



The Seattle Garden Club

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November 2011



AT A GLANCE

events of note coming soon

- 11/1 Community Projects Meeting 10:00am
- 11/2 Policy & Planning Meeting 10:00am @ CUH, Isaacson Room
- 11/3 Board Meeting @ Sunset Club 10:00am
- 11/7 Provisional Meeting @ UWBG/CUH 9:00am

Hort Meeting @ UWBG/CUH 9:30am Coffee; 10:00am Program

Garden History & Design meeting following Hort - bring your brown bag lunch
- 11/16 Awards Committee 1:00pm @ Trudy Baldwin's
- 11/17 General Meeting (details this page)

Flower Arranging Workshop for Holiday Luncheon & Auction table decorations follows General Meeting

HORT MEETING

November 7

Provisional

Sheila Wyckoff Dickey

speaks on

Elizabeth Putnam, Founder
of the Student Conservation Association

UWBG-CUH

9:30am Coffee, 10am Meeting

General Meeting

Thursday, November 17, 2011

9:30am Coffee; 10:00am Meeting; 10:30am Program

ELIZA DAVIDSON

Architect & Arborist

&

SUSAN OLMSTED

Architect & Landscape Architect

An exciting report on the Olmsted gardens surrounding our capitol in Olympia and the celebration of the Washington State Capital Plan Centennial

RSVP by Friday, November 11

(YES or NO, please)

Stephanie Fowler: hodfowler@aol.com

(425) 454-7441

Guests Welcome

NEW MEMBERSHIP

Proposals due by December 15th

Reminder: The Christmas Luncheon and open general meetings are excellent ways of acquainting candidates with Membership Committee members or Board members.

The Membership Proposal Form is available on the SGC website. You must print it in order to use it. If you are unable to access the form from the web site, please contact Hope Stroble and she will send you a copy.

Hope Stroble, hopestroble@hotmail.com or (206) 364-6694



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Fall everyone! I wish we could be enjoying the usual fall glory with no rain but it is fall! Time for pumpkins, witches, goblins and lots of bulb planting! Our schedules have kicked-in to lots of commitments...inside and outside of Garden Club.

I was fortunate to attend the Zone XII Presidents' Council "Crystal Clear Communications" in Tacoma this past month and it was indeed impressive. Eighteen club presidents from throughout our zone met at the fabulous, glass filled Murano Hotel for a couple of days of brainstorming and interacting. Zone representatives reported individually with a communications focus. Guest speaker Amy Clancy, consumer advocate and reporter for KIRO-TV, gave a fascinating talk on her career in communications. There was a great deal of information about the new GCA Website. Hopefully most of you now have your codes and have been able to log on. If not, please contact me or Suzanne de Turenne. It is a great, information-packed website and I encourage you to visit it often. I will pass on more interesting "presidents' points" in future newsletter articles. I came back from the meeting very stimulated and ready to go!

Our own Centennial Tree Project is now complete and the remainder of the cedars will be planted in the Yesler Swamp on the 12th of November. Thanks to Jenny Wyatt, the Hort Committee and everyone who participated in this endeavor. Well done!

The Montlake Park Project is alive and well with two weeding/planting "parties" held in October and more to come!

In November we look forward to Sheila Wycoff Dickey's presentation on Elizabeth Putnam, the founder of the Student Conservation Association and to architect Susan Olmsted's lecture on the State Capitol Gardens. I encourage you to invite guests to both of these programs and to R.S.V.P.

We are all looking forward to the Annual Holiday Luncheon and Auction at the Sunset Club, Thursday, December 8...just around the corner! Have you thought of an item to donate and a list of guests to invite? I hope so.

Laurie Riley, President



WHERE WILL YOU BE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2011?

AT THE SGC HOLIDAY AUCTION AND LUNCHEON, OF COURSE!

GUESTS WELCOME

ATTENTION!

