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19th Annual Arboretum Tour & Tea Hosted by South Seattle Community College

South Seattle Community College and the South Seattle Community College Foundation cordially invite the public to the college's 19th Annual Arboretum Tour & Tea on June 3.

This annual event gives the college a chance to showcase the interesting changes that have taken shape over the year in the South Seattle Community College Arboretum. Besides being a wonderful place to take a relaxing walk and see spectacular views of downtown Seattle and Elliott Bay, the 6-acre site serves as a living laboratory for students in the college's Landscape Horticulture program.

Participants can tour the gardens, where Landscape Horticulture students will be on hand to answer questions. Touching on a portion of what the Arboretum has to offer, visitors may begin at the Entry Garden, which includes a formal display of ornamental grasses, herbaceous perennials and annuals, and specimen trees and shrubs. Nearby, visitors can find their way to the Helen Sutton Rose Garden, containing more than 100 varieties of roses. Newly installed steps from there lead into the Coenosium ("So-nose-ee-um") Rock Garden, a collection of rare dwarf conifers and where progress on a new waterfall and pond can be viewed. The name of the garden is derived from Greek and means "plant community." Participants should also take in the Anna C. Mason Garden, a perennial garden that will be showing a lot of color this time of year.

The Arboretum is regularly open to the public everyday during daylight hours. There is no admission fee. A virtual tour can be found at <http://dept.seattlecolleges.com/arboretum>.

The college's Garden Center will also be a place of interest for Tour & Tea participants. All plants will be marked down 20 percent.

For more event information, call the South Seattle Community College Foundation at 764-5809.

Where: Tour & Program: Arboretum, north entrance
 Tea: Jerry M. Brockey Student Center
 6000 16th Avenue, S.W., Seattle, WA 98106-1499.

When: Thursday, June 3
 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Complimentary Admission

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