



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

Annual Fall Picnic on Bainbridge Island

Thursday
September 18, 2014
11:30 am

Bring your own blanket
Very limited sit-down tables.



Sheila's view from her B.I. home.

Noonan Family Home
12263 NE Country Club Road
Bainbridge Island, 98110

Please carpool
Parking limited; no valet parking

**“Seed Share Exchange” bring your seeds in labeled small envelopes.
Bring your camera & wear comfortable shoes.**

Please respond - YES or NO
by Friday, September 12

Carol Eland: caroleland@msn.com

(206) 324-5414

Our catered lunch requires a
head count.

Non-subscribers to the
Hostess Fund

Confirm your reservation by sending a
check for \$40 payable to SGC to
Carol Eland at 1225 Shenandoah Dr. E.,
Seattle, WA 98112

Ferry: Seattle to Bainbridge

9:35 am or 10:40 am

Ferry: Bainbridge to Seattle

1:10 pm, 2:05 pm or 2:55 pm

Arrive early for the ferry line.

Events at a Glance

9/11-Board Meeting, Sunset Club, 10 am

9/18-Fall Picnic on Bainbridge Island at
Sheila Noonan's, Members only.

9/19-Auction Event: Birding with Kevin Annerud

**For More SGC Information
and a Calendar of Events,
Click on Our Website**

www.seattlegardenclub.org

PASSWORD: On the first page of the Yearbook.

CALENDAR: Post your SGC events here.

FORMS, on the left column: Reimbursement
forms, Grant Request Forms & Membership Forms.

INFO SHARING, in the center: Find the current
newsletter, links to information on SGC meetings,
tips from fellow members and even photo
highlights. **CHECK OUT OUR SUMMER**

SOLSTICE PHOTOS!

Send your website contributions to Traci Tenneson:

tenneson@comcast.net.



From the President

"Where did the summer go?" That is what I always say this time of year! As we begin our 97th Seattle Garden Club year, we will enjoy ourselves at The Noonan Family Home on Bainbridge Island - thank you, Sheila! It will be good to gather together and hear about our summer activities while discussing the year ahead of us!

Thanks to our auction we had several summer activities, such as: clam digging at Tekieu; garden tour and lunch with Dan Hinkley at Windcliff; Dabob Bay; and garden tour, lunch and art class to create cement leaves!!! Thank you, to the hostesses of these events!

Also this summer, we had two of our members chosen to exhibit in the "This Land is Your Land" exhibit presented by the US Botanic Garden in collaboration with the GCA in WA DC. Their 24"x 36" photographs are still on exhibit through October 13th! Congratulations, Jo Anne Rosen and Jane Harder!!!

Barbara Feasey and Deborah Cheadle have an amazing schedule of speakers for our General and Horticulture meetings. Our GCA Flower Show, "Northwest Passages", will be held at The Bellevue Botanical Gardens May 15-16, 2015. Diana Neely and her committee are ready to educate, entertain and guide us through the next eight months leading up to the show!!! Marianne Kitchell has worked hard this summer compiling our yearbook which will be handed out at the picnic! See you there!

Marilee Ahalt, President



*The ladies
enjoying
Dan Hinkley's
amazing
garden!*

Summary of Actions: Meeting of the Governing Board of the Seattle Garden Club, Thursday, June 12, 2014, Sunset Club

MOTION to approve the 2014-2015 budget
as presented was seconded and approved.

Ways and Means Report

Your Ways and Means Committee will begin planning the 2014 Holiday Auction at the Sunset Club to be held on Thursday, December 4, at its first meeting on September 8. If by any chance you meant to sign up for this committee, but somehow it slipped your mind (!), please feel free to join us for any or all meetings which are now listed on the SGC calendar. In the meantime, please think of items that you would like to contribute to the auction and/or events that you have either really enjoyed in the past and would like to see again at our auction, or new events that have come to mind in your travels around the Pacific Northwest! These events are the lifeblood of our auction and contribute to the wonderful spirit of community amongst our members. Please feel free to email me with any ideas you have for events for our auction. Once again, Judy Philips has graciously agreed to store physical items for our silent auction at her home. Thank you, Judy!

Roxanne Wiley, Ways & Means Chair

If you are aware of changes in the life of a member - such as moving, illness, death etc. it would greatly help if you would inform me.

Also if you would be willing to drive a member unable to attend meetings because of transportation issues. Please contact me if you are able to assist.

Thank you for your participation!

B.J. Anderson, Membership Chair

Seattle Garden Club 2014 Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Award Winners

Commendation of the SGC Silver Medal

Mrs. John Wilson



Sheila Noonan presents the award to Debbi Wilson.

