



FRIENDS OF
Hendricks Park

NEWS FROM THE

Park Bench

EUGENE'S FIRST PARK

FALL 2019

Levy Power


In 2018, Eugene voters approved a 3.15 million, 5-year Operations and Maintenance Local Option Levy for local parks. Readers can find out more about system-wide improvements by visiting <https://www.eugene-or.gov/4165/2018-Bond-and-Levy>.



POS staff at the 2019 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. From left: Christina Bentrup, Ken Wofford, Molly Monette, Nick Glant, Chris Girard, and Roger Smith

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In particular, Hendricks Park has benefitted from an increase in regular trash and bathroom services, parking lot sweeping, and enhanced security presence through the addition of two system-wide parks police officers and four Park Ambassadors.

Funds for additional seasonal employees were provided to match the donation from Friends of Hendricks Park and extend the work of Kimba Shocket, a seasonal assistant gardener, in the Rhododendron Garden. Several trails have been resurfaced across the park, including the Old Fire Road in

the forest and the Skyline Trail in the Rhododendron Garden.

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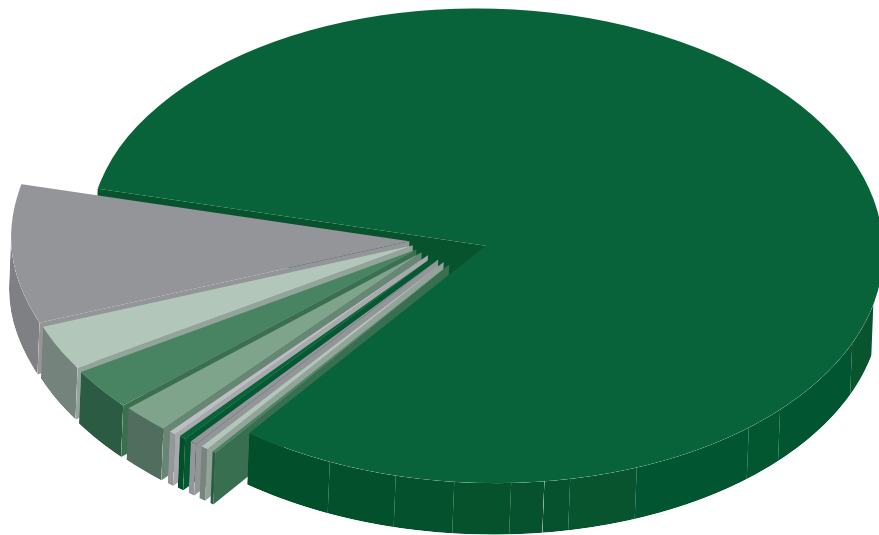
Hendricks Park Volunteer Coordinator



Kids in the Woods

In May 2019, Friends of Hendricks Park partnered with Walama Restoration Project in a series of educational events for elementary school students. Nicole Smedegaard, WRP's Education Director, led 13 classes from four schools on 'treasure hunts' in the Forest and Native Plant Garden. 

Where Your Money Goes



Project Expenditures	% 81.73
Endowments	9.54
Education Committee	3.15
Corporate & Admin Expenses	2.73
Volunteer Committee	1.84
Tools	0.37
Membership Committee	0.29
Taxes	0.15
Stewardship Committee	0.15
Mailing Expenses	0.05
Total	\$106,668.43

Martin Sage

Long-time Friend and Forest volunteer Martin Sage passed away on September 22. An appreciation of Martin will appear in the spring newsletter.



Hendricks Park Tours

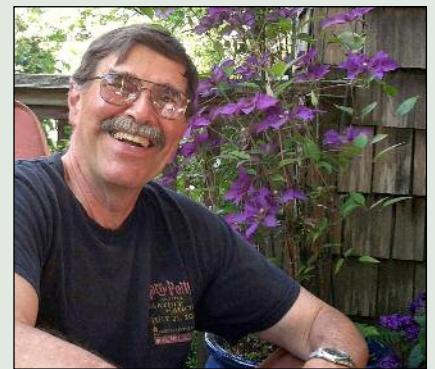
For information about 2019 Hendricks Park tours, see our website friendsofhendrickspark.org or contact Friends of Hendricks Park: info@friendsofhendrickspark.org or 541-607-4066

Fred R. Austin (April 1940 - May 2019)


"I rest in the grace of the world and am free."

Fred Austin, longtime volunteer, board member and advocate for Hendricks Park, passed away May 24 at age 79 with his family at his bedside.

Fred and his wife, Sandra, both native Oregonians, moved to Eugene with their young family in 1967, when Fred was a graduate student. After his retirement from various careers (carpenter, bookstore owner, financial accountant), Fred and Sandra became involved with Hendricks Park and were among the founding members of Friends of Hendricks Park in 2001. Fred served as treasurer for nine years. He volunteered at most of the forest restoration work parties for 12 years.



"Being able to build on the vision of those who created the park, the Rhododendron Garden, Wilkins Shelter and the Native Plant Garden is both a challenge and a blessing," he said.

He is greatly missed. — Sandra Austin 

Lotte's Bench

The newest bench in Hendricks Park, adjacent to the Summit Avenue pedestrian path, commemorates Lotte Streisinger (1927–2017), founder of Eugene Saturday Market. Potter, painter, peace activist and advocate for art in public places, Streisinger was also an avid plant enthusiast. Many of the designs on her pottery are of ferns and wildflowers she admired while hiking the park trails.



