

The Northwest Perennial Alliance Presents:

Hardy Plant Study Weekend

Seattle/Bellevue

June 16-20, 2022



Gardens connect us in many different ways. With others who share this same passion, with ourselves as a place of respite and joy, and with the Earth that needs our care and assistance. These connections are vital to gardeners, and add to the pleasure of gardening. NPA's Hardy Plant Study Weekend is all about exploring these connections.

It's been 4 years since NPA hosted Study Weekend, and we're thrilled to host once again in 2022. This regional gardening event rotates host duties with our friends in the Hardy Plant Society of Oregon in Portland, and the Hardy Plant Groups of Vancouver and Victoria in British Columbia.

The 2022 Study Weekend offers 4 full days of open gardens, featuring 31 outstanding and unique gardens, half are open to NPA for the first time or haven't been open in many years. Saturday's all-day Seminars & Plant Market feature top-notch speakers, a market offering hard-to-find plants, and fun social events where you can enjoy the company of other plant people from all over the Pacific Northwest.

2022 Study Weekend Schedule

- Thursday, June 16 – **15 Bonus Open Gardens**, located further away from Seattle, also open June 20
- Friday, June 17 – **16 Open Gardens**, located within Seattle/Bellevue area, also open June 19
- Friday, June 17 – **Garden Soiree Evening** at Bellevue Botanical Garden
- Saturday, June 18 – **Garden Seminars & Plant Market**, Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue
- Sunday, June 19 – **Sunday Coffee & Donuts** at Bellevue Botanical Garden
- Sunday, June 19 – **16 Open Gardens**, located within Seattle/Bellevue area, also open June 17
- Monday, June 20 – **15 Bonus Open Gardens**, located further away from Seattle, also open June 16

Study Weekend Open Gardens are the highlight of this event. We offer 31 exquisite gardens to tour over 4 days: 16 gardens closer within the Seattle/Bellevue area are open Friday and Sunday, and 15 gardens further out are open Thursday and Monday. This grouping allows both local attendees, and those driving from out of town, to tour lovely gardens the day before and after the main 3-day event. Study Weekend Gardens represent many different styles and sizes, but all were chosen because they are outstanding! Each garden is open for 2 full days from 10 am to 4 pm, allowing time to tour every garden. Or pick and choose which gardens to visit on a more leisurely pace. Carpooling is encouraged, or use the optional mini-bus service (Friday and Sunday only).

Garden Seminars feature 5 presentations from well-known local and national horticultural experts: Dr. Ross Bayton with Debby Purser, Vincent Simeone, Debra Prinzing, Marianne Willburn, and Ciscoe Morris. Their presentations are part of a full-day of activities at the Meydenbauer Center in downtown Bellevue, WA. The day's schedule allows plenty of time to socialize, and shop at the exciting Plant Market. Coffee service is included, boxed lunches are available for an additional fee, and there will be a no-host afternoon wine bar. There are 434 parking spaces in the basement garage (parking fees not included, about \$20 per day); or use public transportation to/from the adjacent bus transfer station. Carpooling is encouraged.

Plant Market features several specialty plant growers offering many tempting plants for attendees to snap up and take home. Located in a large room adjacent to the Lecture Hall at the Meydenbauer Center, the plant market will be open before, between, and after the lectures. With attendee parking located conveniently in the basement of the Center, carrying purchases to your vehicle is easy via elevators.

Garden Soiree Evening is an opportunity to socialize and mingle with other attendees. This festive private event at the beautiful Bellevue Botanical Garden includes plenty of delicious appetizers and desserts from Alexa's Café & Catering, along with a selection of wine and beverages. This optional event is limited to 175 attendees. The indoor venue has overhead doors that will be open to a large patio area with great views of the garden.

Sunday Coffee & Donuts is a chance to visit the beautiful NPA Perennial Border at Bellevue Botanical Garden while sipping coffee and enjoying a treat, before touring the day's Open Gardens. NPA has sponsored and maintained this gorgeous ½ acre mixed perennial border since the garden opened in 1992. It's a showcase for what grows well in Pacific NW gardens, and recent renovations added many new varieties of perennials, grasses, and shrubs. It's a top destination in the Seattle area, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors annually, and there's no admission fee.

