

PACIFIC REGION GARDEN CLUBS 74TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
APRIL 18 - 20, 2017
“BEST OF THE NORTHWEST, THE PAUSE THAT REFRESHES”
 Convention Tentative Schedule

Tuesday April 18, 2017

Breakfast and lunch on your own		
8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Registration	Lobby
8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Centerpieces	Del Mar
12:30 p.m.	Budget meeting	Saratoga
1:30 p.m.	Policy & Procedure	Saratoga
2:30 p.m.	Presidents meeting	Saratoga
4:00 p.m.	Executive meeting	Saratoga
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Vendor set up	Canterbury
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Drinks/snacks (complimentary with hotel overnight)	Atrium
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Awards Banquet	Triple Crown

Wednesday April 19, 2017

Breakfast (complimentary with hotel overnight)		
8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Registration and Credentials	Lobby
8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Vendors and Opportunity Drawings	Canterbury
8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Centerpieces	Del Mar
8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Triple Crown
9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies	Triple Crown
10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Business Meeting	Triple Crown
11:30 a.m.	Room turnover for lunch/centerpieces	Triple Crown
12:00 p.m.	Lunch, Far Reaches Nursery	Triple Crown
2:00 p.m.	Garden Tour	Lobby
2:00 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Workshop, Far Reaches plant talk/sale	Saratoga
3:00 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Workshop, New Handbook review	Saratoga
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Drinks/snacks (complimentary with hotel overnight)	Atrium
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Design Banquet (BoNW, “The Gallery”)	Triple Crown

Thursday April 20, 2017

Breakfast (complimentary with hotel overnight)		
8:15 a.m. – 9 a.m.	Organizational New Board	Triple Crown
8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Registration and Credentials	Lobby
8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Vendors and Opportunity Drawings	Canterbury
8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Centerpieces	Del Mar
9:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Business Meeting	Triple Crown
11:30 a.m.	Room turnover for lunch/centerpieces	Triple Crown
12:00 p.m.	Drawing/silent auction winners	Triple Crown
12:00 p.m.	Lunch, Oxbow Farm programs/research	Triple Crown
2:00 p.m.	Garden Tour	Lobby
2:00 p.m.	Workshop local food, ag., conservation	Saratoga
3:00 p.m.	Workshop Native Plant talk/sale	Saratoga
4:00 p.m.	Clear vendor room	Canterbury
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Drinks/snacks (complimentary with hotel overnight)	Atrium
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Installation Peggy Olin, Life Banquet	Triple Crown

Hotel Reservations

Embassy Suites, 15920 W Valley Hwy., Seattle, WA 98188

Telephone: 1-800-Embassy (1-800-362-2779)

Mention group code **PRG** to obtain the special group rate. Deadline March 17, 2017

Single - \$155, Double - \$155, Triple - \$165, Quad - \$175

These room rates will be available 3 days before and 3 days after the event based on availability of contracted room types.

Complimentary Hotel Shuttle to and from the airport.

From I-5: Exit I-405 (North), take Exit #1 (West Valley Highway) and travel 2 blocks south to the hotel. Hotel is located at southeast corner of West Valley Highway and Longacres Way.

From the airport take highway 518 East to 405 North. Take exit #1 West Valley Highway and at the bottom of the exit turn right. In approximately ½ block the hotel is on the left.

Complimentary parking for overnight stays with group rate. Day guests park complimentary.

Convention Registration

Make check payable to "Pacific Region Convention"

Mail registration and check to: Jeanette Pruin, 530 SW 182nd St., Normandy Park, WA 98166-3756

Embassy Suites provides a made to order complimentary breakfast.

Embassy Suites provides two complimentary beverages and snacks for their nightly Atrium Cocktail Party.

Lunch, Wednesday April 19, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

Kelly Dodson and Sue Milliken, owners of **Far Reaches Nursery**, have travelled the world to bring back specimens to enhance their collection of rare plant species. Plant preservation and propagation are important to Kelly and Sue and it is evident in the quality of their botanical treasures and their extensive knowledge that they are happy to share with us. Please come and enjoy the stories of their expeditions and the work that they do in their nursery. Stay for the workshop so that you can purchase plants for your own collection.

Plant sale and in depth discussion of plants continues with Kelly and Sue at the **2 p.m. workshop**.

Pacific Region Flower Show Schools Chairman and NGC Instructor Marva Lee Peterschick will discuss the newly revised **Handbook for Flower Shows** at the **3 p.m. workshop**.

Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

Oxbow Farm & Conservation Center's mission is to inspire people to eat healthy, sustainably grown food and to steward our natural resources for future generations. Oxbow is situated on 230 acres of land bordering Western Washington's Snoqualmie River. We feel fortunate to have 3 key people from their staff as speakers at our convention. **Jessica Price, Oxbow Executive Director**, who after two plus decades working in the field of global health made a career change. After completing a certificate program in agroecology she came to Oxbow where she could work on environmental impacts from modern agriculture. **Bridget McNassar, Oxbow Native Plant Nursery Manager**, heads a small nursery operations team and provides technical leadership in Oxbow's restoration and conservation research and practice. Currently the native plant inventory has 52,000 plants representing 120 different species. **Adam McCurdy, Oxbow Farm Manager**, has over 17 years farming experience in the Willamette, Methow, and Snoqualmie valleys. Adam manages a 20-person team that grows 30 acres of mixed vegetable crops and supplies product throughout the region to the CSA, local grocery and restaurant businesses, and to hunger relief organizations. Oxbow Farm programs research talk followed by the first workshop discussion of

local food and agriculture conservation followed by our second workshop with an Oxbow **native plant sale**.

Tours

Kubota Gardens is unmatched in its quality of mature landscaping, streams, waterfalls, ponds, and rock features. Planted in a Japanese manner, the 20 acre garden was started in 1927. It is a City of Seattle Historical Landmark.

Highline SeaTac Botanical Gardens is an example of the good that can happen when communities work together to save and preserve beloved gardens that are threatened by development. Enjoy walking the 10.5 acres including 2 relocated gardens and the work of "Partner Gardens."

"The Gallery – Portraits of the Northwest." Our design program will feature some of our best designers showcasing special places in our state.

A golf outing on Wednesday April 19th at 9 a.m. and a Vintage Hydro Museum tour on Thursday April 20th from 2 – 4:30 p.m. will be offered.

Come spend some time with friends from across our region, support our current Pacific Region Director Kristie Livreri and welcome our incoming director Peggy Olin. We know that you will love them as much as we do!

Brynn Tavasci, Convention Chairman
Diane Franchini, Vice Chairman