

January 2013



# The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

## General Meeting

January 17, 2013  
UWBG/CUH

9:30 am Social  
10:00 am Meeting

**Guests Welcome!**

**PLEASE RESPOND  
YES OR NO**

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Happy New Year  
2013

## Celebrated Author Emma Marris to discuss her book on conservation, “Rambunctious Garden”



Emma Marris grew up in Seattle and is currently living in Columbia, Missouri. A freelance writer, Marris covers topics such as the environment, evolution, energy, agriculture, food, language, books and film. She has received accolades for her work, including the following:

*Marris is a whip-smart writer for the prestigious science journal “Nature” and the author of a new book, “Rambunctious Garden: Saving Nature in a Post-Wild World,” which is turning the conservation movement upside down. Marris is already being compared to the greatest environmental writers and thinkers of the past century, Rachel Carson and Aldo Leopold.* – Jon Christensen, “The San Francisco Chronicle”

Books will be available for purchase and signing at the meeting.

### EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- 1/7/13 **Provisional Meeting**, UWBG/CUH Board Room, 9 am  
**Horticulture Meeting**, UWBG/CUH, 9:30 am Social, 10 am Program  
Presentations by Provisional Roxanne Wiley and Plant Expert Arthur Lee Jacobson  
**Community Projects Meeting**, UWBG/CUH, following Hort Meeting
- 1/8/13 **Membership Committee Meeting**, 10 am - Noon. Meetings also on 1/15/13 and 1/22/13
- 1/9/13 **Policy and Planning Meeting**, home of Catherine Parker, 10 am. Meeting also on 1/30/13
- 1/10/13 **Board Meeting**, Sunset Club, 10 am
- 1/17/13 **General Meeting**, UWBG/CUH, 9:30 am Social, 10 am Program, as noted above
- 1/24/13 **Photography Committee Meeting**, home of Noreen Frink, 6:30 pm

**FOR MORE SGC INFORMATION AND A CALENDAR OF EVENTS,  
CLICK ON OUR WEBSITE: [www.seattlegardenclub.org](http://www.seattlegardenclub.org)**



## From the President

Welcome to 2013! Our garden club year is in full swing after an interesting and productive fall. The Holiday Luncheon and Auction was a smashing success with a capacity crowd enjoying themselves shopping and chatting, two activities at which ladies excel. Thanks to our Ways & Means Chair Suzette de Turenne and her committee, the room was bursting with experiences and goodies for the home and garden. Debbie Smith organized the Provisionals and others to create table arrangements, which brought out creativity and beauty. Carol Eland and her Meeting Arrangement committee handled every little detail. And of course, the all-important bank was led by Sheila Noonan and her group, keeping track of our checks, credit card numbers and items. Whew! It takes a village, and we have one! Please take the time to thank them when you meet again.

January can be a quiet month, but we have two meetings, which will liven things up and remind us of the growing season right around the corner. January 7<sup>th</sup>'s Hort meeting will be the next in our series of Provisional talks with Roxanne Wiley speaking on Champion Trees in consultation with Arthur Lee Jacobson, author and plant expert. Our January General meeting will feature Emma Marris, environmental writer and author of "Rambunctious Garden." Please remember to RSVP for the General meeting as requested in the newsletter.

Cathy Parker and her Policy and Planning Committee are beginning to plan for the Annual Business Meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of GCA and our association through the years.

As you heard at the Holiday Luncheon, the Wagner Conservation Lecture is scheduled for May 16, 2013, in partnership with the Seattle Aquarium. The event will feature Peter Seligman and Jean Enerson discussing "We are all Connected," a conversation on the connections between the health of Puget Sound, our planet and people. Juliette Romano and Carol Eland are co-chairs of the lecture sponsored by our Conservation Committee.

2013 Here we come!

*Laurie Ahern, Club President*

## PRAY TO WHAT EARTH

Pray to what earth does this sweet cold belong,  
Which asks no duties and no conscience?  
The moon goes up by leaps, her cheerful path  
In some far summer stratum of the sky,  
While stars with their cold shine bedot her way.  
The fields gleam mildly back upon the sky,  
And far and near upon the leafless shrubs  
The snow dust still emits a silver light.  
Under the hedge, where drift banks are their screen,  
The titmice now pursue their downy dreams,  
As often in the sweltering summer nights  
The bee doth drop asleep in the flower cup,  
When evening overtakes him with his load.  
By the brooksides, in the still, genial night,  
The more adventurous wanderer may hear  
The crystals shoot and form, and winter slow  
Increase his rule by gentlest summer means.

