



E.B. Dunn Historic Garden Trust

FALL 2009

Annual Fall Foliage Festival

Sunday, October 11, 2009 2-4 PM

FALL Foliage Festival Promises to Be a COLORFUL Experience!

Yes, we hope our friends, former and new, will come soak in the autumn splendor of the historic Dunn Gardens. When Arthur G. Dunn, Sr. purchased this property in 1914 and commissioned the Olmsted Brothers firm to design the landscape, Mr. Dunn made one thing perfectly clear –he wanted the fall color he experienced as a youth in Cape Vincent, New York. Come see for yourself whether the Olmsted Bros. met his challenge to deviate from the usual Olmsted practice of using native plants and trees. Enjoy our sugar maple, beech, oak and other colorful trees in 7.5 acres in NW Seattle's Broadview neighborhood!

No silent auction this year. But....*there will be plants for sale from Landwave Gardens and Kruckeberg Botanic Garden* as well as sparkling, autumnal glass pumpkins by *Jesse Kelly*, with a portion of proceeds from all coming to the gardens. While the festival is free, we will let you know of the Garden's pressing needs and request membership renewal or new donations and/or memberships. Beat us to the "ask" by sending them in with the form inserted in this newsletter.

True to our tradition, there will be yummy refreshments and hot cider along with the camaraderie of garden lovers like you.

Spend Sunday afternoon, October 11 with us . Free--No reservations needed!
Susan Robinson

Midsummer's Eve ArtWalk, "AYPE Inspirations"

This summer was our second bi-annual ArtWalk, with beautiful weather, terrific art, great attendance, and a good time for all. Special events like these build community and help preserve the Dunn Gardens.

Events like these do not happen without significant support from many people. Our warmest thanks to all of you who volunteered your time and talent. Our Major Sponsors, *Davis Wright Tremaine* and *Point B*, carried the day successfully, along with the help of many others . See complete list of supporters on last page. You made the day! Thank you.

Enjoy the photos here and more on our website (www.dunngardens.org) to revisit a truly spectacular event.

Thank you for coming to the gardens.
Gayle Harris, Sue Nevler

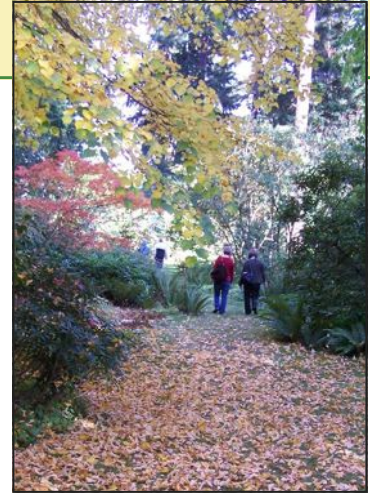


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Dehanna Jones' Glass Floats
Photo by Luc Schoonjans

Letter from the President, Chris Smith Towne



... How Does Your Garden Grow? Beautifully! Thanks to the efforts of each of you, the Dunn Gardens are better than ever. We've been making improvements that will save time and money: dealing with mundane but essential infrastructure, proactively addressing needed improvements before problems erupt, such as replacing the house roof before it leaks, and responding to emergencies, such as dealing with a failed drain field by hooking up to the City sewer system.

If you've visited the Gardens in the last year (and I hope you've done that), they've never looked better. Thanks to our exceptionally creative curators and dedicated gardeners, as well as Board members and docents who weed the beds (chickweed is not constrained by the budget) we've achieved four-season beauty.

Meanwhile, our Board and staff have had great success in spreading the word about the Gardens, through participation in regional garden and historical groups, coverage in periodicals, involvement with related organizations such as Historic Seattle, Northwest Horticulture Society, the Friends of Seattle Olmsted Parks, and through garden tours and lectures.

However (there's always a however) the "fertilizer" for all we do, and need to do more of, is funding. Our Board, dedicated staff, and volunteers have redoubled our efforts over the past year to maximize the effectiveness of our events – the 2008 Fall Foliage Festival, the Winter Solstice Stroll, our Wine Tasting event in May, our second ArtWalk in July. We measure success by event-generated revenue, the number of attendees who are visiting Dunn Gardens for the first time, and new memberships.

