



### Remembering Barbara Hainley: A Very Generous Spirit



*Master Gardener  
Barbara Hainley*

Master Gardeners will be saddened to hear that MG Barbara Hainley passed away September 29 after a 3-year battle with cancer. Barbara became a Master Gardener with the intern class of 2011 and contributed countless hours to the Master Gardener Program and other causes important to her. Emily Bishton, Master Gardener and Communications Leader of the Magnuson Children's Garden remembers:

“She has been bravely battling it (cancer) since 2015, yet volunteering dozens (and sometimes hundreds) of hours to the Children's Garden and Magnuson Nature Programs in each of the past 7 years, assisting with field trips, nature camps, and garden events. Even during this difficult year, Barbara designed the new Children's Garden logo, planted the annual crops that have been growing in our P-Patch plot since spring, grew and planted sunflower starts for the Children's Garden and P-Patch, and helped review our MGFKC signage grant application this summer. We

can all be very thankful that her suffering is over, yet there is no getting around feeling so, so sad that she is no longer here. She will be missed always, and remembered always, in all the good things she brought to the garden and the nature programs. Reminders of her generosity and spirit will stay there forever via the new Children's Garden signage project and the annual sunflower plantings we'll do in her honor.

“Barbara also had other volunteer ‘homes’ and passions: She led the creation and volunteer management of Kirke Park in NW Seattle and this (Seattle) P-I [article](#) about the park's origins also featured Barbara.

“She was also involved with [St Joseph's Baby Corner and The Baby Bank](#), wonderful organizations that provide diapers and other supplies for low-income families with young children.”

Barbara contributed several well-researched and -written articles to the MGF newsletter, *The Foundation Connection*. Her considerable editing skills also saved more than one publication deadline.

The family has shared the details of Barbara's funeral:

Funeral Mass at **St. James Cathedral**:

**Saturday, November 10th at 10:30 am**

804 9th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

While this will be a traditional Catholic Mass, people of all backgrounds and faiths will be welcomed warmly to the cathedral. Mass will be followed by private interment at Holyrood Catholic Cemetery in Seattle.

If you are unable to attend and would like to show your love for Barbara by donating to some of her favorite organizations, please see the information below.

## **ORGANIZATIONS:**

[Magnuson Children's Garden](#): This vibrant, interactive children's garden is part of one of the largest community gardens on the West Coast, and was a place where Barb merged her passion for plants (and Master Gardener skills) with her love of educating children.

[Meredith College](#): This nationally ranked, 127-year-old women's liberal arts college in Raleigh, North Carolina (and a four-year home to Barb's youngest daughter, Laurie) educates and inspires students to live with integrity and provide leadership for the needs, opportunities, and challenges of society.

[National Museum of the American Indian](#): This Smithsonian institution in Washington, DC educates the public about Native cultures of the Western Hemisphere, and works to change the way people think about Native Americans—a personal area of interest for Barb.\*

*\*For those looking to honor Barb's artistic passion, we also recommend purchasing a piece of Native art from Barb's favorite gallery, [Stonington Gallery](#), Seattle's leading institution for contemporary Northwest Coast art.*

[PCC Farmland Trust](#): This nonprofit land trust works to secure, preserve, and steward threatened farmland in Washington, ensuring that generations of local farmers can productively farm using sustainable and organic growing methods.

[St. James Cathedral](#): This century-old Roman Catholic cathedral, as well as Barb and Phil's personal parish for the past 20 years, provides a welcoming community that celebrates diversity and supports the most vulnerable in Seattle, including those living on the edge of poverty and loneliness.