*Henry David Thoreau*

## SGC BOARD REPORT

The SGC Board met on November 29, 2012.

### Motions:

- +Approval of the October 4, 2012, Board minutes.
- +Acceptance of the recommendation of the SGC Archive Committee to store SGC archives at the UW Archive Department, Special Collections, Allen Library.
- +Approval of the cost (\$252.) for one night at a hotel for Honorary GCA member Katherine Astor at the 2013 Annual General Meeting in Philadelphia. Please see Iris Wagner's column on GCA Admissions for more details.

The next Board meeting is January 10, 2013, at the Sunset Club.

*Laurie Ahern*

## PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING ROSTER CHANGES

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Seattle, WA 98109

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and [Patsypattison@mac.com](mailto:Patsypattison@mac.com)

## Photography

**Registrations for the SGC Club Photography Show, "In Tune with Photography," are now being accepted by Sis Woodside, [sischet@comcast.net](mailto:sischet@comcast.net).**

**All SGC members, including Provisionals, are encouraged to enter a photograph.**

The show will be held April 18, 2013, at the joint meeting with Tacoma at the Seattle Tennis Club. The complete schedule and rules are available on the SGC Web site. Please read the rules carefully.

### Questions:

**Mary Turner, Show Chair**  
**206-325-0270**  
[mturner915@aol.com](mailto:mturner915@aol.com)



**SGC Photography Committee**  
**Meeting: January 24, 2013, 6:30 pm**  
**Noreen Frink's home**

## Gardener's Corner



### Thoughts for January

- When considering new plants to add to your garden, there's a wonderful website to consider: just Google "Plants Slugs Don't Like to Eat." Slugs are picky about what they eat, and this website has an amazing assortment of plants and flowers slugs avoid. A useful reference.
- Protect plants during cold weather. Use cut Christmas tree boughs to cover tender or early flowering plants.
- Browse catalogs, nurseries, and select any fruit, flowering or shade trees, evergreens, deciduous shrubs and roses and plant anytime the temperatures are above freezing.
- This is a good time to prune most deciduous trees and shrubs. However do not prune spring flowering plants (quince, forsythia, Spirea, etc) as you would be cutting off their spring flowers. Prune them after blooming.
- Get rid of winter weeds in the garden and, of course, go on slug patrol.
- If you haven't done so already, apply dormant spray. A combination Lime Sulphur and Oil spray or Copper spray will help control over-wintering insect and disease problems.
- Again, deny all thoughts of guilt when disposing of holiday poinsettias, and let's hope your paperwhites were strong and sturdy with their Christmas cocktail. Happy New Year!

*Janet Footh*

## The Hort Report for the New Year

There was no winter hibernation for the Horticulture Committee this December! The absence of meetings channeled our energy into preparations for 2012 Holiday Luncheon and Auction. It seemed flawless!

My hat is off to the Horticulture Committee who supported me in our collective gift idea for the auction. There was 100% participation, a first! Thank you to all for your part in contributing towards three baskets of Martagon Lilies and Alliums for our offering. There was a special bottle of fresh apple cider in each basket; Yakima apples were used in the Neely cider press, which magically produced the sweetest cider from a variety of apples (our secret combination!). We had such fun pressing the cider that we hope to make this special elixir an annual gift.

**Please know that there's been a schedule change for the January and March Horticulture meetings in 2013.**

**Roxanne Wiley will speak as planned on January 7, 2013, on Champion Trees. Arthur Lee Jacobson will also attend our first Horticulture meeting of the New Year.** His expertise on trees allows him to be flexible and serve as a resource for our focus on trees. Sue Ashmun has postponed her talk on Folklore of Trees until March 4th.

We are fortunate to have local plant gurus, as in Arthur Lee Jacobson, who enjoy sharing their expertise. Our good standing within the community helps keep the door open with knowledgeable horticultural partners. Thank you Seattle Garden Club!

