



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

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September 2011



September Picnic

DIANA NEELY'S

7887 Overlake Drive West - Medina, WA 98039

(directions on page 3)

Thursday, September 22, 2011 - 11:00am

Enjoy a beautiful day touring Diana's garden and sampling apples from Catherine Allan's family orchard. *Send your favorite apple recipe to Traci Tenneson to include on our SGC website for all to share.*



RSVP by Friday, September 16 ~ (YES or NO, please)

Charlee Reed: cpreed@msn.com (206) 325-7033



Non-subscribers to the Hostess Fund:

Confirm your reservation by sending a check for \$30 payable to SGC, to Charlee at 4221 E. Lee Street, Seattle, WA 98112

Plant share encouraged! This is a great time to bring plants that others are welcome to take home as their own.

AT A GLANCE

events of note coming soon

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| 9/15 | Board Meeting, Sunset Club 10:00am |
| 9/22 | Annual Picnic as noted above |
| 10/3 | Provisional Meeting @ UWBG/CUH
9:00am |
| | Hort Meeting @ UWBG/CUH
9:30am Coffee; 10:00am Program |
| | Conservation Committee meeting
will follow |

NEW MEMBERSHIP

**Proposals for Provisional Membership
are due by December 15th**

The Membership Proposal Form will be available through the SGC website in the Fall. If you would like a copy to consider in the meantime, please contact Hope Stroble and she will send you a copy: hopestroble@hotmail.com or 206-364-6694. Keep in mind your potential candidates when considering guests to invite to the Christmas Luncheon or open general meetings. The deadline for membership proposals is December 15, 2011. This is an excellent way of acquainting candidates with Membership Committee members or Board members.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I sit enjoying the warmth of our belated summer, I am reflecting on our Garden Club activities of the past year, under the fabulous leadership of my predecessor, Catherine Roach, and looking forward to a new year of activities and involvement, driven by all of you.

After a year of stimulating projects and speakers, our Flower Show, "Welcome Aboard", led by the capable Marilee Ahalt and Barbara Feasey, was really over-the-top! We should still be patting ourselves on the back, for it was an event not to be forgotten.

Our annual spring luncheon at Broadmoor was a great gathering where we welcomed our eight new Provisionals... Sue Ashmun, Susan Brickman, Maggie Mangham, Peggy Paige Most, Barbara Peterson, Sarah Robinson, Suzy Titcomb and Roxanne Wiley...are we ever lucky! We also recognized Club and community members with coveted awards and relived the year in photographs presented by Jane Harder.

As we moved into a leisurely summer, there were several Garden Club gatherings enjoyed by members and their guests, as a result of our holiday fund raiser...clam digging on Hood Canal, an overnight trip to Twin Island in Desolation Sound and a September weekend at Pysht Tree Farm on the Olympic Peninsula. Photo workshops in the Pike Place Market and at Jello Mold Farm in LaConner were organized for our avid photographers. What an energetic group we are!!!

Our new Garden Club year, the 94th if I'm counting correctly, begins with the fall picnic on Thursday, September 22 at Diana Neely's fabulous Medina garden. I look forward to seeing you all there! Thank you, Diana! It will be a great time to regroup and re-energize as we look at the upcoming programs and projects incorporating our four disciplines – several exhibits by our talented photography group, speakers on the preservation of Puget Sound, our State Capitol Gardens, pruning and landscape design, as well as our ever-anticipated Provisional presentations on Hort Mondays. Please check out your brand new yearbook, which you'll receive at the picnic, for a complete list of what's in store for the year ahead.

We have had great committee signups but can always add more. Just e-mail me at laurieariley@msn.com and I will add your name. Our committees are the heart of the Club! I am eager and honored to lead you through the coming year. Away we go!!!

Laurie Riley, President

ATTENTION!

The following requires your immediate attention or response:

RSVP

- Charlee Reed for the 9/22 Picnic
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*Tis the last rose
of summer left
blooming alone;
all her lovely
companions are faded
and gone.*

*Sir Thomas More, 1478-1535
English lawyer, author & statesman*

PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE

"FAVORITE PHOTO" PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT!



There will be a **"Just-For-The-Fun-Of-It" Photography Exhibit** at our General Meeting on October 20th **open to all members**, so start shooting and choose your favorite photo taken over this summer or fall. An 8" x 10" enlargement (or similar size) is best for viewing, and does not need to be mounted. The deadline for submitting photos will be October 3rd. Further details will be in the next newsletter.

Sis Woodside, Photography Chair

SGC PICNIC

NEELY RESIDENCE DIRECTIONS

FROM I-5 Take Hwy 520 East to the 84th Avenue N.E. Exit, veering right onto ***84th Avenue NE, drive straight for one mile**; At the intersection of 84th Avenue and 12th (5-way stop), soft right onto 82nd; park will be on your right, road will curve right onto N.E. 8th; turn left on 81st Avenue NE; turn right on Overlake Drive West 1/10th of a mile to the Neely house, #7887 on the left; blue numbers up by lantern in tree, driveway is across the street from Medina Elementary gym; driveway with hedges on either side.

