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Dear friends,

One of the truly special moments of each Normandale academic year is commencement. Commencement provides an opportunity for all of us to celebrate the hard work our students put in each year and the many sacrifices they make to accomplish their goals. The end of the academic year is also a great time to reflect on all of the latest accomplishments and events at Normandale.

The 2015-16 academic year has produced many great moments. In January, we were privileged to host the Region V Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) for a second consecutive year. This spring, we also continued our tradition of High School Art Day and we hosted a third annual STEMlink event for fifth and sixth graders on our campus. STEMlink connects K-12 students and educators with partners in industry and higher education who are actively supporting improved education in science, technology, engineering and math. These moments are just a small sample of the role we play in working with our community partners to provide high-level educational events to all levels of learners.

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Among the event’s most memorable moments were the presentations of the testimonial speakers. Guests listened with rapt attention as each of the two speakers movingly shared the positive transformation their Normandale experience had on their lives. 2016 graduate Paul Winchester related the struggles and triumphs he experienced as a non-traditional student and Finish Line Scholar. Deb Warwick shared how her Continued on page 4.

Joyce C. Ester, President
Normandale Community College
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husband and six children attended Normandale as students and how she then became an art instructor. These speakers exemplified the opportunities that scholarships, donor support, and an education from Normandale can provide. The Foundation would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all the attendees and volunteers, whose generosity and dedication made the Creating Futures Celebration gala “Metamorphosis... Transforming Lives” such a smashing success!

The Normandale community, friends and family joined hundreds of shoppers to enjoy and support the musical talent displayed by Normandale students, along with faculty and staff members, at the Mall of America Rotunda on Saturday, March 19. Normandale Performs showcased student performances, including classical selections by the acoustic guitar duo of Matt Vinge and Jeremy Hiniker, an original rap number by Yakub Ibrahim, and a moving a cappella vocal rendition of Adele’s “Someone Like You” by Symone Wilson. (Several of these talented performers wowed guests a few weeks later at the Foundation’s annual gala; see page 2.) Table activities and information about the college also kept the attention of attendees and mall shoppers, including Math Instructor Christopher Axelson’s inventive and interactive activity hub “Math On A Stick.”

The annual Normandale Foundation-sponsored event helps build awareness and visibility for Normandale, and offers a chance for faculty members, staff members and students to interact with our community while showcasing the college’s talent.
Tulane University.

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ne of the Normandale Foundation's newest board members brings the insight and expertise of a select cadre with him. Axel Steuer, Ph.D., made his way from the ranks of faculty to executive assistant to two presidents of Occidental College in California, then served as president of Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn. for 11 years. He is also President Emeritus of Illinois College, where he served for 10 years before retiring. Steuer joined the Foundation board in 2014 after being invited by Colleen Simpson, Foundation executive director, whom he met in the Edina Rotary Club. He was impressed by the dedication of faculty and the stories he heard from students. “I thought I knew something about fundraising and administration, so here I am,” he said in a recent interview. Steuer’s fundraising skills were particularly useful in rebuilding when the Gustavus Adolphus campus was hit by a devastating tornado during his Presidency.

The challenge for community colleges

The challenges for community colleges that most interest Steuer are “having the resources to follow their missions and being clear about what is distinctive about their institutions and missions.” He notes that strategic planning is somewhat new for community colleges, and that clearly stated values and consensus are critical in guiding the vision. Compared to some, “Normandale is particularly useful in rebuilding when the Gustavus Adolphus campus was hit by a devastating tornado during his Presidency.”

Steuer’s experiences have shaped his strong belief in ready access to higher education for all. “I’ve been an immigrant and refugee myself,” he says. From eastern Germany (now Poland), his mother and her three children fled before advancing Russian troops in 1945 on a harrowing odyssey. “The hero is my mom—I was only a year old,” he notes. Finally reaching the U.S., as new immigrants, he remembers teachers paying for his haircuts and providing food and care from the Salvation Army—the generosity and goodness of strangers was key all along the way. He credits good opportunities and good luck in pointing him toward his achievements. This brings us back to Normandale, where “I saw the diversity of students and the number of immigrant students, and I wanted to get involved;” he says. With decades of leadership and teaching experience to share with the board and faith in the power of education to change lives, Dr. Axel Steuer is embracing an active and purposeful “retirement.”

