



Detroit Garden Center Bulletin

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Detroit Garden Center Portland Oregon Garden Trip Memories

On Saturday, May 18, 2019, twenty-nine members and their friends of the Detroit Garden Center were met at the Portland Oregon airport by tour arranger and guide Lois Moss. The majority of members were from the Detroit area, and happily welcomed Annie from Monterey CA and Mary Grace from Charlotte, NC. On the bus to Portland, we immediately realized we had selected the perfect tour guide. Lois handed out a tour envelope to each member with the itinerary for the 6 days we would be in Portland. The envelope contained maps and brochures for each garden we would visit. The outside of the envelope had a day by day list of every stop on our tour. We also received name badges that had important times and meal tickets for each day. Lois made sure we were prepared for the adventures to come. Lois was aided by her friend Lisa who was able to help identify plants and provide information about gardening in the Portland area.

Our first stop was at the **Kennedy School** for lunch and a self guided tour of the gardens surrounding the school. A repurposed old elementary school, once in disrepair, has been turned into a community center, hotel, restaurant, brewery and bistro. It would be the first, but certainly not the last garden in which new and never seen before plants would be encountered. Many of us were fascinated by a very large shrub with orange flowers that loomed over the dry garden. **Rogerson's Clematis Collection and Heritage Gardens** was the next stop. My husband Dick mentioned the large number of volunteers busy preparing for an upcoming open house. The garden, which now has 1,800 plants, was started in 1981 when Brewster Rogerson moved from Manhattan, Kansas to Oregon with 100 plants from his collection. When questions about the name "Montana" for the clematis sprawling across the fences, one of the volunteers joked that the name was because they grow to be the size of the state of Montana.

Our journey continued to the final spot of the day. **The Oregon Garden Resort**, our lodging for the first two nights. We made it just in time for the last tram tour of the day. The tram wandered all around the gardens. Members on the tour made mental notes of where they would wander. Some of us went out after dinner and toured, others explored early the next day. At breakfast we all enjoyed the view from the restaurant windows overlooking the garden and the vista beyond. Breakfast introduced many of us to the Oregon Marionberry. After a hearty meal we began our very busy Sunday.

Our first stop was the **Sebright Nursery and Display Gardens**. The gardens at Sebright were beautiful and amazing. We were able to wander and enjoy the beautiful shade garden and the

fields of bearded iris that were in bloom. Co-owners, Thomas and Kirk were available to answer questions and introduce us to the many hostas and shade plants the nursery sells. After leaving Sebright we stopped for a quick lunch at the **Willamette Heritage Center**. I'm not sure if it was on our way here that we learned that Willamette is not pronounced the way most of us pronounced it. We were taught to remember "Willamit dammit". After lunch we traveled to **Deepwood Gardens** where we enjoyed the borders and hedges. From here we took a short trip to the **Bush House Museum and Garden**. We were provided with a guided tour of the house and heard the story of Asahel Bush II and his decedents who lived in the house from 1860 - 1913. Many of us took time to explore the art in the **Bush Barn Art Center** located on the property before departing for Gaiety Hollow

Gaiety Hollow was the home and garden of Elizabeth Lord and Edith Schryver, principals in the LORD & SCHRYVER landscape firm. The firm was described by landscape architect Wallace Kay Huntington as "one of the milestones in the history of Northwest garden design". In 40 years of practice they designed 250 gardens. It was illuminating to hear about LORD & SCHRYVER. Their private garden at **Gaiety Hollow** sits on 0.4 acres of land. It is an inspiration not only because of the success of these women in the early part of 20th century, but also because it shows what can be accomplished in a relatively small garden. For more information see www.lordschryver.org.

