

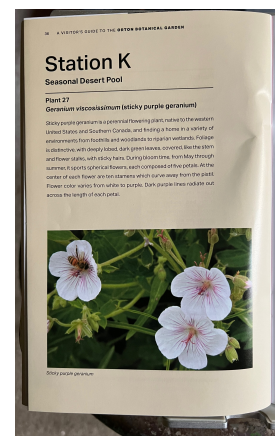
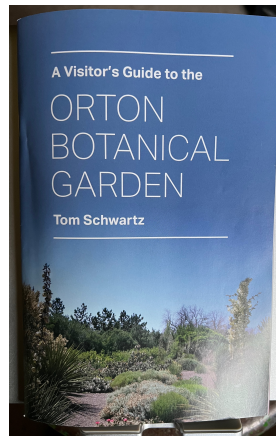


January-March 2022 Member Newsletter

Greetings to all Orton Botanical Garden Members, especially Renewals & New!

A Visitor's Guide to Orton Botanical Garden

The Garden proudly announces that *A Visitor's Guide to Orton Botanical Garden* was printed in December. OBG board member Tom Schwartz created this gorgeous full-color 62-page informative booklet, funded by a First Federal Foundation grant of \$2859. The printing cost increased to \$10 each when we chose all-color photos. One copy of the Guide has been sent free to OBG Lifetime and



Sustaining members and will continue to be free for new and renewal members in those categories. Other new and renewing members may purchase a Guide through the website: ortonbotanicalgarden.com/ for \$10 (member cost is \$8 + \$2 shipping per copy). Non-member and retail cost is \$15. Buy one from OBG to be ready for exciting Garden explorations soon!

Membership Program Growth and Renewals

OBG's membership program began 15 months ago. By January 1, 2022, it had grown to 108 people holding 77 memberships. Recruiting continues, to help the garden expand and improve. We truly appreciate each of your contributions.

Renewal notices have been sent to OBG memberships. We hope you will continue to be a member, easily done at our website, <https://ortonbotanicalgarden.com/membership>

Remember that Orton Botanical Garden belongs to the **Reciprocal Admission Program of the American Horticultural Society (AHS)**, so our members have the

added benefit of access to free or reduced cost admission at more than 300 U.S. public gardens.

Christmas in the Garden Review



Each year the Garden's Christmas Lights display has expanded, with colorful, intricate decoration attracting more visitors, both local and distant. The 2021 Lights set new attendance records, until the snow began. On December 23rd, after being open 28 evenings since November 25th, power outages and deep snow darkened the Garden. Safety concerns forced LaMar and Rosalie Orton to

cancel the final 10 display evenings. The Garden had "more snow than I've ever seen here before," according to LaMar. It is still too icy to remove many lights yet, but that work will be underway soon. Thanks to everyone who attended this season.

\$1000 Public Service Advertising Award from Boise State Public Radio

In December 2021, OBG won either by popular support or lucky drawing a \$1000 public service advertising award (PSA) from Boise State Public Radio (BSPR). During 2022, the Garden will air 33 short PSAs on BSPR stations KBSX and/or KBSU (latter available to Boise-area only). Promotions will cover events such as the May plant sales and Open House, various classes, tours, *Christmas in the Garden*, and other events for garden fans. Stay tuned!

New Brochures about Native Plants and Native Buckwheats

These trifold brochures, funded by a grant from the Idaho Native Plant Society, will highlight OBG species of special interest. Printing and distribution will occur shortly.

Volunteers

As an all-volunteer nonprofit entity, OBG relies on your help. We now have a new online volunteer form for easy submission. There are tasks for every talent. Check it out at <https://ortonbotanicalgarden.com/volunteering>

Utility Vehicle Wanted

If you know of a used utility vehicle in good condition (Gator or similar type), OBG could use one for hauling heavy loads. Please contact LaMar directly if you know of any available for sale or donation.

Daytime Garden Visits 2022

The Garden will be open by appointment starting **March 1, 2022**. From May 6th through September, each Friday and Saturday will have visiting hours from 9 am-6 pm. For other days and times, but never on Sundays, make a prior appointment by contacting LaMar Orton at 208-734-7959, lorton1@msn.com

Coming Events

If you have recommendations for an OBG class or event, send us your ideas.

For your questions, contact LaMar Orton. Always glad to hear from you.

We appreciate your being a member of the Orton Botanical Garden community. See you there in the Spring!