an insight that informs goals for his board service. “First, help facilitate a more robust alumni program by encouraging bonding opportunities for students such as study abroad programs, student-faculty research opportunities, service learning, and other ways to foster connections,” he says. Second, he wants to help strengthen the scholarship program, including endowed scholarships, and secure more funding for resources for faculty.

family history shaped life direction

Steuer believes that by donating to impactful organizations, the Desmond Foundation is helping to do two things. The first is to help lift students up and give them a chance to accomplish their goals through education. The second is to let businesses and community members see the difference that can be made by donating to these causes.

Two main purposes for donating

“You always feel good when you support great causes like Normandale,” said Lindstrom. “It is amazing to see the successes that people have in spite of great obstacles. I have attended many Normandale Foundation Scholarship and Donor Recognition Events and have talked to many students. When you hear their stories it is very inspirational.”

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Beltz, Everett and Lindstrom also noted that the Desmond Foundation likes to work with the same organizations on an ongoing basis, growing the overall impact of their support. They also believe that, by raising awareness of the need for community support, they can inspire other community members to do more to help. “I have a lot of fondness for Normandale,” said Lindstrom. “It’s a very accessible school that does a lot for young people. It has great instructors who deserve a tremendous amount of credit for the great things they do. I feel very good about what we have done at Normandale—and I know we can do more going forward.”
THE YEAR IN REVIEW

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Fused glass art class presents gala auction items
Distinguished Faculty Award recipient Richard Brown
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Recent gifts and grants are benefitting Normandale students and academic work. The David B. Jones Foundation made a five-year grant of $203,650 to support archaeological education and research into the prehistory of the Lake Shetek region of southwestern Minnesota and its early human inhabitants. Building on previous research by Normandale faculty and students, the grant will fund a long-term lease for the site, the purchase of equipment, and stipends for participating students. Previous work led by Anthropology Instructor Susan Krook has already found evidence of human habitation at the site.

Spring 2016 saw the first presentation of the Fred Moyer Memorial Merit Scholarship. It was established in 2015 by a generous donor in Moyer’s memory to benefit students in Normandale’s exercise science A.S. degree program. Moyer was the college’s longtime physical education instructor and football coach for 21 years. His winning record included 12 state championships and 11 bowl games.

The Great Lakes Foundation awarded Normandale a generous two-year grant that provides assistance to students facing emergencies. The new DASH program distributed its first awards in March 2016, so far providing more than $12,000 in emergency support to 25 Normandale students. Capped at $500 per student, individual support is available to students who are eligible for Pell Grants. DASH funds are to be used for nonacademic needs only, such as housing, medical care, bus passes and food.

Meet Nahom Mossazghi
STUDENT FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER

When Nahom Mossazghi received his A.A.S. degree in bioscience and chemistry this May, he left as much a mark on Normandale as the college has left on him. He was born in Eritrea, and completed high school in Uganda before joining family members in Burnsville, Minn. Enrolling in Fall 2013, the soft-spoken and enthusiastic young man quickly found a home at Normandale. His memorable learning experiences? “There are two, actually,” he says. “One is the volunteer work, and the other is academic.”

Admission into the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) student honor society, he says, sparked his campus involvement. He served as legislative director for the Normandale Student Senate. As a lead Senator, he served as a student representative on the Normandale Foundation Board in 2015-16. He was able to share a student perspective on issues, learning how the Foundation board and staff work together on the intricacies of fundraising. He is proud of coordinating PTK’s children’s book exchange this year, which distributed 500 “take one or leave one” books. For his efforts, he was named a PTK Regional and International Distinguished Chapter Member.

When Mossazghi wanted to do a research project for Instructor David Lake’s Biopsychology class, Mossazghi designed an experiment showing that video game use enhanced plasticity (ability to change) in the user’s brain. His academic prowess was recognized in his selection as a semifinalist for the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship. This summer, he will work with Dr. Timothy Ebner, chairman of the neuroscience department at the University of Minnesota, where Mossazghi will begin a B.S. degree in Neuroscience in Fall 2016.
NORMANDALE FACULTY MEMBERS HONORED

2015 OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS AND JOHN AND SUZANNE ROUCHE EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS NAMED.

