



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

General Meeting

October 16, 2014

UWBG/CUH

9:30 am Social

10:00 am Meeting

10:15 am Program

Guests Welcome!



**PLEASE RESPOND
YES or NO**

to

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**Iain Robertson, UW Associate Professor of Landscape
Architecture, featured speaker for the
October General Meeting**

A Garden Is To Garden

Gardens are never 'done' not just because weeds are eternal but because gardens and their plants grow and change. How dull they would be if they were static!



UW Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture Iain Robertson will give us a lively and far ranging talk about gardens and landscape design; briefly revisiting the Joseph Witt Winter Garden 25 years after its installation to talk about changes there, then stopping briefly in the Arboretum's New Zealand High country Eco geographic exhibit before crossing the equator to New Zealand itself where he will talk about landscapes and connections. Using the practice of gardening as a way of becoming ever more closely rooted in place as a metaphor, he will describe exercises students on his recent foreign studies program in New Zealand engaged in to make connections between what they learned about New Zealand and their homes in Seattle.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLE: At the October General Meeting bring old used computers plus computer extras and cell phones. Sponsored by the Conservation Committee.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- 10/3 **Policy & Planning Meeting**, at the home of Catherine Parker, 9:30 am
- 10/6 **Hort Meeting**, UWBG/CUH
9:15 am Coffee; 10 am Program, Diana Neely, Planting Pitcher Plants
Hort Committee Fall Planning Meeting, Graham Visitors Center, 12 pm - 1pm
- 10/16 **General Meeting**, UWBG/CUH
9:30 am Social; 10 am Meeting; 10:15 Program. Iain Robertson, as noted above
"Summer Favorites" Photography Exhibit at General Meeting
- 10/24 **Community Projects Work Party at Rainer Beach Urban Farm**, 10 am - 1 pm, see article



From the President

Our Garden Club activities continue to keep us educated, engaged and enlightened! Thanks to Sheila Noonan, Carol Eland and Jenny Wyatt for a lovely Fall Picnic at the Country Club on Bainbridge Island. It is so nice to start out our year together socializing in such a lovely setting!

Our Board has had two meetings and is off to a great start. We have a terrific bouquet of ladies on the board all actively engaged in their positions and with their committees. As your president, I couldn't be more pleased! You will notice many of our meetings and speakers will be educating us on how to create a fabulous flower show, May 2015! We also need to be thinking about what we can donate to our auction in December!!!

Please read through this newsletter carefully as it is full of information to keep us engaged, educated and enlightened!!!

Marilee Ahalt, Club President

Hort Report

As you read this, I will be traipsing around England touring gardens and will sadly miss the first Hort Meeting of the year on October 6th. Laurie Riley has graciously agreed to run the meeting in my absence.

Diana Neely will give a planting demonstration of carnivorous bog plants, the North American trumpet pitcher plant, *Sarracenia*. Her beautifully grown specimen won Best of Show last Spring at a GCA Flower Show. Diana hopes to get lots of us to grow our own to show at the Northwest Passages Flower Show this May.

GCA's annual Shirley Meneice Horticultural Conference will soon be underway (September 29th – October 1st in Louisville, Kentucky). Our official attendees, Megan Smith and Diana Ackerley, will give a report on the conference at our October Hort meeting. (Thank you to Megan for organizing the Seed Share contributions to take to the conference.)

Deborah Cheadle, Chair

**Please note NEW
Hort Meeting start time:
Social hour of Hort meetings
begin at 9:15 am this year.**

Arrive at 9:15 am to catch up with
news of your friends and enjoy
the refreshments.

This will help us begin the
meetings promptly at
10:00 am.



Hort Share

An important part of Hort Meetings is sharing cuttings of plants from your garden that you find lovely or interesting, and telling us how you grew them. This helps us all expand our knowledge of what plants we can grow in our own gardens. Please bring your cuttings and flowers in bottles if they need to stay hydrated. We will allow time during the meetings for a few words from each gardener.

Thank you to Debby Smith and Diana Ackerley who are organizing Hort Share this year. This month, Debby and Diana have some words to inspire you to participate:

"Share Your Vestiges of the Summer Carnival: from remarkable to conspicuous and quiet to bizarre; from shrub or tree; tiny or huge; from Rosa to Fuchsia; from Hibiscus to Begonia. Bring it!"

