



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

General Meeting
November 20,
2014
UWBG/CUH
9:30 am Social
10 am Meeting

Laura Dewell, founder of Green Plate Special to speak at November General Meeting



Founded in 2011, the mission of Green Plate Special is to inspire and empower youth to experience food in new ways through gardening, cooking and eating together. Green Plate Special is focused on nutrition, eating and cooking healthy on a budget. While 21% of all King County youth are overweight, middle and high school students who are African American or from other communities of color are two to three times more likely to be overweight or obese. The causes are

many, including a lack of access to fruits and vegetables in south Seattle, "fast food" advertising and negative messages about eating, and a lack of experience in cooking affordable, healthy food. This racial disparity leaves youth of color at risk for type 2 diabetes and other obesity-related diseases that foster cycles of poverty by condemning them to life-long, expensive treatments that hinder their economic self-sufficiency.

**PLEASE RESPOND—
 YES OR NO!**

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Over the next year, Green Plate Special will engage more than 200 low-income, ethnically diverse middle school students (ages 10 – 14) through in-classroom and after-school, hands-on learning of growing and cooking healthy food. In addition, a paid internship has been established for youth who have already gone through the program and planning is underway to develop programming for the families of youth who participate in the program to broaden the impact.

Events at a Glance

- 11/3 **Hort Meeting**, The home of Burnley Snyder, The Highlands
PLEASE NOTE LOCATION 9:15 am Social; 10 am Program
 No Hort share.
- 11/13 **Board Meeting**, Sunset Club, 10 am
- 11/14 **Policy & Planning**, 9:30 am at the home of Catherine Parker
- 11/20 **General Meeting**, UWBG/CUH
 9:30 am Social; 10 am Meeting. Laura Dewell, Founder, Green Plate Special
- 12/4 **Holiday Auction & Luncheon**, Sunset Club, 10:30 am Auction & Social



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



From the President

Ladies, you are amazing! You are meeting, planning, sharing and learning all the time! At our October board meeting Iris Wagner was asked to enlighten us about her GCA position, Director for Zone XII. She also shared a very helpful GCA organization chart. Our October Hort meeting was packed with good information about our "Northwest Passages" Flower Show, a Hort share, news from the Shirley Meneice Conference in Louisville and good camaraderie for all! The week following the SMC I had a delightful dinner with Shirley in Pebble Beach. She is looking forward to Seattle in 2015!

With Diana and Jenny leading the way to our show on 5-15-15 (I love that date!), we are in full speed mode. As we experienced with our "Welcome Aboard" Show, I look forward to seeing us all collaborate - pulling our talents and resources together to produce another fabulous show fulfilling our SGC and GCA Purposes (see page 2 of your yearbook)! In the next six months, we will work together, mentoring each other in the disciplines and following our compass to a blue ribbon show!

Last month we lost two of our longtime dear members, Susan Mullen and Marianna Price. With loss, comes the reminder to be thankful for what we have today. As we near Thanksgiving, I am extra thankful for our health, our families, our gardens and our members!

Marilee Ahalt, Club President

SGC Board Motions September & October

MOTION to approve a new website plan was seconded and approved.

MOTION to approve the SGC Centennial Anniversary celebration from January through June 2017 was seconded and approved.

In Memoriam:

We regret the passing of
Marianna Price
on October 3, 2014
Joined SGC 1968



December 15 Deadline For New Member Applications

The Membership Proposal Form is available through the SGC website or from the Membership Chairman who should be advised of your prospective member to avoid duplication of a candidate.

Details of the proposal for Provisional Membership can be found under 'Membership Policies' on page P-8 of the Yearbook. Remember to bring potential candidates to open meetings now, as well as, to the Holiday Luncheon in December.

It is important to acquaint candidates with Membership Committee Members, Board Members and our membership. Forms/letters must be e-mailed or postmarked no later than midnight on DECEMBER 15 and remember all of this is to be kept confidential. Please send these to the Membership Chairman.

