

Announcing the Northwest Perennial Alliance's

Hardy Plant Study Weekend – Seattle/Bellevue

June 17-19, 2022

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A Partnership with the Earth



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.

Study Weekend is filled with top-notch seminar speakers, stunning and inspiring gardens to visit, a plant sale with specialty nurseries, and fun social events where you can enjoy the company of other plant people from all over the Pacific Northwest. The event is open to everyone, and **tickets often sell-out quickly**.

2022 Study Weekend Schedule

- Tues, February 15th at 7 am – Registration opens
- *Thurs, June 16th – Bonus Open Garden Tours, located further away from Seattle*
- **Fri, June 17th – Open Garden Tours**, located within Seattle/Bellevue area
- **Fri, June 17th – Garden Soiree Evening** at Bellevue Botanical Garden
- **Sat, June 18th – Garden Seminars & Plant Market**, Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue
- **Sun, June 19th – Sunday Coffee & Donuts** at Bellevue Botanical Garden
- **Sun, June 19th – Open Garden Tours**, located within Seattle/Bellevue area
- *Mon, June 20th – Bonus Open Garden Tours, located further away from Seattle*

Study Weekend Open Gardens feature clusters of exquisite gardens in two areas: gardens closer within the Seattle/Bellevue area are open Friday and Sunday, and gardens further out are open Thursday and Monday. This separation allows attendees driving to/from the Bellevue area to tour lovely gardens the day before and after the main 3-day event. The Friday and Sunday Open Gardens are located in 4 Seattle Metro geographic areas, with 4 or 5 gardens in each area; these gardens will be open from 10 am to 4 pm on both days to allow time to tour every garden. Some gardens are NPA Open Garden favorites, but several are first-time openings. 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: Patrick McMillan 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. The garden-party décor features lovely floral arrangements from the gardens of NPA members, to be given as door-prizes to lucky winners. This optional event is limited to 150 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 each year, and there's no admission charge.

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:



Patrick McMillan & Debby Purser: Patrick McMillan is Director of the world-famous Heronswood botanical garden near Kingston, Washington. He is also an Emmy Award-winning host, co-creator and writer of the popular nature program *Expeditions with Patrick McMillan*. Patrick is a professional naturalist, biologist and educator, and was the director of the South Carolina Botanical Garden, the Bob Campbell Geology Museum, and the Clemson Experimental Forest. Patrick received his BS in Biology from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and his PhD in Biological Sciences from Clemson University. 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 to attend the 2022 Hardy Plant Study Weekend events opens at **7 am on February 15, 2022**. Registration is open to everyone at this time, not just members of NPA. Full payment is due at registration. **In addition, proof of COVID-19 vaccination is required to attend, see Page 3 for details.

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 More Details and to Register

Study Weekend Estimated Costs

- 2022 Hardy Plant Study Weekend Registration Fee – limited to 550 – Estimate: \$190 per person*
- Optional Garden Soiree Evening – limited to 150 – Estimate: \$75 per person*
- Optional Boxed Lunch at the Seminar Event – Estimate: \$30 each*
- Optional Mini-bus Open Garden Touring (June 17 & 19 only) – Estimate: \$45 per day*

*** Final costs will be announced by February 1, 2022. Visit NPA's website, n-p-a.org, to find more details about this event.**

Included with Registration Fee: Admittance to all Study Weekend Open Gardens, admittance to the Garden Seminars & Plant Market at the Meydenbauer Center, morning coffee service with fruit/pastries and afternoon grab & go snacks at the Garden Seminars, 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 wine/beverages at Garden Seminars, and Meydenbauer parking garage fees.

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 Study Weekend Open Garden Tours.*

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**

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 will be FULL for this event. No additional spacing between seats is planned for lectures.