Holiday Luncheon & Auction

Mark your calendars!

Our major fundraising event will be here before you know it!

December 4, 2014

Sunset Club

1021 University Street

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



How can you help? Do you have a special talent? Do you have access to a special place or garden that members would enjoy seeing? Do you know someone who would be willing to share their expertise with us?

The Ways & Means Committee is ready and willing to help facilitate the process for creating fun and interesting outings for our members and guests.

We welcome all ideas to support our Seattle Garden Club fundraising. Items that have done well in recent auctions have included: fun items for children/grandchildren, homemade goodies, specialty plants, opportunities to learn from our members about their areas of expertise, and in particular - outings that are of interest to our members and occasions to spend time with each other just for the fun of it.

The Donation Form is on the website and can be downloaded for your use. Copies will also be available at various SGC gatherings. Completed forms and/or items may be dropped off at Judy Phillips', 1216 - 38th Avenue E., Seattle; brought to any regular monthly SGC meeting; or given to me (Roxanne), 2214 Waverly Way East, Seattle.

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Please contact me with any questions or ideas. Roxanne Wiley, Ways & Mean Chair, roxwiley@comcast.net

Photography Committee

As most of us walk around with a smart phone camera in our pocket or purse these days, we are all PHOTOGRAPHERS! If you would like to be on the Photography Committee or the Photography Committee Email List, please let me know. We would love to have you join us as we hone our technical and creative skills!

Favorite Summer Photos from many SGC members will be on view at the October General Meeting. Please come early to look at all the images that were snapped during our beautiful summer.

There will be a Fall photography outing in October to photograph the changing season as a group. The date and time are TBD so keep a look out and an ear open for a forthcoming announcement. You don't need to be a member of the committee to join us...nor do you need a big camera and a lot of experience!

Juliet Romano, Chair

Screech Owl

All night each reedy whinny
from a bird no bigger than a heart
flies out of a tall black pine
and, in a breath, is taken away
by the stars. Yet, with small hope
from the center of darkness
it calls out again and again.

Ted Kooser

Former Poet Laureate tends to
see the brightness even in an
autumn owl.

Shirley Meneice Conference

Progress is inching along in preparation for the Shirley Meneice Conference in Seattle a year from now, September 2015!! The Marriott Hotel is the site for the first day of the conference, followed by a spectacular evening at the Aquarium! The second day, September 22, 2015, will be at CUH in the morning, where Dan Hinkley, Sarah Reichard and Richie Steffan are the featured keynote speakers. The delegates will be bused to the Arboretum in the afternoon and divided into several smaller groups to visit highlighted collections. The half-day conference on Wednesday, September 23, will be at the Bellevue Botanical Garden in the morning, then sixty-five lucky women will tour the Bloedel Reserve that afternoon as part of the post-conference trip. Seven SGC delegates will be represented in Louisville at the end of September for this year's Shirley Meneice Conference! We'll be taking seeds to share from our club members as well as copious notes!!

Catherine Allan, Chair

Does anyone have a projector that can be used next September during one afternoon at the Shirley Meneice Conference? The more we can 'tag' before September 2015, the less we pay at the Marriott Hotel for using their equipment! The Club has one and I am hoping to 'reserve' it for Monday, September 21, 2015. All 'extra' projectors that can be used that afternoon would be greatly appreciated.

Please let me know - Catherine

Gardener's Corner

Finding my sense of place on Baker Island, Maine

This summer I had the utter delight to visit one of my very favorite places in the whole world, Baker Island, Maine. Located at a similar latitude as Lopez Island but on the east coast off the coast of Maine, this island is a horticultural jewel. Rosa rugosas, lupine in the late spring and monkshood in the fall, cheery bunchberry, craggy hemlocks stunted by pink granite donning sage colored lichen...it's all there, exquisite yet rugged. Color, texture, and light casts amazing shadows.



Baker Island, Maine by Megan Smith

When you row ashore and first set foot on Baker, your eyes feast upon soft layered grasses periodically punctuated by groupings of irises. As the grasses start to flower they cast a luscious pink gauziness that takes your breath away, especially with the hint of a breeze. What is astounding here are the sheer number of different grasses. Not one or two but at least seven; carexes, molinias, sporobolis, and more. I couldn't believe my eyes. There were masses and small groupings covering the ground in splendid softness. What I really wanted at that place and time, was a paintbrush and canvas to take in each blade, each flower head, to internalize it and keep it forever. The grasses' verticality, texture and grace reminded me of how much they augment the garden and how Mother Nature has taught us how to plant in groupings. Someday, I'll go back with my canvas and paintbrush.