B.J. Anderson, Membership Chair

HOLIDAY AUCTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As everyone knows, we always need help in banking during the luncheon.
In addition to banking, we also need:

- People willing to work on files during auction/luncheon
- Two or three young adults/students to run bid sheets to banking during the auction (volunteer hours given)

Contact Roxane Wiley 425-442-5154 Or Patsy Pattison 206-940-9901

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Garden Club of America Has Gifts!

I'm reluctant to mention this, but, as the last of my full moon maple leaves fall and we turn the calendar to November, the holidays start ringing in our ears. Our Garden Club of America is always well stocked with gift choices. There's the scarf, either the river water blue from the 2014 Annual Meeting, or designs from earlier years. You don't have to have been a participant at the meeting to enjoy one. Then there are the charms of the acorn and oak leaf, symbols of seed like beginnings. The charms are suitable for necklaces or bracelets which are available in bronze, silver and gold. William Seale's well-researched book about GCA's first 100 years is another option. It's both amazing and amusing. Other books can also be ordered from the shop on the GCA website.

Or... for a fabulous present, you could follow the instructions in the 1913 Bulletin on how to force paper white narcissi in "either sand or pebbles." The 100 year old instructions, aside from the suggestion of the defunct "Dreer's plant food" still seem quite viable. At least I hope so, because I am following the century old guidelines!

Carey Davis



Floral Design

Carol Henderson offered these tips to Floral Designers:

1. "Fleur Creatif" is a great magazine for inspiration. Don't copy, just get inspired.
2. Collect your materials the day before you plan to create your design. Condition your plant material and store in buckets in a cool spot.
3. Start your design, then take a walk or just stop. You will have fresh ideas after a little break.
4. Photograph your arrangement- it's amazing how taking a photo will show you how to make improvements.
5. ABOVE ALL- Have a GOOD TIME- enjoy handling the plant material.

THANK YOU Carol!

Candace Lancaster, Chair



Hort Report

Please note location for our November 3 Hort Meeting
The home of Burnley Snyder, The Highlands
9:15 am Social - 10 am Program

Our November 3 Hort Meeting will be held at the home of Burnley Snyder in the Highlands. We have several exciting presentations on the agenda, so remember that the social hour begins at 9:15 am. Then we can get a prompt start at 10:00 am.

Edie Tenneson will give a presentation (our first Provisional Talk of the year): Wild for Ferns in the NW and Beyond. I know I look forward to learning about these wonderful plants that add so much texture and interest to our gardens.

Additionally, Doug Bayley, Chairman of the Volunteer Park Trust, will give a brief presentation on the goals and efforts of the group, whose focus is to "protect and preserve this treasured city and national landmark for today and for generations to come."

There will be no Hort Share this month. See you November 3 at Burnley's at 9:15 am!

Deborah Cheadle, Chair

Gardener's Corner

Fruits, Burrs and Horticultural Handbags

Late September took me back to my childhood wonder days. While harvesting seeds on my kitchen table, I sat in awe as I scanned the variety of shapes, sizes and forms of the seed pods in front of me. In many ways they reminded me of ladies' handbags with their little compartments, perfectly formed to provide that unique plant with the best method of seed dispersal. There was the *Lilium Regale* with an elongated trisection seed head sheltering a veritable "Rolodex system" for holding it's progeny. Then, of course, there's the *Nigella caerulea*, with it's antennaed, miniature cantaloupe seed pod, so engulfed with seeds that it's no wonder everyone succeeds when casting Love In The Mist! But the seed head that really flipped my switch...was the *Eucomis bicolor*! Sporting an indented, rounded fleshy seed pod with chartreuse and ruby overtones, this seed pod was as fascinating as the pineapple lily flower itself. Harboring only a few large seeds, my guess was that these babies like to root close to home.

Of course, Mother Nature, in her infinite wisdom has figured out a way for these seeds to get to their new home. Whether it's the fleshy *Cornus kousa* fruits that get eaten by the deer and passed along a few hours later, or a breezy day that carries the lowly dandelion with it's fine hair extensions to your home, the modes of transportation are numerous. One of the largest fruits, the buoyant coconut, is carried by water – a method so successful that it's colonized almost all of the beaches in the tropics. And of course, how many of us have painfully combed out burrs from our dog or even our own hair!

