



Become a Friend of the Connie Hansen Garden



Summer 2015



The teak bench along the ADA pathway

Projects in Need of Funding

Each year, the Conservancy sets certain goals to both continue Connie's legacy, and improve the experience of our visitors by enhancing the appearance of the garden.

Our supporters play a critical role in making these improvements a reality; this year we need your help to achieve two important goals:

The first project is replacement of, two of our bridges that do not meet safety or ADA standards. Your gift to the garden will help us to build beautiful new structures that will comply with current safety standards and allow us to continue to expand our ADA trail into previously inaccessible areas of the garden.

Our next project is the replacement of the entry arbor which is beginning to decay. The new arbor will be constructed from cedar for lasting beauty and durability, and follow the original design as closely as possible.

How To Be a Friend of the Garden

In 1994, friends and neighbors of Connie Hansen established a non-profit organization to preserve Connie's very special garden for the benefit of the public. For over 20 years, the hard work of a dedicated group of volunteers has maintained this uniquely beautiful garden as an irreplaceable community asset.

The Connie Hansen Garden relies primarily on membership dues and donations to pay for daily operations, maintenance and improvements. When you purchase a membership or make a donation to the garden, 100% goes directly to maintaining and improving the garden.

This summer, we are reaching out to the community in a variety of ways to increase the number of garden members and donors. You can help support this effort by sharing this newsletter with friends, colleagues and family.

In this newsletter, we've highlighted the projects that were funded and completed in 2014 as well as the goals for 2015. You can see exactly the types of projects your donations support.

For more information, visit our website at www.conniehansengarden.com and follow the Connie Hansen Garden Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you in the Garden!

Kathie Arehart,
President,
Conservancy Board
Of Directors



Volunteers

Volunteers are the life of the Connie Hansen Garden. There are a variety of jobs that need to be done to keep a public garden in order.

You can help host special events, work in the gift shop, assist with office duties, weed, dig and plant in the flower beds, whatever your skill or preference, we would love to work with you!

Volunteers who work as little as four hours a month receive a free membership, which includes the quarterly newsletter, discounts at the gift shop and tickets for special events.

If you would like to volunteer just one day per month in the gift shop, and greet visitors to the garden from 10am - 2pm, call Jenny, our Volunteer Coordinator, at 541-992-4567.



Projects Completed in 2014

- ✿ Permanent plant signs, with common and scientific names, highlight the important features of the garden and the plants asked about most frequently.
- ✿ A hand held map helps visitors explore the garden's winding trails, identifying the unusual and impressive plants in each garden bed along the way.
- ✿ Local schools found inspiration at the garden as an outdoor classroom, resulting in a book of poetry and a colorful, painted mural donated to the garden.
- ✿ A series of special events, many on the topic of plants, brought new visitors to the garden and increased revenue via a suggested donation.
- ✿ A successful volunteer outreach effort resulted in recruiting new garden crew members and enough new hosts to greet visitors on both weekend days.
- ✿ New website and Facebook page increase awareness of the garden beyond local area; especially popular with photographers, sharing their photos of what's in bloom.

Become a Member of the Garden!

Your membership keeps Connie's garden growing and vibrant. To support this treasured community resource, complete the enclosed membership card and mail it to us with your check. Or visit the garden any Tuesday, Saturday or Sunday between 10:00am and 2:00pm to drop off your donation or membership.