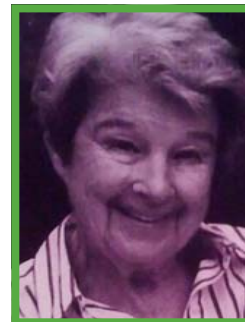
Requiring your immediate action!

RSVP

- Stephanie Fowler for the 11/17 General Meeting hodfowler@aol.com (425) 454-7441
- BJ Anderson for the Annual Holiday Luncheon & Auction, (425) 454-4680, andersonbj@comcast.net
- Wreath making with Judy Thomas on 11/28 - your \$48 check is your reservation; Traci Tenneson will take checks.

IN MEMORIAM

We regret the passing of



Charlotte "Bay" Greer Baxter
Honorary Life Member; a member since 1950,
died October 6, 2011, at age 103

Holiday Luncheon & Auction

Our major fundraising event is fast approaching.



December 8, 2011

Sunset Club

1021 University Street

10:30am Auction & Social - 12:00 Noon Lunch

Mark your calendars and invite your friends!

Donations are starting to come in and we have some wonderful experiences planned.

At this time we are planning on:

- Games Dinner
- Graysmarsh Trip
- SGC Board Hosted Cocktail Party
- Clam Digging

And have several more in the exploratory stages.

I will happily answer any questions, entertain any suggestions or provide help with any ideas you have for the auction.

Sheila Noonan, Ways and Means Chair

(206) 860-7662 sbnoonan@gmail.com

YOU ARE
INVITED

Seattle Garden
Club's annual
Holiday Luncheon



Thursday
December 8, 2011

10:30 Social &
Silent Auction

12:00 Luncheon

The Sunset Club
Seattle, Washington



ARE YOU AN ANGEL?

Mark your calendars and invite your guests!!
You may arrange your own tables.



PLEASE RSVP (YES or NO) BY NOVEMBER 31ST

For guests and members not subscribing to the Hostess Fund,
the luncheon cost is \$40.

ARE YOU AN ANGEL?

If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute to our
fundraiser...you can be an Angel!

If you are attending but would like to make a contribution in
addition to your luncheon fee...you can be an Angel!

Choose to be an Angel at the \$100 or \$250 level!

All checks and reservations should be sent & made payable to
The Seattle Garden Club

BJ Anderson, 8602 NE 19th Place, Bellevue, WA 98004
andersonbj@comcast.net (425) 454-4680

WHERE MAY I DROP OFF MY AUCTION ITEMS?

For your convenience, we have identified
several locations for donation drop-off

Catherine Allan

7919 NE 28th St., Medina 98039
(425) 454-1076

Judy Phillips

1216 38th Avenue E., Seattle 98112
(206) 325-3838

You can also bring and drop off your
donations to November Hort and
General Meetings. Use the donation
form on the following page, pick up
one (or more) at the meetings or you
can download one off the SGC web-
site.

**SEATTLE GARDEN CLUB
AUCTION PROCUREMENT FORM**

2011

*DONOR(S) - Name, address & contact info for ALL donors involved.

*VALUE: (Please estimate value of each item/service)

*MINIMUM BID REQUESTED:

ITEM:

ITEM DESCRIPTION (Details, limitations, dates, etc...):

NOTE: Please provide display materials/photographs, if available, for non-tangible items.

DONOR SIGNATURE:

DATE:

PROCURER:

PHONE:

Does item need to be picked up? Yes No

HORTICULTURE STARTS

Our next Horticulture meeting will feature second-year provisional Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey, presenting on Elizabeth Putnam, the founder of the Student Conservation Association.

In 1955, in her senior thesis at Vassar College, this remarkable woman outlined a plan for engaging students in conservation service. Now the largest and oldest youth volunteer organization in the National Parks, SCA members protect and restore national parks, marine sanctuaries, cultural landscapes and community green spaces in all 50 states. Come and be inspired! Monday, November 7, at CUH, 9:30 am social with program commencing at 10:00.