*Catherine Allan, Horticulture Chair*



## SGC Holiday Luncheon and Auction



The Sunset Club once again provided the perfect backdrop for a fun-filled gathering, and SGC members rose to the occasion in helping our fund-raising efforts. Although final figures are not yet in, it appears that we made approximately \$30,000 for our Community Projects coffers!

This could not have been possible without the support of our many members: providing auction items and donations, volunteering hours of service, attending and inviting guests, actively bidding and signing up for the many experiences offered throughout this next year.

Carol Eland's expertise resulted in a wonderful luncheon, while keeping an accurate count of our attendees and doing her best to juggle seating preferences.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in offering and/or orchestrating an experience for our Auction – resulting in a calendar full of fun things to do from now until October: Diana Ackerley, Marilee Ahalt, Catherine Allan, B. J. Anderson, Mary Jane Anderson, Phoebe Andrews, Christine Davis, Carol Eland, Barbara Feasey, Janet Footh, Noreen Frink, Cary Jurriaans, Candy Lancaster, Diana Neely, Eleanor Nolan, Sheila Noonan, Barbara Peterson, Gaye Pigott, Susan Potts, Lindsay Price, Laurie Riley, Shelley Rolfe, Jo Anne Rosen, Debby Smith, Megan Smith, Barbie Snapp, Burnley Snyder, Carlyn Steiner, Suzy Titcomb, Sis Woodside, Jane Yerkes and the entire SGC Board. Your time, effort and creativity helped not only the fundraising, but also contributed to a year of community building within our own Club, as members gather to enjoy a wide range of activities.

We also want to thank our Angels, whose monetary donations to date, significantly bolstered our bottom line: Barbara Anderson, Alison Andrews, Laurie Ahern, Nancy Bain, Barbara Bender, Ann Bohart, Barbie Crutcher, Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey, Jean English, Barbara Feasey, Jeannine Foster, Barbara Hamachek, Hotie Hard, Betty Hedreen, Barbara Himmelman, Mary Ellen Hughes, Gretchen Hull, Charlotte Hutton, Stacy King, Beverly Martin, Katherine Merrifield, Alexandra Morse, Eleanor Nolan, Sheila Noonan, Nancy Parker, Barbara Pringle, Kristie Ratzlaff, Melissa Ries, Patsy Sangster, Carlyn Steiner, Dorothy Strong, Lyn White, Debbi Wilson, Jenny Wyatt, Glen Youell, Iris Wagner and Peggy Allen Wilton.

Every contribution has been vital to the feeling of community and the success of our event. A true group effort, it would not have been possible without all of you. **The Ways & Means Committee thanks you all!**

And finally, I would be remiss not to mention how fortunate I was to have so many experienced Ways & Means members on our committee and new members who added fresh ideas. I particularly benefitted from Sheila Noonan's experience as the most recent chair, and her unending willingness to answer my numerous questions!

*Suzette de Turenne, Ways & Means Chair*

### Community Projects

The Community Projects Committee is delighted to report that the following proposals have been submitted to SGC for requests for funds:

Bellevue Botanical Garden  
Keith Lazelle, Book Documentation  
Nikkei Concerns/Nikkei Manor  
Seattle Children's Hospital Foundation  
Seattle Parks Foundation for Volunteer Park Conservatory  
Washington Park Arboretum

We invite the input of all SGC members, and you are welcome to attend our first meeting to review the proposals immediately following the Hort meeting on January 7, 2013. Please let me know if you wish to attend the meeting. Thank you.

*Eleanor Nolan, Community Projects Chair*



## Holiday Luncheon & Auction 2012



*Roxanne Wiley with her centerpiece*



*One of many outstanding table creations*



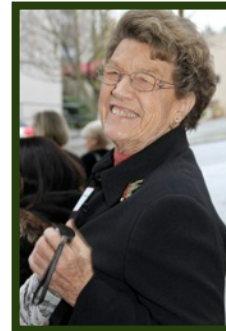
*Hotie Hard with her centerpiece greenery*



