

International Clematis Society in Portland, Oregon

Celebrating Clematis and Clematis People All Over the World

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Introduction

Once again it is the pleasure of the Friends of the Rogerson Clematis Collection to welcome the International Clematis Society to the greater Portland area.

The Rogerson Clematis Garden (RCG) has undergone major improvements since the last visit in 2010. The RCG is also home to a budding research horticultural library, and is gathering funding for an on-site herbarium. But the Rogerson Clematis Collection (RCC) isn't merely a living museum and has continued to grow in size and scope since 2010, attaining accreditation as a national collection through the Plant Collections Network of the American Public Garden Association.

In addition to visiting the Rogerson Clematis Garden, attendees will get a four corners tour of the area's gardens both public and private.

Conference Hotel

Those of you who attended our conference in 2010 will already be familiar with University Place, the event hotel of Portland State University in downtown Portland. This location is convenient to Portland's MAX light rail Orange Line, connecting to the airport express line.

Returning guests will be happy to know 75% of the rooms have been updated, and the hotel now includes the Lincoln Station Grill, as well as Crafted Bites & Brews. The latter manages the in-house catering. **A hot breakfast buffet is included every day of your stay** (no matter what room rate you choose), served in the Lincoln Station Grill.

The special room rates will be extended for three days before and three days after the conference, at your request when you book your room. The special price code is ICS.

Itinerary

Sunday, 16 June

Our week begins as members arrive at University Place Hotel. Afternoon registration is followed by a social hour and dinner in the hotel.

Monday, 17 June

Today takes us to the east side of town to the territorial capital of the state, Oregon City. We will spend the morning and enjoy lunch at Ainsworth House, a Greek revival farmhouse and garden owned by Bud Bowen and Kevin Yell. Bud is a clematis addict. The extensive gardens boast the boldest and showiest cultivars to decorate the event spaces surrounding the farmhouse.

Ainsworth House is one of the area's premier wedding venues. In their reception hall we'll have a presentation by I.C.I.S. President Jeff Jabco highlighting the results of the clematis trials held on the east coast and visited by the I.C.I.S. in 2014. The Bomber, one of east Portland's most beloved restaurants, will cater our lunch.

We return to University Place in the mid-afternoon, and everyone (except the I.C.I.S. council) will have the rest of the afternoon and evening to spend as they please.

Lunch included, dinner on your own.

Tuesday, 18 June

We begin with an early "before opening" tour of Lan Su, Portland's Chinese Garden, just a few minutes north by coach from our hotel. Lan Su is an authentic "scholar's garden" featuring a symbolic and historic array of plants taking up an entire square block of Northwest Portland.

We return to University Place so the I.C.I.S. can take care of business at its constitutional meeting, followed by a light buffet lunch in the meeting hall.

The remainder of the day takes us south to Dundee, Oregon, heart of Oregon's wine country. Our first stop is the Argyle Winery Tasting House, the area's premier makers of sparkling wine (although their offerings run the gamut of Oregon's best varieties). But the *real* reason to visit is the garden surrounding the remodeled historic farmhouse, designed by Sean Hogan (some will have visited his Cistus Nursery in 2010). Sean will be on hand to tour us through the display gardens.

From Argyle we make the quick trip up into the hills to the Red Ridge appellation to visit Red Ridge Farms Garden Center, home to Durant Winery and Durant Olive Mill (formerly Oregon Olive Mill). We will be treated to a tour of the olive works and an olive oil tasting.

There will be a casual group dinner when we return to University Place.

Lunch and dinner included.

Wednesday, 19 June

Today takes us further south to one of Oregon's favorite nurseries, Dancing Oaks, outside Monmouth Oregon. Theirs is a vast and varied destination display garden, worth hours to wander. Lunch will be served in the education pavilion with its broad veranda offering splendid views of the garden.

From Monmouth we will travel north to Brooks, Oregon to visit Sebright Gardens, a shade-garden specialist nursery with a cool, serene display garden. No trip to Brooks is complete without a slice of pie at our final stop of the day, Bauman Farm and Garden Center.