Mathematics Instructor Mark Ahrens, English Instructor Eric Mein, and Geography Instructor Ron Ward were recently designated as 2015 Board of Trustees Outstanding Educators by Normandale President Joyce Ester. All three were recognized for their outstanding teaching and exemplary service to students.

The Board of Trustees award is bestowed upon Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system faculty members to acknowledge and reward exceptional professional accomplishments and to encourage ongoing excellence in teaching. It recognizes the superior teaching at our colleges and universities and proclaims, on behalf of the entire system, the Board of Trustees’ pride in the dedication and accomplishment of our faculty in providing instruction that prepares Minnesota’s college and university students for professional, scholarly and civic lives.

Ahrens also was recognized with a John and Suzanne Rouche Excellence Award, along with Communication Instructor Jennifer Isaac and Dietetic Technology Instructor Linda Armstrong. These awards, which are administered by the League for Innovation in the Community College, celebrate outstanding contributions and leadership by community college faculty and staff members.

DENTAL HYGIENE NEWS: PROGRAM WINS GIERS AWARD

RESEARCH EFFORTS IN DENTAL THERAPY HELP SECURE AWARD, WIN GRANT AND EARN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION.

In March, Normandale Community College received the Giers Award for Outstanding Vision by a public or private partner at the American Dental Education Association’s annual session in Denver. Normandale, along with Metropolitan State University, Minnesota Board of Dentistry and the University of Minnesota’s School of Dentistry were partners receiving the Giers Award. This award draws attention to the essential role of dental education in enhancing global oral health.

A five-year, $1.6 million Health Resources and Services Administration grant was awarded to recognize in part the Dental Hygiene Program’s work in advanced dental hygiene practice and dental therapy. Normandale Dean of Health Sciences Colleen Brickle collaborated with Metro State University to replicate an innovative education model that allows dental hygiene students to obtain an associate and bachelor’s degree in as little as three years. This affordable, flexible option will be expanded to other dental hygiene programs in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.

Brickle was recently a keynote speaker at a prestigious international conference. The “Over the horizon: What will we look like in the next 30 years? 2025/2035/2065?” conference held in Melbourne was to honor 50 years of Dental Therapy in Australia. Minnesota was the first state to license dental therapists. Brickle’s presentation was “Breaking New Ground: Dental Therapy in the United States.”

CONVERSATIONS WITH DAN BARNETT AND MANLEY OLSON

AS THE COLLEGE’S 50TH ANNIVERSARY APPROACHES, TWO OF NORMANDALE’S FIRST EMPLOYEES SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS.

Dan Barnett and Manley Olson both started working at Normandale Community College shortly after the college opened in 1968. Now, as the Normandale community begins to prepare to celebrate the college’s 50th anniversary in 2018, Barnett and Olson have taken some time to reflect on their years.

Before he came to Normandale, Barnett was an assistant principal at Osseo High School in Maple Grove. While there, he helped coordinate his high school’s connections with local community colleges. In 1969, he applied and was hired as Normandale’s Associate Dean of Students. He advanced to Dean of Students and worked at Normandale for 26 years, retiring in 1995.

Olson was working at the University of Minnesota prior to accepting a job with Normandale. At the University, he was responsible for working out credits with two-year community college transfer students. Olson agreed to take a job for one year. It wasn’t until 30 years later, in 2001, that Olson left, retiring as Normandale’s first Dean of Liberal Arts.

While recently visiting Normandale Foundation, Barnett and Olson were excited to give their perspectives on the history of the college.

Did you know that Normandale was almost the host for the 1996 Olympics’ swimming events?

Barnett: “My daughter swam for Edina High School, and there was not a good place at the time to host the state swimming meet. There was a local push to create an Olympic-sized pool for a training facility. When the Twin Cities made a bid to host the 1996 Olympics, organizers developed a proposal to build swimming facilities at Normandale. After the Olympics had taken place, their plan called for enclosing the facility and giving it to the college. A great group of people worked on the project, but unfortunately Minnesota finished second to Atlanta in the bid among U.S. cities looking to host the Olympics.”

