



The Kruckeberg Botanic Garden at Richmond Beach is dedicated to fostering and providing educational, cultural and aesthetic enrichment for all who visit: gardeners, amateur and professional horticulturalists, and young students of the plant world — in all, people of all walks of life.

"In the end we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand; and we will understand only what we are taught."

- Baba Dioum, Senegalese ecologist.

Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday, January 20,
General membership meeting, 7 pm

Garden Location:

**20312 15th Ave NW
Shoreline, WA 98177**

Questions, ideas, suggestions?

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Art by Mareen Kruckeberg: **Cyclamen coum**
from the Caucasus Mountains blooms mid-winter
regardless of weather.

The Garden Conservancy: An Organization Devoted to the Recognition and Preservation of Exceptional Gardens

By Tanya DeMarsh-Dodson

The Garden Conservancy is a young organization, having been founded in 1989. It came into being after one gardener visited another—Frank Cabot from Cold Spring, NY, visited his friend and fellow gardener Ruth Bancroft the year before in Walnut Creek, CA. Ruth had built her garden over a period of years, and it was known for its remarkable design and the variety of plants she included into its realm. She had many unique succulents, cactus, and a large number of California natives. They talked together about what might happen to her garden after her passing, and as a consequence decided to work together to preserve her garden by taking it public.

Frank acted, and the year 1989 brought two firsts: creation of the first national organization devoted to the preservation of notable gardens, the Garden Conservancy; and the first conservation easement ever used to protect a garden. The easement was obtained by the Garden Conservancy and used to protect the extraordinary Bancroft garden.

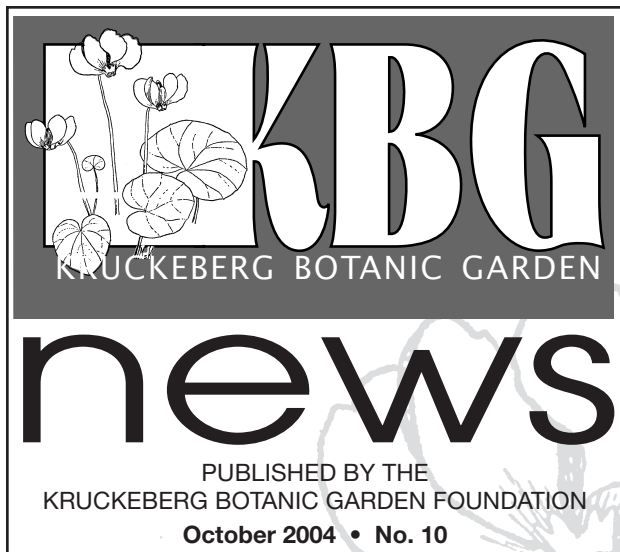
For the past fifteen years the Garden Conservancy has worked in partnership with garden owners, community groups, and public agencies to advocate and implement the preservation of hundreds of gardens. The organization provides expertise, strategic funding, information, professional services, and helps to build community support to preserve gardens in every state.

The Conservancy promotes public awareness of gardens as important artistic expressions of American culture and as important expressions of our social history. This effort to develop awareness is two pronged: build a large and well informed membership in many states to provide funding and to articulate advocacy on issues touching on garden preservation nationally; and sponsor an Open Days Program nationwide.

The Open Days program is modeled on other such programs in England, Scotland, and Australia. Each year a number of avid gardeners work with the Conservancy to hold open garden days, inviting the public to visit their private gardens. Usually between four and seven gardens in a particular neighborhood are made open on one weekend day during the year. This program has given gardeners the opportunity to show their achievements, and the community has been given a chance to visit gardens normally not open to the public. Those who are considering the possibility of turning their private gardens into public gardens have an opportunity to experience the dynamics of the process of public visitation, and a growing segment of the public is able to enjoy great gardens.

Secondly, the Garden Conservancy is working to help transform private gardens into public gardens. The staff in Cold Springs, NY, includes experts in garden preservation and restoration, fund raising, landscape design, and publicity. They are able to provide both information and expertise to individuals and

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Capital Campaign

Now that the Garden has been protected from development by a Conservation Easement (see KBG News January 2004), the Board has its sights set on a Capital Campaign. The objective of such a campaign will be to raise the funds needed to purchase the Garden and to endow a program for operations and maintenance.

The Board has met with a professional fund raiser to assist in the Capital Campaign, but a couple of issues must be resolved before proceeding. First is the need for an appraisal of the Garden's monetary value. The Board is considering two proposals from appraisers and plans to make a decision in September. The second issue is a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the owner, Art Kruckeberg. The appraised valuation is a key element of such an agreement, but prospective buyer and seller have concurred on most of the other purchase and sale issues.

We'll need grass roots help with the Capital Campaign, and it's not too early to let us know you're willing to lend a hand.

