

# MAY *in the gardens*



## SEASONAL INTEREST

The month of May marks peak season for our rhododendron and epimedium collections. Don't miss the Glen and Japanese Garden to see to see their bold and delicate colors, textures, and scent highlights!

**GARDENS NORTH** In the Arrival Garden, our collection of hybrid rhododendrons, including *Rhododendron Olympic Lady Group* and *Rhododendron Temple Belle Group*, are in full bloom this month along with pacific coast hybrid irises. Galanthus bulbs are now entering dormancy while leucojum continues to put on a show of delicate snowflake-like flowers. Be sure to pause and appreciate our dove tree, *Davidia involucreata 'Sonoma'* and how its remarkable white flowers create the effect of a tree full of doves.

**GARDENS SOUTH** This May, the Buxton Bird Marsh and Pollinator Meadow is in peak bloom. A colorful display of white and pink checkermallows, purple camas and lupin, and yellow cinquefoil and biscuitroots is sure to delight! Also, look out for the newest Bloedel Reserve staff members, our very own Sussex Scratchers, who will be starting their work clearing pasture grass from a section of meadow adjacent to the trail.

**GARDENS EAST** A walk through the Rhododendron Glen is a must this May. Our numerous species are in full bloom, including the *Rhododendron Loderi* hybrids. Another beauty, *R. spinuliferum*, with its deep orange, cone shaped flowers, is also blooming along the trail leading to the Birch Garden.

**GARDENS WEST** Our Bainbridge Island School District Adult Living Program partners planted several new trillium plants in February, and they have finally made their way up through the mossy carpet along the edge of the Moss Garden. Many species of epimedium are also gracing the pathway edges in the Japanese Garden, including a favorite dwarf variety which has tiny white flowers.



*Rhododendron Olympic Lady Group*  
Arrival Garden



*Camas | Camassia quamash*  
Pollinator Meadow



*Rhododendron Loderi* hybrid  
'Pink Diamond'  
Residence & Glen



*Barrenwort | Epimedium x*  
*versicolor 'Cherry Pie'*  
Rhododendron Glen



*Trillium | Trillium sulcatum*  
Moss Garden