

## **Exploring Gardens from St. Paul to Portland**

On Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 9 AM we will meet at parking across from Kathy and Wally Reed's house, 940 Leffelle St. SE in Salem, 97302. We would like to carpool, so if you are willing and able to take guests, bring your "Big Car". Also, bring a sack lunch and drinkables and maybe a between garden snack. Also, be prepared with an umbrella or raincoat.

The plan is to visit the Cecil and Molly Smith Garden, then Bishop's Close, then Crystal Springs. We should leave the Reed's at or just after 9 AM and arrive at the Cecil and Molly Smith Garden at or just before 10 AM. Members who wish may meet us there in their own vehicles. There we will spend about an hour as at other gardens.

A word about Bishop's Close: This is a wonderful year 'round garden designed in the early 1900's by the Olmstead Firm, the same group who designed Central Park in New York and many other notable gardens. There are many rhodies, but there are also many mature ornamental trees including magnolias and stewartias as well as many other very nice and interesting plants which would be very adaptable to your garden. You might get some great ideas here!

After the Smith garden we will proceed to Bishop's Close (at Elk Rock...The formal name) and after that to Tryon State Park for lunch. These two places are very close together. If you are considering joining us at Bishop's Close, call me, Keith, at 503-559-5796 at about 11 AM. I think it will take 30 to 45 minutes for the trip. After lunch we will go to Crystal Springs, then back to Wally's, getting home at between 4 and 5 PM. The more adventurous may choose to go to the Leach Botanical Garden or the Himalayan Cloud Forest Garden in Washington Park after Crystal Springs.

All the times are my best guess. I have been to all these gardens many times. I will go around to all again this coming week to see what is blooming. We might make a change and go to Tryon Creek for lunch before Bishop's Close if everyone is preferring that. Either way, we should finish Crystal Springs at the same time.