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I thought that some members of WH might be interested in items in this newsletter. It includes First Viewing in the Japanese Garden, lectures, and opportunities for volunteering in the Arboretum.

Naomi

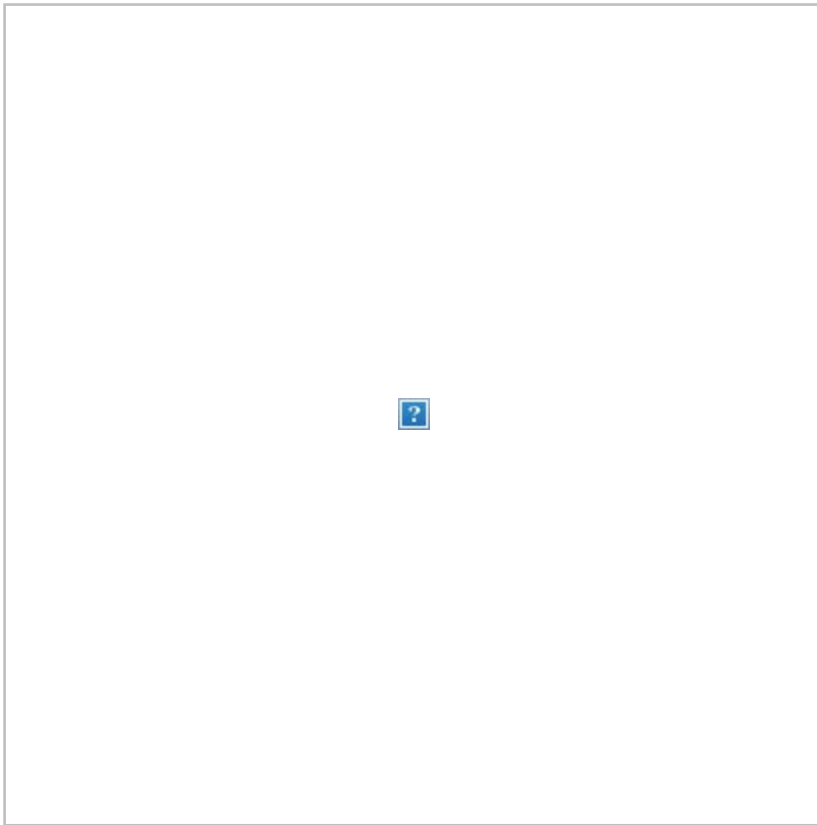
*Preserving and Enhancing a Northwest Treasure*

## Arbor eNotes February 2024

### Japanese Garden First Viewing: March 2

The Seattle Japanese Garden will re-open for the 2024 season on March 1. On the following day - Saturday, March 2 - we will host our official First Viewing event. From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Shakuhachi flute player Araki Kodo will evoke the sounds of spring with a performance on the Moon-Viewing Platform by the Garden pond. Also, our Unit 86 docents will lead two tours of the Garden, at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Both the performance and tours are free with regular admission. Come celebrate the start of a new season of splendor in the Garden!

[FIRST VIEWING EVENT PAGE](#)



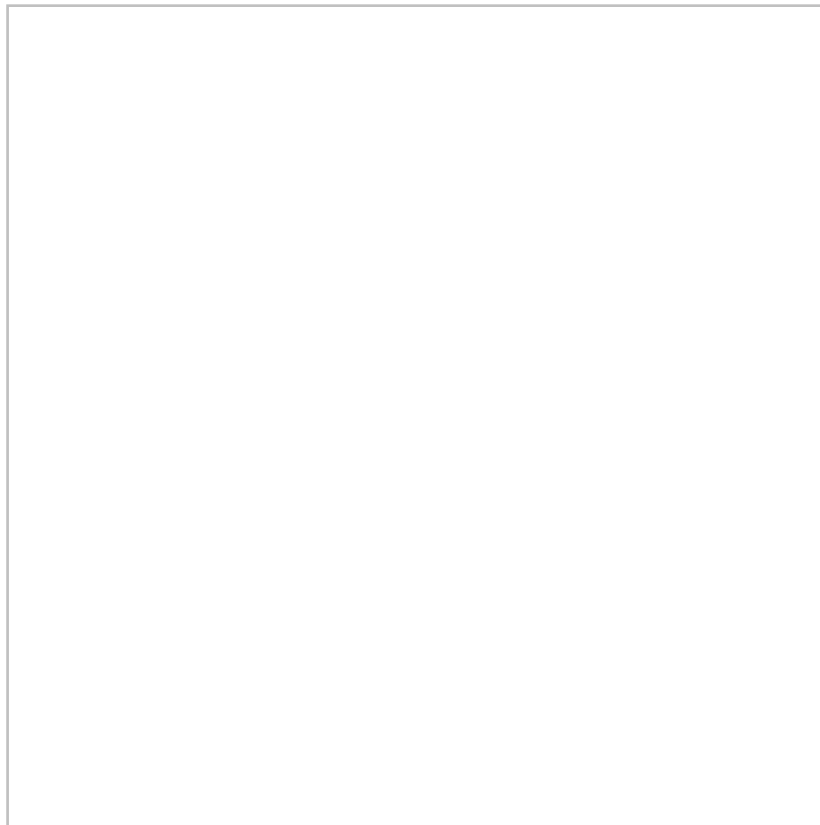
## Opening Night Kicks Off Arboretum's 90th Year

