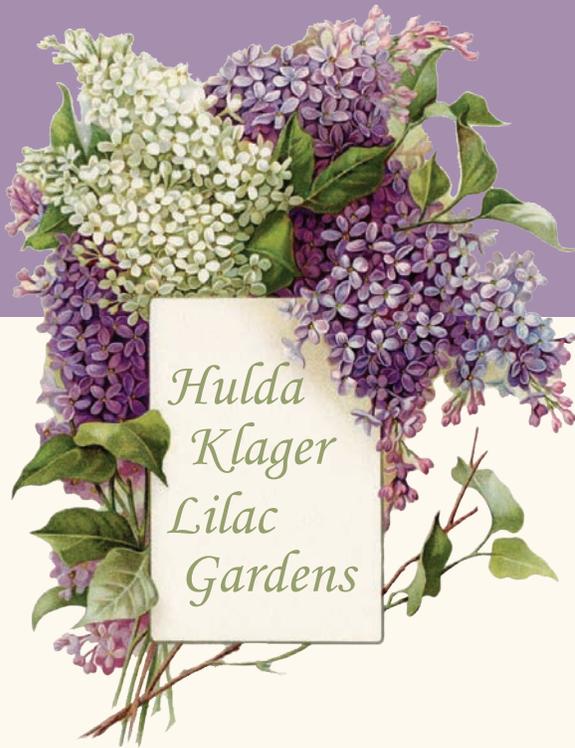


Lilac Lines – July 2025

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Volunteer Appreciation Picnic July 22, 2025 at 6 pm

We would like to thank this year's Lilac Garden Volunteers and hope you will join us as we celebrate another successful year on Tuesday July 22 at 6 p.m. as we provide a picnic meal on the back lawn of Hulda's House consisting of fried and baked chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, cookies, bottled water, and tableware. If you are on a special diet, we encourage you to supplement the above meal and join us.



A note from our President Judy Card...



Lilac Days! What an adventure! And what a dedicated Board, Executive Director and Garden personnel! The Gardens were beautiful, and the bloom was right on time. We thank all of you for what you do to keep the Gardens and Hulda's house and history alive and open to the public to enjoy.

On behalf of the Hulda Klager Lilac Garden Board, I would like to extend our appreciation to those who volunteered during 2025 Lilac Days April 19 – May 10

HKLG Work party 4/1/2025

Mari Ripp, Gary Ripp, Tracy Clark, Tori Howell, David Clark, Lori Comstock, Stina Lazaroti, Lisa Bigelow, Jon Atkinson, Ingrid Smith, Debbie Holland Burke, Gabe Huston, Debi Babcock, Ariana Vega, Angelina Bazante, Monica Fogarty, Mark Moir, Dennis Ripp, Roxanne Nakamura

At the Gate House

Diane and John Ernest, Debbie Rogers and Marylou Hayward, Kaleb, Lauretta Johnston and Clara Johnston, Janelle Mark Mader, Jean Savage, Kathy Rohrer, Mary Boger, Nancy White, Marilyn Van Horn, Beth Koehn, Martha Ketcham, Tori Howell, Bonnie Johnson.

House Hosts

Judy Card (Board), Pam Jordan (Board), Bev Drury (piano), Debbie Rogers, Judy Kroon (Board), Gabby Sprenger, Erin Thoeny, Mary Jane Bartlett, Debi Babcock, Jon Atkinson (Board), Barb Harlan (piano), Nancy White (Host and piano), Robyn Heerlein (piano), Margo Sanders (piano), Marta Hurst, Chuck and Linda Florio, Judith Peterson, Mari Ripp (Ex.Dir), Cyrilla Gleason (piano), Diane Ernest (piano), CeCelia Kiino (piano), Debbie Elliott.

Museum

Jon Drury, Ingrid Smith (Board), Billie Marxmiller, Sharron Looney, Mary Boger, Judith Peterson, Lynette Finstad, Mary Jo Keller, Erin Thoeny, Marilyn Cramer, Nancy White, Bonnie Johnson.

Plant Cashiers: Tori Howell, Lori Cash, Jon Atkinson, Carol Owens, Gabby Sprenger.

Gift Shop

Sharon Ferguson, Lisa Bigelow, Carmila Vivian, Jose Banks, Sandra Driggers, Debbie Rogers, Mary Boger, Gabby Sprenger.

Plant Sales area: Kristy Hagan, Lori Comstock, Pam Jordan, Roxanne Nakamura, Stina Lazaroti, Jon Atkinson, Kady Wilson, Julie Buck, Alonda Miller, Patti Wise, Jasmine McCallister, Denise Payne, Shawna Huston

Finances at the end of each day

Judy Kroon (Board), Ruth Wendt, Ingrid Smith (Board), Lori Cash (Board) and Billie Marxmiller. Publicity and Oversight: Mari Ripp, Executive Director

We sincerely hope we did not miss mentioning any who gave of their time so others could enjoy "The Hulda Klager Lilac Days".

For the love of lilacs and history,
Judy Card, 2025 President

Greetings from the Lilac Gardens!

Summer is here and we are all loving the sunshine and our yards and gardens. I can't decide which is best. The flowers or the anticipation of picking berries and vegetables from our gardens!

Did you know the Lilac Gardens are open daily 9am to 4pm, (except closed July 4-6 and August 2nd (private event)). Your membership allows you to enter at no extra charge so come visit the famous Hulda Klager gardens, enjoy a picnic and stroll the gardens.