Study Weekend Speakers

NPA is pleased to announce a wonderful lineup of gardening speakers for our 2022 Hardy Plant Study Weekend. Following is a brief bio for each speaker:



Dr. Ross Bayton & Debby Purser: Dr. Ross Bayton is the new Director of the world-famous Heronswood botanical garden near Kingston, Washington. He is also an experienced gardener, plantsman, botanist and taxonomist with an infectious enthusiasm for all things green. A noted communicator, adept at modifying language for audiences as diverse as professional scientists, college students and backyard gardeners. Ross received his education in the UK, earning a BS in Tropical Ecology, and a Masters and PhD in Taxonomy. He is the co-author of 3 books including *RHS Gardening School*, authored the book *RHS Gardener's Botanical*, and worked for three years at *BBC Gardeners' World Magazine*.

Debby Purser, Heronswood gardener, is a Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal member and intimately involved in the inclusion of tribal traditions and interpretation at Heronswood.

Vincent A. Simeone is an experienced lecturer, instructor, horticultural consultant, and author of several gardening books and magazine articles. His education and training are in ornamental horticulture, which he studied under world-famous professors Dr. Allan Armitage and Dr. Michael Dirr at the University of Georgia. Vincent has made many TV appearances, including on *Martha Stewart Living*. He also assists Allan Armitage with garden tours throughout the world, and has published six books, including *Grow More with Less: Sustainable Garden Methods*.





Debra Prinzing is a Seattle-based writer, speaker and leading advocate for American-Grown Flowers. Through her many Slow Flowers branded projects, she started a national conversation that stimulates consumers and professionals alike to make conscientious choices about floral purchases. Debra has won numerous national and local awards for her work, including being honored by the Seattle Wholesale Growers Market for her outstanding contributions to revitalizing the local floral community. She is the author of ten books, including *Slow Flowers* and *The 50 Mile Bouquet*.

Ciscoe Morris is a well-known horticultural personality in the Pacific Northwest. He is a speaker, writer, and television host featured regularly on King5 New Day Northwest, King5 News, and King5 Evening. After writing a newspaper column for many years, first for the *Seattle Post Intelligencer* followed by the *Seattle Times*, he left to concentrate on writing his most recent book, *Oh La La*. Ciscoe can often be found working in his northeast Seattle garden, which has been featured in several publications. He is also passionate about travel and leads garden tours all over the world.



Marianne Willburn is a gardening author, speaker, and online columnist at *GardenRant* and *Small-TownGardener*. She is the author of two gardening books: *Tropical Plants and How to Love Them* (2021), and *Big Dreams, Small Garden* (2017). Marianne is also a regular contributor to many garden magazines, and a newspaper columnist for over a decade. She has received several awards from Garden Communicators International, and is a graduate of University College London. Marianne now gardens on ten acres in a rural corner of Northern Virginia, and shares her expertise each week with readers online and in print.

Study Weekend Registration Details

Registration is open to everyone at this time, not just members of NPA. Full payment is due at registration. Registration is through the NPA website, with payment in full using a credit/debit card through our website's secure payment system. Once payment is made, you'll receive an emailed receipt, please save this as proof of payment.

NPA's website – www.n-p-a.org – Go to the EVENTS page for Details and to Register

Study Weekend Costs

- 2022 Hardy Plant Study Weekend Registration Fee – limited to 550 – \$185 per person
- *Optional* Garden Soiree Evening – limited to 175 – \$75 per person
- *Optional* Boxed Lunch at the Seminar Event – \$30 each
- *Optional* Mini-bus Open Garden Touring (June 17 & 19 only) – \$42 per day *

Included with Registration Fee: Admittance to all Study Weekend Open Gardens, admittance to the Garden Seminars & Plant Market at the Meydenbauer Center (includes morning coffee service with fruit/pastries and afternoon grab & go snacks), and coffee service with donuts at the Sunday Coffee & Donuts event at BBG.

