



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

ANNUAL FALL PICNIC

Thursday, September 20, 2012

11 am

Burnley Snyder's
53 NW Spring Drive
The Highlands, 98177

Follow the signs for **Snyder** from The Highlands gate.



Burnley's Hillside Garden, Photo by Connie Hokanson

Please come welcome the new Provisionals
and tour Burnley's wonderful garden.

Bring a plant large or small for the plant
exchange!



**PLEASE RSVP - YES or NO
by Friday, September 7**

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 \$30 payable to SGC to
Carol Eland at 1225 Shenandoah Dr. E.
Seattle, WA. 98112

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- 9/6 **Board Meeting**, Sunset Club, 10 am
- 9/20 **Fall Picnic** at Burnley Snyder's, as noted above
- 10/1 **Provisional Meeting**, 9 am
Hort Meeting, 9:30 am Coffee; 10 am Program and Tour
Graham Visitors Center, Washington Park Arboretum





FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the hustle, bustle of summer winds down, another Seattle Garden Club year is about to begin. Thanks to Laurie Riley's guidance, last year was one of involvement, initiative and friendship within our club. I hope to continue that gracious style of leadership this year.

One of the books I read this summer is called, "The Surprising Life of Constance Spry" by Sue Shepard. I highly recommend this book, especially to our floral design members. This quote by Constance Spry is my wish for each of you and for our club as a whole:

"I want to shout out: 'Do what you please, follow your own star; be original if you want to be and don't if you don't want to be. Just be natural and gay and light-hearted and pretty and simple and overflowing and general and baroque and bare and austere and stylized and wild and daring and conservative, and learn and learn and learn. Open your minds to every form of beauty.'"

The beauty of our club is that there are so many avenues to explore and ways to be involved. While we had the chance to sign up for committees this spring, please feel free to attend any meeting you think you might have an interest in joining. Our monthly board meetings are also open to all members. Watch for a short summary of each board meeting's action in the newsletter.

Thank you to all the hostesses who worked hard to host the various summer outings for members and guests provided by our holiday auction last year. Be thinking of new places and experiences we can offer this December. This year will bring the second Wagner lecture, which has a conservation theme. We also will be hosting the Tacoma Garden Club in April, an annual meeting of the two clubs.

Finally, as many of you know this year is the Centennial Year of the Garden Club of America. We will be celebrating as a club at our February Annual Business meeting the moving history of the GCA, and the women who founded and nurtured its history. All members of any GCA club are invited to NYC May 31-June 7, 2013 to celebrate Centennial Dedication Week. Please see the invitation on page 7 of this month's newsletter.

See you on September 20th at Burnley Snyder's for the Fall Picnic.

Best till then,

Laurie Ahern, Club President

NEW MEMBERSHIP

**Proposals for Provisional
Membership
are due by December 15**

The membership Proposal Form is available through the SGC website or from Hope Stroble. To avoid duplication, please contact Hope Stroble of your intentions. It is prudent to invite 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 Membership Committee members and Board members. The deadline for membership proposals is **December 15, 2012.**

CLICK IT!

www.seattlegardenclub.org

Are you a USER?

A user of the SGC Members' website, that is....

PASSWORD: It's on the first page of the Yearbook.

CALENDAR: Remember to post your SGC events on the website calendar.

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

INFO SHARING is in the center: You'll find the current newsletter, links to information related to our General and Horticulture meetings, tips from fellow members and even photo highlights.

Seattle Garden Club 2012 Annual Meeting

Award Winners

Community Leadership Award for Non-Members

Martha Harris and C. David Hughbanks

SGC Gold Medal *Alison Andrews*

Commendation of Appreciation *Judy Phillips*

Certificate of Merit *Susan Pollock*

SGC Bronze Medal *Hope Stroble*

President's Award *Barbara Anderson*



President Laurie Ahern and Barbara Anderson



Hope Stroble and Burnley Snyder

Honorary Life Members 45 Years of Service

Barbara Himmelman

Lucile Flanagan

JoAnn Fray



Laurie Riley and Barbara Himmelman



Judy Thomas, our design guru



Susan Potts and Barbara Feasey



Alison Andrews studies the fine print on her award

HORT STARTS

The Hort Committee is looking forward to its first meeting at the Graham Visitors Center (GVC) on **October 1**, with a short presentation on the Seattle Garden Club's Centennial Tree project by Jenny Wyatt. Randall Hitchin, former Curator of Collections Manager and current Volunteer Coordinator will lead a tour of "Treasures of the Washington Park Arboretum," to include the Sorbus and Pacific Connections Gardens, following both talks.

