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Mid-summer at Quarryhill is a transitional time, marked by the appearance of first fruits among sporadic and diminishing floral displays. A few species are just now beginning to bloom, such as *Aralia elata* (teaming with bees), *Clerodendrum trichotomum*, with its graceful and open structure trimmed with reddish-purple flower clusters, and the pale orange, lily-like *Hemerocallis longituba*. *Emmenopterys henryi* is displaying a very sparse showing of flowers this year, though still remarkable for its young age and characteristically rare flowering under cultivation.

Though beautiful flowers are still evident throughout the garden, and soon to expand among the many lily species, this is the season in which interest shifts to colorful and unusual fruits. Clusters of spiny, bur-covered chestnuts on *Castanea* species, *Koelreuteria* with its profuse lantern-like capsules, and the small downy drupes hanging in wispy panicles from *Pterostyrax psilophylla* are just a few of the more striking fruits now apparent.

White, translucent *Berberis* berries offer an interesting contrast to those of *Cotoneaster*, with their rich, ruddy hues, similarly arrayed along the arching stems of these two genera. Most striking and brilliant of all are surely the vivid red drupes hanging in clusters from *Viburnum sieboldii var. obovatifolium*, in the Creek area.

Rose hips are plentiful now in the garden, from those that are small and

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Quarryhill Celebrates 20 Years

June 2nd Quarryhill celebrated it’s 20th Birthday. We couldn’t have picked a more perfect day, the weather was wonderful. Over 250 friends and family from all over the globe enjoyed a silent auction of rare plants and art. Speakers Dr. Peter H. Raven from Missouri Botanical Garden and Scot Medbury of the Brooklyn Botanical Garden spoke on the importance of botanical gardens to the preservation of biological diversity and of Quarryhill’s essential role. Following the speakers, a ribbon cutting ceremony marked the dedication of the Jane Davenport Jansen Greenhouse. We are so thankful to all our guests that came from both near and far to celebrate the continued work of Quarryhill Botanical Garden.  

Charles Erskin, Lord Charles Howick, and Bill McNamara. (Additional Photos on pg 2)

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20th Anniversary Pictures

Top Row: Maynard & Mary Garrison with Tom Rohlen, Diane Johnson, Dr. Peter Raven

2nd Row: Guests Cheer, Bill Jansen with Tom Rohlen & Willa Mundell, Scot Medbury

3rd Row: Cheers! a guest drinks to Quarryhill, Chris Carmichael with Guests, Ted Kipping with Helaine & Dick Dunmire

Bottom Picture: Guests enjoy the speakers and lunch in the tent.
New Garden Hours

Quarryhill is pleased to announce the garden will now be open for longer hours and more frequently for self-guided tours. Visitors will now be able to walk through the garden Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm. We encourage everyone to stop into the main office or to sign in at the information sign by the parking area. As always, garden admission is free to members and $10.00 for guests. We are still offering docent tours of the garden on the 3rd Saturday of the month through October; don’t forget to reserve your spot for one of those much loved tours! We are also pleased to set up your special group docent tour any other day of the week; contact the garden to work out the details. We hope all our guests and members will find these new longer hours enjoyable. We want to encourage you to visit the garden and enjoy the wonder of the Asian Woodland in the Valley of the Moon.

Welcome Alysen to the Office

For those calling the garden or coming to the main office, there is a new friendly voice answering the phone and a smiling face greeting you at the door. Alysen Nielson, Quarryhill’s newest employee, joined us in early July as our receptionist. Her attention to detail and background as a bookkeeper, receptionist, and event planner makes her ideal for the position. When you next visit the garden, please stop in the office to meet her. We look forward to working with her and cheerfully welcome her to the Quarryhill team.

Quarryhill Receives Award

Last May, Quarryhill received the Garden Award from the California Horticultural Society. The following excerpt is from the Society’s June 2007 Bulletin.

“The Garden Award is not given very often, but was freely given to Quarryhill Botanical Garden, located in the hills above the Sonoma Valley. This award is given to a garden of merit that is open occasionally to the public. Quarryhill has high standards of horticulture and its mission statement is to advance the conservation, study and cultivation of the temperate flora of Asia. Quarryhill is a horticultural treasure and is being recognized for its valuable contribution to plant conservation and plant introductions from China.”

Quarryhill proudly accepts this honor in recognition of the dedication of its staff, volunteers, and board of directors in carrying forth the vision of Jane Davenport Jansen.

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subtly colored, as on *Rosa longicuspus*, to those small and brilliant red, as on *R. davurica* and *R. sericea*, to the larger hips of *R. roxburghii* (not yet full-sized nor of the rich, yellow color they will soon attain) and *R. rugosa*, nearly full-sized and colored a rich apple-red.

Many perennials display a wealth of blooms now, as can be seen on *Macleaya cordata* near the Pond, with its large, rusty-red, feathery plumes appearing high up on stalks of sparse blue-green foliage, similarly arrayed *Thalictrum* flowers in beautifully tall, open splay of vivid purple, and *Angelica* inflorescences of towering white discs, these last two visible in the Meadow area. Even naturalized oregano near the sheds offers a striking display of pure white above their fragrant, dusky green leaves. There is an especially stunning stand of *Platycodon grandiflorus* flowers on the southeast tip of the Plateau area, with deep purple-blue campanulate corollas. White *Astillbe* and blue *Aster* are also plentiful at this time, as are a number of lily species, including *Lilium sargentiae*, *L. leichtlinii var. maximowiczii* – deep orange with dark flecks – and *L. leucanthum* displaying classic, white lily flowers of impressive size.

Conspicuous among the larger woody shrubs still flowering are the violet-hued *Vitex negundo* and *Desmodium elegans* in several areas, *Hydrangea paniculata* with its bright white floral cones, and the radiantly beautiful *Caryopteris incana*, a small shrub with bluish foliage and a dry, lean look, yet covered with sky-blue flowers, especially showy this year. *Millettia dielsiana var. dielsiana*, in the Arbor, should not be missed upon entering the garden, always impressive with its rich purple-red spikes set among its deep green foliage.

And speaking of entering the garden, who could miss the beautiful new rockwork completed just in time for our 20th anniversary celebration in June and replete with commemorative plaque in honor of founder Jane Davenport Jansen. Many thanks to George Gonzales and his skilled team of masons for their fine and quickly realized efforts to further beautify this special very place.

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**Meenal Moves to Seattle**

After three years as Nursery Manager at Quarryhill, Meenal Harankhedkar is moving to Seattle. We will all miss her sweet disposition, her friendly smile and especially her dedication to Quarryhill. Always professional and a true team player, she worked well with the staff and especially the volunteers. It was a pleasure to watch her interact and gently guide Quarryhill’s volunteers as they sowed seeds and transplanted seedlings. Under her leadership the garden made great strides in improving the quality of the nursery operation, both in the health and number of the seedlings, and in the record keeping. We all wish her the best of luck and are confident that she will be successful wherever life takes her.
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