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South Seattle Community College Welcomes Public to Arboretum Event

South Seattle Community College (SSCC) presents Arboretum in Bloom on Saturday August 11.

The event, which will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., has two parts:

In the first hour there will be a workshop led by Loni Garceau, member of the American Rose Society and local rose expert. In this hands-on discussion, Garceau will cover points including how to grow roses in the Pacific Northwest, fighting pests and diseases, as well as distinguishing the many types of roses.

In the second hour of the open house there will be an update on the latest developments in the SSCC Arboretum. Visitors may tour the garden and soak up knowledge from interpretive guides at key points in the gardens. Additionally, Dianne Fincham of Coenosium (So-nose-ee-um) Gardens of Eatonville, Wash. – a mail-order nursery specializing in dwarf conifers – will be on hand to share the vision of the SSCC Coenosium Rock Garden. Fincham and her husband Robert are donating most of the plants for this garden. Participants can also see and learn more about this year’s renovation of the Anna Mason Perennial Garden, as well as the nearly completed Acer Garden, a collection of Asian maples.

Arboretum in Bloom is sponsored by the SSCC Foundation. Refreshments will be served and admission is free and open to the public.

Where: The South Seattle Community College Arboretum, located on the north end of campus. 6000 16th Avenue, S.W., Seattle, WA 98106-1499.

When: Saturday, August 11, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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