Please wear sturdy walking shoes and prepare to stay until noon. If walking is a concern, Randall has arranged to take members to the two sites via golf carts! Don't miss a chance to ride in style at our first Hort meeting!

The start time is 9:30 am at the GVC for a half hour of social time followed by the program that starts at 10 am.

This year's Hort meetings will meet in a variety of locations and will include a number of walks. Please dress for the weather when planning to walk afterwards.

November 5, 2012: Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center; walk following

January 7, 2013: CUH/UWBG; no walk

February 4, 2013: GVC; walk following in Winter Garden-Arboretum

March 4, 2013: CUH/UWBG; no walk

April 1, 2013: CUH/UWBG; no walk

May 6, 2013: CUH/UWBG; no walk

Catherine Allan, Horticulture Chair



FRAGRANCE GARDEN

Did you know that 13 SGC members helped in the Fragrance Garden last year? We held volunteer work parties in June, October, November, December (2011), and April and May (2012).

Volunteer garden tasks were varied for each session. Members moved and removed, divided, raked and weeded. Twice during the year, the containers were replanted. The generous grant from Community Projects allowed the FG Committee to install fresh plants in the containers seasonally. To date, the entire \$1000 has not been spent.

We will be organizing work parties soon to refresh the Fragrance Garden. If you would like to be part of the Fragrance Garden Committee, please email or call Debbi Wilson. We welcome your input and garden assistance.

Debbi Wilson, Fragrance Garden Chair
jwilson803@comcast.net, 206-722-6394



Now in the Fragrance Garden, Brugmansia 'Charles Grimaldi' (Angel's Trumpet) is highly fragrant at night to attract evening pollinators.

In the poisonous nightshade family, Angel's Trumpet is native to the mountainous regions of South America.

As imperceptibly as Grief

As imperceptibly as Grief
The Summer lapsed away --
Too imperceptible at last
To seem like Perfidy --
A Quietness distilled
As Twilight long begun,
Or Nature spending with herself
Sequestered Afternoon --
The Dusk drew earlier in --
The Morning foreign shone --
A courteous, yet harrowing Grace,
As Guest, that would be gone --
And thus, without a Wing
Or service of a Keel
Our Summer made her light escape
Into the Beautiful.

Emily Dickinson

CONSERVATION CONDENSATIONS

Olympic London's bus signs prompt, "CONSERVE WATER, EVEN IF IT IS RAINING: SAVE THE THAMES," which is true for Puget Sound as well.

Wash your car in reclaimed water at one of our commercial car washes (such choices as "Elephant" or "Brown Bear") which impel no grime or soap into street storm drains. Storm drains flow directly into our lakes, our creeks and Puget Sound.

Enjoy a shiny clean car and Save our Sound!

Marking calendars ahead:

- October 20: "Duwamish Alive" outing with People for Puget Sound.
- Jan. 12, 2013: Saturday Workshop for Lobby Day at UW's Kane Hall.
- Feb. 19, 2013: Lobby Day in Olympia. We'll meet Tacoma Garden Club there.

So, let's be clean and green!

Hotie Hard , Conservation Chair



GARDENER'S CORNER

Thoughts for September:



- Start thinking about ordering spring-blooming bulbs. Take advantage of end-of-season sales.
- Remove and compost spent annuals.
- Photograph what you particularly liked (or didn't) in this year's garden and containers as a reference for planning next year's garden.
- Scratch in a handful of lime around each hellebore plant.
- Don't deadhead roses after fall bloom. When you let them produce hips you prepare them for winter dormancy.
- Fertilize lawns with 3-1-2 ratio fertilizer, using slow-release formula. Late in the month, begin fall renovation with thatching, aerating and overseeding.
- Evergreen shrubs and trees can be planted or transplanted now.
- Control slugs....this is their breeding season.

Janet Footh

EAST MONTLAKE PARK

Volunteers Gretchen Hull, Sis Woodside, Catherine Allan, Jenny Wyatt, Debbie Smith, and Hope Stroble helped me rid the park of horsetail and weeds in June.

Then the summer watering crew prevented losing more propagated plants during heat of summer as they watered during July and August. The watering crew included Janet Footh, Barbara Peterson, Sarah Robinson, and Patsy Pattison with backup from Suzette de Turenne, Kathy Lea and Jenny Wyatt.

Once the fall rains begin, we will be adding these remaining plants to the park. Fall weeding will be needed too, so keep your eyes open for an email for work party opportunities. And, do take a stroll and enjoy the beautiful park we have helped restore. The Montlake Cut is beautiful in every season!

Many thanks to everyone who has been so supportive!

Sue Blethen





WELCOME PROVISIONALS!

