

FROM THE FRIENDS OF

**DELBERT HUNTER  
ARBORETUM  
&  
BOTANIC GARDEN**

Adjacent to  
The Dallas City Park  
631 SW Park Street



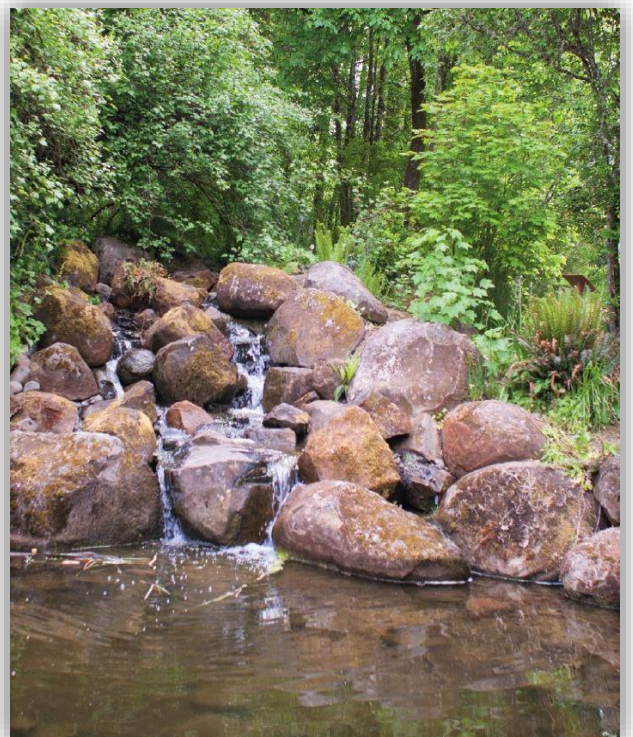
*The Delbert Hunter Arboretum seems like a fixture in the Dallas City Park, with its extensive trails, native plants, and comfortable places to sit and contemplate nature. It was not always thus, however...*

### Delbert's Dream...

In 1978, the city council set aside about 4 acres of overgrown blackberry brush and mostly native trees as a site for an arboretum, named to honor Delbert Hunter, whose dream it was.

Delbert recruited friends and the city park board to develop the bones of the eastern portion of the arboretum enjoyed by visitors today.

With the help of the National Guard and Willamette Industries, trails were cleared and rocks and downed trees moved. New plants were added as available funds allowed, and a pond and wetland were created.





### Non-Profit Funding Established

Delbert created presentations about his dream which he would deliver to any group in town, including in private homes. Volunteers in 1983 founded the 'Friends of the Delbert Hunter Arboretum and Botanic Garden' as a way to raise funds to support and manage the operation of the arboretum.

The first Arboretum Visitor Center was built in 1983, which was later expanded. It was built with donated funds and mostly donated labor. Our current storage buildings were made possible through donated funds.

In 1991, volunteers led by John Hansen established a trust fund to help insure the future of the arboretum. The arboretum benefits from their foresight to this day.



### Working Together

*When people put their hearts and hands to a project, anything's possible.*



In 2000, the City of Dallas offered Delbert Hunter Arboretum approximately four adjoining acres, which had been an old ballfield (unsuitable due to moisture conditions). The arboretum agreed to add on the acreage, which comprises the western portion of today's arboretum.

In partnership with the city and Rickreall Watershed Council, the arboretum obtained a grant from Oregon Watershed Enhancement to regrade the creek bank to make a 15 foot drop safer, and to add two artificial log structures to the creek. The grant also provided for revegetating with native plants to stabilize the creek bank. Local partners in the work included J.W. Fowler Construction, Agate Construction, and the Oregon National Guard.

Dallas High School football players and volunteers from the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde also helped with the heavy manual labor.

Specimen labels and interpretive signs inform visitors about many native plants of the Pacific Northwest. Please also visit us on Facebook and website:

<http://www.delberthunterarboretum.org/>



The Friends of the Delbert Hunter Arboretum and Botanic Garden invite all Dallas residents and visitors to come and enjoy the arboretum.

If you appreciate its beauty and tranquility, we hope you will join with others in offering support through financial contribution or volunteering.

Please help preserve and ensure that this unique Dallas treasure will continue to delight visitors into the future.

*Thank You*