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Nature Education and Play at the Delbert Hunter Arboretum

We're excited to announce new offerings from the Dallas Parks and Recreation Division coming this Fall!
Every Thursday from Sep. 12 thru Oct 17, 2024

Nature Play: Parents and preschoolers experience hands-on nature learning and exploration in the beautiful Delbert Hunter Arboretum. We'll be outside every day, so come dressed for the weather.

Parent-Tot (Ages 3-5 – children must be accompanied by parent or guardian)

Time: 10 - 11am Location: Delbert Hunter Arboretum Fieldhouse (631 SW Park St.)

Registration Required: Resident \$54 ; Non-resident \$60

Nature Club: Is your child interested in the environment? Do they love being outdoors? Then this club is for them! Each session we'll investigate environmental issues, have hands-on educational experiences and help with projects in the arboretum.

Ages: 10-13

Time: 3:00 – 4:00pm Location: Delbert Hunter Arboretum Fieldhouse (631 SW Park St.)

Registration Required: Resident \$54 ; Non-resident \$60

REGISTRATION for these activities opens Aug. 1., 2024

Register by Phone: 503-831-2830 / or Register Online:

https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/dac/activity/search?onlineSiteId=0&activity_select_param=0&viewMode=list



WELCOME

The trails await you!
Open daylight hours.
Dogs on leashes are welcome!

Visitor Center Hours

631 Park Street

Dallas, Oregon

The building is open from

9 am – Noon, Tuesdays

March – November

Volunteers Wanted

Tuesday mornings starting
at 9 am. No experience is
needed ~ tools are provided.

Contact Information

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(phone messages are checked weekly)

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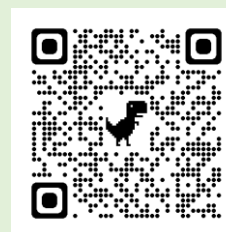
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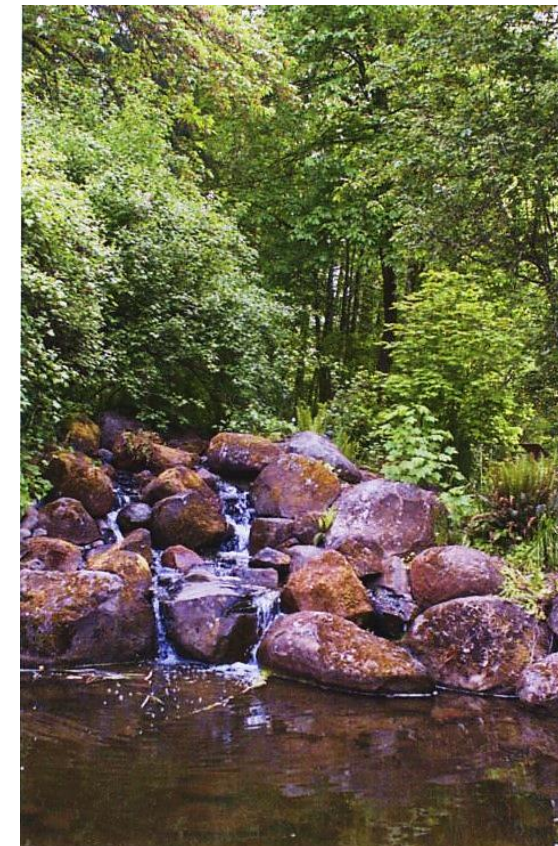
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Sitting near a pond

beauty moves in still waters

serenity rules

Haiku by Megha Sood



The Friends of the Delbert Hunter Arboretum are getting trails ready after the winter storm debris and replenishing bark dust; preparing for, and looking forward to, more visitors as the weather improves. A few of us braved the stormy weather during winter to keep the place as tidy as possible, but this is the time of year we really make use of our weeding, mowing, and trimming tools.

If you have some extra time, we always welcome new volunteers. No experience is required and we have tools. Bring your favorite gloves and stop by any Tuesday morning between 9 am and noon to see us about volunteering. Or just stop by at 10:30 on any Tuesday and join us for a cup of coffee. We always enjoy getting to know the folks who visit the arboretum!

Website Upgrade

If you haven't visited our website lately, please stop by:

www.delberthunterarboretum.org

Our talented webmaster, Rich Rohde, has integrated a searchable plant database to the site. We have more photos too!

Many thanks to Rich for his dedicated work!



