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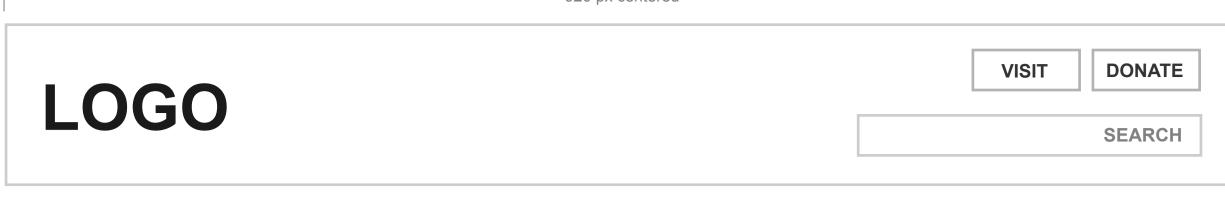
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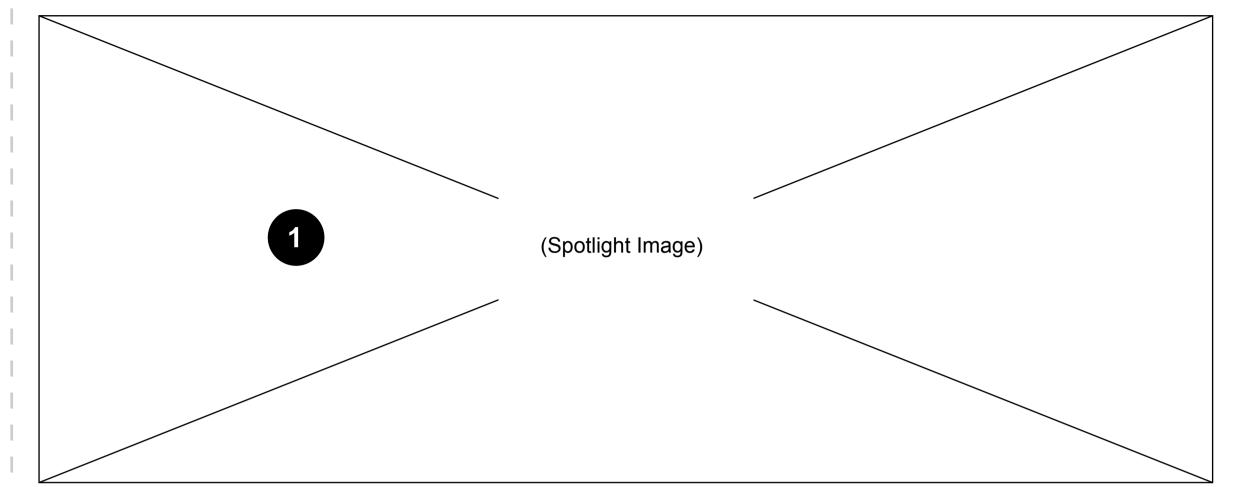
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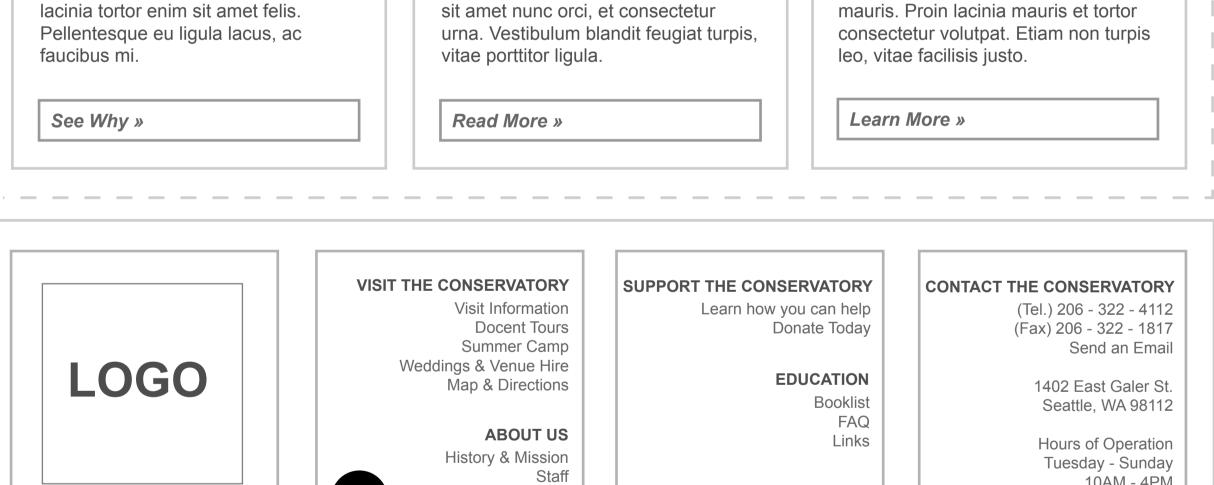
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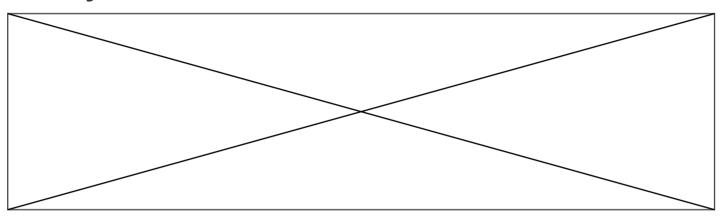