Honorary Life Members

45 Years of Service

*Mrs. Joseph Valentine, Mrs. Gould Hauberg
and Mrs. Lynn Himmelman*



Catherine Allan presents Randall Hitchin The Certificate of Appreciation.



Gretchen Hull presents The Certificate of Appreciation to Liz & Gene Brandzel.

Flower Show: "Seattle in Focus" Photography & Floral Design & "Images in Horticulture"



Jill Crutcher received 1st Place and the Novice Award in Floral Design.



Lyn White is ready to go with her Baird board.



Carol Henderson won "Best in Show" for this Floral Design.



Shelley Rolfe prepares her dogwood specimen.



Mary Jane Anderson, Janet Footh and Barbee Crutcher are in charge.



Jen Wyatt won Hort "Best in Show" & Photography "Novice" Award.



Welcome New Provisionals!

Delphine Stevens, Catherine Mueller,
Kim Bishop and Caroline Goedhart



Welcome New Actives!

Megan Smith, Candace Lancaster,
Lindsay Price and Diana Ackerley

The Hort Report

September is here, which for many gardeners is the true beginning of the gardener's year, and my favorite, as it's soon time to rethink areas that didn't quite cut the mustard last year. We get to pull out or cut down or move plants that didn't thrive, or didn't contribute quite the right element to their vignette. I try to stick little tags in the ground when I see something, to remind me what my thoughts were when the season's over: "pink lily clashes here with peach lily - move to left of pond," for example; or "slugs annihilate this Hosta here." Fall is one more chance to manifest my evolving vision for the garden. It's also the beginning of our SGC year, a time of reunion and the anticipation of another great year of learning and camaraderie.

Hort Meetings Time Change: 9:15 am Social & 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Program

Deborah Cheadle, Hort Chair

Sept. 19th

We walk through the trees in darkness
trusting what we know
& our linked hands
to guide us home. On the trail,
yellow leaves float towards us
like koi from a deep black pond, rising
the way love rises.

Samuel Green

*Quintessential Northwest poet
who lives very simply on a
remote San Juan Island and
has published over 9
books
of poetry.*



Membership Proposals Proposals for Membership Due by December 15

The Membership Proposal Form is available through the SGC website or from B.J. Anderson. Details of the proposal for Provisional Membership can be found on page P-8 of the Yearbook. To avoid duplication of a candidate, please contact B.J. regarding your prospective member.

It is important to bring potential candidates to open meetings in the Fall, as well as the Holiday Luncheon in December. This is an excellent way of acquainting candidates with the Membership Committee, Board Members and other members. 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.

B.J. Anderson, Membership Chair



"This Land is Your Land" showcases the beauty and diversity of plants in the United States as seen through the lens. From the mountains and prairies to the farmlands and arid lands, this exhibit features images by photographers from the Garden Club of America. Jo Anne Rosen and Jane Harder were included in the exhibit presented by the United States Botanic Garden in collaboration with the Garden Club of America in D.C. (150 entries & 30 were exhibited)!

Gardener's Corner

Thoughts About Drought

I'm delighted to report that I will be writing the Gardener's Corner this upcoming year! The next time you see Janet Footh, please thank her for her dedication to this column. For SIX years she has been our garden godmother, helping us remember how to plan, maintain and love our little plots of earth. In the months to come, I would appreciate your input as I try to convey gardening words of wisdom but with a different format.



This time, every year, I find myself slowing way down in the mad rush to keep everything watered. I'm burnt out...I made too many impulse buys under the adage, "To know it, I have to grow it." I'm thinking, "I need more xeric plants, less phlox and masterworts..." I want the garden to look as exciting and voluminous in August and September as it does in June. Here is my strategy.

First research. Val Easton wrote a great article last month in August 10th Pacific NW magazine. Read it, it's valuable and well written. Check out the following books: *The Dry Garden* by Mark Rumary, *Plants for Dry Gardens* by Jane Taylor, *Drought Resistant Planting* by Beth Chatto and lastly, *The Undaunted Garden* by Lauren Springer. I also recommend accessing the on-line plant catalogues *Xera Plants* and *High Country Gardens* for even more plant ideas. And, of course, the website *Great Plant Picks* has some real performers for droughty conditions. Like anything, it's not how much you know, it's knowing where to find what you need to know that counts. Then, the best part, visit the nursery. Check out the new dwarf Thumbelina Leigh lavender, *Oenothera macrocarpa* or evening primrose (big yellow cups) and hardy plumbago. These plants laugh at the drought and are real performers in the perennial world.