Guided Tours of Delbert Hunter Arboretum

If you have a group interested in a free tour of the Delbert Hunter Arboretum, please contact us to make arrangements.
Msg ph: 503 623-7359 / hunterarboretum@outlook.com

Delbert Hunter Arboretum Annual Planning Meeting

Members met for the annual planning meeting in January to talk about what we accomplished in 2023 and to plan our budget around goals for the new year. One of our more costly occasional expenses is to have a professional pond service drain and cleanout our pond. The pond is one of our most beloved features and to do a thorough cleanout costs over \$2000. But it must be done every few years to prevent buildup of silt, remove flood debris, and reset the balance of algae growth and sludge accumulation. To budget large projects such as this, we may need to cut back on other large expenses, such as arborist care and trail dressing. As a non-profit organization, the arboretum doesn't receive any other funding than donations. The scope and nature of our projects depend on it.



Other projects involve how to integrate more of our mission with our goal setting. Our mission statement involves..."first to grow, display, and maintain native plants... to provide educational opportunities.... and to promote public interest..."

We have developed a great working relationship with several community partners such as SWCD (Polk Soil and Water Conservation District), and the Dallas Parks and Recreation Department. Together we've had more to offer the community through recreational and learning activities. Many of the Friends of the arboretum have joined in volunteering in SWCD and/or the Parks and Rec projects, as well. There are always volunteer opportunities within our network of ecology related organizations.

Another of our community partners is the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. We participated in a Camas root dig with them last fall. This winter, many of us volunteered to help SWCD with their winter bare root plant sale. Just for fun, we have already applied for a booth at the Art in the Park festival and we surely hope to see you there on July 28!

Growing older only means the spirit grows serene,
and we behold things with our souls
that our eyes have never seen ~ Helen Steiner Rice

Geocaching If this is something you enjoy, you'll be happy to know that the arboretum will soon be host to an informational geocache site (Earthcache) in the coming months ahead.

Volunteer in the Spotlight

In each edition, the arboretum newsletter spotlights a volunteer who has had a measurable influence on our botanical garden. This month we have such a person, and Carol Mannen has been a wonderful Friend of DHA. Not only that, but to our community as well. She has not only volunteered at the arboretum but has often joined in with many events and activities that promote community programs. ~ editor's note.

Carol Mannen's Service

by Ken and Bev Kentch
It is such a pleasure to write this article about Carol Mannen; a dear friend and an original volunteer with the Delbert Hunter Arboretum. She has been one of the greatest gifts to the arboretum over the past two decades.
Carol is kind, devoted, hardworking, and welcoming. She is full of positive energy and always known to outwork the rest of us volunteers! Carol often brings homemade treats for the crew at break times. As one of the original volunteers at the founding of the arboretum, she has decades of experience and history, which she brings to the park. Carol has personally recruited many of us to become volunteers at the arboretum.
Carol and her late husband Paul were part of the bulwark of the arboretum for nearly 20 years. They alone dug hoses for miles when doing the summer watering before we had irrigation. They were always on call for special projects and emergencies. Carol is also a tireless board member and has been an officer in years past. She's known for her compassion and directness in board decisions. She is a veritable encyclopedia of plants, with a special interest in Oregon natives. She is winding down her duties these days, however, you will still see her working an occasional Tuesday session, or walking her devoted greyhound, Chloe, at the arboretum.



Carol greets a visitor to the arboretum...



Coming This Fall The Arboretum will be hosting the **Polk SWCD Plant Sale** again this fall. Watch for this and other events online: <https://www.polkswcd.com/upcoming-events.html>

What Do Our Volunteers Do?

We have general tasks that we do every week, and other projects arise that require extra time. We clear trails of debris, remove invasive plants and weeds, keep trail edges and around trees string-trimmed, mow grassy areas, prune shrubs and trees according to season, repair damaged items, replace signs, weekly pond maintenance, plant or check on new plantings (including hand watering as needed), regular equipment maintenance, and ensure the sheds and visitor center remains clean.
And of course, we share snack time together.
We also host activities for volunteer groups by prior arrangement, host volunteers days for school students and church groups, give tours the arboretum upon request, and welcome our visitors.
We work every Tuesday from 9 am to noon, March to November. If interested in volunteering, this would be a great time to stop by; or complete the enclosed volunteer form. We've had some interest in weekend volunteer days as well, however this requires another team leader or two. If enough people show interest, we may plan for weekend volunteer work this summer. If you or your volunteer group is interested in weekend work instead of Tuesdays, please email hunterarboretum@outlook.com.