The bench is inscribed with a quotation from her writing: “The artist can immortalize the moment, capture the fleeting seasons...and sometimes even catch the bird in flight.”

Aunt Rhodie tells all...

Dear Aunt Rhodie,

What on earth is that humongous plant in the Native Plant Garden with the space-age flowers? Is it really native?

Dear Reader,

I’m stumped on this one. I’m turning the question over to our president, Erik, who is also curious about that plant and offered to do some research.

“Hi, I’m Erik. May I introduce you to — California spikenard?

Not far into a visit to the Native Plant Garden, a visitor encounters a California spikenard. Yikes, it’s got spikes! Well, maybe spikelets. What it does have is a WOW factor, especially during the long summer months, when so many forest plants have gone into their dry summer sleep. It’s unmistakable, with its huge hemispheric umbel, a foot or more wide, with all those white spike(let)s, on a plant up to 10 feet tall, with pinnate leaves.

So much for the spike part. What’s spikenard got to do with it? Nard refers to an Old World ointment made from a nard plant: as with so many New World plants, a name transposed. Here it refers to some of the plants in the ginseng family.



Aralia californica (native)
© Keir Morse courtesy of Oregon
Flora Project

And what’s up with a California plant in Oregon? It does live here, mostly in southwestern Oregon — but also in the west central Cascades — as in locations off the McKenzie

and South Santiam highways. It is an uneasy plant in the Willamette Valley proper — local naturalist Bruce Newhouse grew it in his yard for years, but it was not quite happy — it needs just a bit more water than the valley provides.

But many Californian plants are migrating north these days — the Native Plant Garden is a laboratory for a few of those not-quite-but-could-become locals. While spikenard tries out a Eugene lifestyle, enjoy its massive blooms and its clusters of blue berries. Don’t confuse it with our blue elderberry, which is easy to

do at a casual glance. You can call it elk clover, another bona fide moniker, or even *Aralia californica*. But California spikenard is name enough for me!”

Send questions to: Aunt Rhodie, Friends of Hendricks Park, P.O. Box 3784, Eugene, OR 97403 or call 607-4066 and leave a message.

Rest Easy, Harriet

Harriet Kelly, volunteer extraordinaire, came to the Tuesday Rhododendron Garden volunteer work morning 12 years ago. She and her husband had moved to Eugene after he retired. When she died on May 26 of this year, she left a huge legacy, one to which we all can aspire.

She had a vast understanding of good garden design, much learned from her own professional landscape business in Chicago. If you asked Harriet a question about plants, their Latin names or the name of any weed, she could bowl you over with her knowledge of them all.

She loved to prune. You could often find her armed with her pruners, up a bank,

cutting out an offending branch or two. The rock garden was her special area, where she loved to prune the evergreens. Her aesthetic eye saw how to open up a dense hemlock or mugo pine to let the branches' structures show in all their glory.

Outside the park, Harriet's artistic endeavors included creating images of pressed plants on silk scarves and watercolor paper that were delightful to behold. In the holiday season, she put together awesome vine wreaths for fellow volunteers to take home. She devised an ingenious vine wreath for the office door, full of found natural objects. Harriet was also an avid mushroom hunter, which



led her to use mushrooms to dye silks for her other artistic ventures.

Walk through the rock garden and touch the shrubs. Harriet is there.

Written by three of her friends from the park volunteers and the rug hooking group.



Our Mission: To provide stewardship for Hendricks Park through education, restoration and community support.

Volunteer Spotlight

Greta Keys and Cicely Blackwell, seniors at South Eugene High School, initially volunteered to fulfill school community-service requirements. Three years later, they continue to work in Hendricks Park.

During the summer months of 2019, they volunteered in all areas of the park, attending weekly volunteer events in the Rhododendron and Native Plant Gardens and also independently collecting data for a research project in the forest. Their combined 150 hours of service along with their interesting tales of robots and worms will not be forgotten.

Appreciated for their work ethic and enthusiasm, Greta and Cicely assure us that coming generations will care well for public open spaces.



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☐ Individual \$30
☐ Family/household \$50
☐ Sponsor/business \$100
☐ Sustaining \$250
☐ Guarantor \$500
☐ Benefactor \$1,000
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- ☐ Work parties ☐ Education

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Volunteer Opportunities - Save the Dates

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Rhododendron Garden Work Parties

Now year-round! Every Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon.
Park in the lot at the top of the garden, 1800 Skyline
Blvd. Meet at the office below the restrooms.

Forest Work Parties

9 a.m. to noon. Meet at the F. M. Wilkins Picnic
Shelter

- Saturday, October 26, 2019: Restoration planting project near saddle; vinca removal in Oak Knoll
- Saturday, November 16, 2019: Restoration planting in Oak Knoll; vinca removal
- Saturday, December 7, 2019: Ground ivy removal; trail raking
- Saturday, January 18, 2020: MLK Event. Ground ivy removal; trail raking
- Saturday, February 8, 2020: Ground ivy, secondary invasives
- Saturday, March 7, 2020: Secondary invasives; trailside pruning

- Saturday April 4, 2020: Secondary invasives; trailside pruning
- Saturday, April 25, 2020: Wildflower trail: mulch, trailside weeding
- Saturday, May 16, 2020: Secondary invasives removal and more
- Saturday, June 6, 2020: Secondary invasives removal and more



Need more information? Christina Bentrup, CBentrup@eugene-or.gov or 541-510-4636