



The Seattle Garden Club

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December 2011



Are You an Angel?



If you are unable
to attend our



Holiday Luncheon and Auction, but
would like to contribute
to our major 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 for
\$100 or more!**

(send checks to BJ Anderson)

AT A GLANCE

events of note coming soon

11/28 Wreath making at Bassetti's
Crooked Arbor Nursery with
Judy Thomas for those who
Preregistered

11/30 Potting up of evergreen plants at
Government Locks, 10am-1pm

**12/8 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON &
AUCTION**

12/15 New Member Proposals Due to
Hope Stroble, (206)364-6694
hopestroble@hotmail.com

Seattle Garden Club

Holiday Luncheon & Auction



HO! HO! HO!



Thursday, December 8th

Sunset Club

**10:30 Silent Auction and Social
12:00 Lunch**

**Support SGC's efforts to raise funds
for Community Projects!**

Invite your friends

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

**Join us & RSVP (YES or NO)
by November 30th to BJ Anderson**

**All checks and reservations should be sent
& made payable to**

The Seattle Garden Club

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The frost is on the pumpkin and the holiday season is here!

It is a time of reflection and thanksgiving. I am especially thankful for family, friends and health and for the amazing support of all you hard-working garden club members. Where would we all be without each other?? And what a difference we make in the community – together!

November has been a busy Garden Club month. Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey gave a fabulous presentation on Elizabeth Putnam, Founder of the Student Conservation Association at our Hort meeting. Elizabeth is a personal friend of Sheila's and she gave a terrific first-hand story of her work. Well done, Sheila!

At our General Meeting on the 17th, we were treated to a visit by Sally Broughton, Zone XII Chairman, as we heard Eliza Davidson and Susan Olmsted's exciting presentation on the Olmsted Gardens in our State Capitol and the plans for Washington's Centennial.

As we inch our way into Thanksgiving and Christmas, we look forward to our Annual Holiday Luncheon and silent auction, Thursday, December 8 at the Sunset Club. As always, it will be a festive event with wonderful items to bid on – all to benefit our community projects...and also an opportunity to give to Northwest Harvest. Many thanks to Sheila Noonan and her Ways and Means Committee for their hard work and talent and to all of you who contributed items for the auction. Thanks also to all who created the darling Christmas tree centerpieces for the luncheon, especially the Provisionals under the guidance of Debby Smith and BJ Anderson (Provisional Chairs), and Cathy Parker (Flower Arranging Chair); a wonderful group effort in the holiday spirit.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season! May your days be merry and bright!

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

- BJ Anderson for the Annual Holiday Luncheon & Auction, (425) 454-4680, andersonbj@comcast.net

MAKE YOUR DONATION(S)

- Turn in your donations for the Holiday Auction & Luncheon....Be an Angel!

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

- Turn in your new member proposals to Hope Stroble by December 15

IN MEMORIAM

We regret the passing of



Jocelyn (Jocey) Horder
Sustainer; a member since 1980,
died November 18, 2011



SGC Holiday Luncheon and Auction

Thursday, December 8, 2011 - The Sunset Club

Grab your calendars and check out these great experiences!

INDIVIDUAL SIGN-UPS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- **April 26** Tour the **Volunteer Park Conservatory** and have Lunch at Mary Turner's
- **May 10** Grab your gardening gloves and plant vegetable starts in **Sue Ashmun's Greenhouse** where you will also enjoy lunch. Suzy Titcomb and Sue will provide all pots and seeds.
- **May 31** **Board Cocktail Party** at the home of Hope Stroble with wine and hors d'oeuvre buffet provided by your SGC Board members
- **June 20** Fly to **Longshadow Vineyards** with Susan Torrance and Burnley Snyder – tour, sip, eat and learn!
- **June 28** Take a Safe Boat to **Sinclair Island** for a garden tour, lunch and island exploring at Catherine Roach's home
- **July 10 – 12** Pack your bags for a photography outing on **Whidbey Island** with Noreen Frink, Charlee Reed, Jo Anne Rosen and Mary Turner.
- **July 12 – 13** Pack your bags to visit Vicki Reed's fabulous **Graysmarsh** home – dine, hike, explore, pick berries while being pampered by Vicki
- **July 19** Mary Jane Anderson invites you to put on your **clam digging** clothes and collect the most succulent clams you have ever tasted
- **August 8 – 11** Pack your bags for a **Sun Valley Serenade** – Hosted by Laurie Ahern, Pam Green, Barbara Hamachek, Catherine Parker, Charlee Reed and Alex Morse: Three nights and two full days of garden tours, music, arts & crafts festival, hiking and dining
- **September 21** Go **Birding** with a Seattle Audubon Guide at a Nature Conservancy site near Hansville, WA. Barbie Snapp will host us at her summer home and provide a wonderful lunch after seeing the migrating birds.
- **Fall 2012** Plan a day of **Mushroom Gathering & Dinner**; organized & hosted by Carlyn Steiner and Iris Wagner

AND, GATHER YOUR FRIENDS....

