



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

Holiday Luncheon & Auction

HO! HO! HO!

Thursday, December 5th

Sunset Club

10:30 am Silent Auction and Social
12 Noon Lunch

1 pm Check-out Begins



Valet Parking
Carpools Encouraged



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

Join us and Invite your Friends!

For guests and members not subscribing to the Hostess Fund, the luncheon cost is \$43.

RSVP (YES or NO) for the Luncheon
by **November 25th** to Carol Eland

If you have not done so, make your reservations immediately, as we are nearly sold out.

All checks and reservations should be sent &
made payable to

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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, \$250 or more!

Send checks to Carol Eland

Events at a Glance

12/5

Holiday Luncheon & Auction, Sunset Club,
as noted above

12/15

New Member Proposals Due,
BJ Anderson, Membership Chair,
as noted in this newsletter



**FOR MORE SGC INFORMATION
AND A CALENDAR OF EVENTS,
CLICK ON OUR WEBSITE:**
www.seattlegardenclub.org



From the President

As the busy month of December approaches, it is apparent that our Garden Club is operating at full tilt, and it is fun to observe the SGC buzz in action. Our members are so motivated and capable in their jobs that I find myself smiling and proud, confident in knowing they enjoy carrying out their duties thoroughly and well.

We had two stellar programs in November: Megan Smith, a second year Provisional, gave a magnificent talk on the Pacific Rim Garden in the Arboretum with a tour to follow. It was fun watching Randall Hitchin, Outreach & Major Gifts Manager for the Arboretum Foundation, stand in the back of the room, rapt at attention as Megan presented. Earlier in the morning, Randall came up to me asking what our Hort share was all about, and was impressed at the range of Autumn specimens on the table. Chris Rogers, developer of the Bullitt Center, spoke at our General Meeting, and it was enlightening to learn how one develops the "greenest, most energy efficient commercial office building in the world." Prior to his talk, Carolyn Kitchell, Conservation Committee Chair, organized 2 tours of the building for interested members.

Meanwhile, Diana Neely, our Overall Judging Committee Chair, has been leading the charge to find a suitable venue for our Flower Show to be held in mid May, 2015. I believe she is getting close to sealing the deal. We will let you know when we are at that point. Once that is accomplished, the Floral Design, Horticulture and Photography Committees will be able to refocus their energies on our Simply Seattle club show format that will happen at the June 2014 Annual Luncheon.

Saving the best news for last, Thursday December 5 will be our Holiday Luncheon and Auction at The Sunset Club, where we will gather with members and friends to celebrate the season. Suzette deTurenne, clad with reindeer antlers, has been steering her committee of elves into production, which has resulted in an enticing array of items and adventures for us all to purchase as a way to enjoy retail therapy while donating moneys that will go back into the community. Keep reading to find the list of items at the back of this newsletter to educate yourself on the offerings so you don't miss out on something fun!

Wishing you all joyous holidays and a happy, healthy New Year in 2014!

Catherine Parker, Club President

December 15 Deadline for New Member Applications

The Membership Proposal Form is available through the SGC website or from the Membership Chairman. If you have a prospective member in mind please advise to avoid duplication of a candidate. Details on proposal for Provisional Membership can be found under 'Membership Policies' on page P-8 of your Yearbook. It is important to acquaint candidates with SGC members, as well as Membership Committee Members and Board Members. It would be a great idea to include them in the Holiday Luncheon on December 5!

Remember proposal forms must be postmarked no later than midnight on December 15 and mailed to me. Thank you for your participation.

B.J. Anderson, Membership Chair



In Memoriam

We regret the passing of Carol Turner Isaacson on October 16, 2013
Active Member since 1978

From December to March, there are for many of us three gardens—the garden outdoors, the garden of pots and bowls in the house, and the garden of the mind's eye. Katherine S. White



SGC Holiday Luncheon and Auction

Thursday, December 5, 2013 - The Sunset Club

Let's give them something to talk about!



HAVE FUN WHILE BENEFITTING COMMUNITY PROJECTS!

Plan a Great Get-Away!

- **One week at Susan Moseley's Sun Valley condo**; mutually agreeable time in 2014; three bedrooms; sleeps six comfortably, 7-8 using living room sofa & trundle for children; no pets or indoor smoking \$2000 minimum bid
- **Two weeks in Christine Davis' beachfront condo at Parrot Tree Plantation on the Carribean Island of Roatan, Honduras**; mutually agreeable time in 2014; 1 bedroom w/king bed + sleeper sofa for two; some of the best diving/snorkeling in the world; www.parrottree.com \$1000 minimum bid

Check your calendars and sign up individually for these great events:

- Jan 30** Ole! Play Mexican Train and enjoy a **Mexican Fiesta** at the home of Dabney Rohrbach
- Apr 24** Fly away for a day trip to **Butchart Gardens**; flight, admission & lovely hosted lunch
- Apr 30** Tour **Powellswood Garden, the Rhododendron Species Garden & Bonsai collection**; hosted lunch at Powellswood
- May 4** **Classical guitar Concert** at the Highland's Chapel, by celebrated guitarist Dimitri Kotranakis & **Greek dinner** at Burnley Snyder's; couples encouraged
- May 9** **Herbarium tour, flower pressing/mounting, note cards & lunch** by Eve Rickenbaker
- May 21** **Board Cocktail Party** at the home of Catherine Parker with wine and hors d'oeuvre buffet provided by your SGC Board members; includes friends & spouses
- July 11** **Clamdigging & lunch** at Mary Jane Anderson's Sekieu beach
- July 24** Join **Dan Hinkley & Robert Jones** at their spectacular **Windcliff** home for a garden tour & catered lunch; plants offered for sale!
- Aug 11** **Fresh crab, kayaking, clamming** at Suzy Titcomb's Dabob Bay cabin
- Aug 14** **Tour two fabulous gardens** (Gayle Harris & Karen Simmonds), enjoy **lunch & craft your own concrete garden leaf** under the tutelage of artist Gayle Harris
- Sept 19** Where the birds go, we go! **Birding day trip** with Seattle Audubon Guide, Kevin Annerud; location determined by migrating flight patterns; hosted lunch following
- Oct 2-5** **Fall foliage photography in Wood River Valley**; three nights at Laurie Ahern's Hulen Meadows home in Sun Valley

These events will be available for individual sign up. Watch for an email with dates.

- **Gourmet Pizza making, dinner & wine at Via Tribunali**; date TBD
- **Conservation movie viewing, wine & hors d'oeuvres**; date TBD
- Whidbey Crabbing with Carol Eland and then Cook Your Catch at Iris Wagner's beach cottage; mutually agreeable date during crab season July 4 to Labor Day
- **A two-hour outing with professional photographer Steve Horn**; mutually agreeable date
- **Woodland Park Zoo Horticultural Tour**; date TBD
- **Woodland Park Zoo Behind the Scenes Tour** – Adult-oriented; date TBD
- **Woodland Park Zoo Behind the Scenes Tour** – Child-oriented; date TBD

Other great opportunities to think about:

- Tickets to **NW Flower & Garden Show**; February 4, 2014, Opening Night Party!
- **Courtside Husky Men's Basketball Tickets for four**; Saturday, February 15, 2014 vs. California; includes one parking pass
- **Ballet Tickets "A Midsummer's Night Dream,"** April 11, 2014 (date exchangeable)
- **A day in the field with Jo Ann Rosen & Noreen Frink** learning the ins and outs of your SLR Nikon or Canon camera
- **A one-hour interior design consult with our own Debby Smith**
- It's a grand slam! **Bridge & lunch hosted by Dinny Polson & Janet Footh**; mutually agreeable date in spring (no Tuesday or Thursday); for your group of six to eight people.

We will have Express Checkout and will accept credit cards for auction purchases.

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

Hort Report

It has been a stellar fall with Provisional talks and walks through the Arboretum! Lindsay Price highlighted the Japanese Maple Collection on a dry Monday in October, and Megan Smith led a detailed tour of the Pacific Connections Collection under sunny skies in November. Both ladies studied hard, saying that their biggest challenge was to reduce the vast amount of information into thirty minutes. Randall Hitchin has been a valuable resource as our 'go to' man about the plant collections in the Arboretum. He's eager and available to answer questions anytime. What a treasure!

Speaking of treasures, several of us are working hard to restore our own Fragrance Garden at CUH. We gathered on November 15 to remove some unwanted plants from the garden bed closest to the NHS building. This bed will be phase one of the renovation. The extent of our restoration will depend on our Community Projects Grant that Debbi Wilson is preparing.

The current seed share project has been highly successful! Thank you to all who contributed. Those who participated had first dibs on the exchange both from within SGC and from the recent Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference. My goal is to Share it, Grow it, Plant it and finally Show it! Please make note of your new seeds = plants and bring them to a Hort Share when flowering. Again, thank you to Vicki Reed for her innovative and terrific plan for Hort Share. It's working!

The annual plum for the Horticulture Chair is attendance at the GCA horticulture conference, better known as the Shirley Meneice, each fall. Suzy Titcomb and I were the lucky recipients this year, and it's thanks to you, SGC, for making it possible. Most of our lectures were held at the U.S. National Arboretum, which had been closed until four days prior to the conference! Learning about the research and hybridizing methods of new plants that are tested before being released into the trade was insightful. Not only did the government cooperate by allowing us to enjoy the vast collections at the National Arboretum, U.S. Botanic Gardens, the Capitol with the Olmsted-designed grounds and Mt. Vernon, but the weather allowed us to enjoy all of these outdoor spaces too! Catch phrases such as "biodiversity" and "economically balanced" were ever-present.

