

NatureScaping of SW Washington

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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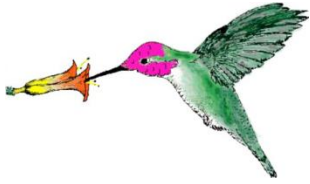
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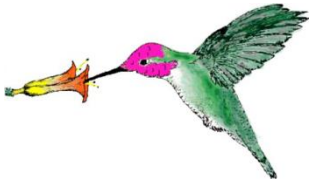
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NatureScaping of SW Washington

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.



Message from the Board

Dear NatureScaping Supporters,

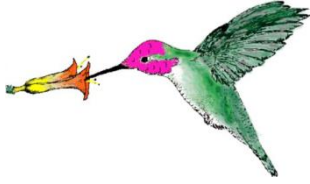
Thank you to all our supporters of our independent, non-profit organization. We cannot continue as a non-profit or grow our mission without you all!

NatureScaping's Board met many of our 2022 goals such as: focusing on Board succession planning; completing our "Naturescaping with Pacific Northwest Native Plants" brochure; sourcing new educational signage through donations from the 2021 GiveMore24 Campaign.

The Board realized in 2022 that we need Marlene Dellsy as our volunteer Administrative Assistant more than as an independent events contractor and thankfully, Marlene chose to remain as Administrative Assistant!!

The Bare Root Trees, Shrubs & Perennials fundraiser will be managed by the Board, CASEE staff, Garden Coordinators and members. Kelli Marine will organize the volunteers to help with pre-sale, sale day and post sale coordination. More to come in the NS Newsletter around this fundraiser. Also, Art in the Garden, and Seed Swap will continue in 2023.

Over the past 3 years, the Board has prioritized a goal of succession planning, and the onboarding of Kelli Marine, Christy Caplan, Chelsey Pacanins and four new Garden Coordinators are setting us on a new path for the success of NatureScaping in future years!



Wildlife Botanical Gardens

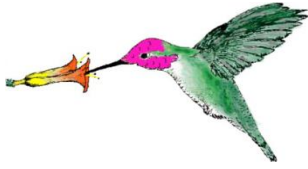


- Explore seasonally - daily, dawn to dusk: 11000 NE 149th St., Brush Prairie, WA 98606
- Space to connect with others and feed your spirit through the benefits of nature – photographers, artists, dog walkers etc.
- Benefit to local educational programs through service learning for college and high school students, school field trips; part of training classes for Master Gardeners, Master Composter Recyclers, and Stream Stewards.
- Geocaching site for people looking for caches, or hidden stashes of objects. Seekers use global positioning system (GPS) devices to find hidden caches. [Learn More](#)



Events in 2022

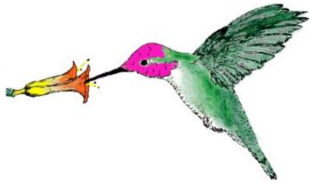
- **Bare Root Trees, Shrubs & Perennials** fundraiser held on Saturday April 30th (members only) and Sunday May 1st (general public). CASEE Teachers and students also sold student-raised native trees and shrubs from their greenhouse.
- **Art in the Garden** held on July 10, 2022. Our 10th Anniversary of this event!
- **Give More 24** - A sincere thanks to all of you who contributed for a total donation of \$1,516.47. We will use the funds for the hardscaping and plants needed in the expanded Flying Flowers Garden.
- **Perennial, Bulb & Seed Swap** - Thanks to those NatureScaping/Master Gardener/Clark County Hardy Plant Society volunteers who shared their time and gardening knowledge.
- **Visit.org** - On behalf of NatureScaping, Eve Hanlin (www.gardensbyevelyn.com) gave a presentation in partnership with Visit.org to Lumen employees nationwide. Visit.org matches corporations who have employees who want to volunteer with nonprofits that focus on equity/diversity/sustainability.



Classes

Thank you Camas Library for hosting our Zoom 2022 Classes, organized by NatureScaping's Marlene Dellsy. Note: We have a playlist at the Camas Library YouTube page where you can view the entire offerings of recorded class sessions from past months at: [Camas Library YouTube-NatureScaping Classes](#). **We returned to in-person classes in the CASEE classroom with our October class!**

- **January – Happy Houseplants** – presented by Nicole Forbes, Education & Events Director with Dennis 7 Dees Landscaping & Garden Centers
- **February – Beginning Bird Identification** ~ presented by Brandon Burger, Backyard Bird Shop
- **March - Soil Basics** ~ presented by Arthur Fuller, Cowlitz County Master Gardener
- **May - Not Weeds - Northwest Roadside Wildflowers** ~ presented by Mark Turner, Photographer, Speaker, Writer
- **June – Keeping It Clean Upstream with Surfrider Portland**~ presented by Jessica Gillian, Surfrider Executive Volunteer.
- **July - NatureScaping Photo Walk** ~ conducted by Kenneth Meyer, Amateur Nature Photographer and Ecologist
- **August – Plant Propagation ~ Herbs in the Garden** ~ presented by Erin Harwood and Eloyce O'Connor Co-Owners of Garden Delights Herb Farm
- **September – Lasagna Gardening Workshop** ~ presented by Pete Dubois from the Clark County Composter Recycler Program.
- **October – Plant Propagation** ~ presented by Julie Carlsen, NatureScaping Coordinator, Perennial Princess & Master Gardener.
- **November –Native Mason Bees** ~ presented by Brigg Franklin, NatureScaping Mason Bee keeper and Worm Wrangler.
- **December – Landscaping with PNW Native Plants** ~ presented by Hannah Schragar, Owner of Good Year Farms