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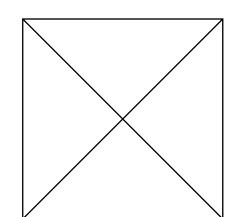
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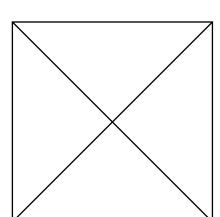
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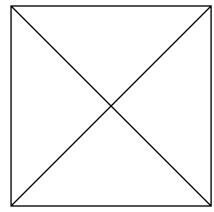
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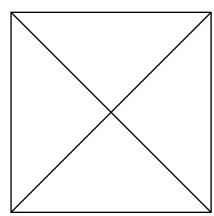
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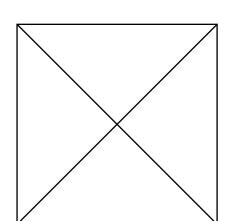
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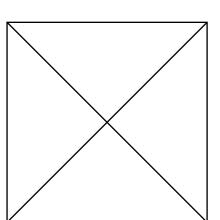
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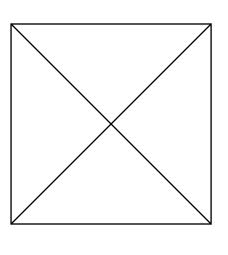
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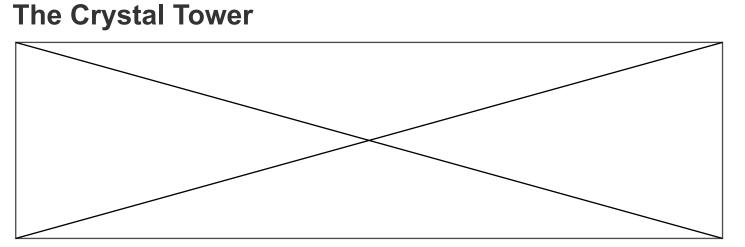
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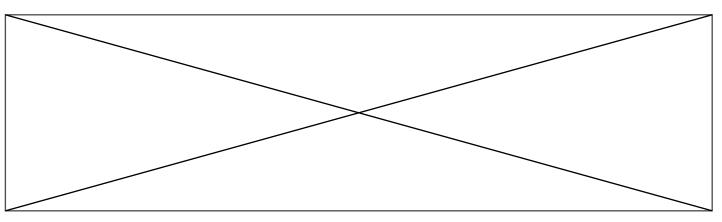


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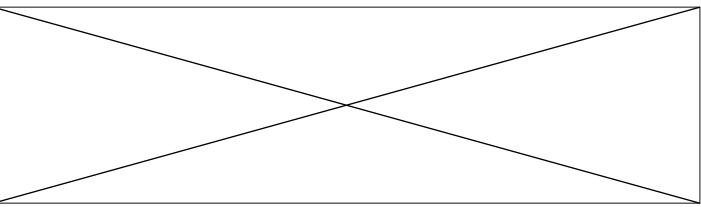


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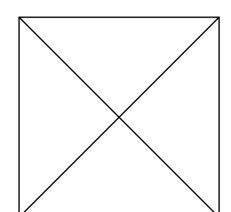
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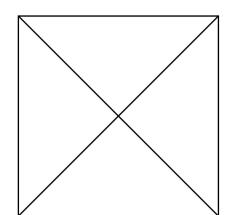


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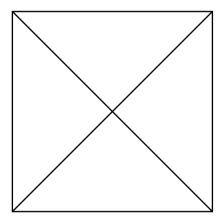


