



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

General Meeting

November 15, 2012

UWBG/CUH

9:30 am Social

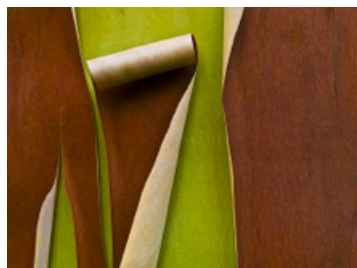
10 am Meeting

Guests Welcome!

Keith Lazelle
Nature Photographer



Join us for an extraordinary journey into the artwork of Keith Lazelle. His compositions have graced the pages of Audubon, Cascade Land Conservancy, Eddie Bauer and most recently murals for the new Museum of History and Industry.



Date Correction

Disregard the meeting date in the Green Book

PLEASE RESPOND NOW!

YES OR NO

Carol Eland:

caroleland@msn.com

206-324-5414

Events at a Glance

11/5

Hort Meeting, Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center

9:30 am Coffee; 10 am Program and Tour

PLEASE CARPOOL

11/15

Provisional Meeting, CUH Board Room, 9 am

General Meeting, UWBG/CUH

Nature Photographer Keith Lazelle, as noted

9:30 am Coffee; 10 am Meeting

Photographs from the Pumpkin Patch
outing on display at the General Meeting

11/29

Board Meeting, Sunset Club

10 am

PLEASE NOTE

DATE CHANGE



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

www.seattlegardenclub.org



From the President

November is the month of the year when we all take time to feel thankful. Thankful for our health, family, friends and many blessings of this life. I feel thankful for the Garden Club and the friendships I have made and the work we have accomplished together.

Our first Horticulture meeting at the Graham Visitors Center was wonderful. Jenny Wyatt gave a report on the Centennial Tree Project, which left us in awe of her leadership and the committee's dedication and work. Randall Hitchin gave a very informative talk on the Arboretum and a tour of the Sorbus collection in the beautiful fall sunshine. At our October General Meeting, Jennifer Hahn was captivating, bringing us the world of foraging and cuisine. Thank you to Angel and her team for a splendid meeting.

November will be a busy month with our Horticulture meeting on November 5th and our first provisional talk by Barbara Peterson on Native Trees. Remember it is on the East Side at the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center. Thursday, November 15th is the General Meeting at CUH, featuring Keith Lazelle, Nature Photographer and muralist for the new MOHAI.

PLEASE NOTE: The green book has the November meeting on the 22nd. This is incorrect; it is the 15th.

Finally, our Ways and Means committee is hard at work preparing for our Holiday Auction and Luncheon. Please be thinking about whom you would like to invite and what you can donate to the auction. This is our major fundraiser of the year and provides funds directly to the larger community through our Community Projects grants.

Laurie Ahern, Club President

SGC Board Report

The SGC Board met on October 4, 2012

Motions:

- +Approval of September 6, 2012 meeting minutes with one minor correction.
- +Authorization of Overall Judging Chair and her committee to investigate dates for the next SGC GCA Flower show.

Under the leadership and experience of Diana Neely, Overall Judging Chair, long range planning for club events is progressing. The intention is to have a three-year rotation of the Green lecture, the Wagner lecture and the GCA flower show. Because of scheduling conflicts at the national level there may be a deviation from that format. Please look for Diana's column in this month's newsletter.

Laurie Ahern

New Membership

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

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.**

Hope Stroble

...We will gladly send the management a jar of our wife's green-tomato pickle from last summer's crop - dark green, spicy, delicious, costlier than pearls when you figure the overhead.

E.B. White

Last night, we had three small zucchini for dinner that were grown within fifty feet of our back door. I estimate they cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$371.49 each.

Andy Rooney

Holiday Luncheon & Auction

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



DECEMBER 6, 2012

Sunset Club

1021 University Street

10:30 am Auction & Social - 12 Noon Lunch

PLEASE RESPOND (YES or NO) NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 28th

For guests and members not subscribing to the Hostess Fund, the luncheon cost is \$40.

