

WEST COAST WONDERS

NWFS CONVENTION 2008 - REGISTRATION FORM

Web Address: www.nwfuchsiasociety.com

Please register by July 30, 2008. No refunds after August 15, 2008

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PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PERSON

Name _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____ P.O.Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

E-Mail _____ Fax # _____

May we print your name and address in our attendees roster?

Yes No

Do you need information for your camper or motor home?

Yes No

Do you have any special needs that we can provide for you?

Yes No

Will you need handicapped assistance during the tours?

Yes No

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

Registration 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Self-guided tour of Tacoma

Fuchsia Lore Meeting 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2008

\$ 8.00 Initial Daily Registration (Include Convention Pin)

\$10.00 Commercial Sales Table (Member) - \$25.00 (Non-Member)

N/C Display Table – Non Commercial

N/C Seminar – Peter Baye, Fuchsia Breeding

N/C Seminar – Theo Margelony, Gardening in the City

Lunch (Select one entrée below)

Chicken Stir Fry \$20.00 Seafood Fettuccini \$ 20.00 Vegetarian \$20.00

Garden Tour – Garden and Nursery and Greenhouse - \$ 15.00

Speaker – Ron Monnier, Just Another Day

Banquet (Select one entrée below)

Chicken Cordon Bleu \$ 33.00 Parmesan Halibut Filet \$ 33.00 Vegetarian \$ 25.00

Speaker – Mary Robson, Why Gardeners Like Each Other

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008

\$ 8.00 Daily Registration

N/C Display Table – Non Commercial

N/C Seminar – Ric Reilly, A Walk on the Wildside

N/C Seminar – Brian Dickinson, The Fuchsia Legacy of Victor Lemoine

Lunch (Select one entrée below)

Stuffed Pork Chop \$ 20.00 Grilled Turkey Breast \$ 20.00 Vegetarian \$ 20.00

Garden Tour – Garden and Bus Tour - \$ 20.00

Presidents Reception

Banquet (Select one entrée below)

Dill Salmon \$ \$ 38.00 Filet Mignon \$ 39.00 Vegetarian \$ 30.00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

Bus Tour – Tour followed by a Bar-B-Q - \$ 40.00 (Select one entrée below)

Salmon Bar-B-Q Ribs

\$ _____ Total. Make checks payable to **NWFS CONVENTION 2008**

REGISTRATION SPECIAL

Registrations received before June 1, 2008 will be entered into a SPECIAL PRIZE drawing. There will be six cash prizes in the amount of \$ 50.00(U.S.) to each of those lucky winners. Winners to be announced at the Friday, September 12, 2008 Banquet. Get your registration in early for that chance to win.

YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel reservations cut-off date is August 21, 2008. Request Northwest Fuchsia Society Convention Rate of \$119.00 for single or double, plus 13.5% tax. Call the Best Western Tacoma Dome at 1-800-973-7110 or write Best Western Tacoma Dome Hotel , 2611 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98421. Check in time is 3:00 pm. Check out time is 12:00 Noon. If your flight arrival time is earlier than check-in time, please let the hotel know so that they can make arrangements.

The Best Western Tacoma Dome hotel is conveniently located at Exit 133 of Interstate 5. Your convention rate is good for three days prior to and three days after the convention for your enjoyment. There is a continental breakfast served daily at no additional cost. In room amenities include: Cable TV, Microwave, and Refrigerator. Hairdryer, and Data port. Direct Dial phones, Downtown view. Also includes Free parking, High-speed Internet Access, Steam Room.

Directions from South I-5: Take exit 133 (City Center) to Highway 705. Take the East 26th Street exit toward the Tacoma Dome. Turn right on East 26th Street then turn right on East E Street.

INFORMATION TOURS

Your self-guided walking tour of Tacoma starts at the LINK Station which is about 2 blocks from your hotel. This will take you to many outstanding locations including the Washington State Historical Museum, the Glass Museum, many places to eat, antique shopping and the Theater District. All of the rides on the LINK are free and you may stop at several locations. A map is included in your convention "goodie" bag for you.

In order to provide sufficient seating for all of you who are interested in our tours, we must have your registration in our hands no later than August 1, 2008. If your registration is received after that date we can not guarantee that a space will be reserved for you.

Our Friday Tour will take us to the home of Kerry and Sharon Yanasak and their beautiful garden with a stop at Watson's Greenhouses and Nursery.

Saturday's Tour will include the gardens at Dan and Tina Wade, Donna Fellows and a bus tour along the University Place waterfront (with a chance to walk part of the way if you choose).