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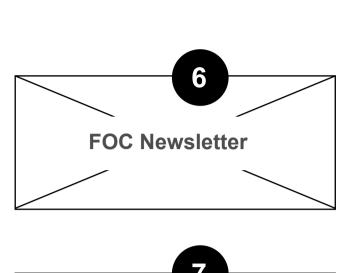
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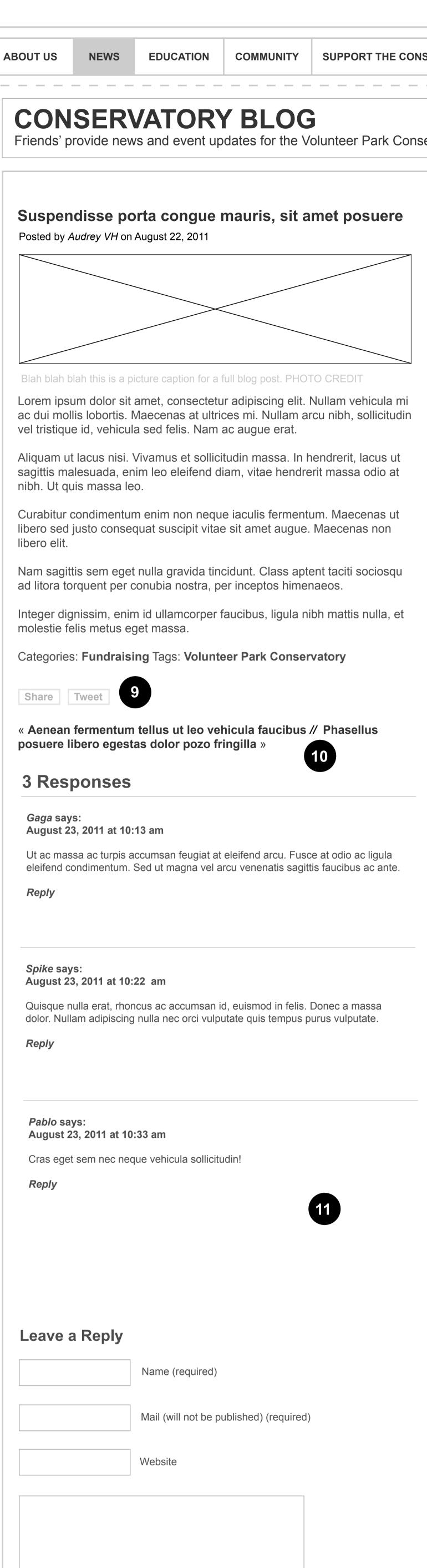
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