

# NatureScaping of SW Washington

## **2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

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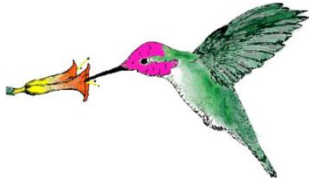
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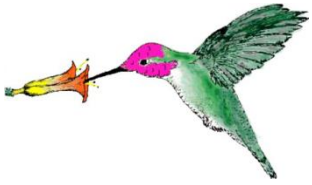


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**Mission Statement:** Gardens and programs that inspire, educate, and enrich our lives and our community.

**Purpose:** To educate and encourage people on the importance of developing, restoring, maintaining, and conserving wildlife habitat and the native plants that comprise that habitat.

**Education:** Demonstrate restoration and preservation of wildlife habitat through sustainable gardening practices, volunteer programs, educational classes, and annual events.



# Message from the Board

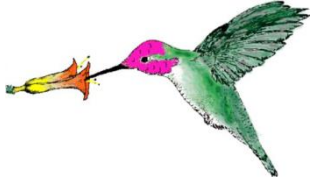
Dear NatureScaping Supporters,

NatureScaping and the Wildlife Botanical Gardens flourish due to the support of our members, garden coordinators, our community, and partnering organizations.

During this pandemic, we've survived as an organization by focusing on the Wildlife Botanical Gardens, volunteer work days, our events and Zoom classes. Marlene Dellsy is our Most Valuable Energizer Bunny who keeps our events ticking each year!

Special thanks to Margaret Bessert, Battle Ground School District CASEE Program Facilitator, Pete Dubois, Master Composter Recyclers Program Coordinator, and Ron Ferguson, Jack of All Programs...your support and involvement with the Wildlife Botanical Gardens are an integral part of NatureScaping and our educational programs.

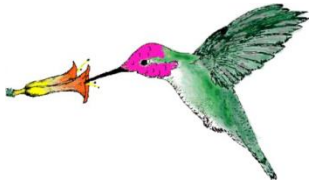
**Photos included in this report were shared by NatureScaping members: Terry Covington, Larry Greene, and Joan Porcaro.**



# Wildlife Botanical Gardens



- Magical and free to explore daily, dawn to dusk: 11000 NE 149<sup>th</sup> St., Brush Prairie, WA 98606
- Space to connect with others and feed your spirit through the benefits of nature.
- Benefit to community businesses – our members, volunteers and the public buy from the businesses involved with our programs.
- Benefit to local educational programs through service learning for students.



# Additions to the Wildlife Botanical Gardens

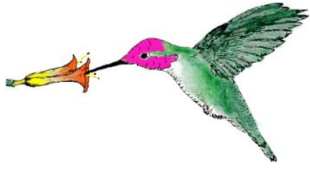
- Entrance Garden Bird Bath donated by Columbia View Garden Club; 2 Benches in Flying Flowers Garden: 1 donated by Master Composter Recyclers and 2<sup>nd</sup> Bench donated from member Tori Brinkly; Bench by rain garden in Water Wise Garden donated by member Barbara Hedges,
- Water Wise Garden received the first Clark County Community Garden Platinum Level Backyard Habitat Certification!
- 2020 GiveMore24 donations of \$1,450 were expended on bird baths for the Hummingbird and Cottage Gardens, and renovation of the irrigation system in the Flying Flowers Garden (thank you Larry Greene).
- New Coordinators – Larry Greene and Carla Coffey, Flying Flowers Co-Coordinators; David Deckard, Collectors Garden Co-Coordinator, Amy Trambush, Natives Coordinator
- New educational signs: Birds of the PNW and Native Bees funded by Clark County Master Gardeners Foundation; PNW Hedgerows Framed Poster funded by Hardy Plant Society of Oregon.
- Many native plants funded by Hardy Plant Society of Oregon and WA Native Plant Society along with wildlife attracting non native plants!