- Patsy Pattison will host you and two of your friends for a weekend of golf, dining and fun at her **Winthrop** Cabin on a mutually agreeable **September** Weekend

Donation forms are available on our web site or call Sheila Noonan (206) 860-7662.

Offerings for our traditional Northwest Harvest collection will be gladly accepted at the Auction.

WHERE MAY I DROP OFF MY AUCTION ITEMS?

For your convenience, we have identified these 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

Or contact Sheila Noonan (206) 860-7662

EcoTips



Q. Should I put my computer to sleep or shut it down when I'm finished using it?

A. Shut it down.

According to the EPA, running a computer at night is akin to leaving on about ten lightbulbs. You turn off lamps before you go to bed. Why not do the same to your PC? That simple click saves energy and money. For every household computer you shut down, you could cut \$10 to \$30 off your annual electric bill. Sleep mode uses less juice than full power, but shutting down has the added benefit of increasing your computer's functionality. It gives your hard drive time to cool off (prolonged heat shortens its life span) and allows for automatic software updates.

Juliet Romano

Centennial Tree Planting

GCA Centennial Ground Breaking Message from Evie Cranston, GCA Centennial Committee

Dear Zone XII Clubs: I've just returned from the GCA Central Park ground breaking for our Founders Fund 2013 100th Birthday celebration project. PICTURE – a beautiful day (70 degrees), the sun is shining with a light breeze – six shining shovels are greeting the 100 or so GCA members in attendance. The NY Park Commissioner, the head of the Central Park Conservatory and, of course, our President, Marian Hill, make remarks regarding this wonderful collaboration.

Tea is served under the trees. Many photos are taken. AT THIS POINT, I'M WISHING THAT ALL OF YOU WERE WITH ME. After the ceremonial "dig", acorns from the Central Park Oaks were distributed for each to take home.

My friends, I want to tell you the event was special – the Central Park flag pole had flying the American flag, the Conservatory flag AND the GCA Centennial flag!!! I looked up and was so filled with pride. Our project, after all, is quite impressive – that of re-landscaping one of the park's entrances. An entrance which finds millions experiencing. Aren't you proud?! THANK YOU – without your support, the project would not exist.

Evie Cranston

[Please go to the GCA website and follow the links to the Centennial, then to Project Overview for a Site Plan of the East 69th Street Entrance.](#)

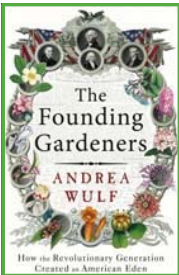
Project Overview: History and Project Description

Redesigning the East 69th Street Entrance of New York City's Central Park was selected by The Garden Club of America member clubs to be the 2013 Founders Fund Project in honor of the GCA Centennial.

SAVE THE DATE!

ANNOUNCING

THE 2012 PAMELA GREEN HORTICULTURE SPEAKER



ANDREA WULF

Best Selling Author of

THE FOUNDING GARDENERS



A fascinating look at our founding fathers from the unique perspective of their lives as gardeners, plantsmen and farmers

Thursday, March 1, 2012

The Museum of History & Industry

7:00pm

You won't want to miss it!

*If winter is slumber
and spring is birth,
and summer is life,
then autumn rounds
out to be reflection.*

*It's a time of year when
the leaves are down
and the harvest is in
and the perennials are
gone.*

*Mother Earth just
closed up the drapes on
another year and it's
time to reflect on
what's come before.*

[Mitchell Burgess,](#)
Northern Exposure,
Thanksgiving, 1992

CONSERVATION REPORT



Our Conservation Committee met on November 4 at the offices of Washington Conservation Voters (WCV), who are in alliance with the Washington Environmental Council (WEC). Their Director, Brendon Cechovic, led us in a discussion and introductions. We learned of their legislative activism at the state, county and city level working to elect officials who vote for the health of our environment and promoting laws to protect it. Plans are afoot to meet with other conservation non-profits in 2012 in our mission as a club to "promote conservation stewardship and advocate scientifically-based environmental legislation" (GCA).

