Thank You For Your Support in 2015!

From all of us at Quarryhill, we wish you a happy and healthy holiday season and a prosperous new year!

They will be sorely missed

Quarryhill Suffers Losses

In the space of three short months, the Quarryhill community suffered the loss of 3 remarkable individuals that supported the well-being of the garden in very diverse, yet essential ways.

Walter Haake, renowned local developer and long-time Quarryhill board member, with a bigger-than-life personality, smile and positive attitude, died in early August after a brief illness. Walt’s support of the garden found voice in his gentle yet powerful manner of persuasion, always brimming with practical sense, and his genuine interest in and respect for all those fortunate enough to make his acquaintance. Walt’s sound and discerning good judgment will be cherished and missed for years to come.

José Martinez was a dedicated Quarryhill gardener of more than 20 years, maintaining a large swath of the 25-acre garden, most recently the entire southwest portion that first greets and amazes our visitors. José was in Mexico in late October visiting his family when he became the victim of a tragic accident. His very low-key, deliberate manner masked a spirited, comical nature that endeared him to his fellow gardeners; he is irreplaceable, and his absence marks a painful loss within the Quarryhill staff.

Quarryhill advisor Mark Flanagan also passed away in late October, in his native England, shortly after suffering a very sudden seizure and heart attack that left him in a coma. Mark was Keeper of the Gardens at Windsor Great Park, charged with maintenance of the entire garden grounds. He participated in many seed-collecting expeditions to Eastern Asia, including four to China with Quarryhill between 1996 and 2003, and he co-authored two fascinating books on the botanical riches of China with countryman, colleague and fellow Quarryhill advisor Tony Kirkham. Mark’s wisdom and exuberant passion for plants is a great loss to Quarryhill and the entire world of horticulture, botanical scholarship and plant collecting.
A Plantsman’s Paradise by Bill McNamara

For more than 100 years, China has been considered a plantsman’s paradise, with its tremendous diversity of plants now known to number more than 31,500 species. Yunnan, in particular, in southwest China, with its 15,000 species, has long been a destination for plant hunters. This past October found me once again in Yunnan and, as in the past, it did not disappoint. We were there primarily searching for rare and endangered maples. Of the 129 species of maples that occur throughout the world, 99 can be found in China. With assistance from Dr. Sun Weibang, Director of the Kunming Botanical Garden and Dr. Yang Yuming, Director of the Yunnan Academy of Forestry, we traveled in northwestern Yunnan collecting small amounts of seed and herbarium specimens. At times, we crossed and traveled along three of the great rivers of Asia, the Yangtze, the Mekong, and the Salween. These mighty rivers drain parts of eastern Tibet and cut deep canyons through steep spectacular mountains near the border with Myanmar. We found several maples, along with many other plants including peonies, hemlocks, rhododendrons, vacciniums, irises and a beautiful Tetradium fraxinifolium. We saw several magnolias, but their seeds had already dropped. A particular highlight for me was to see and collect Schima sericans, a camellia relative that had viable seeds and was still in flower. Hopefully, we will get good germination and will soon be adding valuable new additions to Quarryhill.
Holiday Shopping

Visitor Center/Gift Shop - Free gift-wrapping

Come see all the one-of-a-kind unique gifts and plants available for sale, such as: books, jewelry, Chinese lanterns, Tibetan prayer flags, Tibetan jewelry, botanical skin products, ceramic Buddhas, Japanese iron teapots, Japanese temple bells, Japanese hand-blown wine glasses, Chinese furniture, cashmere scarves, boxed cards, address and calendar books, kids books and puzzles, bamboo flutes, cool weather seeds, garden tools, holiday decorations and ornaments, and much more. All Quarryhill members receive a 10% discount!

Memberships Make Great Gifts

There are many benefits to becoming a member, including:

- Free admission to the garden
- Free access to nearly 300 gardens nationwide
- Discounts at local nurseries
- First access or special discounts to garden events and workshops
- Knowing you make a difference

Legacy Giving

If Quarryhill is important to you because of its beauty, its serenity, and the work it does in preserving plants, slowing the loss of biodiversity, and educating young scientists and conservationists of the future, please consider leaving a legacy gift to the garden in your will or trust. Supporters who make planned or legacy gifts become members of the Magnolia Circle, Quarryhill’s legacy society honoring those who help ensure the garden’s continued survival. Call 707.996.3166 for more information.
Quarryhill’s New App

We are pleased to announce a new and innovative way to make your visits to Quarryhill more enjoyable. We now have a “Quarryhill App” that can be purchased for 99 cents and downloaded onto Android and Apple smart phones. It is a wonderful tool that follows our existing self-guided map with an audio tour accompanied by images of the garden. You will hear detailed descriptions of many of the plants with commentary by several of the Quarryhill staff along with remarks by Professor Stephen Blackmore, Quarryhill advisor and the Queen’s Botanist. Once you have downloaded it, you can listen to it while wandering the garden or wherever you might be. The app can be purchased by visiting either apple.com (for iPhones) or play.google.com (for Androids). Many thanks to Paul Martin, Preston Mueller, and Vineyard Productions.

More Ways To Stay Connected

In addition to Facebook, you can now follow Quarryhill on two other very popular social media sites - Instagram and Pinterest.

To follow us on Instagram, visit www.instagram.com/quarryhill_botanical_garden

To follow us on Pinterest, visit www.pinterest.com/quarryhillbotan/

Save-the-Date

4th Annual Wild Collections, Expeditions for Education Fundraiser

Saturday, May 14, 2016

5:30 - 8:00 pm

A party with a great cause that you won’t want to miss!

Tickets on sale soon!