FROM 405 Take Hwy 520 westbound; take 92nd Avenue NE Exit; take a left onto 92nd Avenue NE; turn slight right onto Points Drive NE; take a left on 84th Avenue NE; follow from asterisk* bolded part in **"FROM 1-5"**.

HORTICULTURE COMMITTEE

As I write the copy for this newsletter (in August), summer has at last made an impact on my garden. How has your garden fared? What has performed well? How did you keep your garden alive and fresh throughout late summer and early fall?

Think of this request as a summer homework assignment. A committee member commented to me that the "Hort Share" portions of our meetings focus largely on spring bloomers (Camellias, Narcissus, the lovely ephemerals) but what about the other seasons?

For our October "Hort Share," take note of what stayed up during summer. Bring in a sample and tell us about it. In my own garden, I always grow *Erysimum 'Bowles Mauve'* (Bowles Mauve Wallflower) because local plant expert Carrie Becker says it's the longest blooming perennial in the Northwest. Despite my mixed feelings about the color, this plant just keeps going and going, ultimately wearing itself out after a few years.



The program for our October Hort meeting (Monday, the 3rd at CUH, 9:30 social, 10:00 program) will feature Van Bobbitt, Professor of Horticulture at South Seattle Community College. His topic, *Native Plant Myths*, is sure to intrigue.

And when you arrive at CUH, take note of the containers in the Fragrance Garden. Debbi Wilson, Fragrance Garden Chair, worked with the FG curatorial committee to design plantings for the containers, previously empty for months and months. Last June, a small group of members (Debbi, Hotie Hard, Laurie Riley, Jenny Wyatt) put in Cordyline x Festival Grass, Lantana, Scented Pelargonium and Calibrachoa. We've also purchased fragrant Narcissus and Muscari to plant in the fall.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

HORT QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Lichen is: a) a desiccated form of fungus; b) a single organism; c) a combination of fungus and green alga living together; d) never found in extreme climates.

Answer to last May's question: The name of the lovely spring flower, *Corydalis*, refers to the Greek word for lark.

Jenny Wyatt, Hort Chair

SGC ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

A successful Annual Meeting was enjoyed by SGC members at the Broadmoor Country Club, highlighted by Jane Harder's video review of the year and inspiring awards.

GCA Award

Kathy Fletcher - GCA Conservation Commendation - Awarded to a non-member who has made a significant contribution to Conservation, honoring her career at People for Puget Sound which she created to protect water quality, restoration, education and advocacy for a healthy environment for Puget Sound.

Seattle Garden Club Awards

Charlotte (Charlee) Reed - Bronze Medal for meritorious service to SGC; for her frequent participation in Club activities and sharing her leadership and fundraising talents.

Liz Bullard - Community Leadership Award for non-members awarded in honor of her vision to create Seattle's PlayGarden for children with special needs.



WELCOME PROVISIONALS!

Left to right: SGC member BJ Anderson, Sue Ashmun, Maggie Mangham, Sarah Robinson, Susan Brickman, Peggy-Paige Most, Roxanne Wiley, Barbara Peterson, SGC member Debby Smith and Suzy Titcomb.

SGC IN THE COMMUNITY

In support of one of SGC's community projects, the Seattle Children's PlayGarden, you are invited to a luncheon on October 12, 2011, Noon, at the Four Seasons Hotel. Laurie Ahern will be organizing those who wish to attend. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Laurie at 206-850-3974 or lahern1681@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE
Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011



Every child can
Play & Grow Learn
2011 LUNCHEON

Four Seasons Hotel
99 Union St. Seattle, WA 98101
Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011, 12 pm
Complimentary luncheon.
Donations will be requested.
Doors open at 11:30 am.

Honoring
John and Kelly Olerud,
FOUNDERS, JORDAN FUND
Stan McNaughton,
CEO, PERCO

SEATTLE CHILDREN'S
PLAYGARDEN
A Garden for Everyone

SGC 2011 ANNUAL MEETING



The Pigott sisters, all SGC members, enjoyed the gathering: Ann Wyckoff, Mary Ellen Hughes and Ty Scheumann (left to right)



Alex Morse, left, was delighted to recognize Charlee Reed for her SGC efforts



Laurie Ahern, left, presented Liz Bullard with her Community Service Award



Legacies Sarah Robinson (daughter of Lexie Robbins) and Peggy-Paige Most (daughter of Peggy Wilson) are members of our new Provisional group



Kathy Fletcher, left, of People for Puget Sound is joined by SGC member Gretchen Hull

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Would you like to honor someone who is sticking her neck out to further the goals of Seattle Garden Club? Is there an environmentalist in the community who is outstanding? Have you visited a garden or park worthy of notice?

Contact our Awards Committee with your ideas. We will work with you to find a suitable award from SGC, Zone XII or GCA.

Trudy Baldwin, Chair

CONSERVATION REPORT

This year our Conservation concentration will continue to raise awareness about the health of Puget Sound. One course will partner with People for Puget Sound in announcing their "Rain Water Walking Tours" in West Seattle. And they also are working on restoration of the Duwamish waterway; perhaps we will join some of their work parties.