NOVEMBER HORT SHARE: CONSIDER THE LEAF. Have you seen Judy Glattstein's book *Consider the Leaf: Foliage in Garden Design*? By November, the flowers are few, and we look to foliage for interest in our gardens. For next month's Hort Share, bring in your favorite fall foliage.

HORT QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Witches Brooms are: a) a nickname for the new foliage of a Pawpaw tree; b) vegetative sculpture clipped into a brush; c) congested, twiggy masses growing in tree crowns; d) what flies in the sky on Halloween.

Answer to October's question: Phycology is the branch of botany dealing with algae.

Jenny Wyatt, Hort Chair

Centennial Tree Planting

Our remaining Western Red Cedars are sure to be happy in the Yesler Swamp section of the Union Bay Natural Area. But after growing them for over two years, it was sad to let them go! Here's another opportunity to spend time with your tree and help put it in the ground.

Join the Friends of Yesler Swamp work party on

Saturday, November 12, 10am to noon. We'll determine a location for the Cedars and plant them at that time. Please let Jenny Wyatt know if you're interested in attending (wyattjen@comcast.net).

And if you haven't turned your Cedar into the nursery at CUH yet, there's still time to drop it off (Mon-Fri, between 8am and 2pm, ask for David Zuckerman or Annie).



*Bidding "adieu" to their Cedars:
Juliet Romano, Judy Phillips, Jenny Wyatt,
Laurie Riley, Peggy Wilton, Suzette de Turenne*



Visiting Gardens Opportunity

Sails Up! For the Charming Chesapeake

April 22 through 27, 2012

If you are interested in traveling with GCA to visit some of the Chesapeake's most historic towns and estates all decked out in their spring best, please go to gcainterestlists@gmail.com. Anyone interested in this trip must go to this e-mail address and state the particular trip that you are interested in joining. Only emails will be accepted for the Interest Lists. Your email will be acknowledged by a reply email. Each trip offered has a specific sign-up list. Since spots fill quickly, it is in your interest to sign up early. For further questions call Iris Wagner, (206) 322-7565.

EAST MONTLAKE PARK REPORT

Three work parties in October cleared weeds, pulled the plantings that failed, and planted numerous new plants in the park.

New donations include:

Native plants from the Conservation Exhibit at the *Welcome Aboard!* Flower Show (Carol Eland)

Native bleeding hearts from Celestial Dreams Nursery in Kingston (Jeff Erickson and Sue Blethen)

Mahonia aquifolium, Oregon grape (Vicki Reed)

Calocedrus decurrens, Incense cedar (Catherine Allan)

Native perennials started in January at a Locks Propagation Workshop are finally large enough to be planted

Native evergreen starts are only NOW ready for individual potting up

Donated monies are allowing us to purchase more **Venus Dogwoods** too!

We hope that by the time you read this, all of these new plants will be happily growing at East Montlake Park. The fall, winter, and spring rains will greatly assist their ability to survive our Seattle summers without supplemental irrigation.

Many thanks are due to the US Army Corps of Engineers staff at the Locks Greenhouses for keeping so many cuttings alive this summer. The **native evergreen** propagation starts are FINALLY showing enough roots so they can be potted-up. **A "Potting-Up Work Party" for this will be announced via email soon.**

Many, many thanks to all who have volunteered to help: Catherine Allan, Jenny Wyatt, Angel Clark, Christine Davis, Janet Footh, Susan Pollard, Jeannie Gravenkemper, Juliet Romano, Laurie Riley, BJ Anderson, Debby Smith, Vicki Reed, Diana Neely and oh so many more!!

Come join the fun, pull a few weeds, meet new friends and renew old ones as we all work side by side creating a beautiful native plant setting along the Montlake Cut and Lake Washington Waterside Trail!! We should ALL be very proud of this fine project!

Contact Sue Blethen if you want to join us!

