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Peace Garden on Campus

Coenosium Rock Garden receives international designation.

South Seattle Community College’s Coenosium Rock Garden has been named a Peace Garden by Gardens for Peace, an Atlanta, Georgia-based, non-profit organization that identifies and links gardens worldwide. The selected gardens are designated as places for meditation and as symbols for peace.

Gardens for Peace founder Dr. Laura Dorsey made a plaque presentation to Coenosium Rock Garden co-founders Bob and Dianne Fincham and Landscape Horticulture program staff at a dedication ceremony on October 8, 2010. The Finchams, noted conifer experts and owners of a dwarf conifer farm in Pierce County, have worked closely with Landscape Horticultural program faculty in the planning and development of the garden.

South’s Coenosium Rock Garden is a well known learning center for the cultivation and study of dwarf conifers. It is part of the college’s six-acre Arboretum, located at the north end of campus on a bluff overlooking the City of Seattle and Elliott Bay. The Arboretum is a living laboratory for Landscape Horticulture students, who receive education and training in landscape design and construction, greenhouse and nursery operations, irrigation systems, plant problem diagnostics, pruning, plant identification, soil science and more.

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(L-R) Co-founders Bob and Dianne Fincham, South Seattle Community College Arboretum Volunteer Coordinator Claire Hendrickson, and Dr. Laura Dorsey in the newly dedicated Peace Garden.