

## BBG New Visitor and Education Center Construction Project FAQ

### **What is the construction all about?**

To accommodate dramatic growth of the Bellevue Botanical Garden, the new construction project will include the construction of a new visitor center, expansion of the current parking lot, and landscape improvements. The new buildings will be located near the former BBG entrance.

**When will the actual construction start?** May 1, 2013

**Is the Garden open during construction?** The Garden is open daily, dawn to dusk

**Where do I park?** Park in the Wilburton Hill Park parking lot at the intersection of 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and Main St. The best route is NE 8<sup>th</sup> St. to 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE heading south.

**How do I enter the Garden?** The entrance will be located at the back gate of Yao Garden via the Lake-to-Lake Trail; look for signs in Wilburton Hill Park parking lot

**How long is the walk from the parking lot to the entrance?** 1/3 mile

**Where will ADA accessible parking be located?** Accessible parking is available in Wilburton Hill Park.

**What parts of the Garden will be closed?** The parking lot, current entry garden, and rill plaza will be closed during construction.

**Is the Shorts Visitor Center open?** Shorts Visitor Center is open daily, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**How with the Shorts Center be used when the new buildings are done?** The Shorts house will remain a place for visitors to rest, enjoy views into the Garden, and access gardening books, computers, and other resources.

**What will happen to the Sharp Cabin?** The Sharp Cabin will move to the west side of the Waterwise Garden.

**When will the new buildings be done?** The project is expected to be completed Fall 2014 - Follow our progress at [www.bellevuebotanical.org](http://www.bellevuebotanical.org)

### **What Can I See During Construction?**

The Ravine Experience

Rhododendron Glen

NPA Perennial Borders

Fuchsia Garden

Waterwise Garden

Alpine Rock Garden (a great place to view construction progress!)

Suspension Bridge

Shorts Ground Cover Garden

Dahlia Display

Native Discovery Garden

Yao Garden

**Can I have a docent-led tour?** Docent-led tours are available every Saturday and Sunday at 2 pm, April through October. Tours meet at the BBG Shorts Visitor Center.

**Where is the garden office located?** The garden office is located in the Shorts Visitor Center in the former Trilium Gift Shop space.

## Will you still hold events?

### Special Edition Events 2013

- Apr. 23** Groundbreaking Ceremony at BBG Shorts Visitor Center, 3:30 pm.
- May 4** Eastside Fuchsia Society Plant Sale, 9 am – 1 pm, at Wilburton Instructional Service Center
- May 12** Mother's Day Social, 1 pm – 4 pm, at BBG Shorts Visitor Center.
- May 18-19** American Rhododendron Society - Cascade Chapter Show and Sale, 10 am – 5 pm, at Wilburton Instructional Service Center
- July 26-28** Zany Worm Booth, 9:15 am – 6:15 pm, at Bellevue Art Museum
- Aug. 6** Annual Trillium Celebration, 6:30 pm (off site). Free to members. Details at [www.bellevuebotanical.org](http://www.bellevuebotanical.org).
- Aug. 17-18** Eastside Fuchsia Society Show & Sale, 9 am – 3 pm, at Wilburton Instructional Service Center
- Nov. 30-Jan. 4** Garden d'Lights, 5 – 10 pm, nightly at Bellevue Botanical Garden.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.bellevuebotanical.org](http://www.bellevuebotanical.org) or phone 425-452-2750 Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.