This was my third Shirley Meneice Conference. The first was in Rye, N.Y. as a delegate attending alongside 2008 Hort Chair Debbi Wilson. Last year, Marianne Kitchell joined me in Austin, Texas, primarily at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Most recently, Suzy Titcomb and I were wine, dined and horticulturally stimulated for days in Washington D.C. *To those whom much is given much is expected* (John F. Kennedy).

Catherine Allan, Horticulture Chair

The Shirley Meneice

Imagine planning a conference in Washington, D.C. for 199 women (and one man) only to have the government shut down?

That is exactly what happened to the Garden Club of America in planning the Shirley Meneice Conference scheduled to begin October 21. Fortunately, the shut down ended four days before. Being the capable women they are, plans A B or C were made. It went off beautifully. *Chance favors the prepared mind* (Louis Pasteur).

Did you know that the U.S. National Arboretum is a premier scientific institution? We spent many hours there and were all given a *Hydrangea quercifolia* 'Ruby Slippers' (an introduction from the arboretum) to take home. Three of my favorite speakers and their books were: Rick Darke (*The Layered Landscape*), Doug Tallamy (*Networks for Life; Your Role in Stitching the Natural World Together*) and Larry Weaner (*Ecological Process and the Designed Garden: The Missing Link*). They each discussed the important role of native plants but from a different vantage point.

Did I mention that I got to sit next to Shirley Meneice, who participated in all activities and just celebrated her 90th Birthday? The clubs exchanged seeds, were wine and dined at the U.S. Botanic garden and even toured the U.S. Capitol as well as Mt. Vernon, all in sunshine and fall colors. What a privilege to have attended. Bravo to all the Garden Club planners!

Suzy Titcomb, Conference Attendee

November Hort Meeting and CUH Fragrance Garden Work Party



Members enjoy a tour of the Arboretum's Pacific Connections Collection, led by Megan Smith following her talk on this topic.

Vicki Reed oversees a glorious display of berries and blooms from members' November gardens

Candace Lancaster, Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey, Marianne Kitchell, Catherine Allan and Megan Smith at work

GCA Judging Program Update

Congratulations to our recently promoted members, Catherine Allan, Prospective Judge in Photography and Jenny Wyatt, Prospective Judge in Horticulture!

Page 41 of our Green Book lists SGC members who are part of the Garden Club of America Judging Program. Being a GCA Judge is the only lifetime appointment in GCA. The process of becoming an approved judge can take eight years in Zone XII. Most of us were just in Santa Barbara at our bi-annual judging workshop. We are required to attend 10 hours of workshop every two years. Travel is a part of the judge's job in our zone! Approved judges can be recognized by the oak leaf judging pin they wear.

The next major show in our zone will be in Portland, May 16-18, 2014. There will be a lecture on Saturday the 17th by Noel Kingsbury. Here is a link to his biography: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Noel_Kingsbury. As we get closer we will have more details. I am sure they would like anyone to attend the opening night party. If anyone is interested please let me know! Eight of our 24 judges have been asked to judge in Portland. We have two emeritae judges! Marilee Ahalt has been asked to judge at the Philadelphia Show. Diana Neely has been asked to judge at the Memphis Flower Show in April.

There is a great flower arranging class at the end of the Philadelphia show given by Jane Godshalk and Cres Motzi. I have taken this course twice, and I highly recommend it! It is March 7 and 8, 2014. Contact Jane at Jane@emgodshalk.com or call Cres at: 484-433-2456.

Stay tuned for news about our club show in 2014 and our GCA Show on May 14-16 2015!

Diana Neely, SGC Judging Chair



Kudos to Jo Anne Rosen, whose beautiful photograph of pumpkins and gourds (above) was featured as the banner for the October 2013 GCA eNews. Unfortunately, Jo Anne's photograph was incorrectly credited to a Portland member. Zone XII will have another opportunity to submit photos for the April 2014 eNews.

Photography Committee

The photography committee will hold its annual meeting on Monday, January 20, 2014. The speaker will be Jack Lien, professional photographer and instructor. The time and place will be announced.

Mary Turner, Photography Chair

Seattle In Focus

The schedule for our June Club Photography Show is now posted in the members area of our Website. Check it out!
www.seattlegardenclub.org



November General Meeting and Tour of the Bullitt Center

Our November General Meeting featured Chris Rogers of Point32 who spoke of the design and development of the Bullitt Center. This striking structure on Capitol Hill has been characterized as the greenest, most energy efficient commercial office building in the world. Members, along with spouses and guests, attended guided tours of the building.