Early the next morning we checked out of the **Oregon Gardens Resort** and started our journey to Portland. On the way we had another full day of spectacular gardens or as fellow traveler Kate said "mass plantings in color, color, color". Our first stop was **Adelman Peony Garden**. The barn held an enormous display of peonies available for purchase, a feast for peony lovers. The very large garden was a sea of very tall lupines, confirming the plants grow BIG in Oregon. Several people ordered plants to arrive in time for fall planting. From peonies we were off to **Schreiner's Iris Gardens**, an iris lover's dream. In addition to the beautiful gardens, many members enjoyed the gift shop which had a selection of iris related merchandise and fresh cut peonies. Box lunches were enjoyed while traveling to the next destination. We had a very welcome stop at **Durant Winery, Red Ridge Farm and Olive Mill**. Tastings of wine and olive oils were available for everyone to sample. Members enjoyed relaxing and enjoying the stunning views from the terrace overlooking the ridge while sipping a glass or flight of Durant wine.

Last, but certainly not least, we stopped at the private garden of **Charlene and Bill Tuttle**. Charlene was an enthusiastic host and her garden was a reflection of that enthusiasm. An abundance of brightly colored painted arbors, containers and garden art emphasized the multiple dramatic and colorful plantings. The property went to the shore of the Willamette River. When we arrived at the Hampton Inn, our home for the rest of the week, we were each given a gift of a white peony from **Adelman Peony Garden** purchased by Annie. The rest of the evening was free to explore the Pearl District, and try restaurants suggested by the great staff at the hotel.

Traveler Mary Grace appreciated that Lois thoughtfully provided a rest for our color saturated eyes by arranging a trip to explore the Oregon coast. We set off early with our first stop at **Astoria Column**. A local guide provided a history of the column. Many adventurous

members climbed to the top of the column and witnesses a great view of the city of Astoria. Those of us who chose to stay on the ground watched as toy balsam planes came flying down from the top of the column. The Column provides views of the Columbia River at its mouth, with the Pacific Ocean in the distance. We continued toward the coast and had a lovely lunch at Bridgewater Bistro after visiting sea lions on the wharf nearby. We continued on visiting several beaches, and members wet their feet in the Pacific while viewing **Haystack Rock** in Canyon Beach. At this point we heard from Terry, our mysterious phone chaperon. Tina was thankful for Terry's safety advice ("make sure you don't turn your back to the ocean and watch out for logs"). Terry was always available via Lois for info or even the occasional stop at CVS. Terry is Lois's significant other. We kept hoping he would join us in person. Not sure, but I think this was the night we returned to the hotel and had our first Terry sighting.

On Wednesday, we began our exploration of Portland. On this part of the trip we were joined by Kate another friend of Lois. We started at the **Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden**. A seven acre garden that includes a lake, waterfalls and over 90 species of birds. This garden explains traveler Eric's comment "I'm in awe of how everything grows" and the word was BIG, but these Rhododendrons were enormous, many the size of large trees.

Many of us were unaware that Portland is known for its Food Truck culture. Lois found the perfect lunch spot for us to take part in the food court phenomena. **Prost!** Food pod. Our ever helpful Terry was there early to secure a spot for our motor coach. **Prost!** is set in a lovely spot with many trucks offering a variety of food choices. Everyone seemed very pleased with this lunch stop. Mary Grace mentioned the food pod lunch as one of the highlights of the trip. Our great lunch prepared us for an equally great garden. The private garden of **Bruce Wakefield and Jerry Grossnickle**. Words really can't describe what has been done on this property that its just barely in the Portland city borders. Over the course of around 35 years Bruce and Jerry have transformed a large piece of land into what appears to be an ancient garden. From trees to the smallest plants, everything has been done with the utmost thought and care. Bruce was gracious in answering all our questions and walking us through the garden, while Jerry was busy in the kitchen baking us cookies. Susan noted how humble Bruce and Jerry were.

After this garden we returned to Portland and in sharp contrast to Bruce and Jerry's garden, we visited the **Lan SU Chinese Garden**. A beautiful Chinese garden reminiscent of the gardens in Suzhou China. Within walking distance of our hotel, the garden provided a template of a traditional Chinese garden of a scholar, with large boulders, water features and a lovely tea house.