On Normandale’s original building plans:

Barnett: “When I was at Normandale I was involved with construction meetings and meetings with the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system office about our campus. Files will show that Normandale was only supposed to be a college with a limit of 4,000 full-year equivalents and 6,000 total students. (Normandale had more than 10,000 students when Barnett retired and currently has more than 14,000 students.) This campus was built on that model, but we had some great architects who were very clever in their plans for the campus.”

On Barnett’s retirement:

Olson: “I was the acting Dean of Instruction when Dan [Barnett] retired in 1995. One of the things Dan was in charge of as Dean of Administration was building construction. We had been approved to do construction on the front of the main building. When Dan retired, former President Tom Horak called me and asked, ‘How would you like to build a building?’ In 1995, I ended up in charge of the construction project, which was a total remodeling of the front building. I quickly became someone who learned what went into building construction planning.”

On the pride he took in the quality education Normandale provided students:

Barnett: “After I retired from Normandale, I taught Ethics at St. Mary’s for eight years, retired again, and then came back to teach Leadership for six years. I had about 50 or so Normandale students while I was at St. Mary’s, and without exception they all came up and told me what a wonderful education they had at Normandale. It was really quite a thrill to hear them say that. I thought the world of our faculty. There are so many wonderful people, it was really a pleasure to work here.”

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From left: Mark Ahrens, Jennifer Isaac, and Linda Armstrong (award presenters).

From left: Manley Olson, Dan Barnett.

From left: Ron Ward, Eric Mein, Mark Ahrens.

From left: Rouche Award recipients Mark Ahrens, Jennifer Isaac and Linda Armstrong, with Academic Affairs VP Julie Gauchi.

From left: Dan Barnett, Manley Olson.
Local businesses and organizations explore career opportunities with students.

On March 24, Normandale Community College partnered with Mall of America (MOA) to present the first-ever Normandale Opportunity Fair. The day-long Opportunity Fair included presentations by Timothy O’Neill from the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development, MOA Trend Specialist Sara Rogers and Laura Brandt, president of Laura B, LLC. Normandale students also participated in on-site interviews and talked to representatives from several MOA companies, members of the Bloomington Police Department, and representatives of local nonprofit agencies. Students could also have professional photos taken and have their resumes reviewed.

“This event was a great win-win for Mall of America, our nonprofit partners and Normandale,” said Wanda Kanswicher, director of Normandale’s Center for Experiential Education. “We can’t wait to see the impact the fair has.”

“This was the first time we partnered with Normandale on an event like this,” said Sue Amundson, MOA Human resources director. “We thought they did an extraordinary job.”

Like Normandale, MOA has a reputation for participating in many community enrichment activities. Recently, for example, MOA generously allowed Normandale Foundation to use the highly visible East Rotunda stage for the “Normandale Performs” event that showcased the many talents of Normandale students.

Writing Festival features renowned authors: recognizes student writers

Keynote speakers Reginald Dwayne Betts and Nina Smart headlined Normandale’s seventh annual festival.

Normandale hosted its 7th annual Writing Festival on April 7. The festival included hourly presentations on all aspects of writing, facilitated by Normandale faculty, guest writers and writing professionals, plus keynote speeches by nationally-recognized authors Reginald Dwayne Betts and Nina Smart.

A powerful and inspirational speaker, Betts has written two books poetry and memoir, “A Question of Freedom: A Memoir of Learning, Survival, and Coming of Age in Prison,” the story of a young man confined in the worst prisons in the state of Virginia, where solitary confinement, horrific conditions and constant violence threatened to break his humanity.

Smart was born in communist Romania and spent her teenage years in West Africa. Following a terrifying, life-changing experience, she immigrated to the United States in 1992. The author of the memoir “Wild Flower,” Smart founded SWF International in 2004, a non-government organization that works to eradicate female genital mutilation in Sierra Leone. She has received several international awards for her humanitarian work.

Normandale students, Abigail Bilger (fiction) and Megan Stratford (poetry) were announced as student winners of the Patsy Lea Core awards for her humanitarian work.