With all this talk of seeds, I encourage you to experience growing seeds in your garden or someone else's. I had such fun this fall sharing Love in the Mist seed pods with my neighbor's children and seeing the wonder in their faces as we cast them together in their garden. Imagine their delight next June!

Megan Smith



Charlee Reed's photo from a fall walk in Seward Park with her grandchild.

DOING WHAT MUST BE DONE

November
so warm
mustard and clover
bloom
along the road
throughout the fields.

Do they know
or care
the time is wrong
the season late
that snow soon comes
casting their life
to a precipitous fate?

-Michael Czarnecki

He's a modern poet in the
old tradition of a wandering
minstrel as he travels about
the country.

Shirley Meneice Conference

Southern hospitality reigned supreme during our week in Louisville (LOOVUL), Kentucky, in late September and early October. Each of us experienced the 'Best of the Best' that the Glenview Garden Club had to offer: gardens galore, Olmstead designed arboretums, OUTSTANDING speakers, Kentucky Bluegrass horse farms and last, but not least, a Bourbon distillery to top off the trip! Corn, Rye and Malt are brewed to make their famous Kentucky bourbon! What isn't horticultural about that? The lovely Garden Club ladies of Kentucky passed the baton onto Seattle to welcome the SMC in our beautiful city by the sound in 2015! The level of this past conference makes the job of preparing for the September 21-23, 2015 SMC all the more challenging. Given the caliber of our club, we are more than capable! Onward!

Catherine Allan, Chair



All smiles in Kentucky! Megan Smith, Diana Ackerley, Laurie Riley, Catherine Allan, B.J. Anderson, Pam Green & Diana Neely

SGC Yearbook Updates

Please make note of the following change(s)

New email:
Mrs. George Martin (Beverly), Active
mckoin_martin@mac.com

Please notify SGC's Corresponding Secretary,
Marianne Kitchell, of any roster changes:
kitchell3@gmail.com, 206-325-2003

Holiday Luncheon & Auction

Our major fundraising event is fast approaching – invite your friends!

Sunset Club

DECEMBER 4, 2014



10:30 am Auction & Social - 12 Noon Lunch

PLEASE RESPOND (YES or NO) TO JENNY WYATT NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 24

For guests and members not subscribing to the Hostess Fund, the luncheon cost is \$45.

You may arrange your own tables and convey the information to Jenny Wyatt.



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 (reservations/donations/Angels) should be made payable to The Seattle Garden Club and sent to Jenny Wyatt, 135 - 39th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112

wyattjen@comcast.net 206-322-2922 or 206-499-0543

WHERE MAY I DROP OFF MY AUCTION ITEMS?

For your convenience, the following SGC members have once again offered to accept your donations:

Catherine Allan, 7919 NE 26th St, Medina 98039, 425-454-1076

Judy Phillips, 1216 - 38th Ave E, Seattle 98112, 206-325-3838

You can also bring and drop off your donations and/or forms to November Hort and General Meetings.

NEED A DONATION FORM?

Print one from this issue or from our Website; they will also be available at Hort and General Meetings.

NEED INSPIRATION?

Think of our four disciplines – Horticulture, Photography, Floral Design and Conservation. Besides the always-popular group events offered by our members and their connections, top sellers from past auctions include:

Plants & Bulbs-individual/potted

Home baked goods or candies

Antiques

Specialty items for grandchildren

Holiday related décor items

Vintage jewelry

Tickets to special events

Yard art

A SAMPLING OF GROUP EXPERIENCES FOR INDIVIDUAL SIGN UP

Methow Valley Weekend for 8
Paperwhite Bulb Potting Party

Butchart Day Trip for 6
Clamdigging and Lunch for 10

QUESTIONS? SUGGESTIONS?

Contact Roxanne Wiley, Ways and Means Chair, 206-442-5154, roxwiley@comcast.net

**SEATTLE GARDEN CLUB
AUCTION PROCUREMENT FORM**

2014

***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

'Northwest Passages' is Underway!