*Hope Stroble closes off an auction item*



*Cheers to our dedicated Ways & Means Committee and volunteers!*



*Mike Hayes warms the chilly air with a smile*



*Pru Hammett, Noreen Frink and Mary Turner bid farewell*



*Barbie Snapp and Janet Footh enjoy the festivities*



*Guest Melissa Ries, Suzette de Turenne and Laurie Ahern take a break for lunch*

## Provisionals and Floral Design

What can you create with 3 balls made of oasis, moss and glitter? Each of the Provisionals and nine SGC members showed us her style! From "pave man" to "snow globe snowman," from "three French hens" to "Rudolph and his sleigh," each was a unique solution to the challenge. It's amazing to see how each person develops an idea and runs with it. There were stories of crumbling oasis, last minute runs to the market, sticks that broke and frustrations of time and experience. "How did she think of that?" was the question of the day. Our thanks to Carol Henderson and Christine Davis for their early demonstrations. Provisionals with early concerns proved that they are talented flower arrangers already. They stacked them, stuck them, flowered and candied them. Sticks, pearls, feathers, and mums resulted in unique creations. Our Provisionals have shown us they have reason to be proud.

### Debby Smith, Provisional Chair

The Floral Design Committee was thrilled to be a small part of the experience the Provisionals had creating their centerpieces. We enjoyed brainstorming at our October meeting to come up with this festive criteria for them to work with under Debby's nurturing supervision. Thank you all who participated in making centerpieces for our Holiday Luncheon. We can see that we have many talented ladies in our midst!

The Floral Design Committee also thanks Vicki Neumann for creating a fun, non-intimidating way to share fall floral designs at our November General Meeting. Thank you all who participated in this activity. Many of us were inspired to go home and create for our Thanksgiving tables!

Finally, behind the scenes, Barbara Feasey is pulling together our "Simply Seattle" show for our June Annual Meeting. Thank you, Barbara!

Our next FDC meeting will be in February. Please feel free to call or email me with any thoughts or suggestions.

### Marilee Ahalt, Floral Design Committee Chair



## GCA Report: A Little on Litter

January brings litter: remains from our holidaying scattered about roadways, and the November campaign signs further decaying next to the highways. It could be worse and it once was.

Prior to 1920, people whacked down their Christmas trees and grabbed greens, holly and mountain laurel from alongside the highways, leaving behind their garbage and unsightly bare spots. When weddings sprouted in spring, blossoming dogwood, wild mock orange, even trilliums and bunch berries were snatched. One shudders to think what would have happened to our native rhododendrons and sky blue camas flowers next to highways in the Pacific Northwest.

Several members of Garden Club of America were outraged by this devastation. And after having such a positive effect on growing vegetables during World War 1, GCA members realized they could have an impact on protecting the natural beauty of the nation. In 1920 a Wildflower Committee was formed. Posters were designed, pointing out the loss of natural habitat. Clever bumper stickers outlining the "butchery" of the nation's scenery were produced. Pressure was put on florists and churches to stop their foraging, and letters were sent to other organizations imploring them to join GCA in its public outcry against the practice.

Eventually ministers and florists reluctantly ceased their clipping. Laws were passed against the carnage. Fines were instituted against harvesting along roadsides. And...

the GCA's Wildflower Committee morphed into the Conservation Committee of today. Plus our Januarys became a little less littered.

*Carey Davis*

## Conservation Condensations

In late November, the Conservation Committee met at the offices of Washington Environmental Council (WEC) and Washington Conservation Voters (WCV) to learn of plans for the January Legislative Workshop and February Lobby Day. WCV Head Brendon Cechovic, with WEC's Kerry McHugh and Lisa Remlinger, hosted us in their sun-lit(!) conference room.

Eight Seattle Garden Club women, plus two Tacoma Garden Club Women, listened intently to Brendon Cechovic's tallying of the 2012 Election results, as well as his work on the transition team for the new Washington Governor, Jay Inslee. He talked about the work of WEC/WCV. WEC is a 501-c3 while WCV is the political and lobbying arm for the state with a paid lobbyist and promotion of candidates for both state and national political positions.

We asked about the demise of People for Puget Sound, which is now assimilated into WEC (and separately Earth Corps). WEC will keep some of the programs and some of the staff as well as its well-known name. We all care about Puget Sound and its well-being.

A sneak peek at the priorities for Lobby Day: Climate Clean energy, Toxic Free Kids (again) and Capital Budget options. We opened the door to the issues surrounding the "Coal Train" shipments from mines in Montana and Wyoming to West Coast Ports for shipping to China's coal-fueled power plants. Voicing for Puget Sound, Barbie Snapp and Helene LaPorte of TGC presented concerns about shore and cliff erosion from tanker traffic wake.

