



FRIENDS OF
Hendricks Park

NEWS FROM THE

Park Bench

EUGENE'S FIRST PARK

Fall 2003

Three Trails of Hendricks Park

Whether you are walking along a trail in the forest as yellow oak leaves fall in the autumn weather, rambling in the Native Plant Garden when spring breaks through, strolling the paths in the Rhododendron Garden bursting with color as the summer season begins spilling into our lives, or pausing at the shelter to see the towering firs disappear into the mystical gray fog of winter, Hendricks Park is a wonderful place to be. It can be pleasant, peaceful, good exercise or simply a way to restore your sense of well-being.

Whatever the season or reason, come enjoy and explore the park. It is your park. It is OUR PARK!



President's Message

Call for Members and Involvement

Welcome to the Autumn issue of the Park Bench. As the new president of Friends of Hendricks



Park, I'm excited about this year's activities and meeting more of the family of Friends. During the last year, FoHP established a solid foundation, hosted a well-attended lecture series and built the Oak Knoll Trail.

Pride in Hendricks Park and a sense of place come from community involvement in the park's care. By joining the Friends and actively participating in the group, you can improve this jewel in our midst. As incredible as the park is, it still needs our help in many ways. Friends of Hendricks Park are continuing to help implement the Forest Management Plan (ivy removal and forest restoration).

Membership has grown tremendously, thanks in large part to Sandra Austin's tireless duty. All of your financial support is appreciated, and increasing our membership is an important goal we'll be pursuing this year.

My emphasis for the next year is to recruit current and new members to become more actively involved in our organization. One of the wonderful things I've enjoyed is working with the great group of people who cherish Hendricks Park. The Friends need more of you to join us on our various committees as we fulfill our mission and enhance the park. Becoming active in the organization will keep the Friends vibrant and moving forward.



David C. Moon
President



Check out the
new and informative
Native Plant
Garden sign!

Volunteer Spotlight

Riley Stark, a 17-year-old senior at South Eugene High School, has been a frequent volunteer at Hendricks Park over the past 2 years. He attends the International High School, which requires 130 hours of community service. Riley chose to fulfill this requirement in Hendricks Park for many reasons. The most important is his love of the outdoors, especially the woods—"me working in my element." Riley has extensive knowledge of native plants and the botany of the northwest, which he applies in his own garden as well as in Hendricks Park.

Riley spent several days helping to complete the Oak Knoll Trail this summer. He worked by himself, and his accomplishments enabled other volunteers to finish the trail in short order at a workday in August.

This summer, Riley also spent 5 weeks working with the NW Youth Corp at a youth forest camp in Cave Junction, cleaning up after the Biscuit Fire and rebuilding trails and campsites. After high school, he plans to major in forestry at Oregon State University. We hope to see Riley next winter at our volunteer work parties. His knowledge and energy are incredible assets to our volunteer effort.

Thank you Riley!



Riley Stark

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Adopt-A-Plot** Call Sandra at 343-3452.
- **General Gardening** with park staff, every Tuesday 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at the park office (located under the Rhododendron Garden bathrooms).
- **Gaining Ground (ivy pulling)** Meet at shelter at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and pastries, then pulling gets underway until 1:00 p.m.

Saturdays, November 15, December 13, January 10, and February 14 .

New Guide to “Least Wanted” Plants in Northwest

Recently published is a new guide to the Pacific Northwest’s most dominant or potentially invasive weeds, published by Oregon State University Extension Service. “Invasive Weed Identification and Management (Pacific Northwest’s Least Wanted List)” is a 44-page guide, written by OSU Extension weed specialist Jed Colquhoun.

The guide provides color photos of each species and lists identifying characteristics, origin, habitat, ecology. It gives several choices for control strategies, including physical removal, biological control, burning and herbicides.

“Invasive Weed Identification and Management,” EC 1563, is available by mail for \$5 per copy plus \$3 shipping and handling. Send your request and check or money order payable to OSU to: Publication Orders, Extension and Station Communications, 422 Kerr Administration, OSU, Corvallis, OR 97331-2119. To preview, see the OSU Extension website at: <http://eesc.oregonstate.edu>.



Aunt Rhodie tells all...

Dear Aunt Rhodie,
What is the oldest rhododendron in the Rhododendron Garden? Where did it come from?
Thank you, LINDA

Dear Linda,
Marshall and Ruth Lyons gave the first rhododendron to the garden. It was a small Rosmary Chipp rhododendron, which the Lyons had purchased at the Junction City farm of James Barto. The descendant of the original plant is still in the garden. The oldest plants in the garden are more than 60 years old, and they all originated at the Barto farm. They include the February-blooming *R. ririei* and the March-blooming *R. sutcheunense* and *R. arboreum*.

Sincerely, AUNT RHODIE

Native Plant Showcase

As the green fades

by Evelyn Hess

By midsummer this hot, dry year, patches of scarlet began to appear on the ground and on trunks of trees. The first flaming foliage of the fall, unfortunately, is poison oak. Those in the know can admire its color from a distance, but it has seduced many an unwary out-of-stater to pick glorious bouquets of branches and suffer the consequences.



Fiery colors needn’t always be a warning, however. We decorated the church for our wedding with vermilion, yellow, gold and purple-leaved branches of vine maple. When vine maple grows in the shade it is a clear yellow, but the sun brings out brilliant reds and oranges.