Mark your calendars for May 15-16, 2015 for **Northwest Passages**, a GCA Flower Show celebrating the splendor of the Pacific Northwest. The Show will be held at the spectacular Bellevue Botanical Garden in the new Jim Olsen designed Visitor and Education Center.

Our schedule and entry forms are posted in the member's area of the SGC website: www.seattlegardenclub.org. Please check it out! Whether your area of interest is Floral Design, Photography or Horticulture (or all of the above!), get ready to join in the fun of entering. The Show will also feature an educational conservation exhibit on rainwater.

Because of the six-month ownership requirement for some of its classes, Horticulture registration has already begun. We are now full for Class 21 (Sarracenia challenge class) and Class 22 (Canoes), but there are still openings in Class 23 (Climbing Plants, novices only); Class 24 (Miniatures); and Class 26-27 (Baird Boards).

Of particular importance is **Class 25 'Follow the Fragrance'**: "A single species or cultivar of a fragrant Tulip, planted in a terra cotta pot of the exhibitor's choosing, not to exceed 12". To be viewed in the round. Six month ownership requirement. Open to all GCA Clubs on November 1, 2014." We are actively seeking exhibitors for this class, since bulbs must be purchased by November 15, 2014. To register, please contact the Horticulture Registrar, Catherine Allan (jardinsroyaux@gmail.com) and turn in a completed entry form (found on our website) to her.

We would love to have every member of SGC participate in the show. Joining a committee is another way to get involved. Please take a look at the committee structure in the schedule and let us know how you would like to volunteer. Onward we go!

Northwest Passages Co-chairs,
Diana Neely, dianabneely@icloud.com, 206-605-4446
Jenny Wyatt, wyattjen@comcast.net, 206-499-0543



New SGC Website Will Be Here Soon!



The next generation website will be a wonderful change!
Have fun exploring!



Conservation Sponsored
an
Electronics Recycle Drop
Off After the October
Hort Meeting

Barbie Snapp, Carolyn
Kitchell and Carey Davis
pitch in with donating
old cell phones, computers
and computer extras!

Photography Committee

One way to bump up your skill level in photography is by learning from a 'pro'. If you are looking for professional inspiration, there are two upcoming events in November including the annual Kenmore Digital Photo Expo on November 9 and 10 which features two days of seminars and special guest speakers such as Art Wolfe: <http://www.kenmorecamera.com/t-Expo2014.aspx> The other event is a one day seminar on 'Nature & Landscape' photography presented by National Geographic on November 2 at the Seattle Public Library downtown: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/ngtseminars/seminars/nature-landscape.html>

Another option is to join members of the Photography Committee as we explore Seattle's natural beauty. We will follow up our October Arboretum outing with another photography shoot on November 12 at Kubota Garden. Time TBD (and weather dependent). Look for a time update on the SGC Website Calendar and listen for updates at club meetings.

Don't forget to print out and put a copy of the Photography Schedule (from the September Newsletter) for the upcoming May Flower Show in your purse or camera bag so that you can refer to the various classes often between now and when registration begins on January 5. Which class will you choose to enter?

Please let me know if you would like to be on the Photography Committee email list so that you get updates on field trips and photography tips.

Juliet Romano, Chair

Looking Ahead

- 12/4/14 **Holiday Auction and Luncheon**, Sunset Club, 10:30 am Auction and Social; 12 Noon Lunch
Guests Welcome!
- 1/5/15 **Horticulture Meeting**, UWBH/CUH, 9:15 am Social; 10 am Program
Hosted by Floral Design Committee, *May Flower Show Preparation*
Hort Share - bring specimens in a bottle or Baird board
- 1/9/15 **SGC Board Meeting**, Sunset Club, 10 am
- 1/15/15 **General Meeting**, UWBG/CUH,
9:30 am Social; 10 am Program
Justin Reznick, widely published nature photographer
Guests Welcome!

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**

GCA Encourages Use of Email

If you receive this newsletter via U.S. Mail and would like to receive it via email, please contact me. Please help us reduce waste and expenses. Thank you!

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