Even with these efforts, and given the economic challenges facing every non-profit organization today, our ability to continue our high level of stewardship of the Gardens rests in your hands. Now more than ever, we need your commitment to our Gardens, through your contributions, participation in our events, outreach to potential members and donors - - and even by pulling some weeds. Thank you for all you've done; together we can assure that the Dunn Gardens will continue to grow and thrive.

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E.B. Dunn Historic Gardens Events 2009-2010

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NEW WINTER WORKSHOP series: \$35 per session or \$120 for all four sessions

October 13th. "Winter Color" Charles Price and Glenn Withey 6-8pm Tuesday

November 10th. "Nearly All Natural for Christmas" Steve Lorton 6-8pm Tuesday

January 12th. "Birds, Butterflies and Berries" Tanya DeMarsh-Dodson & Woody Wheeler. 6-8pm. Tuesday

February 9. "Easy Ideas for the Perfect Garden Party" Presenters to be announced. 6-8 pm. Tuesday

September 19th, Workshop on flower & garden photography with professional Charles Needle. \$125 donation. Go to www.dunngardens.org for more info. 8:30 am-2:30 pm, Saturday

October 11th, Fall Foliage Festival. Free. 2-4pm Sunday

October 31st, Last tour of 2009 Tour Season. *Culmination of AYPE Centennial Events!*

November 12th, Curators' Lecture. Charles Price & Glenn Withey. 7:00 Refreshments. 7:15pm Lecture. Thursday

December 20th, Solstice Stroll. 4-6 pm. Sunday

February 21, Open Sunday Garden Preview for Members at the Friend Level. 1-3 pm Sunday

March 7, Pacific NW Historian's Guild Meeting. www.pnwhistorians.org

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April 1st, Tour Season Opens Tours on Thursdays at 1 pm; Fridays at 10 am & 1 pm; Saturdays at 10 am
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Dunn Gardens Docent Program 2009

Dunn Gardens is fortunate to have a dedicated group of docents and volunteers. This energetic, well-informed group attends workshops, tours area gardens and shares knowledge. Docents lead visitors through the Gardens, interpreting its historic legacy, while volunteers lend an invaluable hand in myriad other ways. Please let us know if you are interested in our Docent Program!

Dunn Gardens Docents and Volunteers 2009

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Photography

Our official photographer and Board Member is Connie Hokanson.

Other frequent contributors are Patty Flowers, Sue Nevler, and Charles Price. We do our best to acknowledge each photo with proper credit.

Photos below by Sue Nevler



Vivian Brehm, Cynthia McGrath, Kristie Fritz, Jann Blackburn at May Wine Tasting



Jenny Wyatt, Connie Hokanson, Gayle Harris at July ArtWalk



Stacie Crooks on Docent Tour of Dan and Darlene Huntington's Garden

Message from Executive Director, Sue Nevler



I'm remembering back to a nighttime dip in dark Pacific waters off the Guatemala coast many years ago. Naively unaware of the undertow, five friends found themselves unable to get back onto the beach. The prospect of swimming along shore in the darkness suddenly was frightening. We linked arms and collectively were able to find toeholds enough to scramble flailing up onto the beach.

The playing of Santana's Black Magic Woman on the beach that night remains linked to a close call and relief.

I carry the power of linkages with me to this day, and this year in the Dunn Gardens has been a demonstration of that power. In tough times, you look left, look right, and see who you can team up with to carry you through. Nonprofits across the nation are employing this technique, and it's a good one.

This year joining the AYPE centennial celebrations brought us together with a diverse lot: Olmsted enthusiasts, friends of the SS Virginia V, the Shoreline Museum.

Our "AYPE Inspirations" ArtWalk joined us with outstanding artists from Washington whose works individually inspired and collectively awed old friends and the many new visitors to the gardens.

What ideas are floating for next year? We will venture into Web 2.0, expansion of the Heritage Tree Program, investigation of Carbon Exchange programs, and offer new educational opportunities in the gardens. We'll work on many new ideas with your help. And we rely on your help to fix the less glamorous standard maintenance aspects of the gardens as well.