Thursday, our last day of touring would prove what Lauren remarked was the fascinating "huge contrast between Chinese and Japanese Gardens". We began our day at the **Portland Japanese Garden**. Lois arranged for an early entrance to the garden. It was the perfect way to explore this extraordinary garden. The garden is often referred to as the most beautiful Japanese garden outside of Japan. New additions were built to reflect Japanese architecture and stone work. The Japanese Gardens were soothing with the quiet walks and water features, and beautiful use of the natural forest behind. Many members took the opportunity to explore the **Portland Rose Garden** just across from the Japanese Gardens. Although not peak season, there were enough blooming to make any rose admirer happy. We then made a

visit to the **Pittock Mansion Garden**. This garden afforded a spectacular view of Portland. Our next stop was the **Portland Garden Club**. We were welcomed by members and strolled through the garden. We all envied the beautiful Club facility. It is one of the few garden clubs in the United States to own its own building. The Portland Garden Club is also a member of the Garden Club of America. It was here that Eric wondered about the pruning budget in an area where everything grows BIG!

We all met for a final dinner arranged by Lois at **Huber's**, Portland's oldest restaurant. It was here that we shared with Lois our appreciation for all she had done to make the trip a success, and some were lucky enough to actually meet and speak with Terry for the first time.

A few more comments from members to close:

Linda enjoyed the peacefulness of the **Japanese Garden**, for those returning to Portland, Jeanne and Susan recommend **Joe's Bar**, Cathy found the operations of commercial growers interesting. Ron and Lauren both thought the variety of ecosystems interesting, especially in the large geographical area we covered. Annie absolutely enjoyed the trip. Jayne summed up what we all felt about Lois (and Terry): an appreciation of Lois' organization, willingness to accommodate all of us and everything else she did to make the trip the success that it was. Regina's one word response to what made the trip special sums up the wonderful trip: **fellowship!**

Finally, our thanks to Ron and the trip committee for finding Lois and fulfilling our wish for a delightful Portland trip.

Submitted by Liz Cheslock, Co-President, Detroit Garden Center July 2019

From Co-President, Ronald J. Smith

Alternatives for Girls gardening program will be wrapping up in a few weeks. Twenty-five girls (7 - 11 years old) participated in the program. The weekly activities planned by the DGC volunteers provided memorable experiences for the girls.

At the Annual Meeting in April, changes were voted on to update the DGC By-Law and officers were elected for the term 2019 - 2021. The officers and advisors for 2019 - 2021 are listed in the Newsletter. Attendees at the meeting enjoyed a delicious lunch and tour of the Willie Horton Field of Dreams at the Detroit Police Athletic League for children headquarters.

DGC is in need of someone who has experience creating and writing newsletters. Our current Bulletin format needs an update. Contact the Garden Center office if you are interested or know of someone who would be willing to assist in this endeavor.

The Portland Oregon trip was a huge success. Lois Moss, the tour guide, offered the 29 travelers the very best that the Portland area has to offer in beautiful gardens. The Trip Committee will soon be working on our 2020 trip so stay tuned! At the July BOD Meeting, the Board voted to donate \$500.00 to the Belle Isle Conservatory.

The Gardens in the "D"! tour will take place on August 24, 2019. Reservations are limited to 34 participants (last year's tour sold out quickly and had a waiting list).

Potluck Picnic and Flower Pot Raffle

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Members and their guests are welcome to the **Annual Potluck Picnic and Flower Pot Raffle** on **August 21st** at the **Tompkins Center**, in **Windmill Pointe Park** located on Lake St. Clair at the foot of Barrington Ave., first street in Grosse Pointe Park off of East Jefferson Avenue.

Please bring an entree' or dessert to share for your entrance fee. Beverages and dining utensils will be furnished. **We are in need of items for the Raffle. Please call or email the Garden Center to RSVP** and if you're bringing a Raffle item. All items must be in good condition. **Event starts at 6 pm with dinner beginning at 6:15 pm.**

Elmwood Cemetery Tree and History Tour

Sunday, September 29, 2019

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Join Chancey Miller and Cheryl English for a guided history and tree tour of Elmwood Cemetery. **Chancey Miller**, Elmwood Historian, and **Cheryl English**, Advanced Master Gardener, team up to share the history of Michigan's leading citizens interred at the cemetery and identify some of the over 80 species of trees growing in the cemetery. Considered one of the top ten historical cemeteries in the United States, Elmwood is a fine example of the Rural Cemetery Movement. Its rolling terrain and waterways remain unchanged since the days of early Detroit.