NOT included with Registration Fee: Transportation costs, hotel rooms, lunch, Garden Soiree, no-host afternoon wine/beverages at Garden Seminars, and Meydenbauer Center parking garage fees.

* **Mini-bus Open Garden Touring:** Only available to tour the 16 gardens open on Friday and Sunday! Each bus holds 24 passengers, and contains a restroom. Estimated bus schedule: Leave parking lot at 9:30 am, tour 8 gardens in one day, BYO brown-bag lunch on bus, return to parking lot at 4:30 pm. Park-n-ride locations announced by May 1st, probably a school parking lot in the Bellevue area. Tickets will be available in May. If you want to ride a mini-bus to visit ALL sixteen of the Friday/Sunday open gardens, purchase one ticket for Friday, and another ticket for Sunday!

Participant's Packets are mailed to all attendees in early May. This includes a personalized Admittance Lanyard (your ticket to get into all SW Events), a description and map of all Open Gardens, details for the Garden Seminars & Plant Market, Garden Soiree ticket (if purchased), Mini-bus tickets (if purchased), and boxed lunch ticket (if purchased). *Note: All Study Weekend participants will be issued personalized Admittance Lanyards as proof of registration and payment; unpaid guests are not allowed to attend any event, including Open Gardens.*

Cancellation Policy: Attendees will be charged a \$20 service fee for cancelled registrations before or on May 15, 2022; after this date, NPA cannot issue any refunds. Instructions on how to cancel will be included in emailed registration confirmations.

Downtown Bellevue Hotels: There are many good hotel options in the downtown Bellevue area, within walking distance of the Meydenbauer Center, located at 11100 NE 6th St, Bellevue, WA. NPA has not blocked any hotel rooms for this event, but suggest you consider one of these nearby hotels, and encourage out-of-town attendees to book a hotel room as soon as possible after registration is complete:

- Courtyard by Marriott, Bellevue (0.1-mile walk)
- Seattle Marriott, Bellevue Downtown (0.2-mile walk)
- Hilton Garden Inn, Bellevue Downtown (0.4-mile walk)
- The Westin Bellevue (0.4-mile walk)
- W Bellevue (0.4-mile walk)
- AC Hotel by Marriott, Bellevue (0.4-mile walk)
- Hyatt Regency Bellevue (0.5-mile walk)

There are many other hotels located throughout the area within easy driving distance to the Meydenbauer Center. The Bellevue Botanical Garden is located 1.2 miles from the Meydenbauer Center.

****COVID-19 Policy for Attendees – UPDATED on March 31, 2022:** Washington State and King County, WA, no longer require proof of vaccination per #1 & 3, negative tests per #2 & 3, or the wearing of facemasks per # 4. NPA will comply, per #5, with these current health regulations, but reserves the right to change this policy again if required by local health departments or the owners of Study Weekend indoor venues.

1. NPA requires each attendee and participant of the 2022 Hardy Plant Study Weekend to show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination to attend any event; acceptable forms of proof of vaccination include a CDC vaccine card or photo of vaccine card, documented proof from a vaccine provider or medical record, vaccination proof from another state or country, a printed certificate or digital record from MyIRMobile.com, or a QR code or digital copy of your vaccination record from WA Verify. Attendees from Canada may use their Canadian Passport (vaccination proof is required to enter the US).
2. People who are unvaccinated or cannot prove vaccination status will be required to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test from a testing provider in the last 72 hours.
3. NPA will check for proof of full COVID-19 vaccination per #1 above, or negative test per #2 above, at the entrance to all indoor events, attendees without proof will be denied entry, and refunds will not be issued.
4. Masks are required in Washington State for all public indoor spaces regardless of vaccination status.
5. NPA reserves the right to change its COVID-19 policy requirements to attend the 2022 Hardy Plant Study Weekend in order to keep in compliance with current Washington State COVID-19 rules and regulations. All changes to this policy will be emailed to participants prior to the start of the Event.
6. Attendees are required to check that they accept this policy during the registration process.
7. **SEMINAR SEATING:** The Meydenbauer Center lecture hall seating capacity is 600, and may be FULL for this event. No additional spacing between seats is planned for lectures.