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Irrigation System Start-Up

Properly preparing your irrigation system for use is an important part of protecting your landscaping investment. Start-up services include charging your irrigation system, resetting your timer and adjusting heads to ensure optimal coverage. Call Lifestyle to schedule an appointment for April.

Pond Maintenance Lifestyle can prepare your pond for spring by cleaning debris, servicing pumps and assessing what treatments are required.

Landscape Lighting Maintenance

Clear fallen leaves and debris from well lights. When one bulb needs to be replaced, it is wise to replace all bulbs simultaneously.

Spend Some Time at A Museum

With the business of the holidays behind you and more than two months before spring, you may have some extra time on your hands. With this cold, bleak weather somewhat limiting your outdoor activities, here are some interesting, indoor things to do in your spare time. Now is a wonderful time to venture out and explore some of the great museums we have at our fingertips. This area boasts a wide variety of artistic and historical exhibitions and 2008 is starting off with some brilliant ones. If you want to check out an exhibit near you, please consider the following.

*Seattle Asian Art Museum:
Chinese Art, A Seattle Perspective,
Opened December 22, 2007

Highlights Chinese art throughout each of the dynastic periods, largely dominated by jade, ceramic and sculpture pieces. <http://www.seattleartmuseum.org/>



Flowers & Plants, Quin Dynasty



*The Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture:
Peoples of the Plateau, January 26 - June 8, 2008.
Indian photographs by Lee Moorhouse. A visual record of the Pacific Northwest interior accompanied by Native arts and crafts and in-gallery artist demonstrations.
<http://www.washington.edu/burkemuseum/>

*Museum of Glass, Tacoma: **In Retrospect, A Modern Renaissance in Italian Glass,** February 23 - August 24, 2008.

This exhibit showcases 40 years of artist Lino Tagliapietra's career.
<http://www.museumofglass.org/>.



Giudecca



Concerto di Primavera

*Henry Art Gallery: **Dawn Cerny: We're all going to die (except for you),** January 26 - April 27, 2008.

Drawings and works on paper with jewelry, ephemera, and journals from a private collection explore American attitudes toward war, death and trauma.

Also at Henry: **Kader Attia: New Work,** February 29 - May 25, 2008.

Sculptural work and two-channel video installation exploring relationships between dream & reality, wealth & poverty, volume & emptiness, etc. www.henryart.org.



Garden Calendar

January

Plant spring bulbs now or never! Tulips, Crocus, Daffodils, Hyacinths, etc.

Plan ahead for spring and summer planting. Identify any additions or changes you would like to make within your garden.

Take special care of your houseplants, rotate daily so they get adequate light, also make sure leaves don't get dusty as this prevents light absorption. Consider using a humidifier in your home to keep plants from drying out too quickly.

Any time is a good time to weed your planting beds. Eliminate any weeds that have gone to seed to minimize weeding work for months to come.

February

Place catalog orders as soon as possible, popular seeds and plants will sell out quickly.

Avoid walking on frozen grass as it causes bare spots.

If you salt your walkways with sodium chloride, be careful not to get any on your lawn as it will kill the grass.

Prune fruit, flowering and shade trees to improve the shape of the plant. Never remove more than 25% of a tree's growth at one time.

March

Start flower and vegetable seeds indoors, this will give you a thirty to sixty day jump on the growing season.

Apply a good 5-10-5 fertilizer on bulbs as soon as they pop out of the ground.

March is a great time to prune roses and established hedges.

Cultivate your vegetable garden by adding fertilizer, compost and lime.

Call Lifestyle Landscapes to schedule your irrigation system start-up.

SYGW "Cornucopia of Growth" 6th Annual Gala and Auction,



Lifestyle Landscapes was once again the Title Sponsor for the annual Seattle Youth Garden Works auction. SYGW is a non-profit, local gardening program that strives to fight homelessness for underprivileged youth. Volunteers help these disadvantaged youth increase job skills and business knowledge, find housing, gain access to better education and health care, etc. The annual

event was held on October 27th, 2007 at the Northgate Community Center. As in previous years, the gala included appetizers, two silent auctions, a gourmet two-course dinner, and the live auction followed by the popular "Dessert Dash". Our own David Baxter attended the gala with family and friends. "We had a wonderful, fun-filled evening and urge our clients to support this great organization and to attend the gala in 2008!" Overall, the 2007 event was a great success; over 150 guests were in attendance and the program raised over \$54,000! Contact www.sygw.org for more information.