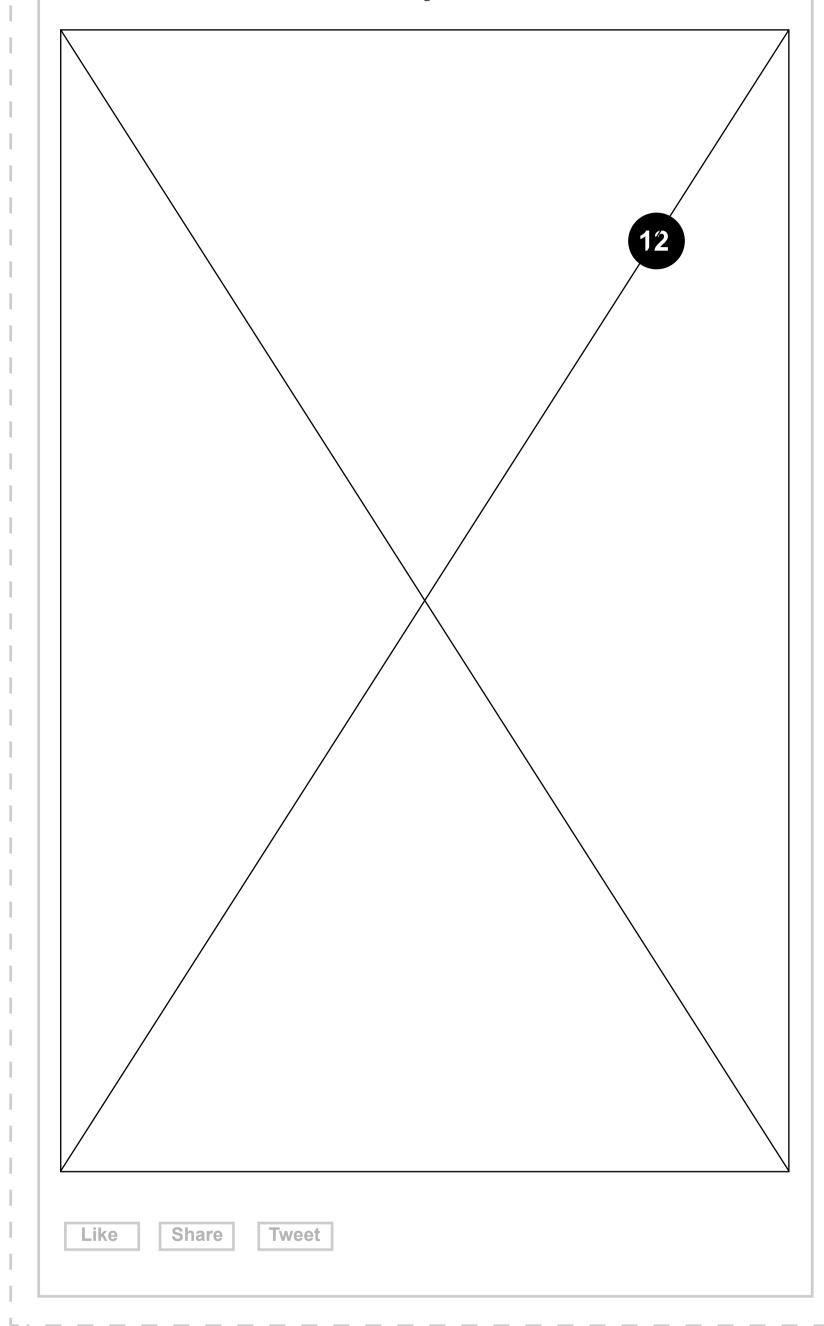
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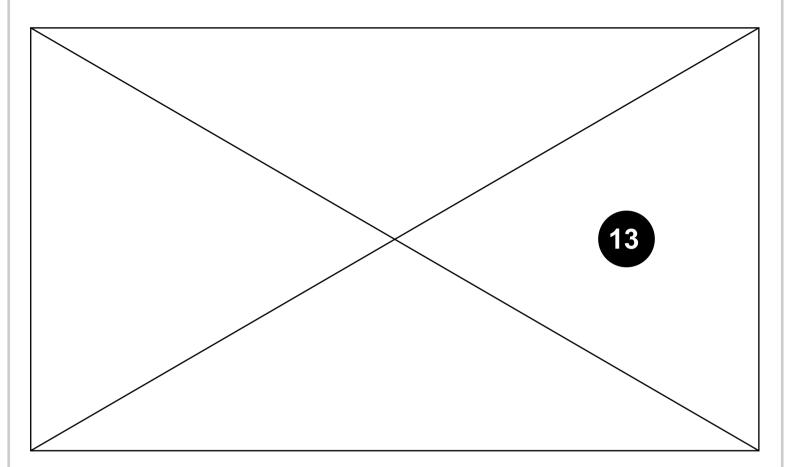
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Azaleas & Vireyas - Ericaceae (Rhododendron Family)

