

CHASE GARDEN



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

MEMBERS PHOTO CONTEST BEGINS!
Submission deadline 6/15
Call garden for details

February 13&14th- *Special SnowDrop viewing 10-3*

Saturday March 5th- The garden is open!
March 5th- October 31st, W-Su, 10-3pm

April 8- 10th - *Chase Garden Spring Plant Sale*

April 30th- *Native Plant workshop with Will Clausen*
Free for members \$10 for non-members (Limited to 18)

May 7-8th- *Mother's Day weekend*
Moms are free and receive a special gift!

Saturday May 21st - *Garden & Grapes with Ciscoe Morris fundraising soiree 5-7pm*

June 18-19th - *Father's Day weekend*

History of Chase Garden three-part study series with Rosina McIvor

- February 6th, 10-12pm: *Historical overview. Media, garden management and progression to present day*
 - March 12th, 10-12pm: *The early years. Zumwalt's design and beyond*
 - June 11th, 10-12pm: *Garden segments. Plants and design through the years*
- FREE, Limited to 10, reservation required



THANK YOU

Membership revenues are a major source of funding and assist in preservation and maintenance of the Chase Garden and its programs. Your support is important to us and member benefits are one way of saying thank you. Last year, your dollars went directly toward the hire of the first time ever, Director of Chase Garden and lead horticulturist, replacement of the roof and the installation of highway tourism signs. This year, in addition to the complete renovation of two areas in the garden, our goals are to provide educational opportunities to local schools, open a small garden shop and of course to maintain the garden as a place of solitude and beauty for our visitors.

Please consider joining, renewing or giving a gift membership, which will provide a full year of benefits.

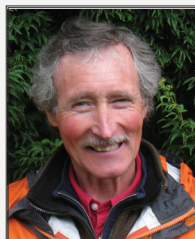
Spring has sprung...a little early at Chase Garden

By Lori Taylor, Chase Garden, Director

As the 2016 season gets underway, we have a lot to look forward to. Will Clausen, our lead horticulturist and some of our dedicated volunteers are getting the garden ready for opening day, Saturday March 5th, just in time for garden and plant lovers to start gathering inspiration for the year.

This year is a critical one for Chase Garden, as we work on transitioning toward independence as a self-sustaining public garden. We aim to preserve the legacy of its creators, the late Emmott and lone Chase. For over forty years, starting in the 1960's, they built a creative interpretation of the natural landscape, and in doing so, created one of the finest examples of mid-twentieth century garden design. lone provided the vision. Emmott provided the muscle. lone used to say "He can do anything I make up my mind to do."

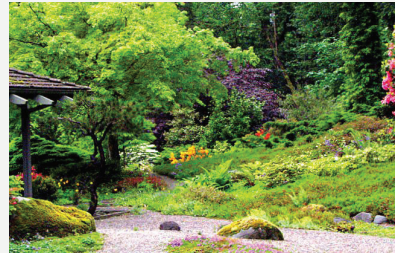
They were ahead of the curve in their environmentally sound plant choices and the minimal use of water, important examples for sustainable ornamental horticulture. Most of all, the Chase Garden has an elegant quiet beauty that engenders feelings of peace and serenity. It is an important community resource for both mind and spirit.



The garden is open yearly to all - hundreds of students on school field trips, garden tours, and visitors just seeking the beauty and tranquility of the garden. Last year, we greeted over 1240 visitors and this year we hope to welcome twice as many guests into the garden.

On May 21st 2016 we will host our *Garden & Grapes with Ciscoe Morris*- a wine tasting fundraiser with Silent Auction event, held at the Chase Garden. We anticipate 150 guests and the funds raised will go toward garden preservation and educational programming. Our collective efforts to preserve this truly iconic Northwest garden will ensure not only the perpetuation of its distinctive plant collection but the unique artistic vision and environmental principle forged by Emmott and lone.

Please join us- Space is limited! Go to our website to make your reservation.



Membership Enrollment

- \$35 Individual
- \$50 Family
- \$100 Supporting
- \$200 Club/Society
- \$250 Sustaining
- \$500 Business
- \$1000 Patron
- \$5000 Founding
- Other \$ _____

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- My check/money order is enclosed
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WHY VISIT CHASE GARDEN IN THE SPRING?

"Springtime here is magical, with countless small flowering plants evoking the colors and textures of an impressionist painting. Beneath a canopy of evergreens in the woodland, the forest floor offers an equally irresistible panoply of wildflowers with native trilliums, erythroniums, vanilla leaf, and Solomon's seal."

Alice Joyce, 1001 Gardens You Must See Before You Die

Donor's Circle

Funds from our Donor's Circle are used to preserve and maintain the beautiful Chase Garden and assist in our continued efforts to keep the garden open for public enjoyment and education. Join our annual Donor's Circle and you will receive recognition in our newsletter and know that you are helping to sustain this iconic Northwest garden.

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Fall Plant Profile

Snowdrop (*Galanthus spp.*)

By Will Clausen, Chase Garden, Lead Horticulturist

The little green fingers of snowdrops (*Galanthus spp.*) pushing out of the ground in late winter are always a surprise even when you know they're coming.

