



Tree Time

THE MOUNT PISGAH ARBORETUM QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Executive Director's Message

by Brad van Appel

What will the future bring? That's the question on everyone's mind. None of us can really know, and right now, that's pretty scary. But nature is here to assure us that the beauty and abundance of life around us will continue. Spring is doing its thing, and you can bet that summer won't be far behind.



Mourning cloak butterfly (*Nymphalis antiopa*)

Mount Pisgah Arboretum is that special place in nature that feels like home to so many of us. During the current crisis some have committed to sheltering in place and stayed away. Others have found themselves drawn here, looking for fresh air and the pleasures of the great outdoors. Whichever group you fall into we want you to know the Arboretum is doing all we can to serve you and to be ready for the day when we can all explore and celebrate nature together again.

In the last couple of years, the Arboretum has worked to make our programs and facilities feel more inclusive, equitable, and welcoming to everyone in the community. This year, we hoped to focus on stepping up the care of our trails and facilities, and broadening the scope of our educational programming – adding more hands-on stewardship activities for children and more classroom time to reinforce what kids learn on our fieldtrips. We also planned to engage more people of all ages in citizen science and to shine a local light on global issues like climate change.

All those things are still very important, and we still intend to achieve them, but the COVID-19 crisis has been a game changer for everyone, including the Arboretum. We've had to cancel this year's Wildflower & Music Festival as well as all of our spring programs and activities. Much of our summer events season will also be lost. We will experience significant impacts to our work, and to our funding as a result.

These challenging times have pushed us to find new ways to serve our mission and our community. On our website, you can now find fun educational activities to do with your kids, video classes, and opportunities to sign-up for virtual workshops. We're excited about these new offerings, but also eager to gather with you again, out in nature.

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We've been here for a long time, and as long as the community continues to love and support this special place, the Arboretum will be here to inspire future generations to learn about and care for the natural world. If you have the resources, I hope you'll consider stepping up your support at this time, for the Arboretum, and for all the other folks doing important work in our community. 🍂

Spring's Return

by Tom LoCascio, Site Manager

There was a thin yellow film on the hood of my car today. Looking for the culprit, I spotted the Oregon ash and bigleaf maples in bloom, festooned with pollen waiting for transport. When the maple trees flower, our blue camas lily is also coming into bloom. Both plants produce heavy nectar flows relatively early in the season; and as such, are valuable food sources for honey, leafcutter and mason bees.



Giant white trillium (*Trillium albidum*)

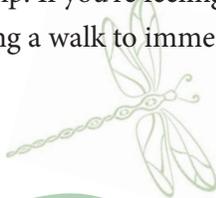


Baby blue eyes (*Nemophila menziesii*)

The wildflower season is here. The meadows are lush with dense spikes of blue camas and yellow buttercup darting up through the grass. Walking about one can see trilliums, bleeding heart, Oregon iris, and baby blue eyes that speckle the trails. Pink lady slipper orchids, a favorite of many, are back beneath the incense-cedar trees. Hummingbirds and bumblebees dance between blossoms gathering nectar

from a patch of purple larkspur growing in the Water Garden. There is a female Wood duck back in the same oak tree cavity as last year brooding eggs, and there appears to be another duck nesting in an Oregon ash cavity not far from this tree out behind the Education Building.

While we all hunker down to aide in weathering this storm, the valley is decked out in its finest spring cloak. The woods and skies are alive with wild beauty and sounds of courtship. If you're feeling the need for a break, consider taking a walk to immerse yourself in nature's salve. 🍂



Lady/Fairy slipper (*Calypso Bulbosa*)

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Mount Pisgah Arboretum is a nonprofit organization with a mission to engage people with nature through interactive learning and stewardship.

Facilities include miles of riverside and forest trails, picnic areas and a pavilion for events. We host outdoor programs to foster appreciation of the natural world.

Thank you for being a supporter!

Members, YOU could win a gift basket full of goodies!

SPECIAL MAY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Help us reach our goal of 100 new Arboretum members in May
and be entered to win a gift basket of goodies.

As most of you know by now, due to the new coronavirus we had to cancel our Wildflower & Music Festival this year, our springtime fundraiser. So we're asking for your help with a special May membership drive to strengthen the Arboretum. Here are two ways you can help us; and the more you help, the more times your name is entered into the drawing for a fabulous gift basket (and we think the more warm fuzzies you're likely to feel):

Way 1: Encourage friends, family, acquaintances, co-workers, heck—even strangers to become a member of the Arboretum now. If someone you've encouraged to join as a new member signs up, ask them to write “inspired by *your name*” on their membership form/Paypal payment.

Way 2: We realize not everyone is an extrovert; if encouraging others to join isn't your style, how about purchasing a Gift Membership for someone you know? You'll be giving them the gift of nature when they need it most and helping us to reach our May membership goal at the same time.

Two ways to help Mount Pisgah Arboretum preserve this local treasure.

Two ways to encourage friends and family to get their daily dose of nature.