Pairing with our peers to create, continue, conserve something that is meaningful and important is our objective in the Dunn Gardens.

My experienced brethren in the horticultural world chide me for still floating the dream of a glittering strand of green throughout Seattle and its environs. Yes, an emerald necklace, not that of a Bostonian dowager, but a fresh, spirited strand of jewels to grace our city. I truly think that the Dunn Gardens is one of the finest of gems in that strand. Outstanding, but enhanced by the linking with other gems.

So we continue to make for the beach together, welcoming partnerships in unexpected places, and we hope to shine, again through these linkages within our community.

Thank you sincerely to each of you who have linked arms and supported the gardens' existence and continue to do so. I hope to see you in the gardens soon.



(Photo at Left)
Grounds Manager Roger Lackman and Board Member/Docent Linda Breiwick remind us "This Place Matters."

(Photo at Right)
Sculpture by Sabah Al-Dhaher
Photo by Eric Shalit



2009 Memberships/Donations

Always needed and gratefully accepted any time! Use insert in this newsletter to save paper, notice for Fall Foliage Festival will be by postcard only.

Gift certificates for tours and memberships available See our website for details www.dunngardens.org or call our office at (206) 362-0933.

E-Mail Addresses

To speed up our communications and save printing/postage costs, we at the Dunn Gardens are anxious to use e-mail when feasible and want to build our database with your e-mail addresses. Please contact the office via e-mail (info@dunngardens.org) with your current e-mail address or by phone (206.362.0933). We will not share your addresses.

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Conservation News at the Dunn Gardens

DUNN GARDENS CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Robert A. Findlay FAIA, Board VP for conservation

The Dunn Gardens have been a haven for many during this past year

Given the state of the economy, we are in a holding pattern regarding conservation efforts at the gardens. We are grateful for limited funds that are coming our way this year, but we have not been able to advance our major rehabilitation projects. Being optimists, however, the conservation committee members continue to develop plans for the painting and eventual expansion of the Resource Center, prolonging the life of our urban forest with the Heritage Tree Program, rehabilitating the Kubota-designed garden and replanting the screening hedge along Eighth Avenue NW. We will be ready when new resources become available in the coming years.

Unfortunately limited funds for garden labor often results in deferred maintenance that has a way of reappearing in the next growing season. Gardens grow and weeds expand their coverage whether we have maintenance funds or not. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of our gardeners and of volunteers under the leadership of board member Ann Ormsby, the gardens looked good for the ArtWalk. The donation of labor from Withey-Price for the AYPE and ArtWalk installations was critical to seeing us through the economic slump. We are fortunate to have a hands-on working board that goes beyond policy matters, and with the docents, takes on the challenges of planning public events in the gardens.

Despite these tales of making do, we are constantly rewarded as we continue to introduce new and enjoy repeat visitors to this beautiful public estate garden.

Dunn Gardens Hosts Historic Seattle Quarterly Members' Meeting

Beth Dodrill, Board Member; Garden Conservation Committee

On Monday July 13th, members and/or guests of Historic Seattle Preservation and Development Authority attended the organization's quarterly members' meeting held in the Dunn Gardens classroom. Historic Seattle is the only non-profit membership organization dedicated to the preservation of Seattle and King County's architectural legacy. The organization provides educational programming and is active in advocating for and participating directly in the preservation and rehabilitation of historic buildings. As part of the organization's "Learning from Historic Sites" program, quarterly members' meetings are open to the public and are held at sites of historic or architectural interest. The program follows the short business meeting and provides attendees with an opportunity to learn more about the historic sites and how they are being preserved. A beautiful summer evening set the perfect mood when the organization met this summer at the Dunn Gardens.

Following the Historic Seattle business meeting, Dunn Board President Chris Smith Towne gave a warm welcome to the group and provided them with historical background about the gardens and discussed the active legacy of the E.B. Dunn Historic Garden Trust programs and membership. Next, board member Beth Dodrill spoke briefly about the preservation of the gardens, including the unique challenges of preserving sites that are continually growing and evolving over time. The crowd, which overflowed from the classroom and onto the garden patio, was perfectly primed for the garden tour that followed. Guests were divided into smaller groups and treated to special tours led by curators Charles Price and Glenn Withey, board member Beth Dodrill, and ex-officio board member/president Susan Dunn.

