


# Lilac Lines – Spring 2026

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## Lilac Days 2026

**April 18 through Mother's Day May 10**

*Lilac Plant Sales | Gift Shop | Quilt Raffle*
*Barn/Museum | Self-Guided Garden Tour*
*Historic Klager Farmhouse*

***10 am - 4 pm daily***
***$10 gate fee (children 12 & under free)***
***Every Monday - $5 Senior Day (age 62+)***
***Wednesday, April 29 is Military Day and free with ID***

Make sure and mark your calendars for Lilac Days 2026!
**Saturday, April 18th - Sunday May 10th**

2026 marks the **50th Anniversary** of the Hulda Klager Lilac Society!
We have many Specialty Days planned and hope you'll join us.

The Farmhouse will be open in the afternoons during 2026 Lilac Days daily from 1pm to 4pm (other hours may be added if staffing allows.) Visitors can line up at the house after arrival and 15 people will be invited in at each session (lasting about 15 minutes).
There will be lilac plants to purchase at the Plant Sales Area and lilac themed items from the outdoor Gift shop as well.

## A note from our President Judy Card…



Greetings friends of the Hulda Klager Lilac Society and welcome to the Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens Lilac Days April 18th through May 10, 10 to 4 daily.

You have been faithful for the last 50 years that Hulda's famous lilac gardens have been newsworthy. First the Federated Garden Club needed to find the means to secure title to the property then move forward with necessary rebuilding and remodeling the home.

After Hulda's passing the home was inherited by her grandson-in-law Mack Van Eaton. He had been married to Hulda's granddaughter Irvina and lived with Hulda helping her care for the home and property. Irvina died in July of 1957, and Mack stayed on helping Hulda. He later married Edith.

When they became unable to care for the home it was sold and rented out to various tenants. At one time, we were told there was a fire in the house that destroyed a wall that separated the large area we now use as a living room. As you can imagine there is more than one story as to what took place but having volunteered at the home for several years I know that there was at one time a stove in the parlor,

I remember when the flue cover was on the wall and later when the piping from it was removed from Martha's closet and the chimney from the roof. Unfortunately, we have not been able to locate any photos to confirm the parlor stove.



To help illustrate this history, a life-sized drawing of a parlor stove, drawn by a volunteer, will be on display in the parlor this year.

We are deeply grateful to our volunteers and staff who generously donate their time so that others may continue to enjoy the beautiful Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens.

For the love of lilacs and history,
Judy Card, 2026 President

## News from the Garden *by Mari Ripp, Executive Director*

Hello everyone!

It seems Winter is leaving and so far we lucked out on not getting any lowland snow and ice this year! I see many signs of Spring at the Lilac Gardens and my own yard too. Lilacs are budding, there are camellias, hellebore, primrose blooming and bulbs are showing signs of popping open soon! I noticed green buds showing on my clematis this morning too!




We are busy preparing for upcoming Lilac Days. The Firehouse Quilters have been busy making lots of handmade items for the gift shop and the raffle quilt is done! Watch for raffle quilt fundraiser tickets which will be available for purchase soon. We have ordered all the lilac plants for the annual plant sale. It's going to be a great year! We'll be scheduling a work party in early April for unloading and preparing plants for the Lilac Days sale. Watch for the email announcement.

If you'd like to volunteer during Lilac Days, the schedule is out if you have some time to volunteer for a shift or two, contact Judy Card jcard20983@aol.com.

We have 3 hour shifts (10-1pm and 1-4pm) each day in the house, museum, gate, plant sales customer service, gift shop and opportunities for floaters or on call too.

The Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens, house and museum will reopen for **Lilac Days 2026 on Saturday, April 18 to Sunday, May 10, 2026. 10am to 4pm daily.** Visit the annual plant sale and gift shop.

We have lots to celebrate! It is the 50th Anniversary of the Hulda Klager Lilac Society in 2026! We have many Specialty Days planned and hope you'll join us. Music is scheduled in the house, as well as in the garden.

Go to ***www.lilacgardens.com*** website for more detailed information.

**Lilac Days Specialty Schedule***: **subject to additions and changes*

**Saturday, April 18th** -(Opening Day) Yuriy & Calvary Chapel Church 10-1pm; Fargher Lake Boys 1pm-4pm
**Sunday, April 19th** - KV Belikov-Arfa Strings 1pm-3pm
**Monday, April 20th** - ($5 Senior Day) Brad Dutz 1-4pm
**Friday, April 24th** - Brandy Lyn Ross 1-4pm
**Saturday, April 25th** - Chris Foster 1-4pm
**Sunday, April 26th** - (Royalty Day-Planters Days princesses 10am-2pm)
**Monday, April 27th** - ($5 Senior Day)
**Wednesday, April 29th** - (Military Day - free with military ID) flag ceremony & military vehicle display
**Saturday, May 2nd** - 50th Anniversary of HKLG Lilac Society/volunteers & America 250 celebrations. Come celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the HKLG Historical Society (1976 - 2026) and America 250🇺🇸(1776 - 2026). ***Other Special events throughout the day TBA***.; K. Derby hat day (wear hats); Music-TBA
**Sunday, May 3rd** - Music-TBA
**Monday, May 4th** - ($5 Senior Day)
**Thursday, May 7th** - Katherine Van Bebber, vocalist, at 3pm
**Friday, May 8th** -TBA
**Saturday, May 9th** - Music-NW Harmony 1-4pm
**Sunday, May 10th** -Mother's Day & Hulda's Birthday - HUG ukelele group music in the garden and cupcakes at noon (while they last.)




