

Hoyt Arboretum Friends Spring Newsletter

Support the Trees in Arbor Month



We don't just celebrate Arbor Day at Hoyt Arboretum. We celebrate the entire month of April!

During Arbor Month we put extra effort into nurturing our 6,000 trees and celebrating our living museum. You can join the celebration with a **tax-deductible donation that helps maintain our world-class plant collection.**

Thanks to a very generous supporter, **your contributions will be matched up to \$12,000, so your gift has double the impact!** Your investment in Portland's free urban green space will **help purchase new plants, maintain our 12 miles of trails, and fund youth education programs that are creating tree stewards for the future.** Join our cause and

help make Hoyt Arboretum even better by using the enclosed envelope to make your **tax-deductible gift** or donate online at www.hoytarboretum.org/donate.

Not a member of Hoyt Arboretum Friends? **Your first-time gift of only \$25 makes you a member with benefits** including discounts at the Visitor Center Nature Store, for classes and from arborist companies and nurseries. Enjoy reciprocal member benefits at nearly 300 gardens and arboretums, and much more.

We deeply appreciate your continued support of Hoyt Arboretum and invite you to join us by celebrating Arbor Month and supporting the trees.

Peggie Schwarz
Executive Director

Curator's Corner

We are very excited to have the first part of our **new weather station** up and running. You can access the information online through **Weather Underground** or **Weatherlink**.

We will be tracking lots of weather variables, which will be used to help us manage our trees, track plant success and failure, make irrigation decisions and let visitors know the best time to visit (and if they should bring an extra jacket before heading out for a hike!). In the near future, we will add remote sensors in the Magnolia collection (a cold part of the arboretum) and the Bamboo Forest (a warmer location). The additional sensors will help us manage our irrigation with more accuracy in these two very different collections.

Martin Nicholson
Curator

When will they bloom?

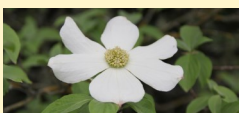
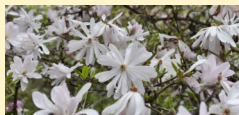
This season is about four to five weeks ahead of a typical year. Due to the mild winter and sunny days, **the spring bloom has been the best we've had in several years.**

Plums and Cherries: While the plums are done blooming, Japanese cherries continue to bloom well and should continue for a few more weeks.

Magnolias: Early cultivars have bloomed, but there are a lot more magnolias on the way. With our range of cultivars and species, magnolias will continue to bloom through August. However, peak bloom time is the next two weeks. We also expect *Magnolia campbellii* to bloom this year, which only occurs rarely in mild winter years.

Maples: The first maples are just beginning to bloom, and we expect April will be a spectacular month for the maple bloom this year.

Dogwoods: The first dogwoods are now blooming and should peak around mid-April.



Celebrate Arbor Month at Hoyt Arboretum

For additional information or to sign up for Arbor Month events, please visit www.hoytarboretum.org or contact info@hoytarboretum.org or (503) 823-1649.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday Crew Work Party

Saturday, April 4, 9am-12pm

Global Youth Service Day

Saturday, April 18, 9am-12pm

Earth Day Work Party

Tuesday, April 21, 8am-12pm

Arbor Day Work Party

Friday, April 24, 9am-12pm

Saturday Crew Work Party

Saturday, May 2, 9am-12pm

Please email volunteer@hoytarboretum.org for more information or to sign up.

EVENTS AND CLASSES

English Ivy Basket Weaving

Saturday, April 4, 12:30-3pm, *Free event!*

Limited to 20 participants. Registration is encouraged.

Native Plants of Hoyt Arboretum

Wednesday, April 8, 10am-12:30pm, *Free event!*

Finding David Douglas: A Film by Lois Leonard

Sunday, April 12, 2-3:30pm, *Free event!*

Native Conifers of Northwest Oregon

Wednesday, April 15, 10am-1pm

\$15/Members, \$20/Non-members. Registration is required.

Oregon for the Curious: Slideshow Presentation by William L. Sullivan

Friday, April 17, 2-3pm, *Free event!*

Botanical Illustration with Watercolor

Saturday, April 18, 11am-3pm

\$15/Members, \$20/Non-members. Registration is required.

TOURS

Public tours of Hoyt Arboretum are scheduled **every Saturday in April** from 12-1:30pm and continue on Saturdays through October. Please meet at the Visitor Center. *All tours are free during Arbor Month!* In addition, we are pleased to offer two special tours that highlight the spring color season at Hoyt.

Magnolia Tree Tour with the Curator

Thursday, April 9, 12pm

Spring Blossom Tour

Saturday, April 25, 12pm

A members-only tour with Hoyt Arboretum's curator, Martin Nicholson, is scheduled for Sunday, April 26 at 3pm. Please join us!



Call 503.823.2525 for reservations.
Online picnic reservation requests now available!

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