



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

General Meeting

October 18, 2012
UWBG/CUH

9:30 am Social
10:00 am Meeting
10:30 am Program

Guests Welcome!



PLEASE RESPOND NOW!
YES OR NO

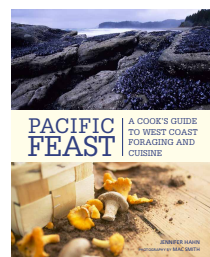
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Jennifer Hahn, author of
*Pacific Feast: A Cook's Guide to West Coast
Foraging and Cuisine*

Jennifer Hahn is an Adjunct Professor at Western Washington University's Fairhaven College and teaches courses on NW Wild Food and Sustainable Food Systems.

During summers she works as a Wilderness Guide for "SeaWolf Adventures" in Glacier Bay, Alaska, and as a Field Instructor for North Cascade Institute, teaching Wild Foraging and Cuisine.

She will introduce us to the "Wild Edible Backyard." Come explore 30 common delicious native edibles you can plant in your own garden.



Jennifer will have her book available for purchase and signing.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- 10/1 **Hort Meeting**, Graham Visitors Center, Washington Park Arboretum
9:30 am Coffee; 10 am Program and Tour
- 10/4 **Board Meeting**, Sunset Club, 10 am
- 10/5 **Floral Design Meeting**, Debby Smith's home, 9:30 am social; 10 am meeting
- 10/15 **Pumpkin Patch Photography Field Trip**, as noted in newsletter
- 10/18 **Provisional Meeting**, CUH Board Room, 9 am

General Meeting, Author and Adventurer Jennifer Hahn, as noted above
UWBG/CUH, 9:30 am Coffee; 10 am Meeting; 10:30 Program

"Summer Favorites" Photography Exhibit at General Meeting

- 10/19 **Ways and Means Meeting**, Carlyn Steiner's home, 9:30 am



From the President

Autumn has always been my favorite time of year. I love the return of crisp mornings, harvest bounty and beautiful fall foliage. Of course, it also means the beginning of a new year in the life of the SGC. Your Board met in early September and as part of their first task they each drew pictures of “what I did this summer” with their new boxes of crayons. Judging by the drawings, being out in nature with family was the highlight. Just what one would expect of a group of gardeners.

Burnley’s home and gracious style provided the SGC with the perfect fall kickoff event. Thank you to Carol Eland, Angel Clark and Burnley for their organization and planning. Gayle Harris had our green book inserts ready to go after much hard work over the summer. She had many proofreaders and information gatherers to thank, and now it’s your turn to read the book and enrich your knowledge of your club. “It’s in the Green Book!”

Our first Horticulture meeting, October 1, will be held at the Graham Visitors Center with Jenny Wyatt’s Report on the GCA Centennial Tree Project and speaker Randall Hitchen, current Volunteer Coordinator and former Curator of Collections of the WPA. A tour will follow featuring the Treasures of the Washington Park Arboretum, in the Sorbus and Pacific Connections gardens. The October 18th General Meeting will be at CUH featuring Jennifer Hahn, author of *Pacific Feast: A Cook’s Guide to West Coast Foraging and Cuisine*. Please feel free to invite guests, and remember to RSVP.

Our own Diana Neely after ten years of serving our Zone 12 and National GCA organizations has been appointed to the job of Overall Judging Chair of the SGC. This position is a SGC presidential appointment and ad hoc board position. The role of this position is to coordinate the three Zone-appointed Judging Representatives with our three corresponding SGC committees (Floral Design, Horticulture and Photography). This will help to streamline workshops, lectures, flower shows (large and small) (club and GCA) and provide education for those interested in the judging program. Stay tuned for more information from Diana and her committee.

Laurie Ahern, Club President

THE SUSTAINERS OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA INVITE YOU TO THE 10TH EDITION OF BED, BREAKFAST, BLOOMS AND BARNES MARCH 6-8, 2013

This is a chance to visit the Philadelphia International Flower Show in style. The Junior League of Philadelphia Sustainers are offering to other Junior League and Garden Club members and their guests the opportunity to see the Philadelphia Flower show and stay in the homes of JLP Sustainers. Cocktail Parties, VIP Tours and sightseeing are part of the package.

Please go to www.jlphiladelphia.org for more information.

Laurie Ahern

SGC BOARD REPORT

The SGC Board met on September 6, 2012.

Motions:

- +Approval of June 13, 2012 meeting minutes.
- +Approval of Special Committee Chairs as appointed by SGC President.
- +Approval of Catherine Allan and Marianne Kitchell to represent SGC at the October Shirley Meneice Workshop.

Committee Chairs were reminded to schedule committee meetings by using the online calendar and newsletter. Committee reports are due two days before the board meetings and are to be sent to the whole board at that time.

Laurie Ahern

Holiday Luncheon & Auction

Mark your calendars!

Our major fundraising event is fast approaching.