If you have a few hours come join our Weekly Weeders who meet on Tuesdays 9am-noon and Fridays noon to 3pm. Our garden coordinators will be there working too. Bring your favorite garden tools or let us know and we'll supply some plus the wagons/buckets. Contact Mari at hklgexecutivedirector@gmail.com or 360-225-8996 for more information.

The annual volunteer and membership picnic will be held Tuesday, 7/22/2025 at 6pm at the garden. The picnic is for all our volunteers and members! We'll provide chicken and a few sides and drinks. Bring a potluck side dish or dessert to share. We will be announcing the 2025 Raffle Quilt drawing too. Tickets are still available for purchase up until drawing time (approximately 6-7pm). RSVP to Judy Card jcard20983@aol.com or 360-901-8633.

Our August Membership meeting will be held at Hulda's house on August 26th at 1 p.m. Come join us! Stay tuned for exciting winter event information to be released soon....

See you in the garden!

Mari Ripp, Executive Director



Lilac Days 2025-April 19th to May 11th

Lilac Days 2025 was a great success!

The weather was great overall with lots of non-rainy days and some sunny warm days. We had over 12,600 visitors in the 23 days. Wow! That was an 1,100 increase from last year, but not a record from previous years. We sold nearly 6,000 plants of various sizes and 44 varieties. The gift shop had many great lilac themed items and we nearly sold out of all merchandise. Yay!

We celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Hulda Klager National Historic site, Hulda's birthday May 10th and other Specialty Days.

Thank you to all our volunteers and members who served during the event at the admission gate, house tours, musicians, museum, raffle ticket sales, gift shop, plant sale customer service, cashiers, food provided, Boy Scouts and garden helpers, weeders/maintenance, board members, and everyone else! It truly takes everyone to make this event a success and we sincerely thank each and every one of you!

We're looking forward to planning 2026 Lilac Days - April 18th-May 10th. Mark your calendars.



Lilac Society Members (from back l to r)
 Bea Boech, Alice Schiewe, Esther Fredrickson
 Ardis Dye, Arla Belle Mills, Grace Davis,
 Blanch Jones, Magna Haines Trotter,
 Ruth Lane, Betty Mills, Cicely Mills & Daisy Grotvik



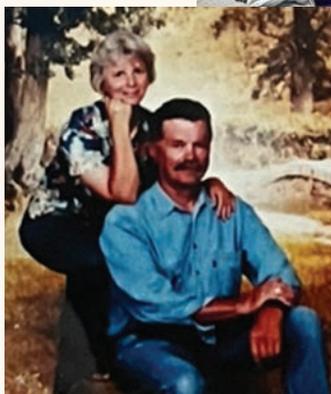
Reflections from the Gardens

HKLG Interview with Kirk Northcut

June 29, 2025 by Mari Ripp

I sat down with Kirk Northcut and learned more about his years of service at the Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens. He has some interesting stories, memories and historical facts. On June 17, 2025 he announced his resignation (retirement) of his board position, but promised we'd see him around and could glean more information whenever needed. Kirk came to the gardens in the 1980's. His wife Fran worked at the school with Betty Mills (Hulda's grand daughter-in-law) and it wasn't long before they recruited Kirk to join the Lilac Society. He and Fran served on the Board and also as President and other positions over the years.

Kirk was involved in many projects over the years. Back in the early days the volunteers of the Historical Society propagated the lilac plant suckers from the Lilac Gardens that they sold at Lilac Days. A customer and member would go into the lilac garden beds, where the suckers were being grown, pick their plant, it would be dug and then transferred to the potting shed where it was wrapped in newspaper and packaged for purchase. They did this hundreds of thousands of times using this method for years. It required hours and hours of the dedicated volunteers time to accomplish this annual task. Later the process moved to acquiring plants from nurseries. He said "My Favorite", propagated by Hulda, is his favorite lilac and it's still grown and sold today!



Fran and Kirk Northcut

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Another project was the brick paver project. Kirk reports there are 55,000 pavers laid in the garden paths. It was a large undertaking and required many people in the community who gave their time, money and labor. There was digging, tamping, laying of gravel, sand and more leveling, then the daunting task of laying the bricks! It was a project that allowed the elderly and others to access the garden in ways they never had before. It dressed the garden up and the formal show gardens were unveiled!

Kirk said his favorite project over the years was the construction of the shop building. It included a shop, office, storage room and restrooms. He gave credit to others involved, namely Dwight Trahin, Dave Audette and the York's, plus many more. During the construction he remembers that different members provided soup to feed all the workers and keep them energized! The addition of this building was a great asset to the on-going maintenance and administration needed for the gardens.

Kirk grew up in the Woodland area and still resides here today with Fran and his family. He participated in the 2024 Lilac Days Storytelling series. Find it at www.lilacgardens.com. If you ever run into him, ask him to tell you a story or fond memory. He has lots!

Membership Application \$15 Annually January - December 2025

Hulda Klager Lilac Society
Attn: Judy Card, Membership Chair
PO Box 828
Woodland, WA 98674

Date:
Card Given:

Name:

Mailing Address:

City, State and Zip:

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Are you interested in volunteering: Yes No

Where are you interested in volunteering? House Gate Garden

Plant Sales Museum Gift Shop

Other _____

Email Address: _____

Email Address for meeting notifications and newsletter mailings. We do not share your information

Please notify me at jcard20983@aol.com for any address updates

A note about our Membership: Your current year \$15 membership card allows your entry into the Gardens from January through December.

Thank you to all of you who chose to support the Gardens with your membership. Please notify me of any changes of email address or mailing addresses.

Thank you, Judy Card, Membership Chair

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