Three Normandale students qualified as finalists in a National Science Foundation innovation competition.

A team composed of Normandale Academy of Math and Science students Tim DeCesare, Sophia Flumerfelt and Naomi Nagel was named a finalist in the National Science Foundation’s (NSF) second annual Community College Innovation Challenge (C2CIC). Teams in the competition proposed innovations to address challenges from two of three possible systems: food, energy and water. Normandale’s team proposed using hydrokinetic turbines in wastewater treatment plants to generate renewable energy.

“Our wanting to do something that would not require large-scale construction and would not be too high cost,” said Flumerfelt.

As finalists in the competition, Normandale’s team will participate in a C2C Boot Camp June 20-23 in Arlington, Va., and display their projects at a Capitol Hill reception June 22.

“To be named as finalists in the NSF, these students have done great work,” said Angie Foudray, Normandale physics instructor and their coach. “They were very self-motivated. It was fantastic to see them look at the project, run with it, produce something and get recognition for it.”

Normandale’s team represents the only Minnesota community college to be named as a finalist.

A little math magic!

Student Mathematics League team places 1st in region, 12th in nation.

Normandale’s Student Mathematics League team finished 12th in the nation (out of 186 teams) and 1st in the Central Region in the American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges (AMATYC) 2015-16 Student Mathematics League competition. Normandale students Quang Phung and Ben Nocacek finished 3rd and 15th, respectively, in the regional competition. A total of 166 students participated in the regional competition.

Normandale was the only college from the region and state to place in the top 15 nationally. In the regional competition, Normandale has finished in 1st place for seven years in a row. This is the second time in three years that Normandale has finished in the top 12 in the nation in this contest.

Financial literacy event addresses renters’ rights, financial planning

Normandale’s Economic Institute hosted the 4th annual event. On April 21, The Normandale Economic Institute sponsored the 4th annual Financial Literacy Event, in the Kopp Student Center. Several financial experts, including Mike Vraa, managing attorney and hotline director for HOME Line, a nonprofit Minnesota tenant advocacy organization, and Patrick Furlong, a private wealth advisor for Ameriprise, spoke to about 100 attendees.

Vraa spoke about renters’ legal rights and how to address issues with their landlords as well as what landlords look for in tenants. Furlong talked about dollar-cost averaging, saving and budgeting.

The Normandale Foundation provided a grant for the Economics Department to establish the Economic Institute this year. (Previously the Economics Department was the principal sponsor of the event.) The Economic Institute hosts events and brings speakers on campus to talk about important financial topics for students and to address key local, regional and national economic issues.

America Reads & America Counts honored for helping Bloomington youth

Tutoring program helped almost 10,000 area elementary and middle school students improve their reading and math skills

Normandale Community College’s America Reads & America Counts (ARAC) group won in the “Community Group” category of the Bloomington United for Youth Volunteer Recognition program. The group was recognized as part of an awards ceremony in the Council Chambers of Bloomington Civic Plaza on Tuesday, February 9.

ARAC is a student-volunteer tutoring program that helps Bloomington school children improve their math and reading skills. Since ARAC’s inception in 1999, more than 1,600 Normandale students have provided nearly 45,000 hours of tutoring to almost 10,000 Bloomington elementary and middle school students.

“Normandale views this program as a win-win relationship between the college and the Bloomington public schools,” said Wanda Kanswicher, director of Normandale’s Center for Experiential Education. Student volunteers in ARAC typically work with children in small groups or on one-on-one.

Along with increasing reading and math skills, ARAC boosts participants’ self-esteem and confidence. Normandale student volunteers also benefit in many ways from their participation in ARAC.
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“I came back to college as a non-traditional student, meaning I was a bit older than most students—and some of the instructors! I absolutely loved the whole Normandale experience. Every class became a family and an incredible adventure that added to my self-esteem and fostered my love of learning. In 2010, I earned my B.S. in Business Management. I have had several careers but my current one is with a company called ITM TwentyFirst, based out of Cedar Falls, Iowa, Minneapolis, MN and New York, NY. I am proud to say that my son, Derek Matson ’16, graduated from Normandale this past May and is continuing his studies at Carlson School of Management! A wonderful family tradition!”

