

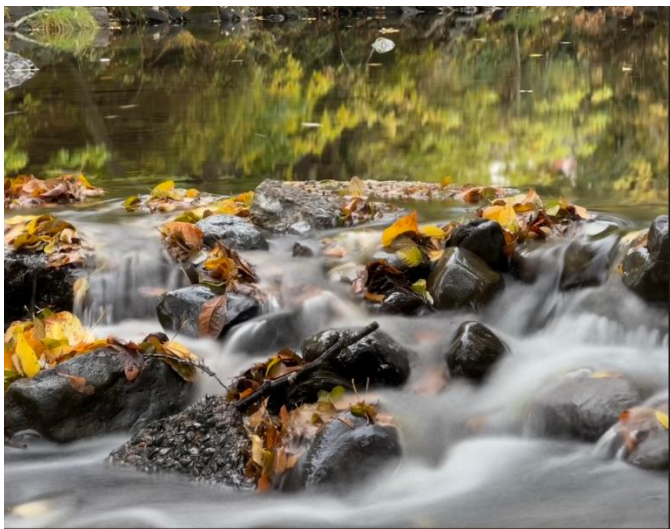
Do you have a question about native plants or other topics about the arboretum you would like us to cover in our next edition of the newsletter? Contact our editor, Bi Merriman, by emailing hunterarboretum@outlook.com

Congratulations to our Fall 2024 Photo Contest Winners!

1st Place Winner - Ross Cadigan
"Milkweed Seeds"



2nd Place Winner– Kathy Slack
'Rushing Water'



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 or email: hunterarboretum@outlook.com

3rd Place Winner – Jim Scott
"Deer in the Wetlands"



Honorable Mention – Kathy Slack
"Frosty Morning"



Hunter Arboretum Announces Spring Volunteer Season in Full Bloom

Hunter Arboretum, adjacent to Dallas City Park, began its volunteer season March 18. As the weather has improved, so has the number of projects requiring attention increased. We invite interested people to join our all-volunteer group, Tuesdays, 9:00 AM - noon, at the arboretum. Our visitor center is located at the Park Street entrance to the park. Stop by and see how your skills and interests can help keep this treasure looking great for the spring and summer seasons. Flowers are blooming, trees leafing out, and our resident deer make occasional appearances.

It's a good time to be outdoors. -- Submitted by Dale Derouin



Second Saturdays at DHA

Have you been wanting to volunteer in the arboretum, but haven't because our workday is usually Tuesdays? This year, a group has started for volunteers on the second Saturday each month (March - November) from 8:00 am to 11:00 am, in addition to Tuesdays. Tasks might include putting down trail dressing, removing invasive blackberries and other non-natives, pruning, weeding, moving leaves in the fall, string trimming, mowing, maintaining benches, bridges, signs, etc. in the arboretum. We have tools and will train you as needed, but please bring your own work gloves.

Saturday schedule will be: May 10, Jun 14, Jul 12, Aug 9, Sep 13, Oct 11, and Nov 8.

Please let us know if you are planning to join us, although walk-in volunteers are welcome, too!

Email: hunterarboretum@outlook.com - Submitted by Cindy Smerdon, Volunteer Coordinator

Fascinating Fasciation

Have you ever walked along, minding your thoughts, only to be distracted by an odd-looking flower or plant? So odd that it made you wonder, "How is this possible?" It might be that you were lucky enough to find a rare instance of fasciation, or in other words, mutation. This is not the same thing as a hybrid, which is produced through cross pollination. Fasciated plant stems may look wildly out of proportion, or a flower might be bi-colored or shaped in a weird way.



This happens when an injury occurs to cells in a forming bud (leaf, stem, or flower bud) often from insect damage, at just the right stage of cellular development. It's uncommon because more often, the damaged part just dies off. In rare cases, cells undergo fasciation, and growth may continue, but with damaged DNA. As the bud matures, it only has part of the genetic code needed to form normally. The only part that becomes fasciated, is where the damage had occurred while in the bud stage. The rest of the plant is perfectly normal. If you harvest seed from a fasciated plant it will not pass on mutations.

