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GREENHOUSE, MEDICINAL HERB GARDEN, & URBAN FARM NEWSLETTER



I first walked through the Greenhouse door in the spring of 1983 for a job interview. One of my first impressions was that this place had wonderful potential. It offered ample research space and was large enough to allow for the relocation (and expansion) of the teaching collections, which were then housed in the "Old Botany Greenhouse." Over the years, with the help of great co-workers and volunteers and the generous donations of our supporters, that potential has flourished and every year brings new achievements in our dual missions of research and teaching for students of all ages. With so much going on in the Greenhouse, Herb Garden, and new Urban Farm, we decided to launch an annual "report" to keep all of our friends and supporters up to date on what your support has helped us achieve. I hope you are able to stop by for a visit or two this year and see some of these achievements first hand! -Doug Ewing, Greenhouse Manager

GREENHOUSE FAN MAIL

Dear Leh

Thank you for
showing me the tour.
I liked the Venus Flytrap
it was cool that it
closed its mouth!



From a 2nd grader at Discovery Community School



GREENHOUSE NUMBERS FROM THE PAST YEAR:

3,500: Number of UW students enrolled in classes that use the Greenhouse.

2,600: Number of people that went on a docent-led tour of the Greenhouse or Medicinal Herb Garden.

27: Number of Biology graduate students trained as docents.

3,428: Number of plants in the Greenhouse Teaching Collection.

125: Number of plants added to the Greenhouse Teaching Collection.

MEDICINAL HERB GARDEN

Most gardens in temperate zones have a peak season for viewing plants in flower - late spring through summer. The Medicinal Herb Garden is no exception, though there are a few early and late flowering species. The earliest is usually *Petasites frigidus var. palmatus* followed by *Sanguinaria canadensis*. The latest are often *Apios americana* and *Camellia sinensis*, which sometimes flowers in spring.



Leonotis nepetifolia
Lion's Ear

Ipomoea tricolor
Morning Glory



Eupatorium purpureum
Joe Pye Weed

However, even on the coldest day of winter, when colors have gone south and nothing but dried stalks remind us that we are in a garden, birds are all around. Chickadees, red-breasted nuthatches, ruby-crowned kinglets, juncos, Anna's hummingbirds and Cooper's hawks are just a few of our regular visitors.

In early spring, before most flowers bloom, look for Wilson's, yellow-rumped, and Townsend's warblers, goldfinches, and an occasional rufous hummingbird. If your peripheral vision is good, you might spot a hermit thrush keeping to the edges of Cascara Circle or a red-breasted sapsucker on the side of a large tree bordering the garden and any of a long list of birds too numerous to mention here. We welcome you to stop by and see for yourself!

Western Tanager



Townsend's
Warbler

Red-breasted
Nuthatch



MEDICINAL HERB GARDEN NUMBERS FROM THE PAST YEAR:

85: Number of plant families represented in the garden.

800+: Number of species planted in garden beds and borders.

43: Number of species added to the garden.

1,100: Number of seed packets distributed by the UW Medicinal Herb Garden to participants of the Index Seminum Program, a world-wide seed exchange program for educational organizations.

The Medicinal Herb Garden is open to visitors 365 days a year!

Find contact and location information on our website:

www.biology.washington.edu/mhg.

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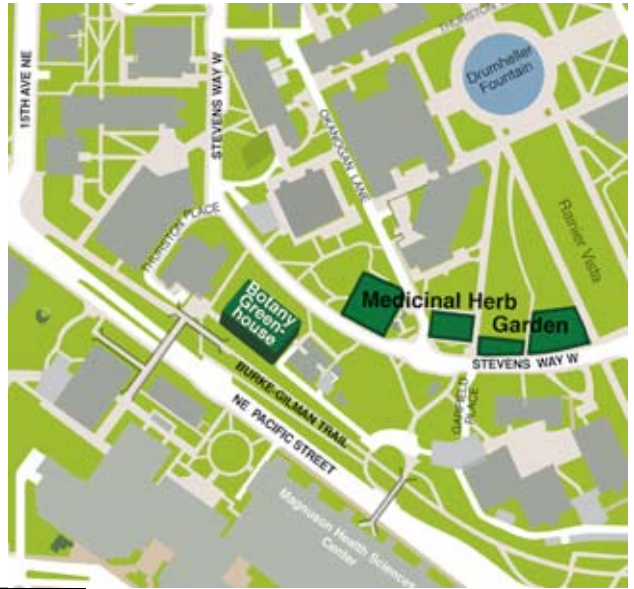
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"We all live off the land, whether we know it or not." - student farmer



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