Elmwood is located at 1200 Elmwood, an extension of McDougall Ave. just north of E. Lafayette and two blocks north of E. Jefferson Ave. The orange roofed church on the northeast corner of E. Lafayette and McDougall is a good landmark (church is located across the street from Martin Luther King Jr. High School). The driveway north of the church leads into the cemetery.

Please note that there are no rest room facilities. Reminder: do not Google for directions because you will not be led to the cemetery entrance, so please follow the above directions.

Cost: **\$10.00 for Members \$15.00 for Non-Members**

Save The Date

The 29th Annual Winter Gardening Seminar takes place on **Saturday, February 8, 2020** at **Historic Lutheran Church, Detroit**. The full day Gardening Seminar is from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. and includes lunch. **Janet Macunovich**, Advanced Master Gardener, author and landscape designer, will be the presenter. **Information and registration will be available in December.**

Gardens In the "D"
Bus Tour & Lunch
Saturday, August 24, 2019
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Detroit Garden Center is hosting a one day tour of Detroit's east side. The tour will be a guided tour while visiting hidden gems in the "D". The tour will depart at 8:30 am from the Detroit Garden Parking Lot on E. Jefferson Ave.

Destinations for the day include:
A Private Garden of Native Plants
Lawn Gone Food Farm
Hamilton Learning Lab
Post - a boutique store
Lunch - Andrews on the Corner
East Riverfront Development
Velodrome
St Charles Residences

We will enjoy lunch at Andrews on the Corner on Joseph Campau. The tour is limited to 34 participants. Reservations and payment will be received on a first come basis.

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Member \$60.00 _____ Non-Members \$70.00 _____ Payable: Detroit Garden Center
Credit Card payment accepted on line: www.detroitgardencenter.org

Lunch Selections: Check only one:

- _____ Strawberry Spinach Salad - Fresh spinach with grilled chicken breast, strawberries, tomatoes, red onions, sliced almonds complimented with raspberry vinaigrette
- _____ Ground Round Deluxe - American cheese, lettuce, tomato, & pickles with fries and slaw
- _____ Catfish - fried catfish, French fries and slaw

The following selections are served with French fries.

- _____ The Corner Club - Sliced turkey piled high, bacon, lettuce and tomato served on toasted whole wheat bread with mayo
- _____ The Classic Ruben - Stacked with sliced corned beef, layered with sauerkraut, melted Swiss cheese, served on rye with our own signature sauce
- _____ Check if you prefer not to have Grilled Chicken on your salad

If you make reservations on line, please email your lunch choice to detroitgardenctr@yahoo.com

Our Sincerest Thank You for Your Contributions!

The following individuals made monetary contributions to Detroit Garden Center since March 2019

Native Planting: Barbara Hayes, Cynthia Jankowski

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Alternatives For Girls: Audrey Branam, Verdell Bronson, Liz Cheslock, Marcia Geibel,
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Holiday Gathering

Sunday, December 8, 2019

1:00 - 3:00 pm Belle Isle Nature Center

Look for information in November.

Membership! Have you renewed?

The membership year for Detroit Garden Center is January 1 - December 31. How do I know if I have renewed my membership? Look at the mailing label on the front of this Bulletin. If you see 12/19 then have you renewed your membership. If not go online and renew by credit card or mail to Garden Center.

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Detroit Garden Center Membership and Event Registration Form

Memberships: \$25 Active_____ \$20 Senior_____ \$45 Family_____ \$50 Contributing _____

Potluck Picnic and Flower Pot Raffle - August 21, 2019 Number attending _____

Elmwood Cemetery Tour - September 29, 2019 \$10 Member_____ \$15 Non-Members_____

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