I should've mentioned this earlier, but...I REALLY don't like to water. I have a sprinkler but the output in gallons per minute is so extraordinary that I find myself preserving water by taking 2-minute showers so I can water the garden instead. Oh...the sacrifices we make for our gardens! This month I'm taking out my water thirsty lawn and replacing it with the "Low Work and Water Lawn" from *High Country Gardens*. It's their special dwarf fescue grass that needs very little water and only occasional mowing (sorry, mower guy!). I need and like a lawn, it rests the eye and highlights the planting beds. I just don't like the ecological consequences or expense of maintaining it. I've been thinking about doing this for years. I'll let you know how it turns out.

Megan Smith

Shirley Meneice Conference

Many of you know that Seattle is the site for the 2015 Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference. Thus far, the attendees will be staying at the Marriott at the waterfront from Sept. 21-23rd, 2015. CUH, the Washington Park Arboretum and the Bellevue Botanical Garden are the venues for the conference as well as the Marriott Hotel. The contract for dinner Mon. evening Sept. 21st has been signed, sealed and delivered to the Seattle Aquarium! Our speakers are in place for Tues. morning, Sept. 22nd and we're finalizing the list for the afternoon speakers. A delegation from SGC will be attending the SMC in Louisville, KY, this fall, to take copious notes for 2015!

Since a "Seed Share Exchange" will take place at the conference, we will hold our first "Seed Share Exchange" at the picnic on the 18th. Please bring your seeds gathered and labeled in small envelopes! Thank you!

Catherine Allan, Shirley Meneice Conference

East Montlake Park

East Montlake Park is in need of some serious weeding. Please watch for E-Blasts when work parties are called. Come join the fun with friends as we share our summer adventures!

Sue Blethen

In Memoriam

We regret the passing on
February 10, 2014, of
long-time SGC member
Joan O'Donnell Sullivan



GCA's Founders Fund Supports the Restoration of the New Haven's Elm Trees

Some in Seattle are fortunate enough to start each day greeting elms on her street. And for many years, eastern cities were similarly graced. The *ulmus americana*

were first brought here in the 18th century on European ships. Because they are extremely hardy and throw seeds a great distance, they thrived, some living over 200 years. But in the 1960's, a fungus, the Dutch Elm Disease (DED) attacked them. Elms were particularly susceptible due to the 30 day infectious period occurring as the trees were overexerting themselves with new growth.

That, and havoc wreaked by the elm leaf beetle and the Japanese beetle, caused their demise. Fortunately, not all trees were affected. Today with careful pest control and hybridization with resistant strains, American Elms are back in New Haven. With the assistance of the Founders' Fund, this Connecticut city hopes to reestablish its Green with elms planted by schoolchildren and monitored by college internships. Seattle's own treasured elms that first showed signs of DED in 2001 are watched carefully often by individuals and neighborhood groups.

Carey Davis

SGC Summer Outings

For our 2013 Holiday Auction and Luncheon, our Ways & Means Committee put together a fantastic array of outings, enjoyed by SGC members and friends throughout the summer. Here is a sampling of photographs of some of these fun events.



Spectacular day at Mary Jane Anderson's Hood Canal home and Mary Jane Anderson.



Garden Tour of the Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection & Hope Stroble.

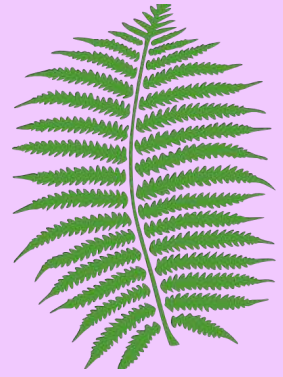


Kayaking, clamming and crabbing at Suzy Titcomb's Dabob Bay beach house. Left: Jane Harder, Catherine Allan, Suzette de Turenne, Barbie Snapp & Suzy Titcomb ready for lunch. Right: Kayaking on a beautiful day!



Dan Hinkley Garden Tour. Left: Barbara Feasey & Deborah Cheadle under the Magnolia macrophylla. Right: Dan Hinkley, Lyn White, Trudy Baldwin and Laurie Riley listen to every word.

Looking Ahead



Oct 2 **Board Meeting**, 10 am, Sunset Club

Oct 6 **Hort Meeting**, CUH/UWBG

9:15 am Social; 10 am - 12 pm Program

Speaker: Diana Neely, planting preparation for the May 2015 "Northwest Passages" Flower Show

Hort Share - bring your specimens in bottles

Oct 16 **General Meeting**, CUH/UWBG

9:30 am Social; 10 am Meeting; 10:15 am Program

Speaker: Iain Robertson, UW Assoc. Professor, Landscape Architecture, designer of CUH McVay Courtyard and Arboretum's Witt Winter Garden. **Guests welcome!**

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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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