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## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND FREE GARDEN CLASS AT MANITO

*Through the Year with Color and Interest*

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“Through the Year with Color and Interest” is the focus of this program which is being held again due to popular demand by The Friends of Manito Plant Manager and Landscape Designer, Janis Saiki.

Create a garden that will evoke an exclamation of awe through the entire year. Anyone can do it and you’ll find all the information you need at this class scheduled for May 23rd at 1 pm. Admission is **FREE** although you will need to call to register (456-8038) because seating is limited.

It takes careful planning and knowledge to create a garden full of color and interest throughout the year and the most successful year-round gardens rely not only on blooming annuals and perennials, but also on a diverse mixture of trees, shrubs, and vines that provide colorful foliage, flowers, berries, winter structure, intriguing texture and pattern.

Here are the program details:

Sunday May 23rd at 1:00 pm  
Manito Meeting Room just East of Gaiser Conservatory  
Call The Friends of Manito at 456-8038 to make your reservations. Seating is limited.



**About The Friends of Manito**

Founded in 1990, The Friends of Manito is a non-profit group that supports Manito Park by providing funds for improvements and general enhancements of the Park. This is accomplished through two major fundraising projects each year - two plant sales, one in the spring and one in the fall. Approximately 100 volunteers work from April to mid-September to prepare and host these events. For more information please visit the Web site at [www.thefriendsofmanito.org](http://www.thefriendsofmanito.org)

### **About Manito Park**

The Spokane Parks and Recreation Department maintains Manito Park's 78 acres of native and cultivated landscape and 20 acres of world class botanical gardens. Comprised of five major garden areas, the Nishinomiya Tsutakawa Japanese Garden, Duncan Garden, Rose Hill, Lilac Garden and Ferris Perennial Garden, Manito Park is nationally recognized for its diverse horticultural displays. In 2007, Rose Hill was named number one in the nation by All-America Rose Selections (AARS), a nonprofit association dedicated to the introduction and promotion of exceptional roses. Manito Park was officially established in April 1904, and has evolved from an undeveloped recreational area with a few flower beds, picnic spots and a zoo to one of Spokane's primary showplaces. Other Manito Park features include: Mirror Pond, a favorite of those who enjoy watching ducks and other water fowl; the Park Bench Café, open in season for light meals; the Loop Drive and Bridge offering majestic views of the Rose Garden; Upper and Lower Playgrounds – a favorite gathering spot of children; and the large basalt rock office building constructed in 1912. Central to the Park is the Gaiser Conservatory where beautiful flowing displays change seasonally.

### **About Spokane Parks and Recreation**

City of Spokane Parks and Recreation is responsible for the professional management and prudent caretaking of more than 4,100 acres of developed parks and conservation land. The Golf Division maintains and operates four championship municipal golf courses, including Indian Canyon, Downriver, Esmeralda and the Creek at Qualchan. Park Operations has responsibility for the maintenance of all park land and park facilities in the City of Spokane including Riverfront Park, Manito Park, Gaiser Conservatory and the many city-wide gardens, Finch Arboretum and the Urban Forestry Program. The Recreation/Entertainment Division offers classes, special events, athletic leagues and activities for youth, teens, adults, seniors and persons with physical and mental disabilities. It also operates Riverfront Park attractions, activities and events, and provides support for community centers, senior centers, the Northeast Youth Center, Corbin Art Center and outdoor swimming pools. For more information please visit [spokaneparks.org](http://spokaneparks.org)

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