Sunday's Tour will visit the Tahoma Fuchsia Society Test Garden at Point Defiance Park, with a stop at the garden of Virginia Ferguson before winding up in Olympia at the home of Jackie and Pete Crossman for a Bar-B-Q hosted by the Olympia Fuchsia Society.

YOUR CONVENTION MEAL SERVICE

Friday Lunch will offer **Chicken Stir Fry** of Teriyaki Marinated Chicken served with Jasmine Rice and Sautéed Vegetables, Roll and butter. **Seafood Fettuccini** with tossed Sautéed Scallops, Bay Shrimp and Tomato Basil Cream Sauce. Served with Seasonal Vegetables and Garlic Bread.

Friday Banquet will offer **California Chicken Cordon Bleu** grilled chicken topped with Tomato, Avocado and Swiss Cheese, served with Jasmine Rice, Seasonal Vegetables, Rolls and Butter. **Parmesan Crusted Halibut Filet** topped with Lemon Herb Butter Sauce, served with Seasonal Vegetables and Rice Pilaf.

Saturday Lunch offers **Pork Chop with Pine Nut Stuffing** topped with Apple Brandy Sauce and served with Seasonal Vegetables, Roll and Butter. **Herb Grilled Turkey Breast** sliced over Steamed Basmati Rice, topped with a Balsamic Glaze with Fresh Vegetables, Roll and Butter.

Saturday Banquet will offer **Dill Salmon** topped with Dill Beurre Blanc, served with Seasonal Vegetables and Rice Pilaf. **Filet Mignon** Classic Beef Tenderloin with a Caramelized Shallot-Mushroom Merlot Reduction, served with Seasonal Vegetables and Roasted Red Potatoes.

Each meal listed above will include a Vegetarian plate. The prices listed on the Registration form include an 18% service charge and 8.8% sales tax.

SEMINARS AND SPEAKERS

Peter R. Baye, PhD – Coastal Plant Ecologist and Fuchsia Hybridizer, Annapolis, CA

He moved to San Francisco in the 1980's and began volunteering for Strybing Arboretum (now San Francisco Botanical Gardens). He propagated Fuchsia species and 'heritage fuchsias'. After an accidental discovery of mite-resistant hybrid seedlings of *F.campos-portoi*, he began a breeding program to develop mite-resistant fuchsia for Strybing/SFBG.

Theo Margelony – Urban fuchsia gardener, New York City

A member of AFS since 1984 as well as the NWFS, he is also a member of the WFSS and the FRI with an interest in species (especially plants of the Quelus section) and has been known to follow their trails to their homelands. If you think that fuchsias grow well only on the West Coast and only in spacious gardens, you are in for a surprise.

Ron Monnier – Monnier's Country Gardens, Woodburn, OR

Ron and his wife Debbie own and operate Monnier's Country Gardens. The nursery and the gardens they have developed showcase an assortment of almost 1300 different varieties of fuchsias. They are adding to that collection with a hybridizing program and will soon be releasing new 'Debrons' varieties to the area. These new 'babies' will be displayed at the convention

Mary Robson – Garden Writer and Speaker in the Pacific Northwest, Discovery Bay, WA

Mary has been gardening in the Pacific Northwest for 30 years, with steady experience in answering gardening questions as writer of "The Practical Gardener" for *The Seattle Times* weekly since 1992 as well as writing for other local and national publications. She lives near Discovery Bay, WA where she gardens and shares her world with birds, deer, mountains and clouds.

Ric Reilly – British Fuchsia Society, Penvale, UK

Ric is the Chairman of Camborne-Redruth Fuchsia Society, the British Fuchsia Society's Area Representative for the far west of the UK and chairs the British Fuchsia Society's Special Interest Group focusing on species, hybridizing and pre-1914 cultivars. He has been a member of Fuchsia Research International since its inception. His talk at the convention will be on the species and interspecifics he grows, how he does that, and what he's learned along the way.

Brian Dickinson – British Fuchsia Society, Swinton, South Yorkshire, UK

Brian was bitten by the fuchsia bug in 1982 when his wife, Margaret, brought home two fuchsias ('Major Heaphy' and 'Isle of Mull'). Shortly thereafter they joined a fuchsia society in Rotherham, where they met Jack and Joan Lamb. A year later Brian exhibited his first fuchsia. In 1994 he became Treasurer of the BFS, a position he will hold until March 2009. From 1995 to 1998 he was heavily involved in organizing the successful BFS Diamond Jubilee celebrations at Harlow Carr Gardens in Harrogate, North Yorkshire. He and Margaret exhibited a collection of around 30 of Victor Lemoine's cultivars at Harlow Carr.