A total of 325 guests attended our annual Opening Night Party at the Northwest Flower & Garden Festival on February 13 and helped us raise more than \$425,000 in support of core programs at the Washington Park Arboretum. This year's party marked the 90th year of the Arboretum (1934–2024), and guests joined with us for a festive BIRTHDAY BOTANICAL BASH to celebrate the past, present, and future of this beloved green space.

(Photo by Alabastro Photography)

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## Our Marvelous Mountain Hemlock

The remarkable mountain hemlock can thrive where conditions alternate between deep winter snows and harsh summer dry spells, and where growing seasons are sometimes measured in mere weeks. In subalpine forests of the Pacific Northwest, the tree provides food and habitat for numerous animal species. It also adapts well to the urban landscape, where it is prized for its compact habit and fine-textured foliage. Several cultivars of the tree are available, some of which can be found in the Washington Park Arboretum, along with the straight species. In the latest [Arboretum Bulletin](#), Theodore Hoss profiles this versatile native tree.

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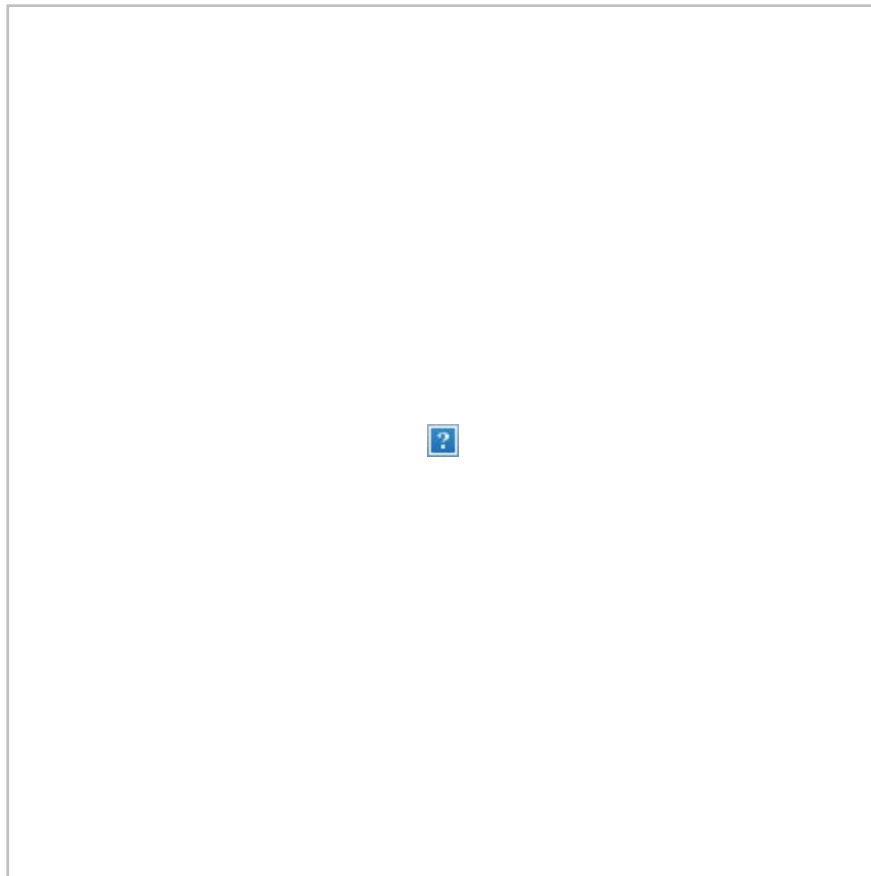


## Lecture at CUH: "The Trees of Tomorrow"

### **\$10 Ticket Discount for Arboretum Foundation Members!**

The Northwest Horticultural Society and UW Botanic Gardens are hosting a lecture by author and tree researcher Henrik Sjöman at the Center for Urban Horticulture on **Tuesday, March 5, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Henrik will discuss his newly published book, ***The Essential Tree Selection Guide: For Climate Resilience, Carbon Storage, Species Diversity, and Other Ecosystem Benefits***, co-authored with Arit Anderson. Learn about how trees are among our best allies in the fight against climate change and biodiversity loss, plus how best to select them for our warming urban environment. Regular tickets are \$30 each. Tickets are just \$20 each for [Arboretum Foundation members](#) when they use a special coupon code at registration. We sent the code to current members on January 19. Email [membership@arboretumfoundation.org](mailto:membership@arboretumfoundation.org) if you need us to resend the code or have questions.