And we will promote use of professional car washes to be very aware of collecting polluted water run-off. Perhaps we shall stencil some storm drains!

Of course, there is the whole course of conservation Rain Gardens, per our fabulous Conservation display at our May 2011 "All Aboard" GCA garden show. Our committee will espouse that even the smallest changes make a difference!

Our first meeting will follow the first Horticulture meeting on October 3rd, 11:30 - Noon, just to choose our meeting times for the year.

Hotie Hard, Conservation Chair



GCA HAPPENINGS

One of my favorite pinecones is that of the coastal redwood. It is tiny, serotinous (propagated by fire) and gives a most satisfying sound when added to a fire. I didn't realize that I might not be able to enjoy these cones had it not been for Garden Club of America.



Coastal Redwood Cone

Stephen Mather, the first director of the National Park Service, championed the protection of the *sequoia sempervirens*. In order to do so, he established the private foundation, *Save The Redwoods*, and enlisted the assistance of Garden Club of America. That was back in the 1920's and early 30's and GCA, although still relatively young, responded enthusiastically. Not only did they support Mather's cause financially, they also campaigned against logging the beautiful redwoods.

There are some amusing pictures of "sit-ins" by ladies in the GCA archives. And Garden Club of America continues its partnership with *Save The Redwoods*, today. That foundation still promotes the flourishing of the ancient forest of coastal redwoods. www.gcamerica.org

Carey Davis

IN MEMORIAM

**We regret the passing
of Honorary Life Member**

**Mrs. Stanley N. Minor
(Betsy Seaver)**

**a member since 1973,
died on Thursday, August 25, 2011**



**Photo taken in June 2007 at
SGC's Annual Meeting honoring
SGC past presidents.**

Now Showing in a Garden Near You!

Foliage Shines. . .

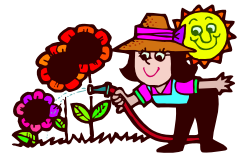


Often, those plants that provide color or interest in summer begin to look a little battle-worn at this time of year. The three perennials shown above continue to look hale and healthy and their foliage continues to add considerable interest to the garden: (left to right) Heuchera 'Spotlight' provides the usual unexciting Heuchera bloom, but its foliage is particularly beautiful and seems to require less attention than many Heuchera; Brunnera macrophylla 'Jack Frost' displays lovely blue blooms in spring/early summer but its foliage is its most attractive feature; Tricyrtis (toad lily), in the midst of its blooming period, has provided a lovely white margined leaf for many weeks prior to blooming. Suzette de Turenne

SHARE YOUR FAVORITES... OR YOUR FAILURES

As SGC members, we are interested in each other's gardening knowledge. If you have something that has performed particularly well (or poorly), please share your experience. Foliage, fragrance, drama, bloom, water-wise, etc...we can benefit from your willingness to share. Your photos are particularly welcome!

GARDENER'S CORNER



Thoughts for September:

- Go through catalogs, plan your spring-blooming bulb order.
- As perennials die back, mark them with permanent tags to show their locations so you'll know where and what they are. If they have overgrown their space they should be dug and divided or moved to a new area of the garden. New or replacement perennials can also be planted this month.
- Continue watering during dry spells. Regular watering in fall helps prepare plants for winter.
- Keep after slugs/snails as this is their breeding season. Keep after weeds.
- Remove spent annuals and compost them.
- Old lawns can be dethatched, aerified, and overseeded now. When rains return (!) fertilize lawn with 3-1-2 ratio fertilizer, using a slow-release formula.
- Photograph containers and garden areas to record and help plan for the future.
- Take advantage of end-of-season sales at garden centers. Avoid root-bound plants.

Janet Footh

Fall, leaves, fall

BY EMILY JANE BRONTË

Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;

Lengthen night and shorten day;

Every leaf speaks bliss to me

Fluttering from the autumn tree.

I shall smile when wreaths of snow

Blossom where the rose should grow:

I shall sing when night's decay

Ushers in a drearier day.



Looking Ahead...

Oct 3 HORT Meeting @ UWBG-CUH,
9:30am Coffee, 10am Meeting;
Guest speaker: Van Bobbitt,
Professor of Horticulture at South Seattle
Community College, *Native Plant Myths*

Provisionals will meet on HORT Mondays
at 9:00am at CUH

Oct 6 Board Meeting, 10am, Sunset Club
10am - Noon @ Frink Residence

Oct 20 General Meeting,
9:30 Coffee; 10:00 Meeting; 10:30 Program
Allison McCarthy, *Climate Changes*; Floral
Report Card with Seattle schools
**Includes an all-member photography
exhibit.**



GCA ENCOURAGES US TO USE EMAIL

If you currently receive this newsletter via U.S. Mail, and are ready for e-mail, please let me know. We are always happy to reduce waste and expenses, in keeping with GCA policies. Thank you to those who have already made the change!

Suzette de Turenne, Communications Chair



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