Ann Wyckoff, Barbara Feasey, Chris Rogers and Catherine Parker gather following Chris' talk



Members and guests await a building tour in the Bullitt Center foyer

Gardeners Corner

Thoughts for December

- Now that you have weeded, deslugged and mulched your garden, it's time to finish planting spring bulbs, transplant trees and shrubs. Keep watering newly planted trees and shrubs if necessary.
- Clean leaves of indoor plants with damp cloth or sponge so they can absorb as much light as possible during the dark months ahead.
- Use dormant sprays of lime sulfur or copper fungicide on fruit trees and roses for general disease control.
- Force fragrant paperwhites for your holiday décor. In case you can't recall last year's Cornell University research program findings, to prevent tall foliar growth and unwieldy stems do as follows:
 - Start bulbs in plain water. When roots have formed and the green shoot is 1 to 2 inches long, pour off water and replace with a solution of 4 to 6 percent alcohol; that works out to 1 part gin (or the like) to 7 parts water. Keep beer and wine for yourself as their sugars damage plants!
- Salud and happy holidays!



Janet Footh

GCA Redwood Grove

Seattle Garden Club has supported the GCA Redwood Grove for many years through an annual gift from the membership/contributions list. Our gift, along with others from GCA Clubs and individuals, helps to pay off the purchase price to which GCA agreed when the grove was purchased. I thought you might enjoy a few facts about this GCA Grove, the first GCA Conservation Project.

Size: 5,130 acres

Location: near Eureka, CA in Humboldt Redwoods State Park; a 5 hour drive north of San Francisco. Our grove is the entire watershed of Canoe Creek. The Eel River runs through the grove.

Dedication: 1934, following the GCA Annual Meeting in Seattle

Original purchase price: \$3,535,000.00 (Segments purchased from 1930's to 1970). GCA Agreed to pay \$1,767,399.00

Balance due as of October, 2013: \$231,513.00

GCA President Katie Heins has said that the Executive Committee "is committed to making a final effort to erase the balance of the acquisition costs" in the coming year. To this end clubs and individuals coast to coast are making contributions to protect the redwoods and foster an appreciation for the majestic forests.

Lyn White



I Heard a Bird Sing

I heard a bird sing
In the dark of December
A magical thing
And sweet to remember.

"We are nearer to Spring
Than we were in September,"
I heard a bird sing
In the dark of December.

~Oliver Herford



Gift Giving Via GCA!



If you aren't able to successfully stuff your Santa socks with items from our holiday luncheon/auction, look to GCA for guaranteed great gift giving items.

There are several popular jewelry items featuring acorns and oak leaves and the centennial book by William Seales as well as the gorgeous scarf. Lesser known is Nancy D'Oench and Bonny Martin's book: *Gardens Private and Personal*. This lovely book, illustrated by Mick Hakes, a leading garden photographer, is in its third printing. It's organized by topics such as entryways and borders and has captivating quotes by owners that promise to inspire you until spring blooms once again. This is Nancy D'Oench's third book; the other two focused on arranging. She is a longtime GCA member and lecturer from Connecticut and is an award winning flower arranger and judge. Bonny Martin, the coordinator, is a GCA member from Tennessee as well as a prolific gardener, flower arranger, judge and lecturer. The book sells for \$25 and is so delightful you may want to sneak one for yourself when the elves aren't looking.

If, on the other hand, your bookshelf is full, you could consider a holiday contribution to Bridge the Gap, a GCA program set up to support protection of the redwoods. Preserving these amazing trees has been a focus of GCA since 1930. Members throughout the country have generously donated to this wonderful cause. Currently funds are needed to clean up from storms and fire, which prevents public access to the redwoods.

All these ideas are available at www.gca.org.

Happy candy canes!

Carey Davis



Looking Ahead

1/6/14 **Horticulture Meeting**, UWBH/CUH. 9:30 am Social, 10 am Program
Presentation by Provisional Diana Ackerley on fragrant shrubs and vines
Fragrance Garden work party following meeting, weather permitting

Community Projects Meeting, CUH, following Hort Meeting

1/8/14 **Policy and Planning Meeting**, home of Catherine Parker, 10 am

1/9/14 **Board Meeting**, Sunset Club, 10 am

1/16/14 **General Meeting**, UWBG/CUH. 9:30 am Social; 10 am Program
Deborah Prinzing, author of *The Fifty Mile Bouquet*. Guests Welcome!

1/20/14 **Annual Photography Committee Meeting**, Jack Lien, speaker, information forthcoming

The gardening season officially begins on January 1st and ends on December 31. ~ Marie Huston



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If you currently receive this newsletter via U.S. Mail and would like to receive it via email, please contact me. We are happy to reduce waste and expenses, in keeping with GCA policies. Thank you!

Jenny Wyatt, Communications Chair

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