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College Remembers Helen Sutton

West Seattle resident was long-time South Seattle Community College supporter.

A public celebration to honor Helen Sutton, one of South Seattle Community College's earliest and most influential supporters, will take place on Thursday, August 13, at 2 pm in the college's Arboretum. The event will feature reflections on Mrs. Sutton's extraordinary life and accomplishments, along with tributes from her family, friends, and colleagues.

Mrs. Sutton was instrumental in the establishment of South Seattle Community College and was appointed by the governor to the Seattle Community College District Board of Trustees, serving two terms, from 1975 to 1985. She was a member of South's Foundation and served as board member for many years, including several as president. She also helped create the college's Arboretum, where the Helen G. Sutton Rose Garden was established several years ago in honor of her efforts. In addition to her work on the Arboretum Committee, she was also a member of the Scholarship Committee.

Fondly known as "Mrs. West Seattle" by many in the community, Mrs. Sutton owned La Grace Fashion Apparel for more than 40 years and was the first woman president of the West Seattle Chamber of Commerce.

Volunteers are being sought to help make the Arboretum look its best for the celebration. Shifts are available Friday, August 7 from 1-4 pm, and Saturday August 8 from 9 am – 2 pm. Large tools, wheel barrels, and rakes will be provided. Volunteers are asked to bring their own water bottle, hand tools and gloves. Ice water, coffee and snacks will be provided. Saturday volunteers will receive complimentary lunch.

To volunteer, please contact Claire Hendrickson at (206) 764-5323 or arboretum@sccd.ctc.edu.

Driving directions: www.southseattle.edu/campus/map.htm#sscc.

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