A graphic for the 'Run for the Trees Happy Little 5K'. It features a green background with a line of trees at the top. In the center is a circular portrait of a smiling man with a beard. The text 'RUN FOR THE TREES' is arched over the top, and 'HAPPY LITTLE 5K' is arched below the portrait. To the right, it says 'Support tree planting and forest protection in Oregon parks' and 'orparksforever.org'. A yellow banner in the top right corner says 'It's virtual!'. Below the graphic, the dates 'April 19-27, 2025' are prominently displayed. Underneath the dates, it says 'It's virtual. Run, walk, or roll...and you will plant 10 trees! Registration is \$36 and includes your keepsake Happy Little T-shirt, finisher's medal, commemorative bib number.' At the bottom of the graphic section, there are images of a black t-shirt with the event logo, a race bib, and a finisher's medal.

Register until April 27 – Walk, Run, or Roll for Trees



Friend in the Spotlight

This time, instead of spotlighting one of our volunteers, we wanted to honor our long-time friends, Lane and Francine Shetterly. Lane was one of the first in our town to take an interest in our little arboretum.

His parents, Ken and Agnes, were some of our earliest volunteers, weeding and working on hands and knees. Lane has often helped us with legal questions while he was working as the city attorney. He and Francine have donated often to the arboretum that we all love!

Lane accomplished much in many layers of service as an attorney, a legislator, board member of the Dallas Community Foundation, and involvement with non-profit organizations. Although retired, Lane still serves in a Governor appointed position for Oregon.

A personal memory of mine was meeting with Lane at the Capital in Salem. He was there as a legislator and supporter of the 4-H Equine program, of which I was a co-leader. Lane has always worked for good causes that help people as if we were all good neighbors.

Thank you Lane and Francine! You will always be cherished friends of the arboretum.

Submitted by Bj Merriman

*These days, I have to ask, is there an easier way or time to appeal for donations?
Not really. But is there a time when donations were more needed?*



*While our continuous supporters have generously kept us going,
the number of donors has decreased over time.*

*We have more visitors than ever,
yet fewer take the opportunity to donate.*

*If you enjoy visiting arboretum, please consider making a tax deductible donation.
Large or small, whatever you can offer will be greatly appreciated!*



Friends of the Delbert Hunter Arboretum and Botanic Garden – Donation Form

Non-Profit Organization 501(c)3 Taxpayer ID # 93-0843369

All maintenance is done by volunteers and all of our funding comes from donations.

Your tax deductible donation sustains us!

The Delbert Hunter Arboretum Thanks You!

For your convenience, use the QR code to donate. Or fill out and return the form below:

☐ Please accept my donation of \$ _____ for daily expenses of running the arboretum

☐ Please accept my donation of \$ _____ to the Trust Fund – our nest egg for the future

☐ Please accept my donation of \$ _____ as a memorial. Contact us if special arrangements.

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Saturday, April 26th

Arbor Day Celebration



8-10am Ivy Removal along Rickreall Creek Trail

Meet in front of the Dallas Aquatic Center. Bring gloves and a water bottle - we'll bring the rest!

**10am-12pm Emerald Ash Borer Workshop with OSU Extension
(limit to 25 - registration required)**

Do you have Oregon Ash trees on your farm, woodland or in your yard? If so, Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive insect recently discovered in Oregon that you may want to learn how to identify.

Join us for a 2-hour workshop where we will learn the biology and impacts of EAB in the Willamette Valley as well as how to identify the signs and symptoms of EAB in Oregon Ash trees on a mock-EAB demonstration right on the Rickreall Creek Trail! The first hour will be spent indoors and the second hour will be spent outside. Registration is required. Scan the QR code at the bottom of the flyer!

1-1:30pm Read in a Tree

Storytime at the Delbert Hunter Arboretum. Bring a blanket and enjoy stories by one of our City Librarians reading while perched in a tree!

All Day Hammocks in Hunter

Hammocks will be hung throughout Delbert Hunter Arboretum. Curl up in one for a snooze in the shade, or to enjoy a good read, or simply gaze up at the trees and appreciate all that they do for us!



Scan the QR code to register for the Emerald Ash Borer Workshop!

