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Hendricks Park

NEWS FROM THE

# Park Bench

EUGENE'S FIRST PARK

SPRING 2018

## Our New Volunteer Coordinator



Hendricks Park now has a volunteer coordinator all to itself! This 2-year trial position is funded jointly by Eugene Outdoors (the City of Eugene's volunteer program) and Friends of Hendricks Park. We hope this collaboration will lead to a long-term, dedicated position to support the volunteer program in all areas of the park.

Filling the trial position is Christina Bentrup, who comes to us from Nashville, Tennessee. Christina began working at the park late last fall, leading Saturday forest work parties, working with the Tuesday Morning Regulars in the Rhododendron Garden (who now work year round) and initiating brand-new work parties in the Native Plant Garden. If you are interested in volunteering at Hendricks Park, whether to pull weeds and ivy in the forest, adopt a garden bed on your own or even help inventory the rhododendrons, Christina would like to hear from you!

Since earning her master's degree in plant ecophysiology from Northern Arizona University, Christina has built an exceptional skillset as a gardener, landscaper, farmer, researcher and teacher. Working several seasons at a tree and native plant nursery in the mountains of New Mexico allowed her to build up her pruning and plant propagation skills—a perfect antidote, she says, to the years spent working on her master's.

In Nashville, Christina served as Garden Director for a network of urban gardens, stewarding a program designed to engage and cultivate community. She says, "I've discovered that combining hands-on gardening work with intense community involvement is a perfect fit for me. I am passionate about bringing people into a deeper relationship with their natural environments. I am convinced that meaningful engagement with our urban landscapes is the best way to protect and sustain them and ourselves."



In Eugene, Christina hit the ground running, and has done a great job of rounding up volunteers to work in the forest. She has worked hard at getting to know our regular volunteers and Friends of Hendricks Park board members. We enjoy working with her, and appreciate her energy and commitment. Christina is enthusiastic about sharing her passion for plants, landscapes and ecosystems with Hendricks Park volunteers, and is rapidly learning all about rhododendrons, Pacific Northwest natives and all the great places to eat and visit in and around Eugene!

Christina can be contacted at  
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## New! Native Plant Garden Volunteer Work Parties


Volunteer coordinator Christina Bentrup will host volunteers in the Native Plant Garden on Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help maintain the Native Plant Garden throughout the year. Tasks, which vary by season, often include weeding, planting, pruning, mulching and trail work.

Meet Christina at the F.M. Wilkins picnic shelter at 4 p.m.

Questions? Contact Christina at [Christina.R.Bentrup@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:Christina.R.Bentrup@ci.eugene.or.us) or (541) 510-4636. 

**Agate Alley Bistro** (1461 E 19th Ave) will extend happy hour food and drink specials to Native Plant Garden volunteers on Thursday nights throughout the summer. Just mention Hendricks Park Native Plant Garden each Thursday evening you volunteer and enjoy this small thank you for your hard work.

## Best Wishes, Sasha!

Gaining a dedicated volunteer coordinator for Hendricks Park meant saying goodbye to Sasha White, our wonderful native plant gardener of several years. Sasha did an outstanding job of developing and maintaining the Native Plant Garden (NPG), and was always a pleasure to work with. She was deeply committed to the project, and wrote excellent and thorough annual reports on her activities in the garden and its status and needs. We miss her, and wish her all the best for the future. 

## Notable Advances in 2017


The City of Eugene replaced the wayfinding sign at the top of Summit, and hired Robert Woodson to refinish his lovely sign at the entrance to the Rhododendron Garden. Woodson also refurbished the Native Plant Garden sign, funded by the Friends.