Additions to the Wildlife Botanical Gardens

- Benches, Collector's Garden Bridge (picture prior page), Flying Flowers Garden.
- Expansion of Flying Flowers Garden to include the lot between the Manor and Flying Flowers Gardens. Picture is expansion as of December, 2022
- 2021 GiveMore24 donations of \$1,130.55 will fund two new interpretative signs – Pollinator Partnership's "Our Future Flies with Pollinators" and "Butterflies of California and the Pacific Northwest".
- Drip watering systems installed or renovated in the Water Wise, Flying Flowers Expansion and Cottage Gardens.
- New Coordinators – Heather Cashmore, Natives Garden; Kelli Marine, Hummingbird Garden; Chelsey Pacanins, Collector's Garden, Karen Furnanz, Cottage Garden; Karen Ledke, Water Wise Co-Coordinator





2022 Non-Member Funders

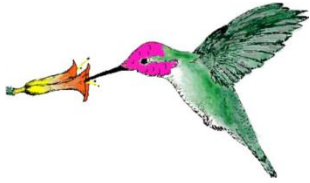
- **WA Native Plant Society** – Funded \$300 towards the creation of our “Naturescaping with Pacific Northwest Native Plants” brochure. The brochure is free to download from our website. Printed brochures will be sold at our fundraising events.
- **Cotton Family Memorial Donation** – \$2500 was donated for the expansion of the Flying Flowers Garden. Garden Coordinators Larry Greene, Carla and Kurt Coffey have designed the layout of paths, covered grass and will add hardscaping including a gazebo, and plants in 2023. Master Composter Recycler/NatureScaper Ron Ferguson delivered many, many loads of compost to cover the grass.
- **Charles Schwab Corporate Donation** – After Charles Schwab employees volunteered in April, 2022, the Charles Schwab Corporation donated \$930 through the Benevity Platform.
- **Visit.Org** - \$600 for the online workshop presented by Eve Hanlin.
- **US Bank** – Through an employee matching program, U.S. Bank donated \$303.
- **Frances Hannah’s Children** - \$510.65 donation in memory of their mother, Fran Hannah, past Board member, member and Collector’s Garden Coordinator who passed away in 2022.
- Other non-member funds donated through Amazon Smile, Fred Meyer Rewards, WA State Employees Combined Fund.

NatureScaping thanks all these donors for their support!



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.
- Charles Schwab and Ginn Development employees worked 16 hours in the Wildlife Botanical Gardens.
- Clark College Environmental Program and Key Club Students volunteered over 80 hours assisting Garden Coordinators with pruning, weeding, planting native shrubs & perennials in multiple gardens; along with potting perennials for our sales.



Memberships

- 126 new members as well as 240 members renewed.
- New and renewing members now have the option to complete our membership form and payment online via naturescaping.org.
- Free classes.
- Receive monthly NS News and 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 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; left the Board August, 2022.

Christy Caplan - Associate Board Member since March, 2022.

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

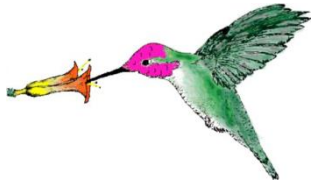
Troy Dunn –Board Member as of Feb. 2021. Chairperson of our Online Communications Committee (website and social media).

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

Kelli Marine – Associate Board Member since Spring, 2022. Hummingbird Garden Coordinator.

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

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



Wildlife Botanical Gardens Coordinators

- **Kathy Bovee left June, 2022; Kelli Marine** - Hummingbird Garden Coordinator
- **Brigg Franklin** - Mason Bees Program and Geocaching Coordinator.
- **Julie Carlsen** - Bird Haven Garden Coordinator
- **Carla Coffey** - Flying Flowers Garden Co-Coordinator
- **David Deckard left August, 2022; Chelsey Pacanin** – Collector’s Garden 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
- **Karen Ledke** – Water Wise Garden Co-Coordinator
- **Richard Palmer** - Homestead Garden Coordinator
- **Joan Porcaro left June, 2022; Karen Furnanz** - Cottage Garden Coordinator
- **Martha Stephenson** – Manor Garden Coordinator
- **Heather Cashmore left January 2023** – NW Natives Garden Coordinator



2023 Plans



- Board succession goals of mentoring new President, Board Secretary and new Associate Board member, Chelsey Pacanins.
- Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of NatureScaping (2022) in June, 2023 with installation of 2 new educational signs and memorial to long time member, Fran Hannah.
- Re-starting the Student Garden Coordinator Program
- Renovating drip irrigation systems in the Collector's and Bird Haven Gardens.
- Enjoying the serenity in the Wildlife Botanical Gardens!