Here in the Pacific Northwest, we are familiar with *Rhododendrons*, the most visible member of the Ericaceae family in our gardens. They have tropical cousins in the genus Vireya, of which we have a diverse collection. Vireya species, growing in S.E. Asia, number over 300, approximately one third of all Rhododendrons.

They were introduced to Britain in 1845. Vireyas mostly grow in the cooler areas in the tropics, either as epiphytes high in the tall trees of the cloud forest, or in more open ground in shrubby areas. They may bloom sporadically all year round, and we feature them whenever in bloom in the Seasonal House or Fern House.

Deciduous and evergreen hardy Azaleas are also familiar in our gardens here, and we often see brightly colored Florist Azaleas offered in flower shops for interior home décor. These are hybridized evergreen plants bred to be forced into bloom at any time of year. Some are winter hardy, and some are not. Florist Azaleas are featured in our Seasonal House in winter.

Another interesting genus in the Conservatory Ericaceae collections is Agapetes, a sub-tropical, epiphytic woody vine. Look for it clamoring above the pond in the Fern House. Tiny red flowers hang like jewels in spring and fall.

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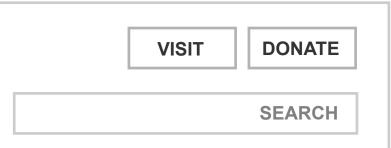
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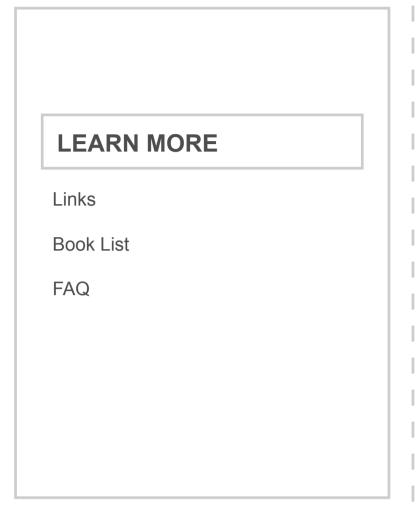


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Provides a source of information on the identification, propagation, utilization, and culture of bamboos.

American Bamboo Society, Pacific Northwest Chapter

The Chapter has year-round activities and meetings, generally held in Seattle, Tacoma, Federal Way, Portland and Vancouver.

American Fern Society

Established in 1893 with the objective of fostering interest in ferns and fern allies.

American Orchid Society

The American Orchid Society is established for scientific and/or educational purposes related to the study of orchids, their propagation, preservation and perpetuation, culture, care and development.

Bromeliad Society International

The purposes of this society are to promote and maintain public and scientific interest in the research, development, preservation, and distribution of bromeliads, both natural and hybrid. The site has a list of frequently asked questions and good information about the plants.

Bromeliad Society of San Francisco

They are dedicated to the growth and spread of horticultural and scientific knowledge of the Bromeliad Family (Bromeliaceae) and the preservation of its species and

Cascade Cactus and Succulent Society of Washington

Meets University of Washington, Center for Urban Horticulture, Seattle WA, 2pm 3rd Sunday each month.

Cactus and Succulent Society of America

Has a worldwide membership and publishes a journal with information on cacti and succulent plants.

Conservatory of Flowers, San Francisco

The Cycad Encyclopedia

Elizabeth C. Miller Library

The Miller Library at the University of Washington Center for Urban Horticulture is a good resource for gardening and plant related questions. The plant answer line phone number is: (206) 897-268

The Garden Web

The largest gardening site on the Web, with garden forums, articles on gardening, directories of nurseries, gardens and gardening organizations.

Gardening with Ciscoe

Local information about gardening and plant events and an extensive list of useful links.

International Aroid Society

International Carnivorous Plant Society

International Palm Society

Members worldwide growing palm trees of all varieties in a wide range of climates.

Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation

The Kruckeberg Botanic Garden at Richmond Beach, in Shoreline, Washington, is dedicated to the educational, cultural and aesthetic enrichment of the community and all who visit. Mareen and Arthur Kruckeberg assembled the Garden's four-acre plant collection over many years. It is rich in native plants of the Pacific Northwest, and unusual species from other lands, set in a wooded, park-like atmosphere.

Northwest Orchid Society, Inc.

Meets the 2nd Monday, monthly, except August, 7:00 p.m. at the Center for Urban Horticulture

Northwest Perennial Alliance

The Nortwest Perennial Alliance is a group of Seattle gardeners passionate about perennials and eager to share their knowledge with others formed the Northwest Perennial Alliance.

Today the NPA is one of the largest nonprofit gardening organizations in the Northwest, with more than 1,400 members from Snohomish to Olympia and beyond.

Pacific Northwest Horticultural Conservancy The mission of the Pacific Northwest Horticultural Conservancy is to raise funds to

acquire, maintain, support and preserve the internationally renowned botanical garden and unique collection of plants of known provenance at the former Heronswood property, for the benefit of horticultural students and professionals, gardeners, and the public gardens and communities of the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

The Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society

Headquartered in Vancouver, BC, this chapter serves local members in both the USA and Canada, as well as a large mail order membership in other countries. Hardy Palm International is the quarterly journal.

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

Seattle Art Museum

Seattle Youth Garden Works

Seattle Youth Garden Works empowers homeless and under-served youth through garden-based education and employment. The SYGW is a market gardening program for youth ages 14-22 in the University District and South Park neighborhoods. Project goals are to connect youth to housing, health care, education, jobs and community.

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Our facilities offer a unique opportunity for teachers to bring their lessons to life

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q- Where did the Conservatory building come from?

A-The Palm House was sent out from Brookline, MA in 1912 and constructed by the Seattle Department of Parks for a cost of \$5,000.

Q- How many people visit per year?

