

Help grow the Arboretum:

- Volunteer your enthusiasm!
- Help design, plant & maintain the gardens and trails
- Help organize neighborhood community vegetable gardens
- Assist with watering & plant propagation in the Nursery
- Assist with fundraising & special events

Yellow coneflower



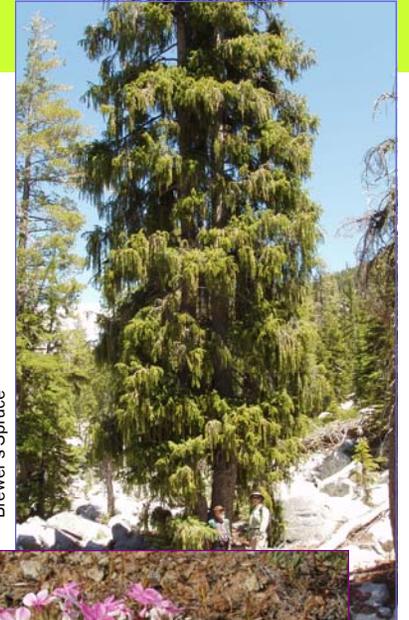
## WHAT IS AN ARBORETUM?

An arboretum is a landscaped space where trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants are cultivated for scientific study, educational purposes, and aesthetic experience.

**Our Mission: Promoting education, research and enjoyment with native plants, and edible and colorful gardens.**

Come see the Arboretum's Native Plant Nursery on Ranch Lane at the lower end of Greenhorn Park.

# SISKIYOU ARBORETUM



Brewer's Spruce



Yreka Phlox



*We became an independent non-profit 501(C)3 educational organization in 2009.*

## OUR VISION:

**The Arboretum:** Preserve, interpret, and showcase our legacy of local native plants, wildlife and their habitats.

**The Arboretum Nursery:** Provide a site to grow plants for the arboretum and gardens, provide a venue for educational programs and horticultural therapy, and promote the use of native plants in residential gardens.

**Gardens:** Provide an aesthetic environment for visitors, students and local citizens in community parks.

**Native Plant Studies:** Provide educational programs and conduct research regarding conservation and gardening with native plants, including those traditionally used by Native Americans and area pioneers.

**Community Gardens:** Provide opportunities for growing annual fruits and vegetables in neighborhood plots to increase local food security.

**Community Compost Project:** Promote sustainable management of local resources through composting.

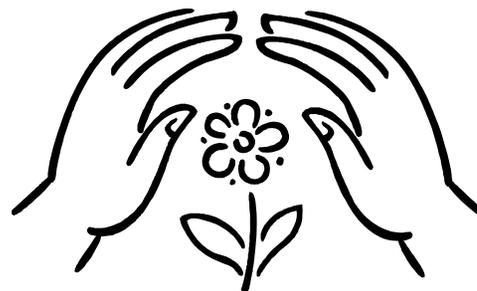
## HOW WE GOT STARTED

The Siskiyou Arboretum began as a community-based city project at Greenhorn Park in Yreka, California.

Greenhorn is a 400-acre park near some of the most diverse conifer forests in the world. The park itself contains a variety of natural habitats including forested hillsides with serpentine soils, almost two miles of Greenhorn Creek and Greenhorn Reservoir.

The Arboretum Project was approved by the Greenhorn Park Development Initiative in recognition of the potential for Greenhorn Park to become a center of community activity and pride.

Our goal is to provide opportunities for visitors, students and local residents to gain an understanding of the unique plants in this area, as well as to enhance our parks with colorful plantings.



**At the Arboretum Nursery at Lower Greenhorn, we grow plants for the Arboretum and for community gardens, as well as for sale to the public to support operations.**

**In the future, the Nursery will also be a site for educational and interpretive programs.**

Photos this page: (top L) wood rose, mariposa lily, ground iris and (bottom R) scarlet fritillary, serviceberry, woolly daisy. All photos copyright by Kathy Pitts, 2009.



Would you like to help? To volunteer, call Tiffany Paine at 842-3808. Or send your tax-deductible gift to Siskiyou Arboretum, P.O. Box 36, Yreka CA 96097