The Legislative Workshop will be held at Bellevue Community College, from 1-5 pm, Saturday, January 12, 2013, offering training for Lobby Day; registration opens Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lobby Day will be held in Olympia on Tuesday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013; registration will begin Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will send SGC carpools to Lobby Day.

The Conservation Committee donated a lovely, disease-resistant hybrid dogwood (Cornus Kousa x Cornus Nutalli) to the SGC Dec. '12 luncheon and auction.

*Hotie Hard, Conservation Chair*

## East Montlake Park Report

Many thanks are due the wonderful SGC volunteers who helped weed, photograph, and direct the 26 pledges from the Sigma Chi Fraternity on December 1: Catherine Allan, Hotie Hard, Jane Harder, Carolyn Kitchell, Lindsay Price, Sheila Wycoff-Dickey, JoAnne Rosen, Sis Woodside and Marianne Kitchell. They were a tremendous team and so much fun to work with!

Blackberries were dug, and clematis and ivy were ripped from trees to open the view and remove these invasive plants. The back border with the neighbor received lots of effort, and wood chips are now spread to the western border. The ambitious volunteers even got the area to the right of the path and hand rail cleaned up! The park looks GREAT! And, all the treats we brought were very much appreciated by the polite and helpful Sigma Chis!

As a bonus, the Seattle Parks Department not only loaned us the wheelbarrows, gloves and tools for the volunteers, but also later sent a crew to the park after we left. They covered the area beside the path for us with cardboard and the remaining 5 yards of wood chips. It was amazing having great help from so many partners on this project!

Watch for an email blast in January (when we get decent weather) for help at the Locks, potting up our small propagated plants inside their warm greenhouse. It has almost been two years since we “stuck” them in flats. Amazing as it seems to me, there are still many plants not ready for a one-gallon pot! It is hard to believe how slowly the evergreen plants grow their roots and how many die in the process!

I encourage everyone to take a walk at East Montlake Park on a lovely day and enjoy the special beauty of this area!

Sue Blethen



## GCA Admissions

### Katherine Astor Honorary Member GCA, 2013

The GCA Admissions Committee evaluates membership proposals for clubs, GCA Honorary Members and Courtesy clubs in order to admit those clubs and persons which best exemplify and promote the ideals of the GCA. GCA Honorary Members must be either men or women of distinction who are not (nor ever have been) members of any GCA club. In May 2012 the Seattle Garden Club, Zone XII, proposed Katherine Astor for Honorary Membership in GCA. Katherine's seconder was Jane Goedecke, Cohasset Garden Club, Zone 1. Diana Neely, Seattle Garden Club, was the coordinator of the proposal.

At the fall meeting in New York, Katherine was approved, and she has accepted the invitation. Katherine will be introduced at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, May 2013.

Katherine is chatelaine of a large estate located in Inkpen, Berkshire, England. Over the last 18 years Katherine has organized and led garden tours from her home, Kirby House. Many SGC members know Katherine and have travelled with her on numerous garden tours both in England and in other countries. Katherine has been lecturing on English Gardens over the last decade to many of the GCA Clubs in the US. She was the Director and Co-Chairman of the British Memorial Garden Trust. The trust was to raise money for the development of a British Memorial after September 11. Katherine is a very knowledgeable and dedicated gardener. Katherine exemplifies and promotes the ideals of the GCA. She will be an outstanding Honorary Member of GCA.

*Iris Wagner, GCA Zone XII Admissions Committee Representative 2012-2014*



## Looking Ahead

- 2/4/13 **Horticulture Meeting**, Graham Visitors Center, Washington Park Arboretum  
PLEASE NOTE LOCATION FOR FEBRUARY  
9:30 am Coffee, 10 am Program  
Presentations by Susan Brickman on Winter Tree Interest and Sarah Robinson on Winter Tree Dormancy  
followed by a walk through the Winter Garden in the Arboretum
- 2/7/13 **Board Meeting**, Sunset Club, 10 am
- 2/21/13 **Provisional Meeting**, CUH Board Room, 9 am  
**General Meeting**, UWBG/CUH, 9:30 am Social, 10 am Program.  
SGC Annual Business Meeting for members only



## 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*

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