- A- There were more than 150,000 visitors last year.
- Q- How many panes of glass are in the Conservatory
- A- Number of glass panes: 3,426.

Q- How big is it?

A- Number of square feet inside the Conservatory: 6,200. Number of square feet of supplemental greenhouse production space under glass: 10,400; plus several acres of outdoor nursery space. Most conservatory-type display gardens have at least double the greenhouse production space to public display space in order to maintain large collections and ensure spectacular displays year around.

Q- What is the oldest part of the building?

A- The lunette or peacock window over the main entry is the only original wood and glass piece remaining from 1912 after two renovations. It was restored in 2000.

Q- What is the oldest plant in the Conservatory?

A- The oldest plants on display now are probably the Sago Palm (Cycas revoluta) and the Jade Tree (Crassula argentea). Both are over 75 years old.

Q- What is White Wash?

A- It is a chalky paint sprayed on the glass in early summer to protect the plants from excessive sun and heat. In the fall the white wash is removed when days become shorter and darker.

Q- How do you control the temperature and humidity?

A- The Conservatory heating system is computer controlled. Two natural gas fired boilers heat water and valves open allowing hot water into pipes located below the display benches. The overhead and underbench vents are also computer controlled to regulate temperature and humidity. There is a sensing device in each house.

Q- Who is the statue out front?

A- William Henry Seward (1801-1872) was the US Secretary of State under President Lincoln. He negotiated the purchase of Alaska from Russia in 1867 for 7.2 million dollars, about 2 cents per acre. This became known as "Seward's Folly".

Q- Do you sell any plants?

A- The FOC Gift Shop has a variety of plants for sale. We also have two large plant sales per year, on the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend in May and a Saturday in mid-September.

Q- How old is the huge cactus in the Cactus House?

A- It is probably about 40 years old – young in cactus terms. Opuntias grow rapidly and we prune ours frequently every year as it reaches the glass.

Q- Do you have carnivorous plants?

A- Yes, they are usually found in the boggy planters flanking the pool in the Fern House. Our collection includes Venus Fly Traps, Sundews, Pitcher Plants and more.

Q- Are the fruits on the Fishtail Palm edible?

A- They are not palatable to humans, but are enjoyed by birds and monkeys in the wild.

Q- Where do your plants come from?

A- We grow plants in our production greenhouse space from seeds, cuttings and divisions. We accept selected donated plants from the public. We are a certified US Fish and Wildlife Plant Rescue Center, accepting plants confiscated by US Customs when they are illegally imported.

Q- Who are those cats?

A- Frank, the mitted sealpoint, and Ivan the black and white have lived here several years. They both showed up here as strays and decided to stay. The gardening staff and the FOC donate their food and medical expenses. Check out their web pages on www.shopcat.com!

Q- How many people work here?

A- There are five Seattle Park Department gardeners plus a summer temporary gardener. The Friends of the Conservatory provides many volunteers to help with all kinds of tasks. Learn more about volunteering.

Q- Where does the donation money go?

A- Currently it goes into a special fund we can use to purchase plants or to enhance our displays.

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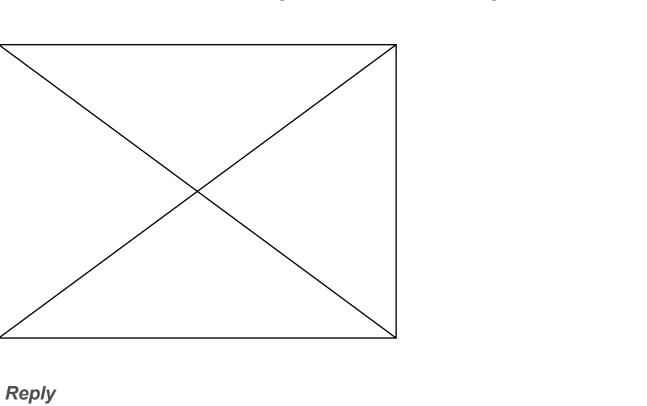




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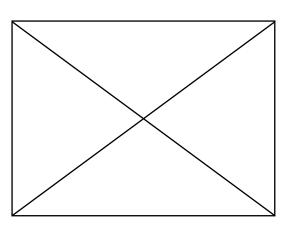
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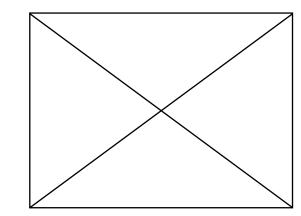
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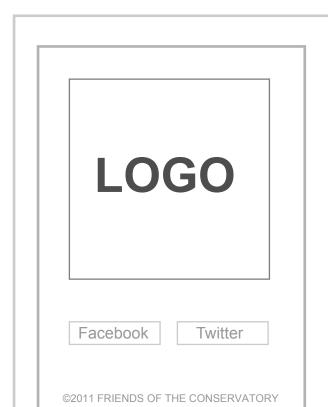
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Join the Friends of the Conservatory