Megan Smith



Community Projects

Rainier Beach Urban Farm & Wetlands Work Party

Friday, October 24th, 10am – 12 noon
Followed by a home-cooked lunch prepared by
East African Elders!

Last spring, SGC members approved a \$30,000 grant to Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands. Through organic farming, cooking and nutrition programs, green jobs training and wetlands restoration, this public gathering space is beginning to transform the neighborhood. With funding close to completion, the project will break ground in November.

For a closer look at one of our Community Projects, join the fun and participate in the “Elder Farming Program,” where we will work alongside members of the East African Community and then enjoy lunch together. Bring any bulbs you may have to plant.

Location: 5513 S. Cloverdale, Seattle, WA 98118. Read more on their Website: <http://seattletilth.org/about/rainier-beach-urban-farm-wetlands>.

And here's a wonderful story from KPLU about one of the farm's programs that pairs East African elders with at-risk youth: <http://www.kplu.org/post/seattle-gardening-program-pairs-east-african-seniors-risk-youths>

Please let me know if you can attend so we can organize carpools. Let's have a good turnout!

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Fragrance Garden benches are cleaned by Debbi Wilson and Marianne Kitchell. Before, after and during!



FRAGRANCE GARDEN

Ever wonder what to use on your teak furniture to rid it of moss and fungi? Use 2 gallons of water, 1/2 cup 30 second cleaner and 1/4 cup Murphys Oil Soap plus elbow grease as Marianne Kitchell, Debbi Wilson and Diana Neely found out August 20th when they decided to clean our benches in the Fragrance Garden! The Fragrance Committee is awaiting comment from the UW Curation Committee on our fall planting plan. Come to the October 6th Hort meeting to meet the 30 second cleaner bottle. *Diana Neely*

Roster Updates

Please make note of the following changes

From Active to Sustaining Member:
Barbee Crutcher & Janet Footh

From Sustaining to Non-Resident Member:
Barbara Bender & Jeannine Foster

From Non-Resident to Honorary Life Member:
Ann Hunter

Resignation from Sustaining Member:
Deirdre Plunkett

Reminder

Please notify SGC's Corresponding Secretary
Marianne Kitchell of any address, phone number
or email changes:

kitchell3@gmail.com, 206-325-2003

New Member Applications December 15th Deadline

The Membership Proposal Form is available through the SGC website or from the Membership Chairman. Details on 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 this Fall, as well as, the Holiday Luncheon in December. It is important to acquaint candidates with Membership Committee Members, Board Members and other members.

Forms/letters must be emailed or postmarked no later than midnight on DECEMBER 15th and remember all of this is to be kept confidential. Please mail to B.J. and also contact her regarding your prospective member to avoid duplication of a candidate.

B.J. Anderson andersonbh@comcast.net

WWII Victory Gardens Harvest Fairs Have Definite GCA Flavor

Harvest is one of the greatest treats of gardening. Here in the Pacific Northwest local markets, grocery stores and even neighborhood sidewalks are brimming over with squashes, beans, the last of the lettuces, with a few reddening tomatoes and peppers thrown in. Often these crops come from the remnants of Victory Gardens that originated during World War II. Essentially, people began turning their property, some as small as a kitchen table, into vegetable plots to make up for the lack of transportation, farm workers and food, which were all in short supply due to the war needs. Garden Club of America, already a nation wide group played a significant role in orchestrating the effort. To give an example of its success: In 1943, Chicago alone had 172,000 gardens and 55,000 lbs of food!

What is not as well known are the Harvest Fairs where gardeners not only displayed their efforts but also learned to can and preserve the foods. Here is where GCA excelled, not only in assisting with educational matters and cooperating with the Army Corps of Engineers (with whom GCA's conservationists were largely disagreeing), but also by incorporating an artistic flair to the shows. As W. Seale quotes in his book, one Fair had "vegetables piled high (with) a watercolor background of a Victory Ship in colors complimentary to the vegetables." Unfortunately few pictures were taken of the Fairs. Shortages included photography during those war years. But we might think of them as we or our neighbors harvest this October.