Growing from small bulbs, in late winter two or three narrow linear leaves emerge along with a solitary flower stalk. The blue-green leaves eventually grow to 3-6 inches in height while the flowering stalk, called a scape, reaches an inch or two beyond that before a small pendulous white flower emerges. The genus name, *Galanthus*, translates to "milk flowers" referring to the white color of the flowers. The flowers generally have three larger white tepals and three smaller inner tepals that are also white and usually display green or yellow markings. After the flowers fade, the leaves remain for a few weeks to soak up as much sun as they can before dying back to the ground to wait until it is time to come up again the following year.



Snowdrops are easy to grow when given part sun and average soil moisture. Avoid areas with poor drainage and those that dry out too much in the summer heat. Unlike many other spring bulbs, the best time to plant snowdrops is not autumn but in late spring just after they have finished blooming and before their leaves disappear. Find a spot where they can spread, dig them in a few inches deep, and in time you will have a large swath. Once established, snowdrops require very little care and are happy to come back year after year.

Ranging in the wild from southern Europe through to Iran where they grow mostly in deciduous woodland, there are about 20 recognized species of snowdrops. However, more than a thousand cultivars now exist due to the innate variability of the plant and to the efforts of gardeners who have selected for odd traits. The variations are generally subtle, but enough to inspire people none the less.

In recent years a remarkable phenomenon has gripped a certain segment of the garden world. The so called "snowdropmania" is driving prices of some cultivars sky high. A particularly rare cultivar with an unusual flower shape, *Galanthus plicatus* 'Golden Fleece', set a record when it was sold last year for \$2,150 for a single bulb! Such inflated prices are driven by demand from wealthy collectors, but also from large nurseries looking to make money. A few years ago a nursery bought a single plant with yellow ovary and floral markings for over \$1,000. They are now propagating it and should quickly recoup their investment. The most interesting thing about "snowdropmania" is that the distinction between most cultivars of snowdrop is not obvious. The variations are mostly minor differences in the green and yellow markings on the flowers. You won't find a blood red snowdrop or a two foot tall cultivar. A quick bit of research does turn up a cultivar with foliage slightly more yellow than normal. There are dubious claims of the existence of variety with a slightly pink tinge to the flower. Still there are plant geeks that are going absolutely crazy for these little plants- so crazy there is a term for them: galanthophiles.

Snowdrop appreciation is most prominent in the United Kingdom. Spring in Britain brings countless snowdrop festivals and garden openings to display large swaths of the little white flowers. Though we may not live up to the level of snowdrop madness in Europe, Chase Garden is fortunate enough to be able to boast our own snowdrop mass. As I type this piece, thousands of little plants are emerging and getting ready to bloom in our garden. Come and join us on February 13th and 14th as we open up the garden to celebrate snowdrops and all things spring. We will have snowdrops for sale (very reasonably priced!) for you do start or add to your own collection.

Celebrating Spring

By Anne Wells- Garden Conservancy, Preservation Manager

The arrival of spring is always eagerly anticipated, even when the winter has been mild one. Longer days and warmer temperatures invite us to get outside more and stay there longer when we do. It feels natural to celebrate the return of the growing season, and throughout history people have done just that. Countries and cultures around the world associate spring with the renewal of life and, in some cases, the beginning of a new year. Before most of the (western) world adopted the Gregorian calendar, the old Julian calendar observed New Year's Day on March 25th. (In fact, the British, and their American colonies, held out until as late as 1752 before starting the year in January!) These days spring seems the logical time to celebrate the natural environment, as we do on Earth Day (April 22nd) and Arbor Day (this year on April 29th).

Although the vernal equinox is still a few weeks away, the Chase Garden's landscape is already beginning to wake up from its winter slumber and show us signs of spring. Our witch-hazels are leading the way with the Chinese witch-hazel (*Hamamelis mollis*) in full bloom and the lovely *H. x intermedia* 'Diane's red flowers just beginning. Our brave *Narcissus* 'Tete-a-Tete' are emerging from the leaf litter and will soon line the driveway. Heaths (*Erica carnea*) are just beginning to show their cheerful flowers, and before long will create a profusion of pink and white blooms. The swelling buds on the star magnolias (*Magnolia stellata*) promise a nice show for March. And in the woodlands the vanilla leaf (*Achlys triphylla*) will soon have delicate white spikes dotting its lush carpet of green.

Please make a point of coming to Chase to see all there is to celebrate this spring!

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- Free admission to the garden
- The Chase View newsletter
- E-letter notifications
- 10% discount on plants
- Invitation to members only events

Family- Individual benefits, plus free admission for family members living at the same address

Supporting- Family benefits, plus 10 guest passes

Sustaining- Supporting benefits, plus free guided tour

Patron- Sustaining benefits plus one free day in the for up to 20 guests and Recognition in Chase Garden website and newsletter

Founding -Patron benefits, plus framed plaque with contributor's name displayed in the Fireside room and photo album with views of Chase Garden, plants and quotes

Society/Club-One free guided tour for club members, a 10% plant discount on day of tour and one copy of the Chase view newsletter

Business- Free admission for owners

- Family benefits, plus 20 guest passes
- Recognition as supporting business with ad space in the newsletter
- One guided group tour