Seattle & its Sister Cities

Did you know that Seattle has over twenty "International Sister Cities"? Among those is Christchurch, New Zealand, which, coincidentally, is the hometown of David Baxter, one of our Landscape Consultants. The Sister City Association promotes increased contacts between Seattle and Christchurch, which became our sister city in 1981. In an attempt to build a powerful international connection, these two cities participate in university and high school faculty exchanges and high school students from both cities also have the opportunity to spend time visiting the other city. Additional activities include the development of a New Zealand aviary within Woodland Park Zoo and a Maori exhibit at the Burke Museum. In addition to Christchurch, Seattle also has Sister City connections with Bergen, Norway; Galway, Ireland; Kobe, Japan, Mazatlan, Mexico; Reykjavik, Iceland and Sihanoukville, Cambodia, to name only a few. If you have an interest in Christchurch or any of our Sister City Associations, or would like to become an active member in one of them, please visit:

<http://www.cityofseattle.net/oir/siscity.htm>



Christchurch, New Zealand

Population: 287,000
Religion: Protestant, Roman Catholic
Language: English, Maori
Industry: Light Manufacturing, Carpets, Rubber, Software, Tourism
Exports: Wool, Meat and Dairy products, Wheat
Climate: Temperate and sunny

Lifestyle, Hard at Work...



The pictures on the left were taken of a job we recently wrapped up in Yarrow Point. As you can see in the before picture (Top), the Homeowners had an awkwardly landscaped side yard. Along with improving the layout of their space, they were very interested in adding a custom spa.



One of the major design criteria was to create a functional spa that doubled as a water feature. The custom gunited spa and water stairs flow toward a larger more functional entertaining space.



Another major design element was to take advantage of the views out to Lake Washington. Raising the grade of the spa offered better sight lines out and allowed a way to incorporate flowing water.

Now completed, the spa creates a perfect place to relax and unwind with beautiful views of the lake. The water stairs add sound, drama, and movement towards the new entertaining area.

Welcome Caroline!



Lifestyle has welcomed another new designer to its staff. Caroline Smyser, originally from Delaware and new to the Northwest, joined us in late October. She has a Bachelors degree in Landscape Architecture from the SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry, in New York. She loves to travel and actually lived for a year in Osaka, Japan before she settled in Seattle.





Puget Sound Happenings: Charitable Events 2008

Besides sponsoring the SWYG Gala, Lifestyle participated in a more physical fundraiser this last December. Four of our employees and their families did the Cystic Fibrosis Stair Climb at the WaMu Tower.

The Pacific Northwest is home to many fundraisers that test our athleticism, and we wanted to highlight two of this year's events that our friends and clients may be interested in.



Big City Mountaineers (www.bigcitymountaineers.org) is a non-profit that provides adult mentoring to at-risk, urban youth. This year, to benefit the Big City Mountaineers, Backpacker Magazine's fundraiser, Summit For Someone, has scheduled 95 guided climbs on 24 popular North American Peaks. Many of those climbs (During July, August and September of 2008) are on Washington's own Mt. Rainier, Mt. Baker, Mt. Olympus and Mt. Shuksan. Each hike is at intermediate level and is a 3-4 day event with a fundraising goal of \$3600 - \$3800. Registration is open now, and there aren't many spaces left. If you're interested, please visit <https://www.summitforsomeone.org/index2.php> for more information.

Pedal Power through the Cascade Bicycle Club. Choose any of the Club's events and all the money you raise will be put toward the charity of your choice. A few 2008 events to choose from are: Bike to Work Day, May 16, 2008; Group Health Seattle to Portland Bicycle Classic, July 12-14; and RAW, Ride around Washington, August 2-9, 2008. Registration is open to member on January 1st, non-members February 1st. For more information, visit <http://www.cascade.org/Home/>