Lots of chances for you to win a gift basket (we have 2 to give away) chocked full of goodies, including:

Gardening for Birds by Cornell Lab of Ornithology, a Mount Pisgah Arboretum Tiny Tee (size 18 mo.) featuring original artwork, local honey, a wildflower guide book, plant playing cards and more. It's that easy!

Gift Membership Form is on the back of this page. 😊



Patrick Wegner, Assistant Habitat & Trails Mgr.

A New Face in a New Role

by Brad van Appel, Executive Director

The Arboretum is making some staffing changes to take better care of our site and facilities and prepare for the future. Over the winter we created a new Assistant Habitat and Trails Manager position. We were very fortunate to hire Patrick Wegner to fill this new role in March. Patrick comes to us with a degree in natural resources, recreation and tourism management from Oregon State University, and experience working with Oregon State Parks and Portland's World Forestry Center. His most recent position was as a natural area technician with the North Clackamas Park and Recreation Department. He spends his spare time working as the lead restoration volunteer with the Willamette Restoration Volunteers up in Albany. Patrick joined our team in the midst of these very unusual times, and has proven to be a very valuable addition. 🍄

Give the gift of nature!



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Transitions

by Leisha Wood, Venue Manager

Celebrating together is such an integral part of what the Arboretum has always meant to our community, long before even we recognized how significant a place it was for people wishing to mark the special occasions and transitions in their lives. We built our White Oak Pavilion in response to a growing community desire to have a space for these events to take place in the midst of a cherished environment. We, in turn, are blessed by the opportunities that we have to connect with all of you and support these celebrations in the heart of this amazing place. We provide space for love, reunion, family, and moments of triumph as well as space for grief, saying goodbye, and moving forward. While we have spent decades nurturing a space for these transitions in individual lives, families, and community, we likewise have been supported in the work that we do to provide nature education to school children all over Lane County from the revenue of our venue. Now we are all in transition again.



Photo by Amanda Meg Photography

This year changes everything—for now—for our engaged couples who have been waiting for months and sometimes years to join together their families, their intentions, their paths; and it changes things for those people who have someone to mourn, or a milestone to celebrate. It changes things for us as well, but not forever. We are committed to moving through this time of change, unease, and unpredictability with all the heart we normally give to our programs. We are committed to making sure that each celebration can be celebrated, although when and how may have to change, and to making sure that this venue remains a resource of solace and joy to those in our community who have time and again told us that the Arboretum is their special place, and that they would not want to honor life's milestones anywhere else.

Transitions call for adaptability, openness, perseverance, and heart; these are also the skills that are required of us in all that we do out here, and so we have had ample practice. This venue is your venue. This place is your place. We are booking 2021 events now. As we all find new clarity and a path forward together, we will be here for you to celebrate all that has come before and all that will come in the future. 🌰



The Arboretum Needs You

by Julie Hubbard-McNall, Development Coordinator & Bookkeeper

Elopement package
coming for 2020!

Please contact Leisha Wood for details and to be placed on an interest list: 541-747-1504
events@mountpisgaharboretum.org

A few months ago we never could have imagined that the Arboretum's spring field trip programs and annual Wildflower & Music Festival would be cancelled due to a global pandemic. These changes have created programming and financial challenges for Mount Pisgah Arboretum. Our education staff has worked quickly to provide online educational opportunities for children and adults, while the site staff has – fortunately – been able to continue maintaining and protecting the trails and habitat. We are exploring new strategies for raising funds as well. If you are able to make a donation of any amount, we thank you. Donations will support the creation of new educational opportunities and the care and protection of this beautiful place. 🌰

We're Taking Our Programming Online!

The global outbreak of COVID-19 has led to the cancellation of all in-person educational programming at least through May, meaning no Discovery Tours field trips or walks and workshops; however, environmental education is just as important as ever, even if it's learning about the ecology of our own backyards. We are offering curriculum for parents and teachers, games and activities for kids, and webinars for adults. Join us in staying active! Visit our *Resources for Kids & Adults* page under our *Learn* tab at mountpisgaharboretum.org.



BINGO FUN FOR EVERYONE! YOU CAN DO THIS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

Mount Pisgah Arboretum Bingo

To protect our animals and plants, please stay on the trails during your bingo hunt!

Trillium



Poison Oak



Baby blue-eyes



Pollinator



Spotted Towhee



Banana Slug



Speckled Oak Gall

Gopher Mound



FOLD



Stag Horn Lichen



Steller's Jay

Deer Print



Stream



Squirrel



Gopher Mound



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Speckled Oak Gall



Acorn

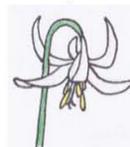
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Incense Cedar



Lung Lichen

Fawn lily



Incense Cedar Cone



Pollinator



Snag



Small waterfall

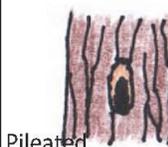


Old Man's Beard Lichen

Bird's Nest Fungus



Dog Print



Pileated Woodpecker Hole

Oregon Grape



Licorice Fern



Fern Spores

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