Carey Davis



SGC Auction Birding Event

Audubon Guide, Kevin Aenerud helps SGC members spot and identify the birds they can hear. Gretchen Hull, Barbie Snapp, Jenny Wyatt and Jeannie Gravenkemper enjoy the spectacular scenery as well as the birding.



2014-2015 Wott Fellowship Recipient Eve Rickenbaker



UW Botanic Gardens Director
Sarah Reichard, Director Emeritus
John Wott and Eve Rickenbaker

Eve Rickenbaker, graduate student as well as Hyde Herbarium Collection Manager, is the recipient of the John A. Wott Fellowship in Plant Collection and Curatorship for 2014.

Eve's working thesis title is *The UW Student Perception of the Washington Park Arboretum*. She is conducting focus groups with University of Washington students in order to understand their motivations and constraints to visiting the Washington Park Arboretum. She says, "My hope is that if students connect to the Washington Park Arboretum now while attending college, they will reap the benefits the Arboretum can offer through recreation, relaxation, and education. My long range goal is that their experience will create a deep-rooted respect and admiration for nature and plants, and perhaps they will even become ardent supporters one day of the Washington Park Arboretum as alumni or as leaders at the University of Washington or at similar public botanic gardens."

Join the Fun! Attention ALL SGC photographers.... "point & shoot" or SLR users!

Charlee Reed has been working hard to produce the Photography Schedule for our GCA Photography Show in May. The GCA approval process has not yet been completed, so there may be some slight adjustments in the following information, but we wanted to give you a glimpse of the classes so you can begin the creative thought process. Once the Schedule is approved, it will be posted in full on the website, along with guidelines. Registration will open to SGC in January. Open to ALL members, including Provisionals.

NORTHWEST PASSAGES

CLASS 1	Secret Passage A view through a gate or portal (an entrance into, through or out of something) Plant material optional	Color	6 entries
CLASS 2	Life Cycle Triptych - three sections Stages of life in nature (a plant, landscape or garden) 3 images of the same subject matter over time	Color	6 entries
CLASS 3	Mystical Movement Creative manipulation ; plant material optional	Color	6 entries
CLASS 4	Hard Rain Falling Interpret down pour or drops; plant material optional	Color	6 entries
CLASS 5	Roadside Attraction A landscape that includes an inanimate object	Color	6 entries
CLASS 6	Go With The Flow A. Flowing water B. Reflective water Plant material optional	Black & White Color	4 entries 4 entries

Questions? Contact Charlee Reed, Mary Turner or Suzette de Turenne

On July 25th Suzette de Turenne and Jeannie Gravenkemper surprised **Traci Tenneson** at her home and presented her with the **Seattle Garden Club Certificate of Merit** for significant contributions in developing, establishing and managing SGC's website. We were rather late in getting this 2013 award to her as we had hoped to present it to her at one of our meetings, but that did not happen. Traci was very pleased to receive the award and we were thrilled to give it to her. Her valued skills and efforts behind the scenes continue. Congratulations Traci!

In Memoriam

We regret the passing of
Susan Mullen
on September 17, 2014
Sustaining Member
Joined SGC 1982

Some Highlights from our Annual Fall Picnic

Many thanks to our hostess Sheila Noonan



Roxanne Wiley reminds us about the Holiday Auction



Jolie Roze & Marianne Kitchell enjoying the gathering



Marilee Ahalt & Megan Smith are all smiles



Suzette de Turenne, Laurie Riley & Barbara Anderson



Peggy Wilton & Nancy Bain ready for the picnic



Barbara Pringle, Dorothy Strong & Carolyn Kitchell get some goodies



Juliet Romano, Kim Bishop & Peggy Paige Most are ready to start the new SGC year

Looking Ahead



11/3 **Hort Meeting**, Burnley Snyder's Home
9:15 am Social; 10 am Meeting
Edie Tenneson: *Wild for Ferns in the NW and Beyond*
No Hort Share

11/13 **Board Meeting**, Sunset Club, 10 am

11/20 **General Meeting**, UWBG/CUH
9:30 Social; 10 am Meeting, Guests Welcome!
Laura Drewell, Founder, Executive Director, Green Plate Special
GPS mission is to help end childhood obesity by inspiring and
empowering youth to grow, cook and eat healthy foods.

GCA Encourages Use of Email

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Thank you!

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