ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS
We elected the current officers (see next column) for another term.

SALAL NATIVE PLANT GARDEN UPDATE
Brenda Cunningham, Native Plant Garden Coordinator
Our garden renovations this summer focused on an area on the west side of the foot bridge, commonly known as the “Montane Area”. This area had been covered with heavy plastic sheeting and cedar chips for nearly 2 years to kill the non-native grasses that had taken over the area. We replanted with a variety of shrubs, particularly Spiraea densiflora, Spiraea betulifolia and Dasiphora fruticosa. We spared a patch of Erigeron philadelphicus from the plastic sheeting and added more plants to the spot, creating an enticing display of pink flowers to invite people across the bridge. Prairie smoke (Geum triflorum) is doing surprisingly well in this area despite the local rabbits and there are two options for groundcovers on display: Dryas octopetala and Prunella vulgaris. Stop by the garden this winter or spring and see what some of these species look like in winter. You might be surprised.

We continue to maintain a native plant display area near the parking lot and have received many compliments about it. It is not complete (what garden is?) and will change a bit as we acquire more suitable plants for the site and balance the look of the area over the seasons. But in the meantime we receive positive comments about it nearly every time I am in the garden.

We held a fall plant sale in October and had a good turnout of customers. Thanks to Pam Pritzl growing Trillium ovatum from seed several years ago we were able to offer bags of bulbs for the first time. We also had bulbs from a number of plants that did not sell during the spring sale, such as Fritillaria and both species of Camassia. Total plant sales in the fall were nearly $1,700.

We held a volunteer work party in early November to put the nursery to bed and tidy up a few areas. I hesitate to schedule work parties in the winter, as the weather is so variable. This winter I am trying something different. I am looking ahead just a few days in the weather forecast and letting people know via email when I will be out there pruning dogwoods or pulling shotweed (bittercress) and other winter annual weeds for a few hours. Feel free to join me when you can. If you would like to be on this email notification list, please send me a note at nativegarden@fidalgo.net. We’ll keep the winter events short and I will bring a thermos of hot water for drinks.

The Salal Chapter Native Plant Garden and nursery are located behind the Master Gardener Discovery Garden at the NW Research and Extension Center on Memorial Highway (16650 State Route 536), west of Mount Vernon.

If you would like to be notified about volunteer events in the garden via email, please send me a note at nativegarden@fidalgo.net. See you in the garden!

SALAL CHAPTER ONLINE
The Salal Chapter maintains an email list of our members so we can send out timely notice of events between issues of the Potent Teller. If you’d like to be included or removed from the list, email s_alaynick@hotmail.com.

You can now receive the Potent Teller via email (you’ll get to see the pictures in color)! If you’d like to receive the newsletter in PDF format instead of paper, email s_alaynick@hotmail.com.

We also do plant hikes on short notice during the summer. If you want to be on that list please send me your e-mail address s_alaynick@hotmail.com.

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