*****January 7 (Saturday) is a "Legislative Workshop" for conservation groups at Seattle Pacific University to discuss environmental protections and legislative actions. More e-mail info with specifics to come. In the meantime, let's put our autumn gardens to bed with leaves as compost and no pesticides to run off in winter rains.**

Hotie Hard, Conservation Chair



Garden Club of America Honors A Christmas Tree!

If you are choosing a Christmas tree, you may wish to consider the **white fir** or *abies concolor* which is the winner of the Montine McDaniel Freeman Horticulture Medal which Garden Club of America awards each year to acknowledge the cultivation and use of a native plant. It was nominated by the Akron Garden Club. This lovely fir is a favorite holiday tree because of its spicy citrus fragrance, its soft long lasting needles, and its uniform or "concolor" color. In 2001 Laura Bush chose this tree as the White House Christmas Tree. The cones which are often purplish and conical in shape, almost like large thumbs, are also highly regarded by decorators. When you are through with your holiday white fir, you may wish to leave it outside for awhile as grouse feed on the foliage and any wandering porcupines will gnaw the bark. The winged seeds are especially enjoyed by songbirds, chipmunks and squirrels.



This *abies* was first discovered by the English botanist Thomas Lobb in 1849. It had been overlooked by David Douglas years earlier, but Lobb who was prowling around the Americas collected seeds of it. And although it prefers the more southerly and drier regions of our country and barely reaches into the Pacific Northwest, this fir is grown and enjoyed ornamentally in local public and private gardens. **Carey Davis**

GCA GARDENER'S GIFTS

The shopping days for Christmas a-ticking down, need some ideas for that Garden Club enthusiast on your list? Log in to the members only area of the new GCA website, www.qcamerica.org with your new username and password. Choose **Shop** on the menu bar. There are several gift items to choose from including the GCA Centennial Tiffany Bowl, the Acorn Charms, the Centennial Oak Leaf Charm and Earrings and the 2012 Annual Meeting Scarf. For GCA Approved Judges only, you can purchase the brand new Judge's Oak Leaf Pin by visiting www.qcajudge.com. **Diana Neely**



Scarf



Judge's Pin



Acorn Charms

GARDENER'S CORNER



Thoughts for December:

- Transplant trees and shrubs now
- Use dormant sprays of lime sulfur or copper fungicide on fruit trees and roses for general disease control
- Force pots of fragrant paperwhites
- Prune evergreens for holiday decorations
- Keep street drains clear by raking and disposing leaves in your Yard Waste bin
- Rid indoor plants of pests and dust by wiping leaves with damp sponge. More difficult pests can be controlled with insecticidal soap.

Janet Footh

HORTICULTURE STARTS

Our November Horticulture meeting featured Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey speaking on Liz Putnam and the Student Conservation Association.

Angel Clark and Jenny Wyatt would like to thank the Seattle Garden Club for the opportunity to attend the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference in October in Pasadena, CA. Held at the glorious Huntington Gardens, the Conference was exceptionally well run.

A number of the speakers focused on sustainability. Garden historian Carolyn Bennett, for example, described a phenomenon she called "plant blindness" and urged us to look more closely at the aesthetics of nature. Corey Welles, Plant Health Coordinator at Lotusland, described how high NPK fertilizers like Miracle Gro depress the biology of the soil and lead to greater pest infestation. And Jim Folsom, Director of the Botanical Gardens of the Huntington, reminded us, "Our job is to make everyone a gardener!"

HORT QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Poinsettias a) are in the Euphorbiaceae or spurge family; b) were "discovered" by Joel Poinsett, the first US Ambassador to Mexico; c) were highly sought by the Aztecs during the 1300's and 1400's; d) none of the above; e) all of the above.

Answer to November's question: Witches Brooms are congested, twiggy masses growing in tree crowns.

Jenny Wyatt, Hort Chair

GCA CHRISTMAS TREE

Pictured below is Sheila Noonan, "needlepointer extraordinaire", with the holiday ornament she created for the Christmas Tree at GCA Headquarters in New York.

The red, white and green ornament features a bow bedecked bunny and the SGC initials. Every club was asked to contribute so the tree will be outstanding.

Watch for a photo of it in your next issue of *The Bulletin*.



Thank you, Sheila, for a great job!!!