You may arrange your own tables & convey the information to Carol Eland.

A sampling of group experiences for individual sign up:

Day Trip to Butchart Gardens
Pruning Demonstration & Lunch
SGC Board Hosted Cocktail Party
Birding at the Nisqually Flats
Clam Digging & Lunch
Nature Photography Outing at Bloedel Reserve
... details and more, yet to come!



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) payable to The Seattle Garden Club and sent to
Carol Eland, 1225 Shenandoah Dr. E., Seattle, 98112

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Questions? Suggestions?

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

WHERE MAY I DROP OFF MY AUCTION ITEMS?

For your convenience, the following SGC members have offered to accept & store your donations:

Judy Phillips
1216 38th Avenue E., Seattle 98112
(206) 325-3838

Catherine Allan
7919 NE 28th St., Medina 98039
(425) 454-1076

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 web site; they will also be
available at Hort and General Meetings.

**SEATTLE GARDEN CLUB
AUCTION PROCUREMENT FORM**

2012

***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



Hort Starts

The November 5th Horticulture meeting will be held at the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center in Bellevue (see address), beginning at 9:30 for our social gathering. Please come in advance to enjoy this new facility. **Carpooling is essential.**

Provisional Barbara Peterson will give her talk on native trees. There will be a brief overview of the MSEEC/LEED building. Please, no rain dances that day, as we'd like to take a walk through the park and explore this unique setting afterward. Allow an hour and dress for the weather. Maps will be available.

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

Catherine Allan, Hort Chair

MSEEC Address and Driving Directions from Seattle:

1625 118th Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA 98004

- Take I-90 to I-405 Northbound
- Take exit #12, SE 8th St.
- Travel West on SE 8th St. and take an immediate left onto 118th Ave SE, heading south
- Follow 118th Ave. SE approximately 0.5 miles. The MSEEC is on the right.

Please Carpool: Parking is limited

Carpool from Seattle or from the SE 8th St. "Park and Ride" lot, which is on the north side of SE 8th St. just off the I-405 exit. Please be conscientious regarding this request from the City of Bellevue so we can visit the MSEEC in the future.

Exciting News from the Judging Committee!

The SGC GCA Flower Show, May 14 - 15, 2015, has been approved and posted on the GCA website calendar!

To prepare for our GCA Show, we are planning a club photography show "In Tune with Photography" at the joint meeting of the Seattle and Tacoma Garden Clubs on April 18th. Mary Turner will chair the photography show, and Suzette de Turenne has written the schedule. Floral Design and Horticulture will have a club show at the 2013 Annual Meeting with a musical theme as well. Barbara Feasey will chair the Floral Design Division. Barbara Hamachek will write the schedule. Debbi Wilson will chair the Horticulture Division, and Laure Riley will be in charge of the schedule. Please call any of these chairmen or Diana Neely, Overall Judging Chair, if you are interested in helping and or/exhibiting. Stay tuned for more developments!

The Gardener's Corner

Thoughts for November

- Clean, sharpen, oil and store your garden tools. They've worked hard for you this year.
- Winterize your mower. Run it until it's out of gas, or add fuel stabilizer to the tank. Then sharpen or replace the blade, change the oil, and check the spark plug before stowing it for winter.
- Finish planting bulbs, adding bone meal or bulb fertilizer into the planting hole as you prepare the hole. They need water until they bloom. They go dormant in summer.
- Cut back mums 4 to 6 inches after they finish blooming.
- Move container plants into winter shelter. Try using bubble wrap on larger clay or cement containers.
- Cut back perennials. Divide the overgrown ones by digging out entire plant and dividing with a spade.
- Review last year's garden, consider the changes or additions you may wish to make.



