“How is it I’ve lived here so long without knowing about this beautiful place?” It’s a remark we hear often from mystified visitors.

The Dunn Gardens was designed by the storied Olmsted Brothers Firm in 1915 as an estate garden and is now opened to the public.

Thanks to the Olmsted genius the property has aged gracefully and we would like to share it with you. There is always something blooming so walking the curving pathways, no matter the month, will bring you great pleasure.

We do hope to see you sometime so we can tell you more about this historic gem.

How Members Can Enjoy the Garden

There are many ways to enjoy the gardens; Garden Strolls, Open Saturdays, Docent-led tours, classes, lectures and special events. (See page 2 for details.)

**Spring Stroll:** Sunday, March 19th  2 pm - 4pm.

**Rhododendron Stroll:** Sunday, April 23rd  2 pm - 4 pm.

**Open Saturdays:** June 3rd, Sept. 2nd, Sept 30th  10am - 12 pm

**Docent-led Tours:** April to October (except August) Book your tour online at [www.dunngardens.org](http://www.dunngardens.org) or call 206-362-0933.

Do you really love plants? Become a docent! We’ll give you all the information and training you need to lead small groups through the garden. It’s fun and a great way to hang out with folks who love gardens.
Special Event - Music on the Lawn with Leroy Bell and His Only Friends

Back by popular demand, Leroy Bell and His Only Friends will again bring his funky, upbeat tunes to the Dunn. Last summer, he got everyone up and dancing to his catchy beat.

Leroy has a huge following so don’t wait to get your tickets. Box lunch provided by Le Fournil. Wine and beer available for purchase.

**Saturday, July 16th, 1 pm - 5 pm.**

$60 includes lunch, drink and music

$40 for just music

Tickets and info at www.brownpapertickets.com

Classes at Dunn Gardens (sign up at www.dunngardens.com)

**Best Pruning Practices**

**Thursday, March 16, 2017 10am - noon**

Zsolt Lehoczky, Grounds Manager at Dunn will discuss general pruning practices, demonstrate a variety of techniques and respond to questions about specific pruning practices.

$15.00 Members, $30.00 To-be-members

**Getting to Know Back Yard Birds**

**Tuesday, April 11, 2017 8am - 10am**

Woody Wheeler, master NW birder will give you tips on identifying birds and their songs. Dress for the weather and bring binocs. Expect to see at least 20 species. Warning: may be habit-forming!

$15.00 Members, $30.00 To-be-members

NEW — Tours with Quill Teal-Sullivan

Our new Director of Historic Preservation is offering champagne tours on the following days: **April 30, May 20, and June 25.** Guests will be offered a guided tour by our premier docent of the Gardens followed by a champagne lunch. Tour numbers limited. Further information can be found at dunngardens.org/upcoming-events
New Director of Historic Preservation - Quill Teal-Sullivan

We are pleased to introduce Quill Teal-Sullivan, the new Director of Historic Preservation. Quill’s role will be to keep the vision of the gardens the Olmsted Brothers developed in 1915. Because gardens evolve over time she will tell us what shrubs and trees to plant when the original ones reach the end of their lifespan. In short, she will keep the Olmsted magic alive for all of us to enjoy.

Keeping Our Gardens Beautiful & Vibrant

Zsolt Lehoczky, Grounds Manager at Dunn since 2001, works full time to keep our gardens looking spectacular. Zsolt has an MS in Science and Agriculture.

His ability to turn his hand at anything garden related, grow any plant, fix or create any needed equipment, or teach anyone about the workings of a garden is unbounded.

It is largely through Zsolt’s passion, skill and creativity that the Dunn Gardens is such a special oasis in NW Seattle.

A Bit of Dunn Magic…

By Beth Weir, Executive Director

Our ED who hails from New Zealand has proved herself to be indispensable to the running of The Dunn Gardens. Her weekly blogs have gathered quite a loyal following; and I encourage you to check them out on our website or our Facebook page (search for “The Dunn Gardens”.)

In her latest edition, she writes in response to reading about a bird that was named in honor of her great-great grandfather William Swainson (1789-1855), a renown British naturalist, author and illustrator.

Beth is proud of her work to maintain the Dunn as a living museum and urban forest oasis where Swainson’s Thrush can continue to breed and sing their unique melodies.
Since 1915, Dunn Gardens has been a hidden garden oasis and living museum in NW Seattle. We invite you to visit us in person, check out our website or like us on Facebook.