Lunch and afternoon pie stop included. Dinner will be on your own.

Thursday, 20 June

We head north to Debbie Fischer's Silver Star Vinery, on Silver Star Mountain outside Yacolt, WA. We'll be met with pastries and coffee before wandering the display gardens. Once we've worked up an appetite, lunch will be served!

We leave Silver Star for North Vancouver, WA and the garden of Linda Rectanus. Linda is a former FRCC board member and is also active in both local Fuchsia societies as well as the Hardy Plant Society of Oregon. Her particular love is combining clematis and roses.

From Linda's we travel a little further south, still in Vancouver, WA, to the personal paradise and living laboratory of garden designer and author Vanessa Nagel (Seasons Garden Design). Her books include *Understanding Garden Design* (Timber Press 2010) and *The Professional Designer's Guide to Garden Furnishings* (Timber Press 2013). We will be one of the first groups to tour Vanessa's new "Gully Garden", a wild woodland tamed—but not too much—to highlight a natural spring. We'll have a happy hour of wine and nibbles at Vanessa's before returning to University Place.

Lunch and happy hour included. Dinner on your own.

Friday, 21 June

This day gives the I.Cl.S. several opportunities to rub elbows with local garden clubs and societies. Our day begins with a public presentation by I.Cl.S.'s own Dan Long in the meeting hall at University Place ("Clematis You Need/You Need Clematis").

A buffet lunch will be served to I.Cl.S. and our garden club guests before I.Cl.S. attendees leave for the Rogerson Clematis Garden. Docents will be on hand to tour the garden, the library will be open, and we hope the newest planting area, The Antipodes, will be well underway.

There will be an early cold dinner followed by our annual Solstice Strawberry Festival, to which we have invited the Hardy Plant Society of Oregon. They will join us for a strawberry tasting trial and strawberry shortcake for dessert. Everyone will have the chance to enjoy the

longest day of the year and the photo opportunities to be exploited as the evening light illuminates the garden.

Lunch, dinner, and dessert included.

Saturday, 22 June

Today begins with a morning visit to the Lake Oswego Farmer's Market. The market, one of the area's best, features fresh local produce, wine tastings, garden products such as lavender toiletries, hand crafted costume jewelry, and bakery stalls.

After you get lunch on your own at the market or in nearby cafes, we will make our trip west into the foothills of the Coast Range to visit Dave McCoy at McCoy Family Nursery, wholesale purveyors of groundcovers and clematis (North Plains, OR). Up Dairy Creek Road another eight miles beyond the site of the former Gutmann Nursery (where the RCC was housed until moving to Luscher Farm), Dave took over clematis operations from Bob and Carol Gutmann when they retired in 2002.

We will make an early return to University Place to rest up for our final Gala Dinner at the hotel.

Lunch on your own. Dinner included.

Sunday, 23 June

Our final breakfast (for those at the hotel) before check-out, when everyone begins their journeys home or to other stops in the Pacific Northwest.

Plant Inspections:

Arrangements are still being made to allow for plant inspection of any plants purchased by our overseas guests. Any plant inspection costs will be paid in cash (USD) by the individual having plants to be inspected.

Those wishing to have plants inspected will wash and pack their plants themselves prior to inspection. Space for plant washing will be provided.

It is our intention that the inspection take place at the RCG in the afternoon of 21 June.

Conference package includes:

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| 5 Lunches | Happy Hour at Vanessa Nagel's |
| 4 Dinners (1 drink coupon for first night dinner, and wine provided for the final Gala Dinner) | Break tea & coffee and snacks throughout |
| Pie at Bauman's | Coach and driver throughout the week |
| Olive oil tasting at Durant Olive Mill | Admission to Lan Su and Ainsworth House, and other public gardens |
| | All gratuities and administrative expenses |

Please note that your accommodations are NOT included in the following total.

Total Cost per person for Event Registration: \$1075.00