December 6, 2012

Sunset Club

1021 University Street

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

***Please consider contributing a quality item to our MAJOR SGC FUNDRAISER!!
Be creative! Offer your talents!***

We are preparing for another wonderful Holiday Luncheon and Auction at the Sunset Club this year. At this point we would like you to think about the guests you want to invite and the items and/or experiences you would like to donate.

The Donation Form is on the website and can be downloaded for your use.
Copies will also be available at various SGC gatherings.

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, opportunities to learn from our members about their areas of expertise, specialty plants, 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. We are always looking for a range of items that cover the price spectrum, from a few dollars to "priceless."

Your forms and/or items may be dropped off at Judy Phillips' home, 1216 38th Avenue E., Seattle; at any regular Monday, monthly SGC meeting; or to me (Suzette), 6333 NE Windermere Road, Seattle.

If you have any questions or ideas, please contact me.

Suzette de Turenne, Ways & Means Chair sdeturenne@comcast.net 206.524.9042



Some of our most successful Auction items are outings and gatherings with SGC members at private homes or to special destinations. Three 2011-12 experiences, left to right: Volunteer Park Conservancy Tour & Lunch, Clam digging & Lunch, Sun Valley Extravaganza garden tours. What fun times are in store this year?

Conservation Condensations

Elections

Our November 2012 Elections votes are important both at the national level and close-at-home state level. Let's vote with conservation in mind!

To know the ballot choices, please access "Washington Conservation Voters Endorsements." This list includes recommendations for:

1. Statewide Government Offices
2. Judicial Positions
3. State Legislature House and Senate by District

A Bag in Hand

No doubt we have all encountered the new Seattle Plastic Bag ordinance. 'Buoyantly neutral' plastic bags sink in water and shred into tiny pieces called 'microplastics,' which create a soup of plastics. This soup has created the North Pacific Gyre, as big as the state of Texas, and is also found in every sample taken from UW Tacoma's research in Puget Sound. Seattle's plastic bag use was 292 million bags per year; when Washington D.C. imposed a 5 cent bag tax, use declined 85%.

Keep your reusable bags in your car - each of us in a small way makes a huge difference.

Ever Green-edly yours,

Hotie Harð, Conservation Chair



All Members Welcome Floral Design Meeting

Friday, October 5

9:30 am Social, 10 am Meeting

Debby Smith's Home
1109 30th Ave., Seattle

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Please come and join us to discuss this year's activities and give your input as to what you would like to learn and share on the Floral Design Committee!

RSVP: Marilee.ahalt@gmail.com
or call me at 206-790-2921 cell

Autumn Song

Know'st thou not at the fall of the leaf
How the heart feels a languid grief
Laid on it for a covering,
And how sleep seems a goodly thing
In Autumn at the fall of the leaf?

And how the swift beat of the brain
Falters because it is in vain,
In Autumn at the fall of the leaf
Knowest thou not? and how the chief
Of joys seems—not to suffer pain?

Know'st thou not at the fall of the leaf
How the soul feels like a dried sheaf
Bound up at length for harvesting,
And how death seems a comely thing
In Autumn at the fall of the leaf?

Dante Gabriel Rossetti

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.**

Photos from SGC Auction Outings this Past Summer

A FUN TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!



Smiles all around at Graymarsh Farm



Fields in bloom at Graymarsh Farm



Enjoying a stroll on the beach at Graymarsh Farm



A beautiful dinner awaits guests at Sun Valley



A quiet moment for Pam Green and Laurie Ahern at Sun Valley



Mary Jane Anderson describes where to dig clams on Hood Canal

GCA's Focus Contest Won by Two Seattleites!

Mary Turner's photo "Connection Lost" (above) won First Prize in this summer's Garden Club of America's *Focus* contest. Mary's lovely picture captures the sense of motion in stillness. She shot the photo in the sunshine and then with a bit of computerized manipulation, created an image that is "extraordinary, sensuous and nuanced," according to the voters.

JoAnne Rosen's richly colored tulips took Honorable Mention. "Drawn to one another," as her photo is named, was taken through a kitchen window, then highlighted by using both Lightroom and Photoshop to bring "clarity... (and) dramatic color."

This summer contest that honored Mary and JoAnne was decided by votes from GCA Members. *Focus* is our national online magazine that is solely devoted to the connection between gardens and the art of photography. In addition to our Seattle winners, there are other wonderful images to view online as well as tips on using technology to improve a picture. You can find this information at www.gcamerica.org.

Carey Davis



Photography Committee

All club members are encouraged to choose their favorite summer photo to be displayed at the October 18th General Meeting.



You may give your photo to Diana Neely at the October 1st Hort Meeting or deliver it to Sis Woodside's house on Oct. 9th, 10th, or 11th (please call first). Print the image on an 8 1/2 by 11 inch page; matte finish makes for better viewing. They don't have to be mounted. Please also include a brief description of your photo.