# Events in 2021

- **Bare Root Trees, Shrubs & Perennials** fundraiser held on Saturday April 24th (members only) and Sunday 25th (general public). A limited, controlled number of people were allowed to shop in hour increments during the sale time frame. We used SignUpGenius to schedule days/time slots. CASEE Greenhouse also sold their native trees and shrubs.
- **Art in the Garden** held on July 11, 2021 with highest attendance recorded for this event!
- **Give More 24** - A sincere thanks to all of those who contributed for a total donated of \$1,068.96. We will use the funds for additional educational signage in the gardens.
- **Perennial, Bulb & Seed Swap** - Thanks to those NatureScaping/Master Gardener volunteers who helped our event run smoothly and who shared their gardening knowledge. Some of our leftover seeds went to the Battle Ground Food Bank's swap event happening in January 2022.



# Classes

**Thank you Camas and Ft. Vancouver Library for hosting our Zoom 2021 Classes, organized by NatureScaping's Marlene Dellsy.**

- **January – Ask the Experts** – presented by Julie Carlsen, Eloyce O'Connor and Erin Harwood, Barbara Hedges and Brigg Franklin
- **February – Beneficial Insects and Sustainable Gardening** ~ presented by Irene Catlin, Instructor at CASEE.
- **May - An Introduction to Pacific Northwest Ecology** ~ presented by Hannah Schragar, Owner of Good Year Farms
- **June – Backyard Habitat for Urban Wildlife** ~ presented by Brandon Burger with Backyard Bird Shop Vancouver.
- **July - Invasive Weed ID and Reporting** ~ presented by Brad Mead, Invasive Species Coordinator Clark Public Utilities-Environmental Services
- **August – Plant Propagation** ~ presented by our own Julie Carlsen, NatureScaping Coordinator (our Perennial Princess) & Master Gardener.
- **September - Small Space Herb Gardening** ~ presented by Erin Harwood and Eloyce O'Connor, Co-Owners of Garden Delights Herb Farm
- **October – Stream Friendly Homes**~ presented by Eric Lambert, Clean Water Outreach Specialist, Clark County Public Works.
- **November – Native Mason Bees** ~ presented by Brigg Franklin, Master Composter/Recycler and Mason Beekeeper
- **December – Bring Back the Pollinators**~ presented by Dave Kollen, Xerces Society Ambassador



# 2021 Grant Funding

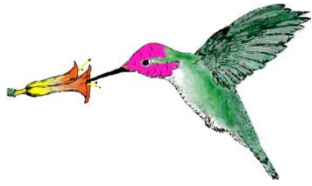
**Clark County Master Gardener Foundation** – Funded 2 alumetal signs created by Soha Signs: a 2<sup>nd</sup> Birds of the PNW sign for the Bird Haven Garden from Backyard Bird Shop's donated digital print; and a Native Bees Pollinator Partnership Sign found under the Mason Bee Display.

**Hardy Plant Society of Oregon** – Funded framing and installation of the poster “Hedgerows of the Pacific Northwest” created by Good Nature Publishing. This sign is along the 149<sup>th</sup> St path between the Collector and Cottage Gardens. Frame built by Ron Ferguson.

**WA Native Plant Society** – Funded \$400 towards native plants for the hedgerows and gardens, along with \$300 towards a Native Plants in the Wildlife Botanical Gardens brochure to be completed in 2022.



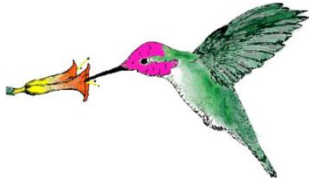




# Volunteers

- Board Members volunteered over 1,000 hours.
- NatureScaping Garden Coordinators worked over 1,600 hours in the Wildlife Botanical Gardens, and more hours at our events.
- Clark County Master Gardeners, Hardy Plant Society of OR, Master Composter Recyclers volunteers worked over 500 hours maintaining the Wildlife Botanical Gardens and helping with events and classes.
- Community volunteers worked over 200 hours helping maintain the Wildlife Botanical Gardens.
- Clark College Environmental Program and Key Club Students volunteered over 160 hours assisting Garden Coordinators with pruning, weeding, planting native shrubs & perennials in multiple gardens; along with potting perennials for our sales.