Become a Member of the Friends of the Conservatory and help support the horticultural and educational goals of the Conservatory. As a member of the Friends, you will receive a semi-annual newsletter with horticulture information and activities of the organization including plant sales, workshops, tours and lectures. Members also receive a 10% discount in the FOC Gift Shop & plant sales as well as discounts at events.

Most important, as a member of the Friends you can play a key role in the future of our unique Conservatory in Volunteer Park, ensuring its legacy.

The Friends invite you to support this vital organization devoted to education, the environment and the public enjoyment of plants by joining today.

Members play a key role in this vital organization devoted to education, the environment, and public enjoyment of plants. Continuing member sponsorship has helped the Friends support the Volunteer Park Conservatory for more than 25 years.

Your membership fee helps the FOC and Seattle fund:

The Conservatory orchid collection
Plant information handouts for Conservatory visitors
New Conservatory plant acquisitions
Community environmental education programs

With member support the FOC:

Holds Plant Sales

Arranges lectures and plant workshops

Celebrates with summer galas and a seasonal Open House

Increased membership will help the FOC sponsor more horticultural study trips, maintain an exciting website, and administer Conservatory docent tours.

Membership Benefits:

10% discount at the FOC Gift Shop

10% discount at FOC Plant Sales

Subscription to the Friends Newsletter

Early notice at Conservatory workshops and other FOC events

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Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers empower the FOC to support the Conservatory. Opportunities range from raising tents to counting money, from watering plants to designing databases. To volunteer, please review the volunteer opportunities below and click the link on the right to download an application, e-mail us or call (206) 322-4112. Your time and skills can make a difference.

Gift Shop Hours:

10 am - 3:30 pm - Wednesday through Sunday

Assist the Gift Shop Manager with retail and hospitality skills Serve on the Gift Shop Committee

May & September Plant Sales

Set up and take down tents, lend a truck, carry plants, give plant advice Distribute neighborhood posters, help with publicity Serve on the Plant Sale Committee

Northwest Flower & Garden Show

Set up or take down information booth Staff information table

Special Events

Welcome guests to Conservatory Holiday Open House Help with Summer Event (lecture, rare plant auction, garden party...) Work on Events Committee to plan tours, parties, exhibits, meetings

Office

Assist with mailings

Help Office Administrative Assistant with public relations, phone work Contribute newsletter publishing and computer expertise

Conservatory Plants

Help the Conservatory staff with plant collections. Call (206) 684-4743

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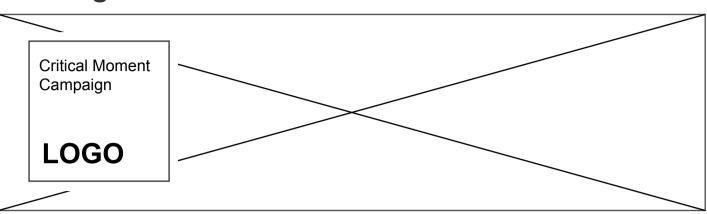
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What people are saying

A trip to the Conservatory is yet another cure for the rainy-day blues. It's like being in the wilderness without actually having to be outside. Lush and beautiful plants and such vibrant shades of green.

There are all kinds of aloe plants, cacti, "upside-down flowers", orchids, etc, as well as neat sculptures and places to sit and soak in the fresh air and beauty.

Go.

-- Sarah. S.

The conservatory is awesome. It smells so good in there! There are various "houses" to walk through, with clear documentation of what plants are displayed. The flowers and plants are beautiful and lush.

I just went again last week and saw orchids, gardenias, hydrangeas, venus fly traps, ferns, and an entire house of cacti, just to name a few. This place makes me happy:)

-- Nicole E.

It's a cold winter day, and we're feeling the blues. We're also suffering from that thinning wallet disease that seems to be going around.

Here's a spot that will warm you up quick, lift the spirits, and doesn't cost a cent, although it does take donations.

The flowers and plants here are gorgeous; unique, exotic, and interesting flora that is impossible to not enjoy.