A field trip to the pumpkin fields is planned for Monday, October 15th with lunch afterwards at the Blue Bird Café in Arlington. For details concerning time, car pooling, etc., contact Sis Woodside, 206 324 1928, sischet@comcast.net

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Community Projects Update Olympic Sculpture Park Vivarium Tour

On a lovely night in June, Larry Lancaster, head of docent volunteers at the Olympic Sculpture Park (OSP), and his wife, the vivacious docent Marge Levy, took a group of SGC members on a tour of the Neukom Vivarium, with a special emphasis on the microclimate of the Nurse Log, which the SGC supported with its \$50,000 gift in 2006.

We learned that the Vivarium is a constantly evolving space as the plants and animals grow and change over time, and that the sensitive material and climate-control needs require that the Vivarium only be open when volunteer staffing is available. After a first-hand look at the life cycles represented in this unique intersection of art and environment, we were led on a tour of the Pavilion (and a glass of wine enjoyed!) and given a brief explanation of the bee highway project and a highlight tour of the rest of the park. The Seattle Garden Club is recognized as one of the sponsors of the Vivarium on signage located inside the Vivarium that is visible from the exterior as well as the interior of the space.

Free public tours are offered regularly on weekends at OSP and the Vivarium is included on these tours. Seasonal tour times vary and can be found on the SAM website. SAM tries to have the Mark Dion Neukom Vivarium open during the same hours as the PACCAR Pavilion.

OSP Ambassador volunteers are welcomed and are trained year-round. They typically serve two-hour shifts every other week in the Vivarium. Please contact volunteer@seattleartmuseum.org or call 206-654-3168.

Margaret Allison

In Memoriam

We regret the passing of Susan Torrance



Susan, presenting her cake to SGC members and guests at an SGC Auction trip to Twin Island.

Active; a member since 2010
Died on August 26, 2012

In Memoriam

We regret the passing of
Virginia Fisher Tytus

Photo unavailable

Sustainer, a member since 1967
Died on April 23, 2012

Hort Starts

Our own Jenny Wyatt will open our October meeting with a short presentation

about our GCA Centennial Tree Project. Come learn more about the *Thuja plicata* and *Amelanchier alnifolia*, two native trees grown and planted on behalf of the Seattle Garden Club. Following her report, Randall Hitchin, former Curator of Collections at the Washington Park Arboretum, will highlight two special sections in the Arboretum: the Sorbus and the Pacific Rim Collection.

Please be prepared for the weather and wear comfortable shoes for this expedition to 'buried treasures' within the WPA.

Hort Share

Please share something that is in flower now or has some fall interest. Bring it in its own vase. Baird Boards are welcome too, if you have 5 specimens to display and LABEL in LATIN!!! We'll try to practice this exercise before the Hort portion of the Club Flower Show in June.

Marianne Kitchell and I will be attending the Shirley Meneice Horticulture workshop in Austin, Texas, beginning Oct. 21st until Oct. 24th. Be looking for a report on this conference in future newsletters.

Catherine Allan, Horticulture Chair

Please note location for our October 1st Hort Meeting!
Graham Visitors Center, Washington Park Arboretum
9:30 am Social - 10 am Program and Tour

Gardener's Corner

Thoughts for October:

- Cut back on watering houseplants and stop fertilizing altogether.
- During these fall months, spring bulbs of tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, dwarf irises, crocus and snowdrops should be planted. Add Bone meal or Bulb fertilizer into the planting hole as you prepare the soil. Also, select and plant trees and shrubs thereby encouraging good root development before spring.
- Fertilize your lawns with a slow-release 3-1-2 ratio fertilizer. If lawn needs thatching and aerating, do it now. Install sod if needed.
- Clean up containers and annual flower beds. Rake and destroy diseased leaves (apple, cherry, rose, etc.)
- MULCH!! Protect roots of roses, azaleas, rhododendrons, rhubarb and asparagus during the winter.
- Divide perennials if needed.....consider extras as early Christmas gifts?
- Turn off irrigation systems.
- Watch for insect, slug and snail, or disease damage throughout the garden and take necessary steps to control the problem.

Janet Footh



Click it!

www.seattlegardenclub.org

Check our Web site to find:

- SGC's Centennial Tree Project Report to GCA
- Membership Proposal Forms
- Holiday Auction Donation Forms
- An updated Calendar for all SGC events

Reminder

Please notify Gayle Harris of any address, phone number, or email changes.

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Looking Ahead

11/1 **Board Meeting**, Sunset Club, 10 am

11/5 **Hort Meeting**, Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center
PLEASE NOTE LOCATION

9:30 am Social; 10 am Meeting

Presentation on Native Trees by Provisional Barbara Peterson

Overview of MEECC/LEED building and tour of the park

11/15 **Provisional Meeting**, Board Room, UWBG/CUH, 9 am

General Meeting, UWBG/CUH

9:30 Social; 10 am Meeting

Presentation by Keith Lazelle, nature photographer and muralist for the new MOHAI
Guests welcome!



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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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