**LECTURE INFO AND REGISTRATION**



## Nursery Will Start Receiving Plant Donations March 13

The volunteers at the Cloney-Harris Plant Nursery will begin prepping for the new season on Wednesday, March 13. Local gardeners are welcome to donate plants to the nursery while the volunteers are on-site every Wednesday (from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.). Or they can drop off plants at the nursery anytime during the day, from March 13 through September 23. The nursery sells a wide range of outdoor plants, including perennials, shrubs, small trees, and native species. It will open for sales at our [Spring Plant Sale](#) on April 14.

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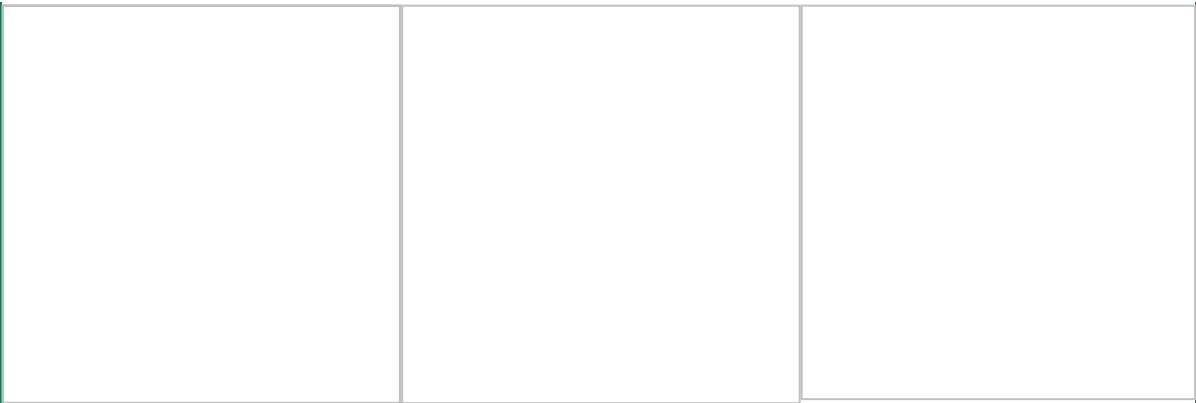
## **Gift Shop & Garden Steward Volunteers Needed!**

Our seasonal Garden Stewards program will restart in mid-March, and we're looking for new recruits! If you'd like to help the Arboretum horticulture crew weed and mulch the plant collections on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, we'd love to hear from you! We're also in need of new cashiers to help run the Mary Ellen Mulder Arboretum Gift Shop in the Graham Visitors Center. Click the button below to visit our volunteer page for more info or to sign up.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & SIGN-UP**

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**Arboretum & Related News**



**Botanical Symposium**

UW Botanic Gardens and the UW Herbarium at the Burke Museum will hold their annual botanical symposium at the Center for Urban Horticulture (and online) on **Wednesday, March 6**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Topics include "Old Forests as Natural Climate Solutions."

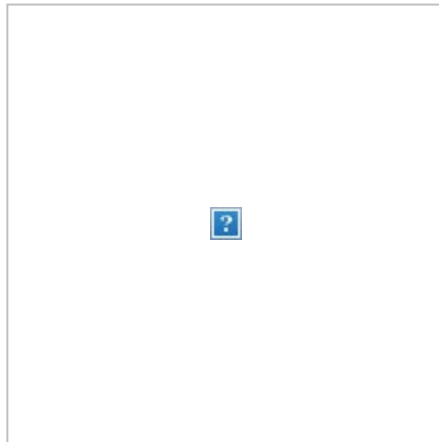
**Wheel Tree**

On the UW Botanic Gardens blog, Arboretum Hort Supervisor Roy Farrow writes about ***Trochodendron aralioides***, native to Japan and Korea. Called the wheel tree because of the whorled arrangement of its leaves, the species has an unusual evolutionary story.

**Library Art Exhibit**

From March 2 to 29, the Miller Library at the Center for Urban Horticulture will host an exhibit by local artist Rainer Waldman Adkins. It will feature paintings and drawings of tree and vegetable forms, Northwestern landscapes, and more.

**Banner photo: *Rhododendron moupinense***, a threatened species from China, blooming along Arboretum Drive.



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