Step in here, enjoy the warmth and the beauty. I guarantee you will walk out with an improved outlook, especially if you remember not to stick your fingers into the Venus Flytrap.

-- Izzy W.

After making it through my first gray Seattle winter, my stop at the conservatory was just what I needed. The colors and smells were my light at the end of the tunnel. Yay, there's life. Another bonus is that there is no charge for a walk through serenity.

-- Emily T.

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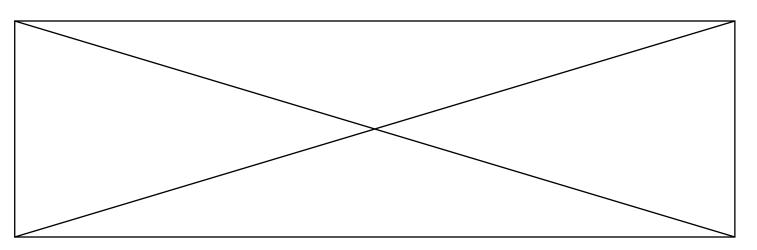
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The Volunteer Park Conservatory Gift Shop is also the Resource Center

Gift Shop & Resource Center



The gift shop sells tropical plants, orchids, cactus and succulents similar to those found on display within the Conservatory. It specializes in garden and botanical themed items, such as colorful glass hummingbird feeders and soothing wind chimes. It also sells gloves and tools, as well as our gardeners' favorite pruners.

The gift shop has books on plants and gardening, along with educational books for children.

Floating candles and locally made jewelry are popular gift items for locals and tourists alike.

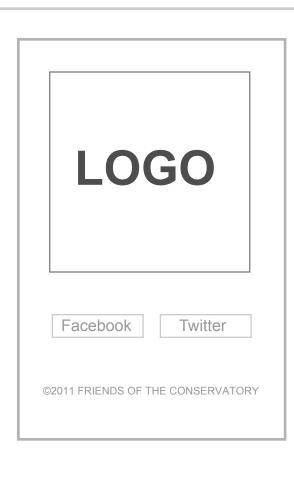
The Friends of the Conservatory opened the Gift Shop and Resource Center in February 2003 to help generate a revenue source to support the Conservatory and to provide reference materials for visitors to the Conservatory.

Stop by to visit us and find many treasures for your home and garden!

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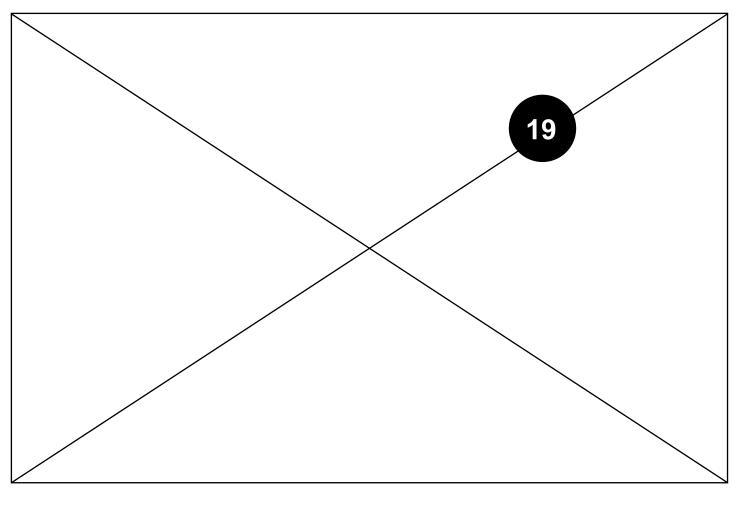
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- -- Turn left on 15th Avenue East. Turn left on East Galer Street.
- -- The park entrance is at 15th Avenue East and East Galer Street.

From North:

- -- Take I-5 South to Roanoke Street Exit.
- -- Turn left over freeway on Roanoke. Turn right on 10th Avenue East.
- -- Turn left on East Prospect Street.
- -- Entrance to park is at 14th Avenue East and East Prospect Street.
- -- Proceed to the North end of the Park, past the Seattle Asian Art Museum.

Bus Information:

- -- The Volunteer Park Conservatory is easily reached by the #10 Metro bus from downtown Seattle:
- -- Proceed to the Pike Street and 4th Avenue stop and take either Bus #10 to Capitol Hill and disembark at 15th Avenue East and East Galer Street (1 block from us),
- -- OR Bus #49 University and disembark at 10th Avenue East and East Aloha Street, about 8 blocks from us.



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