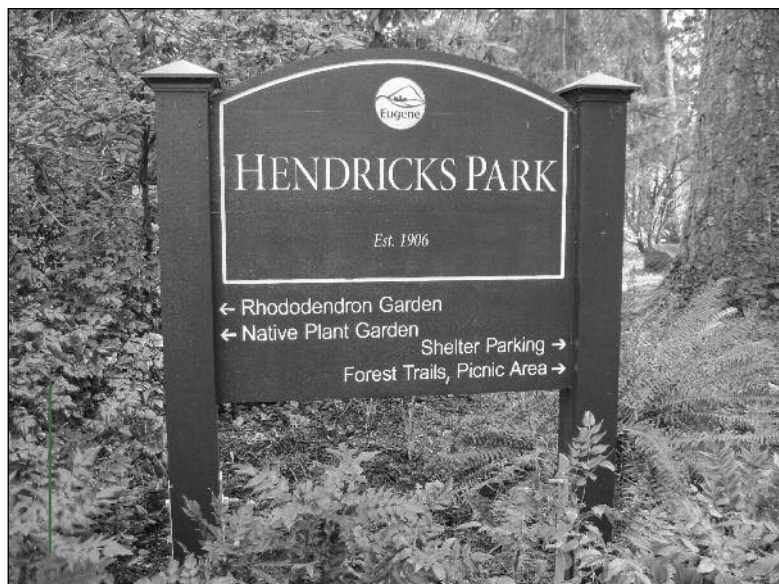
Sasha White created 22 more labels for the Native Plant Garden, making a total of almost 100.

Ted Hewitt and Emily Aune, aided by Harold Greer, selected 80 rhododendrons and a few choice shrubs and trees as candidates for a first round of name plates in the Rhododendron Garden. The plates will be strong and difficult to tamper with. They are modeled on those recently installed in the Owens Rose Garden.

Also, the McCready Arbor was rebuilt, the new wayfinding sign was installed, gravel roads to sheds were resurfaced and culverts added, and rock garden steps were installed.

There were prolific plant donations to the Friends and the Rhododendron Garden this year. They came from City of Eugene employees, volunteers, friends of volunteers, members of the Rhododendron Society and one park patron. Emily Aune says, "I can easily accept potted plants and store them in the lathe house."

Projects planned for 2018 include the installation of new swings before Mother's Day, redesigning/rebuilding the boardwalk near the entrance to the Rhododendron Garden, repairing the restroom deck, developing a Nature Play area (with community input on its location and design) and purchasing the botanical name plates for the Rhododendron Garden. 



## Aunt Rhodie tells all...

*In our last newsletter, Aunt Rhodie turned the tables and asked readers to tell her what they know about the people honored with the park's benches. Here are two responses. We welcome more!*

Dear Aunt Rhodie,

After a recent hike through Hendricks Park, I found solace and repose on the Jill Heiman Memorial Bench. Located on the south slope of the Rhododendron Garden, the simple wood slab is faced by an unpretentious yet inviting stonework facade.

Jill Heiman (1950–1991), attorney and community activist, was a leader in securing funding for the purchase of the Oregon Country Fair property in Veneta. The Jill Heiman Vision Fund makes annual grants to Lane County nonprofits active in environmental and human needs. The bench honoring Jill's legacy is a welcome rest stop for the park traveler.


*M. Grandiflora*

Dear Aunt Rhodie,

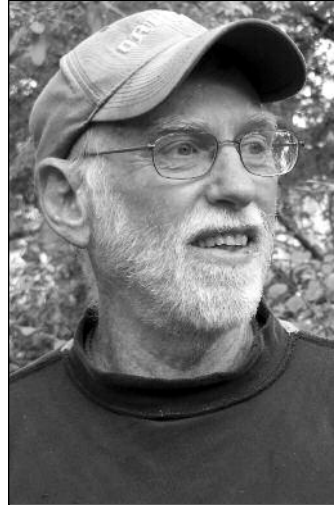
I believe I recognize one of the names on a Hendricks Park bench. Helen F. Henry was the wife of a former city manager in Eugene. Her husband, Charles Henry, was hired from University City, Missouri. Two of their children, Stu and Laura, attended Roosevelt school at 24th and Hilyard in Eugene.

*A long-time volunteer*

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


## Larry Liedtke



It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Larry Liedtke, a long-time Tuesday morning volunteer. Larry died unexpectedly during an annual family reunion in Hermiston. He was 68.

Larry was the featured volunteer in our fall 2014 newsletter. He began volunteering in 2004 at the suggestion of his fellow retired teacher Ray Scofield. The two of them were inseparable.


Larry was an avid sailor and scuba diver. He seemed to have no end of energy, and will be sorely missed by many!

