Heronswood, the world-renowned botanical garden in Kingston, Wash., will host its second Garden Open & Plant Sale of 2013 on July 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. After a successful first garden open and plant sale event in May that drew over 2,000 people, Heronswood is proud to host another opportunity for plant lovers to visit the gardens. Heronswood is owned by the Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe.

While plants from Heronswood won’t be available for purchase, nurseries from around the Puget Sound area will be on hand to bring patrons a wide variety of unique and unusual plants perfect for home gardens. Featured nurseries include Far Reaches Farm, Naylor Creek, Sundquist Nursery, Dragonfly Farms Nursery, Keeping It Green, Chimacum Woods, Old Goat Farm, Windcliff, The Desert Northwest, Foxglove Greenhouses, Colvos Creek Nursery, and Celestial Dream Gardens. This event will also feature special guests from Oregon -- Dancing Oaks and Cistus Nursery.

In addition to the vendor plant market, attendees will be able to tour the garden and experience first-hand the progress being made in its historic renovation. The afternoon will feature a series of lectures, including those by master plantsman and Heronswood co-founder, Dan Hinkley; Sean Hogan, owner of Portland’s Cistus Nursery; and past Northwest Horticultural Society president and frequent “Gardening with Ciscoe” guest Nita-Jo Rountree. Seating for each of the lectures is limited to first-come-first-serve.

The Heronswood Garden Open & Plant Sale is being hosted by the Port Gamble S’Klallam Foundation, a non-profit organization that is dedicated to, in part, increasing understanding of Port Gamble S’Klallam’s rich cultural heritage. The Foundation—along with a Steering Committee made up of plant enthusiasts, tribal leaders, and respected...
horticulturalists—has been charged with managing restoration and community outreach activities at Heronswood.

According to Foundation Director Laurie Mattson, Heronswood provides a unique opportunity to further an appreciation of tribal art, history, and culture, while stressing the Tribe’s commitment to education and environmental stewardship. With this in mind, every event at Heronswood will feature tribal artisans selling their work. One of the Foundation’s goals is to install tribal-inspired art throughout the garden.

The S’Klallam Singers will also perform throughout the day and local vendors will be set up to sell food to visitors and participants.

Admission to the plant sale and all lectures is free of charge. A donation of $10 is requested to take a self-guided tour of the garden. All proceeds will go towards the restoration and maintenance of the garden. Entrance to the garden will close at 4 p.m.

The Foundation is planning another Garden Open & Plant Sale for September 7. For more information about Heronswood, please visit www.Heronswood.com or fan them at Facebook.com/Heronswood.

ABOUT The Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe
The Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe, originally known as the Nux Sklai Yem or Strong People, are descendants of the Salish people who have been well-established in the Puget Sound basin and surrounding areas since 2400 B.C. In the late 1930s, the Port Gamble S’Klallam reservation, located on the northern tip of the Kitsap Peninsula in Washington State, was established. Many of the Tribe’s members, who total over 1,200, still live there today.

For more information about the S’Klallam Tribe, please visit www.pgst.nsn.us.

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