Left to right: Lindsay Price, Megan Smith, Diana Ackerley, Candace Lancaster.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE

You all are invited to participate in another
“Favorite Summer Photo” Exhibit
to be held this fall at a SGC general meeting.

Pick any one favorite photo that you took over the summer and enlarge it to an 8 x10 size or similar. It does not need to be mounted. An email will be sent out in early September with information on where and when to deliver your photograph. We suggest printing on matte paper for better viewing.

Remember, this is just for fun.

Mary Turner, Photography Chair



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

To drive anywhere in greater Seattle today is to be reminded of our city’s ubiquitous and ongoing “community projects”: the 520 exchange, the Arboretum, the waterfront, South Lake Union. Then to recall past Seattle Garden Club “Community Projects,” we are reminded again of the constant small but critical part SGC has contributed to those very projects that now define our community.

Recalling the projects also reminds us of the inseparable association between community projects and conservation in the projects we have funded. From the reclaimed nursing log in the Vivarium at the Olympic Sculpture Park, to the plantings on a new public park saved in an urbanizing South Lake Union, to the teaching role of gardens at the Children’s PlayGarden, SGC can be proud of its role in helping preserve and foster the valuable transformation of land to gardens in our community.

With a once-a-year deadline of November 30, and more information on the accessible public portion of the SGC website, the Community Projects Committee expects several proposals to be submitted for consideration this year. We will keep the membership informed of all the projects the Committee recommends for funding.

It is with the funds raised by the membership that SGC is able to contribute to our community’s worthy projects.

Eleanor Nolan, Community Projects Chair



GCA Centennial Dedication Week May 31 - June 7, 2013

All members of GCA are invited to Centennial Dedication Week, May 31-June 7, 2013 in New York City. The celebration includes these highlights:

- **Sunday, June 2: Dedication Week Dinner.** All reservations made in response to the invitation sent this fall and received by December 1, 2012 will be guaranteed.
- **Monday, June 3, at 1:30 p.m.: Dedication of 2013 Centennial Founders Fund Project in Central Park.** An indication is needed by April 1, 2013 to provide headcount to Central Park Conservancy; all are welcome.
- **Monday, June 3: Tours of GCA Headquarters.** Reservations required; space limited due to building fire code; reservations accommodated by date of response to invitation.
- GCA Library Committee to brief members on **GCA's Rare Book Collection on display at the Grolier Club.** Registration required during Dedication Week; collection on display from May 15-July 26, 2013.

Hotel information will be provided by September, and invitations for registration for each event will be emailed to all members and included in the October/November *Bulletin*. The link to the Countdown Calendar on the website is: <http://www2.gcamerica.org/members/committees-centennial.cfm>

Happy Birthday GCA!

As we turn our gardens towards autumn and renew our Garden Club friendships, Garden Club of America launches a year-long celebration of its 100th anniversary. There is a flotilla of events planned in New York City including a week-long dedication program in June, an exhibit of rare books, and the culmination of the Centennial Tree Project.

1913 might seem to be an inauspicious time to embark on a club devoted to preserving America's beauty. World War I was just around the corner (1914), and only 35% of households had electricity. Arizona and New Mexico had just become states (1912), and Seattle itself was still recovering from the 1889 disastrous fire and would not emerge as a shipping giant until the Panama Canal opened in 1914. On the other hand, Frederick Law Olmsted died in 1903, having been a key figure in the 1850 creation of Central Park. The popularity of golf and subsequently of lawn maintenance soared after a US gold in the 1904 Olympics. Hybrid tea roses were quite fashionable in the 1910's era. So the Club began.

Soon members were sending seeds to war torn Europe, promoting National Parks, protesting against billboards as well as educating themselves in horticulture and making floral arrangements. William Seale's book, *The Garden Club of America 1913-2012, A Growing Legacy* is promised to give a full history of GCA. It is due to come out in October. More on the book is available on the GCA website. www.gcaamerica.org

Carey Davis



LOOKING AHEAD

- Oct 1 **Hort Meeting**, Graham Visitors Center, Washington Park Arboretum.
PLEASE NOTE LOCATION.
9:30 am Coffee; 10 am Meeting.
Speakers: Jenny Wyatt on SGC's Centennial Tree Project and
Randall Hitchen on "Treasures of the Arboretum," followed by a tour.

Provisionals meet on Hort Mondays at 9 am

- Oct 4 **Board Meeting**, 10 am, Sunset Club

- Oct 18 **General Meeting**, CUH/UWBG
9:30 am Coffee; 10 am Meeting
Speaker: Jennifer Hahn, author of *Pacific Feast: A Cook's Guide to West Coast Foraging and Cuisine*
Guests welcome.



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