

PIX FROM MY WEEKEND



Photographer: Yoshiki Nakamura, Seattle

Photo taken: March 7, Liberal Arts Quadrangle, University of Washington campus, Seattle

Photographer's description: "A group was standing still while their camera timer was engaged. I used a ND filter and slowed the shutter speed to 2.5 seconds to capture the motion of surrounding people."

Expert says: "With the use of a filter and long exposure the photographer was able to capture

more than just a group portrait and early spring blossoms. The long exposure produced ghost images as people moved through the frame, making for not only an interesting idea but an unusual and captivating image."

— **Barry Fitzsimmons**,
Seattle Times director of photography

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might feel like we've forecast holds true for single festival is on the fog fell off the dock when we came to strew flowers, new season, right? A few



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out on the water while dragon boat paddling.

to the **Roving Reptile Man**, bringing creepy crawlies to Community Center. Page 5.

FREE: If you can't afford the tour but you can make it to the museum, learn about French-speaking artists, enjoy live music, dance and more at **Journée de la Francophonie** at the Alliance Française. Page 7.

FREE AND EASY

Exercise your green thumb

Whether your plot of land is the "back 40" or a window box, spring sunshine can germinate an ambition for grubbing in the dirt. This weekend offers a whole crop of green-thumbby educational opportunities and garden sales. They're not far away. Admission is free. How much you spend on shrubs and garden starts is entirely up to you.

For example:

- Whidbey Island's **Meerkerk Rhododendron Garden** hosts its annual Spring Sale, and they're waiving the admission fee to the 10-acre garden, where early-blooming rhodies are putting on a good show.

- "**Vegetable Gardening Made Easy**" is the topic of a free presentation at Bellevue's Master Gardener Demonstration Garden.

- Seattle Tilth hosts its **Early Spring Edible Plant Sale** of organic vegetable starts, along with talks on seasonal

topics, at Magnuson Park.

- You just can't get away from him. **Ciscoe Morris** (with other garden experts) offers free demonstrations and classes in a first-day-of-spring shindig at University Village shopping center.

- The **Puget Sound Dahlia Association Tuber Sale** is the draw in Kenmore.

- A native-plant nursery in Woodinville, **Tadpole Haven**, opens its doors for a teach-in.

- Help celebrate the opening of the new **Hazel Heights Community Garden** in Fremont. There's a big party on Sunday.

For details, see "Gardening" in Datebook > 5



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Some gardens are worth clucking about. Get your garden off to a good start with a visit to area plant sales and events.