotta run!

GUIDED TOURS ARE BACK!

Hoyt Arboretum Friends is pleased to announce the return of guided tours of the Arboretum!

Tours are led by trained volunteer docents who will take visitors on a journey through the historic and biologically diverse collections. The 9:00 a.m. tour will primarily focus on the conifer collection, while the 11:00 a.m. tour will explore the flowering trees of the Arboretum.

Visitors will learn about the rich history of Hoyt Arboretum, collection specimens, and have the opportunity to get up close and personal with the trees.



Tours run most Saturdays through November (see dates below) at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$3 per person for a 90-minute tour, which begin at the Visitor Center (4000 SW Fairview Blvd). Proceeds go to support collections activities and tree maintenance. The purchase price of a tour can be applied to the purchase of a Hoyt Arboretum membership. Tours are available on the following dates:

- October 9, 16, 23, and 30
- November 13, 20, and 27



FEATURED TREE: *Eucalyptus pauciflora ssp debeuzevillei* by Martin Nicholson

The search for reliable cold hardy eucalyptus seems to be consuming for some Portland gardeners in our USDA zone 7. With chillier Zone 6 temperatures thrown into a cold year we find the allure of Eucalyptus plants can be difficult. With two cold winters under our belt there are some results in as to what survived and what did not. The sudden onset of cold as we experienced last December seemed to be a more effective killer than the snow of the previous year, though both thoroughly tested our plant material.

One of the hardier standouts for us was *Eucalyptus pauciflora ssp debeuzevillei* (Jounama Snow Gum). The pauciflora group, commonly referred to as the Snow Gums, is generally a sub-alpine eucalyptus family that can tolerate our colder winter temperatures. These gum trees are very familiar with the snowy alpine of South Eastern Australia although their temperatures are nothing in comparison the low temperatures in North America.

The subspecies debeuzevillei is perhaps the most cold hardy of the *E. pauciflora* group and survived last winter with little to no damage. Our young tree in the nursery had a bit of leaf dieback but the more mature plant in the ground showed no damage. Low temperatures at Hoyt last December reached 13 degrees Fahrenheit.

As an ornamental tree Jounama Gum is very graceful, with oblong leaves up to 5 inches long by 1 to 1.5 inches wide, and red leaf margins and petioles. The leaves are heavily veined, thick and waxy. They often grow as a multi-stemmed tree to 30 feet but can get to 50 feet in the ideal spot. The bark will begin to peel as the eucalyptus ages and the remaining bark will be smooth and cream colored.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Fall Color "Preview" Tour:** Join us for a stroll through the Arboretum as we enjoy the beautiful colors of fall. Our wonderful Curator, Martin, will lead the tour answering questions and enlightening us about the science and functionality behind the turning leaves. Bring your cameras and an eye for color! Meet at the Visitor Center, located at 4000 SW Fairview Blvd. The guided walk will begin at 6 pm and run until 7:30 pm.
 - Thursday, October 21
 - Please RSVP to info@hoytarboretum.com by October 18th.
- **Ladybug Nature Walks:** Walk through Hoyt Arboretum with your youngster and a nature guide. Touch slimy slugs, smell tree bark, feel crinkly and soft leaves, hear musical bird songs, and experience the many changes of the seasons. Walks occur regardless of weather conditions. No registration is necessary... just meet at the picnic shelter across the street from the Visitor Center at 4000 SW Fairview Blvd. All walks begin at 10 AM rain or shine, \$3 per preschooler, adults are free.

◦ Friday, November 5

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