The guests were keenly interested in the gardens and many expressed their excitement to have the opportunity to visit. Some had visited before, but many were new visitors. Several guests commented that they had heard of the gardens, but were finally taking advantage of this unique opportunity to visit, while others were excited to have made a "new discovery." Historic Seattle Program Director Larry Kreisman received at least one email from a member expressing a deep gratitude for leading them to the discovery of our unique gardens by choosing the Dunn Gardens as the site for the members' meeting. Many guests made inquiries about membership and volunteer opportunities. It was a wonderful opportunity for the Dunn Gardens to host an audience with specific interests in the preservation of historic sites and was a great success for both organizations.

Thanks to the volunteers from *Seattle Works* for your help in the Gardens!

Curators' Corner... by Charles Price and Glenn Withey



Snow in April, record dryness late May through the end of June and the last week of July with record high temperatures has made for an interesting growing season. By the time you read our contribution, who knows what August will have brought.

Overall, the garden has had a good year considering how it started out. The springtime show was definitely compressed, due to the lingering cold, but the cold was followed within a week by warmth which brought luxuriant growth on many perennials.

In Ed's perennial border many of the plants have never been as tall as they are this year. As long as the late summer torrential rains stay away, this part of the garden should look nice well into autumn.

With reduced garden labor this year, there were more weeds and some of the weeds grew gigantically. Thankfully, one of our board members, Ann Ormsby, volunteered to help weed. Both on her own and guiding other volunteers, the garden greatly benefited from both weeding and deadheading expertise. Having skilled, self-starting volunteers is a gift that is difficult to purchase.

It would be nice if the economy does recover in the not too distant future, as getting the gardeners up to their old level of hours worked per week would be nice. Of course, many things would be nice...

Again this year, the local nurseries helped out the garden. Wells Medina donated a credit of \$1,000 while Swanson's and Sky Nurseries had us give a class-with the honorarium that speakers would normally receive going towards plant credits, allowing us get more plants for the garden.

Additionally, Swanson's kindly donated plants for the four urns that are sited within the beds in the tennis court green. These urns have turned out quite nicely, if we say so ourselves. Two are on loan from us, one belongs to the garden and one is on short-term loan from another board member, Gayle Harris. We'll miss the fourth urn when it goes back to Gayle's garden this autumn. Of course, if someone is interested in helping us to procure a fourth one, we would be delighted.

This coming autumn we hope to add more crocus to the lawn off the classroom, along with *Fritillaria persica* and *F. imperialis* that will go into other parts of the garden. Last but not least, more *Brodiaea*, a wonderful bulb that is thriving in the beds under the large Douglas firs, in the great lawn. While we love the various narcissus, so does the *Narcissus fly*—and the maggots from this pest have wreaked havoc on them—coring them out from the inside.

From late autumn into winter, we plan on continuing the renovation of the beds in the tennis court green and we need to undertake the western woodland walk. We initially planted/replanted both areas eight or nine years ago. With the amount of shade, root competition from large trees and the nature of some plants being more aggressive (*Geranium endressii* and *Lathyrus vernus* come to mind) it is a constant "dance" with the garden, trying to keep things in balance. It will take the woodland walk two years to fill in again gracefully, but that is the nature of gardening. Ditto for the tennis green.

And, looking at the hawthorn triangle, this area will need to be reworked if time allows. *Maianthemum canadense* (our native 'false lily of the valley') has aggressively seeded in, and is choking out more valuable plants. As it has seriously questing roots, we are certain there will be some cursing before we get all of this plant out from this bed.

Do try and attend the Fall Festival this autumn, and remember that the garden is interesting in all seasons. Tour attendance is up this year, and we'd love to see you in the garden!



Board Member Ted Andrews with his mother Alison Andrews at May Wine Tasting
Photo by Sue Nevler



Floral Wreath
Photo by Charles Price



Docent Rosalie Holcomb leads bicycle club tour at Dunn Gardens AYPE Open House Event in May
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Event: 2009 Midsummer ArtWalk