Janet Footh

Get Your Cameras Out! Club Photo Show Coming Your Way

SGC will be hosting a Club Photography Show, "In Tune with Photography," at the April 18, 2013, joint meeting with Tacoma at The Seattle Tennis Club. The complete schedule and rules are available on the SGC web site and will be sent via email in early November. Registration will open to SGC members, including Provisionals, on December 15, 2012. In the meantime, here are the Classes to inspire your photo adventures.

Class 1 CLOSE TO YOU (B Bacharach & H David)

A close-up of a flower or flower part.

Class 2 TAKE ME HOME, COUNTRY ROAD

(B Danoff & J Denver)

A rural setting of any kind. Plant material required.

Class 3 RHAPSODY IN BLUE (G Gershwin)

Plant material optional.

Class 4 MOONLIGHT SONATA (Beethoven)

A photo in which light plays an important part. Plant material required.

Class 5 WINTER WONDERLAND

(F Bernard & R Smith)

Plant material required.

Class 6 ALL THAT JAZZ (J Kander & F Ebb)

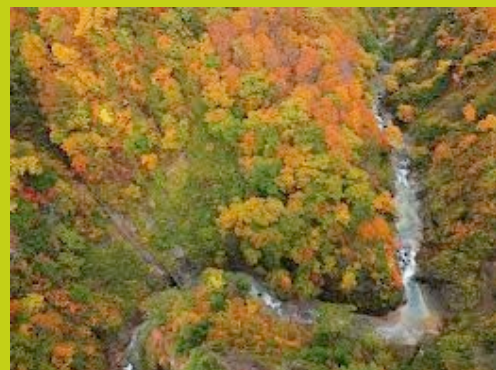
Manipulation - wherein the exhibited photograph is either a compilation of two or more photos, a multiple exposure or an HD (high definition) enhanced photo. Plant material required. Registration for this Class open to those in the Photography Judging Program only. *All photos for exhibition only.*

Questions? Contact Mary Turner, Photo Show Chair
206.325.0270 – mturner915@aol.com

Aware

When I found the door
I found the vine leaves
speaking among themselves in abundant
whispers.
My presence made them
hush their green breath,
embarrassed, the way
humans stand up, buttoning their jackets,
acting as if they were leaving anyway, as if
the conversation had ended
just before you arrived.
I liked
the glimpse I had, though,
of their obscure
gestures. I liked the sound
of such private voices. Next time
I'll move like cautious sunlight, open
the door by fractions, eavesdrop
peacefully.

Denise Levertov



GCA Presents New Publication on Flower Shows

The onset of autumn in the Pacific Northwest brings quiet to our gardens and fosters dreams of spring with its color and flower shows. To emphasize that longing, Garden Club of America's Flower Show Committee has endeavored to make club shows more accessible to all. The Committee has created a newsletter designed to assist in the production of flower shows. The first issue of *The Show Must Go On* came out this fall. It streamlines the various aspects of flower shows, giving step-by-step instructions with links to sample templates. Although our Seattle Club has many skilled and nationally recognized flower show members, this newsletter offers an avenue particularly to members who may be a bit tentative on flower shows. The publication is nicely presented with colorful photos and clear guidelines. Look for more issues throughout the year.

Carey Davis



Conservation Condensations

Farewell to FRIEND of SEA and SHORE:
PEOPLE FOR PUGET SOUND

In Memoriam

With sadness and dismay, we report the demise of an articulate and active guardian of the shores and waters of Puget Sound. After 20 years of effectively working for protection and restoration of Puget Sound, with both paid and volunteer help, the non-profit group (founded by Kathy Fletcher, our 2011 recipient of the Non-Member Conservation Commendation) is ceasing operations.

Its Board of Directors is transferring the People for Puget Sound programs and remaining staff to two partner operations: Washington Environmental Council (WEC) and Earth Corps. Dow Constantine, King County Executive, praised People for Puget Sound and exhorted us citizens to “pick up the baton and carry forward this urgent and vital mission.”

Expect that we will follow and join the work of Earth Corps and Washington Environmental Council!

