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Winter 2023

A PERIODIC UPDATE ON THE QUEEN ANNE AVENUE STREETSCAPE  
BETWEEN GALER AND MCGRAW FROM THE FOLKS AT PPQA

Welcome to a new year in the gardens. January seems to be the month when we gardeners thumb through catalogues bound or digital, dream big, and look ahead to the time when we can spend entire days in the garden nurturing our plants and bringing forth the bounty they and our efforts produce.

Like Janus, for whom the month is named, we also want to look back and take stock of all the floral grandeur the gardens at Galer, Boston, and McGraw brought forth last year due to the many hands that touched them.



First and foremost, we want to celebrate you, our dedicated donors and volunteers. You worked your magic on the gardens in 2022, keeping them watered, maintained, and colorful. Thanks to you, the heart of our neighborhood remains beautiful and welcoming for all.

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We want to extend heartfelt thanks as well to the Seattle Conservation Corps for trucking water to and watering the gardens from May well into October, and to Marianna Clark for her year-round professional plant care.



As you may recall, the large garden bed at Galer was damaged in December 2021 by a driver who lost control of their vehicle, damaged a parked car and plowed into the garden, uprooting plants and breaking inscribed pavers. Thanks to Seattle City Light for repairing and resetting the light box flush with the soil, to SDOT for repairing the curb, to PPQA Clites of Artistic Sandblasting NW for inscribing new pavers, and to PPQA volunteers Denny Bird, Connor Smith, and Erik Smith for placing the new pavers in the pathway.

**WINTER IN THE GARDENS**



Yucca filamentosa 'Color Guard' takes center stage in the gardens this season with its visually striking green and yellow leaves. It's the perfect Xeriscape plant, being drought, heat, cold and humidity tolerant as well as being low maintenance. Believe it or not, this spiky cactus-like plant is a member of the asparagus family.

While this garden stalwart tantalizes us above ground, there's lots of action below the soil's surface, out of sight to us and no less impressive. There, microorganisms and wiggly worms are doing what they do best: breaking down organic matter, creating a healthy and nourishing environment that will encourage beautiful blooms from the yucca, lavender, yarrow, geums and catmint come spring, summer, and fall.

**WE'RE CHANGING-UP  
OUR FUNDRAISING CALENDAR**

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 28th. What?? Really?? It does seem light years away now, but it will come upon us fast enough. We've decided to take part in the global **DAY OF GIVING** on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving--this year on Tuesday, **NOVEMBER 28TH**.

In turn, our annual "year-end letter" will move to the spring, becoming our Spring (Into Action?) Letter. [Do send us your suggestions for what we might call this letter.](#)

Watch for these changes. Perhaps you'll even see scarecrow Craig in the gardens a bit more often...

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**May Your Garden Grow!**  
Denny, Ellen, Judy, Kathy, Laura, Margaret

**Plant. Weed. Water. Repeat.**

