

Monday Session I: Questions and Answers®

Anonymous: While you were setting up Mt. Goliath in that area, being so far away from the city, did you have to live up there?

Mike Bone: We didn't have to live there, but there were times working on larger projects that staff members would backpack up and take tents and stay there for a couple days at a time.

Anonymous: From an education aspect, are you planning to label the plants or do you think that takes away from the natural beauty?

Mike Bone: There are interpretive panels up there and I think labeling individual plants, at times, can take away from the natural beauty, but it's also an important educational tool. The panels can be changed based on what's happening at the moment in the area. They are changed once a week or so.

Anonymous: Does the garden have philosophical issues for selecting natives for introduction into the horticultural trade?

Dan Johnson: We're in the midst of establishing a trial garden and one of the main purposes of that is to help select improved plants that may have a longer blooming season or larger flowers or better flower color. We've all seen, while hiking, a native plant that is somehow different than everything else and think that would be a great one to get into the trade. It's plants like that that would be introduced through our Plant Select program.