# Memberships

- 70 new members as well as 212 members renewed.
- New and renewing members now have the option to complete our membership form and payment online via [naturescaping.org](http://naturescaping.org).
- Free classes.
- Receive monthly News Nuggets Newsletter
- First choice on times to shop the Bare Root Trees, Shrubs and Perennials Sale.

Thank you to our members who choose membership levels higher than the \$25 General level!



# Board Accomplishments

- NatureScaping.org updated to a Wordpress website. New features include an online membership and donation option, searchable Wildlife Botanical Gardens plant list, and 2021 and 2022 newsletters.
- New Board category – Associate Board Member status for 1 year for prospective new board members.
- Troy Dunn, Board Member as of February 2021; Larry Greene and Hannah Schrage, Associate Board Members.
- Reviewed, created new, and revised existing organizational policies and procedures.



# Board Members

## Officers:

**Meredith Hardin** - President since 2013. Board Member since 2008. Serves on the CASEE Advisory Board. Chairperson of our Garden's Volunteers and Grants Committees.

**Martha Stephenson** - Vice-President since 2018. Board Member since 2013. Co-Chair of our Garden's Maintenance Committee

**Terry Covington** - Board Member and Secretary since 2013. Avid photographer in the Wildlife Botanical Gardens and Chairperson of the Art in the Garden Committee.

**Cathy Olsen** - Treasurer since 2014. Board Member since 2013.

## Board Members:

**Jeff Bovee** - Board member since 2020.

**Marlene Dellsy** - Administrative Assistant duties since 2014; board member since 2015. Chairperson of the Education and Event Planning Committees.

**Troy Dunn** –Board Member as of Feb. 2021. Chairperson of our Online Communications Committee (website and social media).

**Brigg Franklin** - Board Member since 2009. Mason Bees Program and Geocaching Coordinator.

**Larry Greene** – Associate Board Member since Spring, 2021. Flying Flowers Garden Co-Coordinator and Liaison to the Master Composter Recyclers Program.

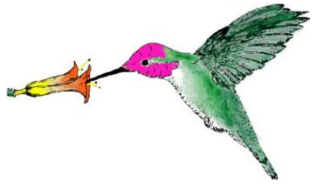
**Rich Palmer** – Board Member since 2017. Coordinator of the Homestead Garden. Co-Chairperson of the Garden's Maintenance Committee

**Hannah Schrage** – Associate Board Member since Feb, 2021. Owner of Good Year Farms and educational consultant for our programs.



# Wildlife Botanical Gardens Coordinators

- **Kathy Bovee** - Hummingbird Garden Coordinator
- **Julie Carlsen** - Bird Haven Garden Coordinator
- **Carla Coffey** - Flying Flowers Garden Co-Coordinator
- **David Deckard** – Collector’s Garden Co-Coordinator
- **Ron Ferguson** - Gardens Maintenance Coordinator
- **Brigg Franklin** – Mason Bee Program & Geo Cache Coordinator
- **Meredith Hardin** – Water Wise Garden Coordinator
- **Larry Greene** - Flying Flowers Garden Co-Coordinator
- **Elizabeth (Lee) LaLone** - Entrance Perennial Garden Coordinator
- **Richard Palmer** - Homestead Garden Coordinator
- **Joan Porcaro** - Cottage Garden Coordinator
- **Martha Stephenson** – Manor Garden Coordinator
- **Amy Trampush** – NW Natives Garden Coordinator
- **Katie Walker** – Collector’s Garden Co-Coordinator



# 2022 Plans



- Board succession planning goals of finding new Associate Board members for the Secretary role and a Wildlife Botanical Gardens Volunteer Program Development Coordinator.
- Celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Art in the Gardens and 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NatureScaping.
- Seeking a new Mason Bee Program Coordinator.
- Seeking a new Geo Cache Coordinator.
- Installation of new Educational Signs in the Wildlife Botanical Gardens through donations from the 2021 GiveMore24 Campaign.
- Creating a “Native Plants in the Wildlife Botanical Gardens” brochure through funding from the WA Native Plant Society.
- Implementing a new NatureScaping Zoom license for 2022 classes.
- Enjoying the serenity in the Wildlife Botanical Gardens!