Somewhat more subdued are the pinks and maroons of dogwood—both the shrub and tree forms. Chokeberry, hawthorne, serviceberry, cascara and oceanspray can also dress up for fall, though they seem to show great genetic as well as seasonal variation.

Two other beauties are *Malus fusca*, the Pacific crabapple, and *Viburnum ellipticum*. Splashes of red and orange paint the crabapple’s yellow leaves. The viburnum’s foliage seems to be variable, but we have one that turned a burnished mahogany-red in July and is even more beautiful as it approaches leaf-fall.

Big-leaf maple grows yellow against black trunks and helps form the golden river dominated by ash trees, winding through the valley. Another tree with sunny fall foliage is filbert, though leaves hung like dirty rags and never turned gold in the drought of 2002.

Besides colorful foliage, fall gives us powder-blue elderberries and bright-red dogwood fruits. There are also the white pearls of snowberry, which hold far into the winter.

The longest lasting dormant delight is in winter stems. Luminous red-stemmed dogwood, red and yellow Scouler’s willow, caramel, burgundy and maroon willows and ninebark glow in low-angled sunlight. Fall and winter colors are a different—but no less intense—thrill from the spring renewal.

Our Mission

Gain recognition of Hendricks Park as a premier forested urban park in the Pacific Northwest by: providing stewardship for management of the Park, assisting with implementation of the Forest Management Plan, educating the public about this valuable natural resource, and generating a broad base of community support for the park.

Friends of Hendricks Park believe in preserving and enhancing community natural areas through:

- Public stewardship over important resources.
- Scientifically based decision-making and respect for the natural processes.
- Broad community support to influence government leaders and agencies.
- Volunteerism for the mutual benefit of learning while doing.
- Charitable contributions as an instrument for accomplishing positive community outcomes.



THE SEARCH IS ON

for historic photographs of Hendricks Park. In 2006, the park will celebrate its centennial. Friends of Hendricks Park are thinking ahead. Joan Kelley, part of the family of Friends, is taking on the historical research. So far, her research in libraries and museums has been unproductive. "The history of Hendricks is in family albums and old-timers' memories, so that's where I'm going," she says.

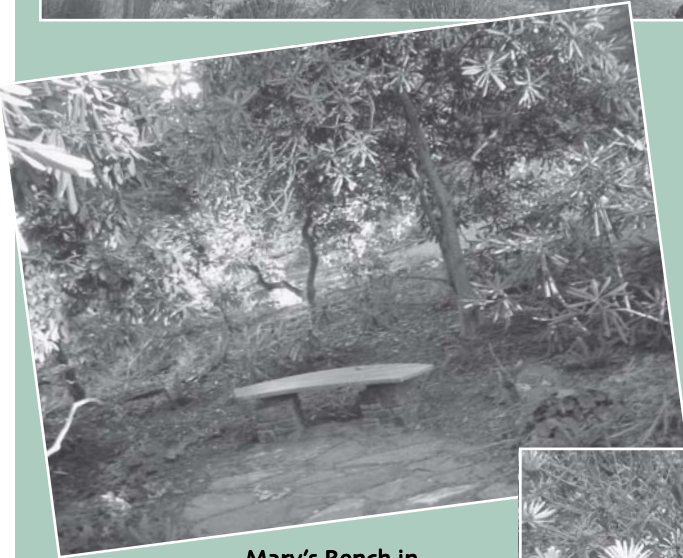
Whether there was a family picnic, wedding, or Sunday stroll, tell us your story and share your photographs. Contact Joan at the Friends' address or call her at 485-1895.

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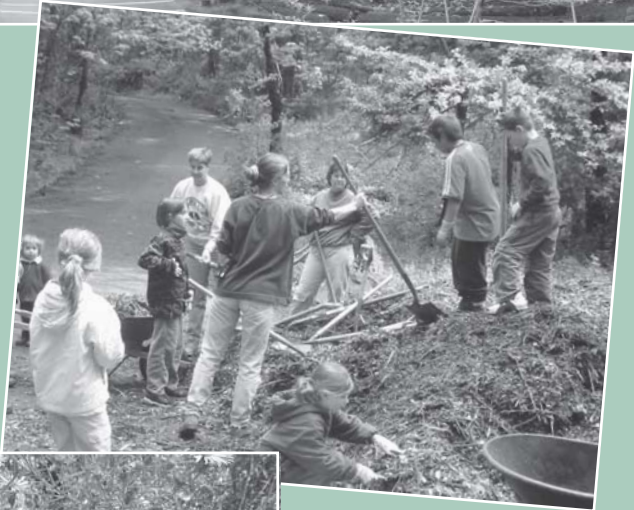
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Mary's Bench in Native Plant Garden



Edison School Work Party



Autumn asters in Native Plant Garden



Building Oak Knoll—REI Community Service Project



Booth at 2003 Wildflower Show





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- Senior /student/limited income \$20
- Individual \$30
- Family /household \$45
- Sponsor /business \$100
- Sustaining \$250
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- Benefactor \$1,000
- Other amount \$ _____

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- Forest restoration (i.e., ivy removal)
- Native Plant Garden
- Rhododendron Garden
- Unrestricted gift
- Memorial /commemorative gifts

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Yes! I want to volunteer

- Work parties
- Education
- Standing committees

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