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organizations around the country that are taking gardens public. The Conservancy has distilled its early experience into two books. The first tome is *Taking a Garden Public: Feasibility and Startup*. The second is *Taking a Garden Public: Fund Raising and Development*. Both books are available for purchase.

The Conservancy also offers preservation services to assist a family or neighborhood in preserving a garden. The Conservancy will provide technical assistance and professional services, including developing a master plan for preservation maintenance, evaluating the cultural and historic integrity of a garden, and developing a public body to oversee the preservation and operation of a garden. Fees charged for these services are reasonable.

Additionally, the Conservancy has selected certain gardens in a number of regions and taken a leading role in helping with their transition from private to nonprofit ownership. The gardens so selected are regarded as Conservancy preservation projects. The Chase Garden in Orting, WA, southeast of Tacoma, is an example of such a project.

Thirdly, the Garden Conservancy is working in the west, particularly in California and the Pacific Northwest to help form public garden associations like the Pacific Northwest Garden Conservancy Forum. The goal of the Conservancy in helping to develop this organization is to build better public garden management. Such associations facilitate improvement of the administrative structures of the participating gardens. Otherwise prohibitively expensive resources are shared, common problems are addressed and discussed among multiple public gardens, and the participants are thereby better able to cope with the problems faced by nonprofit organizations open to the public. The Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation is a member of, and has been helped by, the PNW Garden Conservancy Forum.

The Garden Conservancy has grown considerably in the last fifteen years. It has become well established on the East Coast and is growing in the West. Their website is well worth a visit: www.natureconservancy.org. **K**

Meetings and Elections

The winter general membership meeting is scheduled for 7 pm on Thursday January 20, 2005, at the Richmond Beach Congregational Church-United Church of Christ. The church is located at the corner of Richmond Beach Rd. and 15th Ave. NW.

Volunteer Help

Thanks to our hands-on gardening volunteers in July, August and September: **Bob O'Brien, Nancy Moore, Wendy Kay, Frankye Jones, Lisa Jacobsen, Chris Hodges, Ann Hobson, Barbara Hilty, Linda Heys, Pat Hannon, Kate Gormley, Deb Ferber, Heidi Farlow, and Al & Gretchen Brookes.** Thanks also to **Nancy Moore, Matt Loper, Pat Hannon** and **Al Brookes** for staffing the KBGF presence at Celebrate Shoreline on August 21.

You're probably reading this after our last Sunday work party of the season, scheduled for October 3. We hope you were able to join us then, and we look forward to seeing all of you again in the spring. This "war against weeds" is endless, but there's much satisfaction to be had in hands-on work while chatting with friends.

Thanks also to the volunteers who helped with hospitality for tours and other KBG events this summer; we hope to see you too next spring. We're still looking for people who would enjoy helping with newsletter mailings or monitoring our Richmond Beach PO box, and we need help with publicity, plant inventory and labeling, and learning workshops. Experience is not required, just enthusiasm. If any of these areas sounds appealing, please give us a call.

Stay-at-home Volunteering

Although most KBGF volunteering opportunities require you to be out and about, we also can use help from someone who spends most of the day at home. We're thinking here of our need to monitor both voicemail and email. A voicemail monitor would use the phone daily to check for messages, save the significant ones, and then notify an appropriate KBGF officeholder. Monitoring our email is similar in concept, but of course the volunteer should have easy access to a computer with an email account. In both cases the volunteer would be part of a team, not an indispensable person; when you want a break, just ask. We can answer questions if you contact us at 206-542-4777 or kbgf@kruckeberg.org.

The Upper Garden Challenge

If you enjoy getting your hands dirty on Sundays but you're looking for more of a challenge, read on. Arle Kruckeberg, Art's son, has been home for an extended visit with his dad, and he's done a lot of pruning and clearing in the upper garden. This includes cleaning up the southern border, from 15th Ave. to the woodshed along the property line with Maple Knolls. Arle removed the old fence, leaving the Maple Knolls fence as the barrier; pruned many shrubs and trees, including the cedars along the fence line; and removed the somewhat unruly *Akebia ternata* vine near the southwest corner.

As a consequence of this work, a lot of heavily shaded and hard-to-view space has been exposed. Arle suggested this space be landscaped. We like his idea, and we invite volunteers to make it happen. We propose to break up the area into manageable "beds", and a volunteer (or small team of 2-3) could design, plan, and implement a landscape for a given bed. Art Kruckeberg and Deb Ferber will be happy to review the plans and counsel the volunteers. The plants would come from the nursery, of course, and you would work on your own schedule. This would be a greater challenge than we offer on Sundays, but it's an opportunity to make your personal mark and learn a lot. Give us a call.