Farewell Guardian Friend of Marine Health.
Goodbye People for Puget Sound.



Votes Protect our Environment:
VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

Providing SGC with education on conservation issues brings us to the November elections.

For the health of our gardens and ourselves, we need to protect the surrounding environment of our earth, our air and our water. Access the website ‘wcvoters.org’ for Washington Conservation Voters’ list of recommendations for the November elections. Thus informed, mark your ballot and mail it in!

Green-ably, elect-ably yours,
Hotie Hard, Conservation Chair.

The Erna Gunther Garden at The Burke Museum

To continue the review of past Seattle Garden Club Community Projects, I am reporting this month on the status of the Erna Gunther Garden at The Burke Museum at the University of Washington.

SGC Funds have been donated as follows:

1983: \$2100 for plants for the Erna Gunther Garden

1990: \$2100 to the Erna Gunther Garden

1999: \$4750 to the Garden

2004: \$2000 for renovation of the Garden at the Burke following remodel of the Museum.

The Erna Gunther Garden at the Burke contains primarily ethnobotanical specimens that are native to the region and important to people living here. The garden sits at the front entrance to the museum. The Burke is in the midst of a long-range plan that will result in the construction of a new museum (perhaps to open in 2018) near its present location. A new Erna Gunther Garden will be part of any new museum plan.

The Erna Gunther Garden’s very natural appearance has been questioned as looking uncared for or untidy. Laurie Ahern and I met with Julie Stein, Executive Director of the Burke, who explained the intent of the native plants to reflect their native appearance rather than that of a more formal garden. The appearance is appropriate for a garden containing plants found naturally in our local forests and prairies. She related that the Burke has hired a Native American plant specialist to care for the Erna Gunther Garden and who will participate in the planning for native plants in the landscaping of the new museum.

The architect for the Burke’s design and construction is Olson Kundig Architects. The lead architect designer, Tom Kundig, agrees with Julie Stein that the garden should reflect the Burke’s vision “to inspire people to value the interconnection of all life – and act accordingly.” By that he means that people realize that air, water, rocks, animals, plants, fossils, and especially peoples are all related, and that the Burke’s decisions should reflect those connections.

Eleanor Nolan, Community Projects Chair

Fall Picnic at Burnley Snyder's Home

A GLORIOUS SEPTEMBER DAY!



Gayle Harris, Carlyn Steiner and Shelley Rolfe distribute our Green Book



Gretchen Hull sizes up the Gunnera



SGC Class of 2002: Jane Harder, Judy Phillips and our hostess Burnley Snyder



Alison Andrews arrives in style



Deborah Cheadle and Barbee Crutcher identify flowers



The fog lifts and out come the sunglasses: Angel Clark, Dabney Rohrbach, Hope Stroble and Marilee Ahalt



Susan Brickman and Carolyn Kitchell exchange plants

DID YOU KNOW?

There is a system in place to help members when time is of the essence to communicate to the membership at large. The primary person in charge of emails is Jo Anne Rosen joannerosen@hotmail.com. She is most often able to handle any needs. On the rare occasion that she is not, Jenny Wyatt wyattjen@comcast.net would be able to help. And finally, if they are both unable, Suzette de Turenne sdeturenne@comcast.net may be contacted. Members are also reminded that we attempt to keep our eblasts to a minimum and used only when necessary. It is always the SGC President's prerogative to approve or not.

HAS YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION CHANGED RECENTLY?

SGC and GCA NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have had a change of name, address, email, or phone numbers, it is important to let both SGC and GCA know.

- Notify SGC through Gayle Harris, our SGC Yearbook manager, at 206.363.6923 or donaldandgayleharris@gmail.com
- Notify GCA by personally changing the information on the GCA web site. Go to www.gcamerica.org, click on "Member's Login," then sign in using your email address and password you created. Click on "Edit Your Profile," make your changes, then click on "Save."