Matt Greiss ’09
“I attended Normandale from 2007 to 2009 and went through the Hospitality Management program. After two years, I transferred to the University of Wisconsin, Stout, to complete my B.S. Degree in Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management. In my current job, I work with corporate, sports, association, social, tour/travel, education, faith-based, government and reunion groups, helping them with their guestroom and meeting space needs.”

Bailey Heille ’15
“I am currently a senior honors student at Columbia College, Chicago, studying creative non-fiction writing.”

Chuck Jacobs ’95
“I attended Normandale from 1993 to 1995 and graduated with an associate of arts degree in Liberal Education. Normandale was the perfect fit for me, as I could attend school part-time and work towards an associate’s degree while having a full-time job. While attending Normandale I worked at a PDQ Convenience store near my apartment. After working there 13 years I was fortunate enough to buy the store in Eagan, which I still own, along with a store at another location. Through the years I have continued to take classes at Normandale as I am a firm believer in lifelong learning.”

Terri Matson ’09
“My degree from Normandale gave me the confidence to go back into the workforce, and after a few years I decided to launch my own business as an inspirational wellness mentor. Thank you Normandale!”

David Vierling ’15
“I am continuing my education at the University of Wisconsin, River Falls, where I am majoring in dairy science.”

We want to know! Keep us informed of your passages, promotions, etc. Call (952) 358-8147 or email alumni@normandale.edu.

Graduates before ceremony

“YOU’RE OFF TO GREAT PLACES! TODAY IS YOUR DAY! YOUR MOUNTAIN IS WAITING, SO…GET ON YOUR WAY!”
― Dr. Seuss, “Oh, The Places You’ll Go!”

Graduate receives administrator’s congratulations at commencement
Dear Friends,

Have you ever wondered about the tremendous impact that scholarships make in the lives of real people? Have you ever wanted to see their touching reactions when they discover that they have been awarded a scholarship? Or how these much-needed funds will make it possible to continue their higher education and improve the lives of their entire family? Oftentimes this support means our students won't have to work that second or third job to buy food or pay the rent. Scholarships allow more time to study. We hear personal stories as our students stop by to express their humble gratitude to donors. Please go online to see for yourself at www.normandale.edu/foundation. Everyone at Normandale, especially each scholarship recipient, thanks you for past and future gifts.

Warmest wishes for a wonderful, safe summer!

Colleen Simpson,
Normandale Foundation Executive Director

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NEW 2016 EVENTS CALENDAR

**FOUNDATION EVENTS**

Retiree Luncheon
Thursday, October 13

Scholarship and Donor Recognition Event
Tuesday, October 25

**ART EXHIBITIONS**

All exhibitions are in the Fine Arts Gallery.
August 8-September 8: Jehra Patrick
September 12-October 8: Josh Wilichowski
October 13-November 8: Matthew Winkler
November 14-December 16: Arica Roe

**THEATRE PERFORMANCES**

Circle Mirror Transformation
By Annie Baker
Directed by Sean Byrd
September 28-October 1 and October 5-8, 2016
Black Box Theatre

Hedda Gabler
By Henrik Ibsen
Adapted by Jon Robin Baitz
Directed by Amanda White
November 30-December 3, 2016
Premanand Fine Arts Theatre
For tickets, call (952) 358-8884 or email: boxoffice@normandale.edu

**MUSIC PERFORMANCES**

Visit www.normandale.edu/concerts for information.

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**NORMANDALE JAPANESE GARDEN PRESENTS ‘SHOW AND TELL SUNDAYS’**

Join us to enjoy the beauty and serenity of the Garden. Learn about the unique features: the benthendo, shelters and lanterns, waterfall, bridges, islands, and artfully pruned greenery.

“Show and Tell Sundays” are: July 17 (the Garden’s 40th Anniversary Celebration), August 21 and September 18, 2-4 p.m.

**JAPANESE GARDEN FESTIVAL (NIHON TEIEN MATSURI)**

Saturday, October 8, 12 p.m.

For more event information, contact Kathy Hara at 763-742-9990 or email kathyhara76@gmail.com