



## News Release

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# THE FRIENDS OF MANITO PRESENT JANIS SAIKI'S "PLANTS THAT DELIVER"

Presentation is free – please register as space is limited

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Janis Saiki's "Plants that Deliver", will be held Saturday, May 21, 1:00 p.m. in the Manito Meeting Room. Please call 509.456.8038 to reserve your spot. Public welcome. Space is limited. This will fill up fast so call today.

The class will learn about plants available to enhance a garden and make it an interesting contrast in form, texture and color. Janis will discuss plants that flaunt enormous leaves, or reflect so much light as to act like smoldering beacons. A garden is most remarkable when it reveals layers of, not only, various shades of green, but also gold, silver, blue, purple, brown and red. Combine these with power bloomers and all gardeners can achieve an exciting space to enjoy.

Register at 509.456.8038

### **About the Friends of Manito (TFM)**

Established in 1990, The Friends of Manito (TFM) is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization that providing improvement funds for the general enhancement of Manito Park in Spokane, Washington. Over 100 volunteers work to create three annual plant sales that provide the bulk of the fundraising efforts. TFM also offers educational programs to further promote the community's use and enjoyment of Manito Park. Since their beginning, The Friends of Manito has contributed over a half million dollars to Manito Park. To join TFM and for more information visit [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, the many city-wide gardens, and Finch Arboretum. Urban Forestry staff manages 50,000 street trees and another 28,000 trees on developed park land within the City of Spokane. 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 [www.spokaneparks.org](http://www.spokaneparks.org)

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