KBGF T-shirts

Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation T-shirts are available for \$15. They come in various sizes, with cream lettering on a forest green background. Place an order or inquire by calling 206-542-4777 or emailing kbgf@kruckeberg.org.

Web Site

Reminder: our web site is at www.kruckeberg.org. Worldlink Internet Services donates domain-name hosting for KBGF and offers the following discounts to KBGF members: Dialup Internet Access at \$15/month, DSL at 15% off and All other Worldlink services at 10% off. Worldlink is a local company with over 5,000 subscribers, and we have been pleased with their support and positive attitude. Visit www.w-link.net or call 1-888-361-4638 for more information.

membership

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Fax _____
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How did you hear about the Garden? _____

Membership Categories

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| _____ \$1,000 Oak (Benefactor) | _____ \$50 Dawn Redwood (Contributing) |
| _____ \$500 Douglas Fir (Patron) | _____ \$35 Madrone (Regular) |
| _____ \$250 Red Cedar (Sustaining) | _____ \$25 Vine Maple (Student/Senior) |
| _____ \$100 Dogwood (Club) | _____ Other |

Please Pass This Newsletter on to a Friend!

Has Your Membership Expired?

We continue to mail our newsletter to friends whose membership has expired, and to others who have not yet joined. Look in the upper right corner of the mailing label for the month and year your membership expires. Please consider rejoining our effort to preserve this very special place. Just clip and mail this form. Your donation is tax-deductible.

Please make checks payable to KBGF and mail to:
Kathie Morino
958 Walnut St.
Edmonds, WA 98020

New Members

Welcome to the following members who have joined since July:

Paul Blumer
Heidi Farlow
Pat Hannon
Frank Schricker
Fred & Ann Weinmann

Renewing and Returning Members

Thanks to those members who renewed or rejoined since July:

Linda & Patrick Anunsen	Ramona Machulak
Bernice Beeman	Helen McCall
Cedar Grove Composting	Richmond Beach
Anne Cunha & Judy Hoeffler	Community Assn.
Dominique Emerson	Don & Barbara Ross
Deborah Ferber	Brad & Darla Smith
Corliss & Peter Liekkio	Mani & Karen Soma
Tom & Catherine Mentele	Bonnie Storm
Mike Marsh	Barbara Suse

Want to be a KBG Deadheader?

Not a Grateful Dead music fan (aka Dead Head), but a rhododendron fan who adopts a particular KBG rhodie. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, will be to visit *your* plant at the end of its blooming period and deadhead the flowers by snapping off or cutting the top stalk, which supports the petals. Simple. Helpful. Give us a call.

Send Us Your Email Address

Please keep us informed of changes in your email address. The newsletter is a good way to communicate, but it does come only quarterly. Email is a great way to remind you of scheduled events and inform you of changes and short-fuse happenings...and email is inexpensive. For those reasons, we try hard to keep our address list up to date. Of the 335 or so names on our newsletter mailing list, we have email addresses for only about 60%. If you think we may not have your email address, please send a message to kbgf@kruckeberg.org. All such personal information is kept strictly private.

Garden Tours

Tours of the Garden are scheduled in advance with the Parks & Recreation Departments of the City of Edmonds (425-771-0230) and the City of Shoreline (206-418-3383). The next such tours will be scheduled soon for spring 2005. These tours are available to individuals or groups. The fee is \$20 per adult (age 18 and older), of which the City forwards \$15 to KBGF. The fee for a youth (age 12-17) is \$10 (\$7.50 to KBGF). Additional tour information is on our web site, www.kruckeberg.org.

Tours also may be scheduled directly by calling the KBGF voicemail line, 206-542-4777. These tours normally are offered for groups of 6 to 15 persons, by appointment. Fees are the same as above. For organizations dedicated to coordinating senior citizen activities, a flat fee of \$100 is charged, irrespective of group size. Tours normally start at 10 am and last about two hours.

Parking

Many readers know the Garden is in a residential neighborhood, the right of way on 15th Ave. is narrow, and parking for visitors is quite limited. When planning a visit for tours or other events, please make carpooling a very high priority. When necessary to reduce parking impact on the neighborhood, we will set special parking arrangements. If you have questions about parking, call us at 206-542-4777. Thanks in advance for your cooperation, and thanks also to KBG neighbors for their patience.

Reader Feedback

The staff at *KBG News* wants to hear from you, our readers. What are we doing right? What are we doing wrong? Are there specific changes that would make the newsletter more interesting to you? Inspire us with fresh ideas at kbgf@kruckeberg.org or 206-542-4777. Do it now, while you're thinking about it. Thanks!

— KBGF Wish List —

We welcome donations of needed items.

Our wish list still includes:

- Volunteers...**lots of volunteers!**
- A PC-compatible external hard drive (sealed or removable cartridge)
- A metal detector-Land Ranger IV or similar

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