Open Days is the Garden Conservancy's signature, award-winning educational program that connects visitors with exceptional gardens across the country. Through this nationwide effort, dedicated gardeners share their landscapes and their passion in support of the Conservancy's mission to preserve, share, and celebrate America's gardens and diverse gardening traditions.

## A Special Day at the Lilac Gardens

We are excited to share that HKLG will host Garden Conservancy Open Days and Summer Market on Saturday, July 25, 2026.

Visitors will enjoy:

- Strolling the historic Lilac Gardens in their summer setting
- Touring the Hulda Klager historic house and museum
- Shopping the Woodland Summer Market, hosted by the Woodland Senior Enrichment Group, featuring vendors, artisans, and food booths

## Additional Local Gardens to Visit

Several Woodland-area gardens will also open to visitors that day.

Currently confirmed participants include:

*Gudrun Mahrt Garden*
*Amie Lutzenberger Flower Gardens*
*Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens*

This special day offers a wonderful opportunity to experience gardens, history, and community throughout the Woodland area.

More information will be forthcoming soon.

## 2026 Open Days – July 25th




The Garden Conservancy




## Americana 250 Fall Festival

Americana 250 Fall Festival is coming to the gardens on Saturday, September 19th.

**Save the date!**

Watch for detailed information and publications to follow!

**Theme: Americana**

*Chili cook off | Apple pie | Vendors | Music*



**New items in the Parlor are the picture of a parlor stove created by volunteer, Christine Dean, and the replicated 25th Anniversary dress was created by LaClair Hopper of Battle Ground for the 2026 Lilac Days…by Judy Card**



When the house was built in 1889 heat would have been by wood or coal burning stoves. There was a trash burner in the kitchen when the house was purchased in 1975, which is now in our Museum and we felt that due to the years of telling of a fire in the living room we would ask a local artist to replicate a parlor stove for us. We chose the painted format, which is actual size, rather than the bulky and expensive "real" stove due to other pieces of furnishings in the room. I recall the flue cap for the stove in the upper left corner of the parlor and the piping ran up through the closet in Matha's room and possibly the "Glory hole" in Hulda's room before reaching the chimney.

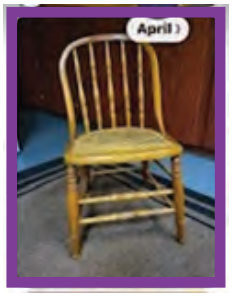
During the 2025 lilac Days we had a visitor, LeClair Hopper who visited from Battle Ground and was wearing a period dress. When the house committee thought about how Hulda's 1904 25th anniversary dress was decaying we asked LeClair if she could replicate it for us. The original appears to have had mutton sleeves and a high neck. It is very fragile so difficult to make measurements from. This is a work in progress as I write this so here is the bodice…old and new.



*The original bodice*

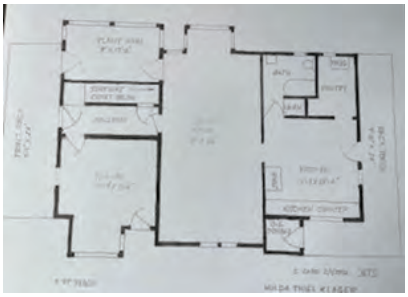


*The new bodice*

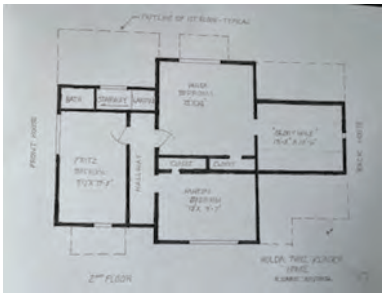



In the Museum we will have the addition of a chair previously owned by Mrs. Dora Clawson (1882-1980) of Woodland but being donated by April Heasley of Woodland. It was given to April's mother and then to April. She was told that Dora said it came over the Plains in a covered wagon. Look up to the ledge behind the spinning wheel, which was donated last year by April and originally came from Dr. Hoffman's home. He has his own corner at the base of the stairs. April and her sister Mary Jo Kellar also donated a Territorial map that was made by their grandmother, last year.

We also have a house plan available. Over the years several visitors have asked if there is one and while it is not exactly to scale, we do have one thanks to Stuart Card.



*First Floor*



*Second Floor*

We hosted Klager Christmas at the gardens on December 5th and 6th, 2025. Volunteers and staff did a fantastic job decorating the house, museum/barn and the grounds. It all looked very festive and everyone enjoyed the decorations, especially the courtyard with all the decorations and also the white lights on the Klager farmhouse! We had piano music in the parlor by Bev Drury and Santa came and visited with the children (and the adults). Everyone enjoyed the cocoa and cookies too. Yummy! ***A special thank you*** goes out to the ***Woodland High School students Key Club and the Elders from the LDS Church*** that came and volunteered for decorating and at the event. We hope to repeat this for 2026 and possibly add a couple more days. If you want to see it return again in 2026, mention this to our board and staff!

Emails are welcome at
***hklgexecutivedirector@gmail.com***







# Holidays at the Gardens Christmas 2025

The Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens Board of Directors hosted a very festive and fun Membership Christmas party on December 9, 2025 the Klager farmhouse. There was lots of laughter, a fun gift exchange and great food. We enjoyed the décor in the house and the outdoor lights were equally beautiful. If you weren't able to attend this year, we will have another Christmas party on December 8th, 2026, so mark your calendars!

# Membership Application $15 Annually
# January - December 2026

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

Date:
Card Given:

Name:

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Mailing Address:

_____

City, State and Zip:

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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