East Montlake Park Report

October work parties dug wild invasives and cut horsetails that are rapidly filling the park. It seems that more sunlight allowed horsetails to grow with a vengeance. In May we tried a weeding experiment that compared **pulling horsetails** versus **cutting them 3-4" tall**. The area where they were cut is definitely less dense with horsetails.

The theory: When the horsetails are cut, the roots try so hard to keep the remaining stem alive that it weakens the root system. We will continue to cut the horsetails that return and hope they continue to diminish. Next summer we hope for improvement!

The BAD news: The park was not as presentable over summer as we would have liked.

The GOOD news: The horsetails provided shade through the very hot August and September so we have had minimal native plant losses (watering only the dogwoods)!

I will send an email blast for volunteers to help plant the propagated native evergreens growing at the Government Locks Greenhouses when rain finally returns!

Sue Blethen

East Montlake Park Earns Two Service Awards

This summer, The Seattle Garden Club received a **President's Volunteer Service Award**, bronze pin, and letter from President Obama for 254 hours worked in 2011. It reads:

Congratulations on receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award, and thank you for helping to address the most pressing needs in your community and our country.

In my Inaugural address, I stated that we need a new era of responsibility--a recognition on the part of every American that we have duties to ourselves, our Nation, and the world. These are duties that we do not grudgingly accept, but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit than giving our all to a difficult task. Your volunteer service demonstrates the kind of commitment to your community that moves America a step closer to its great promise.

Our nation faces the most challenging economic crisis in a lifetime. We will only renew America if we all work together. Individuals, the private sector, and government must combine efforts to make real and lasting change so that each person has the opportunity to fulfill his or her potential.

While government can open more opportunities for us to serve our communities, it is up to each of us to seize those opportunities. Thank you for your devotion to service and for doing all you can to shape a better tomorrow for our great Nation.

Barack Obama

SGC also received a **Certificate of Appreciation from the US Army Corps of Engineers** for "Outstanding volunteer service and performance at the Lake Washington Ship Canal." Both awards were presented by Michelle McMorran of the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Congratulations to you all for your volunteer efforts and commitment to restoring East Montlake Park with NW natives!! Many thanks to Partners for Plants for two grants, numerous plant and cash donations from many SGC members, and for all of your precious time volunteering at East Montlake Park!

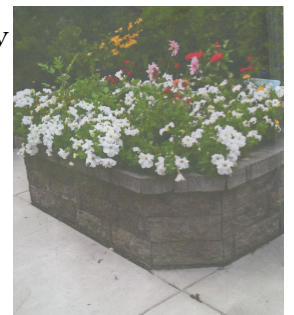
Sue Blethen



Sue Blethen, Michelle McMorran of the US Army Corps, and Laurie Ahern accept the awards

Community Volunteering

SGC member Peggy Garner was asked by the Director of Aegis, where Peggy now resides, to design and plant a garden. Peggy and another resident spent \$68 at Fred Meyer. The result was a splendid summer display for all to enjoy.



Looking Ahead

- 12/6/12 **Holiday Auction and Luncheon**, Sunset Club
10:30 am Auction, 12 Noon Lunch
Guests Welcome!
- 1/7/13 **Horticulture Meeting**, UWBH/CUH
9:30 am Coffee, 10 am Program.
Presentation by Provisionals Roxanne Wiley on Champion Trees and
Susan Ashmun on Folklore of Trees
- 1/17/13 **General Meeting**, UWBG/CUH
9:30 am Coffee; 10 am Program. Emma Marris, environmental
writer and author of *Rambunctious Gardens*.
Guests Welcome!

SGC Encourages us to Use Email

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

YOU ARE
INVITED

Seattle Garden Club's
annual
Holiday Luncheon



Thursday
December 6, 2012

10:30 Social &
Silent Auction

12:00 Luncheon

The Sunset Club
Seattle, Washington

Valet Parking
~ carpools encouraged ~



Seattle Garden Club

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