JUDGING PROGRAM NEWS CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

The GCA Judging Program announces the following advancements of SGC members for 2011:

Photography: Catherine Allan, Candidate
Horticulture: Laurie Riley, Approved Judge
Catherine Allan, Prospective Judge

Debbi Wilson is the new overall Judging Program Chairman for our Club. Judging Program Advisors are **Kathy Lea**, Photography; **Vicki Neumann**, Flower Arranging; and **Debbi Wilson**, Horticulture.

Congratulations to all!

PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE

We invite anyone who would like to participate in another "favorite photo exhibit" for the January General Meeting, January 19, 2012. The theme is "Seasonal Photos"; the size is 8x10 and the photo does not need to be mounted. We will collect them at the January 9 Hort Meeting. Photography Annual Meeting will be held at 10:00am on Monday, January 23, 2012 at Noreen Frink's.



Sis Woodside, Photography Chair

EAST MONTLAKE PARK REPORT

Work parties from August through November have worked their magic. The volunteers from Sigma Chi Fraternity (34 strong) have covered half of it in fresh wood chips to help plantings establish and reduce invasive weeds. December finds the park fully weeded with new Venus Dogwood trees lining the Montlake Cut thanks to donors Christine Davis and Diana Neely. East Montlake Park is almost "dressed" and ready for winter visitors! More plantings will be added as our propagated plants are strong enough to survive without supplemental water during the summers. We would love more dogwoods if you are interested!

A "Potting Up" Work Party at the Government Locks is to be held Wednesday, November 30, 10-1pm. We will replant evergreen plants that were slower to root into small, individual pots. These were propagated January of 2011 and will be planted at EMP NEXT fall!!

Many, many thanks go to all the dedicated SGC members who volunteered their efforts or made donations to aid the restoration of the park. Remember that approved native plants from your garden are most welcome in the fall too! This is such a wonderful example of what the women of the Seattle Garden Club can accomplish when we all pull together!

Now come enjoy the tranquil views of Lake Washington and the Montlake Cut. Perhaps the beautiful Bald Eagle that visited the park a couple of weeks ago will join you there too! Happy Holidays to you all!!

Sue Blethen, sueblethen@hotmail.com



Christine Davis, Jenny Wyatt, Peggy-Paige Most, Janet Footh, Sue Blethen and Catherine Roach



Far left: Carlyn Steiner, Sue Blethen, Patsy Pattison & Kathy Lea

Immediate left: Sigma Chi Fraternity helpers

FRAGRANCE GARDEN UPDATE

We had a lovely fall day, in which to dig and replant 'Casablanca' and 'Easter' lilies, cut back Trilliums and rake maple leaves from the Fragrance Garden, under the guidance of Riz Reyes. Thank you to Sheila Noonan, Catherine Allan, Chris Davis, Jenny Wyatt. We will plant the containers with fall flowers upon approval from the Curation Committee. **Debbi Wilson, Committee Chair**

Jenny Wyatt adds: David Zuckerman, Gardens, Greenhouses and Grounds Manager of UWBG, provided a brief overview of the Fragrance Garden at our November Horticulture meeting. He thanked SGC for contributing \$3000 a year toward its maintenance, explaining that these funds go directly toward Riz Reyes' salary.

Rizano 'Riz' Reyes is a highly respected horticulturalist and plantsman, who writes a terrific blog called "The Next Generation Gardener": <http://www.rizreyes.com/>. We're fortunate to have him caring for the Fragrance Garden. Our work parties at CUH are all the more enjoyable and educational by working with Riz.

Community Projects has approved an internal grant to fund seasonal plantings of the four containers in the Fragrance Garden. Debbi Wilson chairs our Fragrance Garden efforts and is involved in the UWBG Curatorial Committee, which needs to approve all design and planting decisions for the Fragrance Garden.



Debbi Wilson, Sheila Noonan and Jenny Wyatt confer with garden staff



Christine Davis helps out

Looking Ahead...

- Jan 9 PROVISIONALS @ CUH at 9:00am**
HORT Meeting @ UWBG/CUH,
9:30am Coffee, 10am Meeting;
Provisional presentation by Marianne
Kitchell - *Lady Bird Johnson's Legacy:*
Wildflowers and "Beautification"
- Jan 11 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**
10:00am to Noon
- Jan 12 BOARD MEETING - The Sunset Club**
10:00am
- Jan 18 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**
10:00am to Noon

- Jan 19 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**
Members Only @ UWBG/CUH
9:30am Social; 10:00 Meeting
GARDEN HISTORY & DESIGN
@ CUH following Business Meeting
- Jan 23 PHOTOGRAPHY MEETING**
@ Noreen Frink's, 10:00am to Noon
- Jan 25 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**
10:00am to Noon



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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