Sue Blethen, sueblethen@hotmail.com

FLOWER ARRANGING COMMITTEE

Table Arrangements for the Holiday Luncheon

The table arrangements for this year's Holiday Luncheon at the Sunset Club on Thursday, December 8, will be decorated 18" miniature pine trees (not real ones). The arrangements may reflect a holiday theme or not.

On November 17th, following the General Meeting from Noon to 2:00pm, our committee will host a fun and informative workshop for all provisionals and other members who have signed up to participate to decorate a tree. Participation in the workshop is encouraged, but not required. Participants will be given a tree (the cost is \$10, cash or check made out to Catherine Parker). All will need to bring a base or container for the tree and materials for decorating. Mechanics and glue guns will be provided.

If you haven't signed up yet, please send a check made out to Catherine Parker for \$10 ASAP.

Catherine Parker, Committee Chair

CONSERVATION REPORT



Rain patter reminds us to attach those city rain barrels to our roof gutters - a great way to water our gardens in drier times and help storm drain run-off.

Fish and aquatic life, could they talk, would thank you for safe disposal of unused, outdated medicines. These drugs are showing up in our treated wastewater, aquifers and Puget Sound waterways! Drug Take-Back Programs have nearby disposal locations (not down the toilet or the yard waste cart!). Find your nearest disposal locations at www.takebackyourmeds.org/what-you-can-do/locations.

Hotie Hard, Conservation Chair

GCA's Centennial Committee Breaks Ground!

Just as this newsletter was going to press, Garden Club of America and many invited guests were officially breaking ground on the 2013 Central Park Founders Fund Project. This is the project our president Laurie Riley wrote of last month. It is a joint venture between GCA and Central Park Conservancy and focuses on the East 69th entrance of the Park. It endeavors to improve the entrance by enlarging it and opening up views currently obscured by massive plantings. The desire is to keep these improvements in harmony with the original Frederic Olmstead design of the Park.

There were not many Seattleites who made the trek back to New York City in early October, but my NYC contact, a young daughter who jogs through Central Park, says she hopes the 69th area will include some spring bulbs that remind her of our Pacific Northwest springs. And the GCA daffodils have been mentioned in the plan! Even if we could not attend, we can all feel a pride in the fact that all 200 GCA Clubs as well as individual donors participated in this Founders Fund. Over \$500,000 was contributed by Garden Club of America and its members in honor of our Centennial. *Carey Davis*

Join the fun!

CHRISTMAS WREATH



Make a beautiful, customized wreath with Judy Thomas!

**9:30am - Monday,
November 28th**

**Basetti's Crooked Arbor
Nursery - Woodinville**

**Light lunch included.
Space is limited.**

**Your \$48 check made out to
Judy Thomas
will secure your reservation.**

Send check to: Traci Tenneson

GARDENER'S CORNER



Thoughts for November:

- Relocate clay pots to a protected area to prevent cracking over winter.
- Harvest remaining summer produce. Compost flower and vegetable trimmings.
- Remove slugs' hiding places by cleaning out dead leaves.
- Mulch roses but don't prune severely now. Cut back perennial beds.
- Fertilizing your lawn with a 3-1-2 (N-P-K) ratio is important in the fall; do it this month if you haven't done so already.
- Transplanting is recommended this month; new roots grow during winter. Dig planting holes just as deep as the root ball but two to three times as wide. Settle plants just at soil level, not deeper.
- Finish planting bulbs! Use bulb fertilizer or bone meal in planting holes.
- Drain built-in sprinkler systems; insulate the valve mechanisms.
- Clean, sharpen and oil garden tools before storing them for the winter.

Janet Footh

Looking Ahead...

Dec 8 Annual Holiday Luncheon & Auction, Sunset Club

Jan 9 HORT Meeting @ UWBG/CUH,
9:30am Coffee, 10am Meeting;
Provisional presentation by Marianne
Kitchell - *Lady Bird Johnson's Legacy*

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

Jan 19 SGC Business Meeting @ UWBG/CUH
9:30 Coffee; 10:00 Meeting; members only



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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