***Larry loved the park, and his wife, Jill, has requested that memorial donations in Larry's name be given to Friends of Hendricks Park. Memorial donations will be listed in the fall newsletter.*** 



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

# Volunteer Spotlight

Steve Soltesz is a very active volunteer to say the least. When not monitoring turtles for the City of Eugene, inventorying trees for Friends of Trees, helping The Nature Conservancy or pulling ivy in the forest, Steve can be found every Tuesday in the Rhododendron Garden. Steve and his wife, Ditte, arrived from Salem in 2016 after Steve retired from ODOT as an engineer. They came here because “Eugene provides a better sense of community,” says Steve. He loves coming to the park because the staff is very welcoming and volunteers work well together as a group and are friendly. Steve likes to learn about native plants, and looks forward to learning how to identify more. 



## 2018 Hendricks Park Tours

All tours are 1–2 hours long. Meet at the F.M. Wilkins Picnic Shelter, 2200 Summit Ave.  
Dress for the weather.

April 8, 1 p.m. Gordon Wylie Rhododendrons	Join us for a tour of beautiful blossoms in the Rhododendron Garden. Gordon Wylie is an avid gardener and has been active in the American Rhododendron Society for 40 years.
April 29, 1 p.m. Sasha White Medicinal Wildflowers	Learn about spring wildflowers and their medicinal uses as Sasha White guides us through the forest and the Native Plant Garden. Bring your questions about native plant cultivation and ecological concerns.
May 6, 7 a.m. Rebecca Waterman Birding	Rebecca is the field trip coordinator for the Lane County Audubon Society. She will guide us through the park, paying special attention to bird calls.
May 20, 8 a.m. Dick Lamster Cavity-Nesting Birds	Prepare to be entertained and educated about the cavity-nesting birds of Oregon. Dick manages 43 bird houses on 10 acres. Bring your questions about bird houses and bird feeding.
June 17, 7:30 a.m. Tom and Allison Mickel Birding	Our old favorites Tom and Allison Mickel will entertain and enlighten us on a birding tour of the park. Bring your binoculars and bird books!
October 21, 1 p.m. Nathaniel Sperry Tree Biology	Nathaniel is an ISA-certified arborist and the owner of Sperry Tree Care since 1991. He will focus on what tree form tells us about tree history and biology. Bring your questions about trees and shrubs.
November 4, 1 p.m. Joe Spivak Mushrooms	An over-the-top mushroom enthusiast, Joe Spivak will introduce us to the wonderful world of fungi. Bring your mushroom identification books and an inquisitive mind.

A donation of \$3 is suggested to help support Friends of Hendricks Park’s educational programs.  
For more information, contact Friends of Hendricks Park  
at 541-607-4066 or [info@friendsofhendrickspark.org](mailto:info@friendsofhendrickspark.org)



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Thanks to all our contributors, and we regret any omissions or errors.

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- ☐ Senior/student/limited income \$20  
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- ☐ Forest restoration (i.e., ivy removal)  
☐ Native Plant Garden  
☐ Rhododendron Garden  
☐ Unrestricted gift  
☐ Memorial/commemorative gifts

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- ☐ Rhododendron Garden  
☐ Native Plant Garden  
☐ Forest Endowment  
☐ General Endowment

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- ☐ Work parties ☐ Education

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES — *Save the dates!*

- **Rhododendron Garden Work Parties**  
**NOW YEAR ROUND!** Every Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon. Park in the lot at the top of the garden, at 1800 Skyline Blvd. Meet at the office, below the restrooms.
  - **Native Plant Garden Work Parties** Every Thursday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Meet at the F.M. Wilkins Picnic Shelter.
  - **Forest Work Parties** 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at the F.M. Wilkins Picnic Shelter.
  - **Remaining spring work parties:**  
Saturday, April 21, 2018  
Saturday, May 19, 2018  
Saturday, June 2, 2018
  - **National Public Lands Day**, September 29, 9am-12pm, Eugene Outdoors will host a work party on the Ridgeline Ribbon Trail. The Ribbon Trail begins in Hendricks Park Forest.
- Questions? [Christina.R.Bentrup@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:Christina.R.Bentrup@ci.eugene.or.us)  
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