

# Hoyt Arboretum Friends Fall Newsletter



## Notes from the Executive Director

While contributions to HAF support a variety of programs, some of you are inspired to give directly to the HAF Collections Fund, and we like you to know how your funds are being used.

This year we added rock features and plants to the Viewpoint and native specimens to the courtyard crevice garden. \$2,200 was used to purchase seedlings that will be planted in 1 to 3 years. \$600 went towards an improved drainage system for the Winter Garden. \$1,000 was invested in a collaborative plant-collections trip to China. Additional funds are being used for mowing, supplies, and plant database maintenance. Thanks to you, HAF is constantly improving the Hoyt Arboretum collection.

Another way we improve the arboretum is by continuing to strengthen the HAF Board. We would like to welcome Nell Bonaparte to the board. Nell is a 26-year neighbor of Hoyt Arboretum and an attorney at Shenker and Bonaparte LLP. Her fundraising and leadership skills, board experience and passion for the arboretum will be an asset to our organization.

**Peggie Schwarz**  
Executive Director

## Curator's Corner

### Dispatch from the Road

During a recent trip to North Carolina, I had the honor of being a guest at **Bartlett Tree Experts'** research laboratory arboretum as well as visiting the Keith Arboretum. As I write this article, I am currently enjoying the sounds and sights at the JC Raulston Arboretum.



Photo by Martin Nicholson

There have been so many trees to see on this trip, but the North Carolina pine - more commonly known as loblolly pine - has to be my choice. A beautiful pine with needles that are 6 to 9 inches long, it is common in wet areas

along the roadside and in wild parts of the state. Being adaptable, it also grows in many arboreta including Hoyt. The tallest tree is 169 feet though 120 feet is more typical.

The name loblolly is a strange word combination that means "to have the consistency of porridge," thus referring to the soils in the preferred habitat of *Pinus taeda*.

**Martin Nicholson**  
Curator

## Fall Color at Hoyt Arboretum

Fall is a fantastic time to visit Hoyt Arboretum to enjoy that cool, crisp air and view truly stunning color. Predicting when the leaves will change depends upon many factors including weather, change in daylight and moisture.

Use our handy guide below, to help find trees that shouldn't be missed!

**American Smoke Tree** (*Cotinus obovatus*): Look for an early show of color in mid-October from this East Coast native. This is one of our curator's favorite trees. Find it near the junction of the Hawthorn and Walnut Trails.



**Japanese Larch** (*Larix kaempferi*): Expect a stunning display of yellows and oranges from these deciduous conifers found along the Redwood Trail.

**Green Ash** (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*): Ash offer gorgeous displays of yellows and golds. These can be found along the Maple and Overlook Trails.



**Vernal Witch Hazel** (*Hamamelis x vernalis*): Well-known for their winter blooms, many hybrid *Hamamelis* with *H. vernalis* parentage also have excellent fall color.

*Still unsure when to see the best color at Hoyt? Join us for our annual **Fall Color Tour** on **Sunday, October 26 at 12pm** (public tour) or **3pm** (HAF members only).*

## Arborists in the Arboretum Day at Hoyt



Photo by Hiroshi Iwaya

On Saturday, September 6, Hoyt Arboretum Friends hosted the 29th annual **Arborists in the Arboretum Day**, when professional arborists from the Portland metro area volunteer their time and expertise to care for Hoyt Arboretum's trees.

This year, nearly 90 arborists representing more than 30 companies volunteered for Arborists in the Arboretum Day. Please visit [hoytarboretum.org](http://hoytarboretum.org) to see the complete list of participating arborists. Additional thanks to our sponsors for supporting the event!

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## Family Volunteerism at Hoyt Arboretum



Photo by Brittany Ahn

### Even better than game night!

Are you looking for a new way to hang out with your kids, grandkids, nephews or nieces? Research has shown that volunteering as a family:

- Provides positive role models and passes on family values to children
- Provides new learning experiences and development of new skills for both children and adults
- Increases interpersonal communication and the problem-solving abilities of family members
- And much more! (Source: [www.unitedway.org/take-action/volunteer-as-a-family](http://www.unitedway.org/take-action/volunteer-as-a-family))

Most importantly, volunteering is fun! If you'd like to check out volunteering at Hoyt Arboretum with your family, we invite you to participate in **Parke Diem** on October 10 or 11 from 9am to 12pm. Register online at [tinyurl.com/HoytEvents](http://tinyurl.com/HoytEvents). Email Heather at [volunteer@hoytarboretum.org](mailto:volunteer@hoytarboretum.org) with any questions.

**Heather Wilkinson**  
Volunteer Coordinator



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**From Weeds to Trees and the Stories In Between**

Saturday, October 4, 12pm

**The Other Side of the Acer Rainbow: Fall Color Beyond Maples**

Saturday, October 11, 12pm

Saturday, October 18, 12pm

**Maple Collection Tour**

Saturday, October 24, 12pm

**Fall Color Tour**

Sunday, October 26, 12pm (public tour)

& 3pm (Members-only event with the curator)

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Saturday Crew Work Parties**

Saturday, October 4, 9am-12pm

Saturday, October 25, 9am-12pm

**Parke Diem - Seize the Trees!**

Friday, October 10, 9am-12pm

Saturday, October 11, 9am-12pm

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