



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

March General Meeting

March 21, 2013

UWBG/CUH

9:30 am Social, 10 am Program

Please join us for Maxine Nicklos
Owner of Maxine's Floral and Gifts
Guests Welcome!



Dotcoms and Dendrobiums

Owner of one of the hottest floral shops in
Seattle, Maxine will be demonstrating
innovative floral arranging techniques.

**PLEASE RESPOND
YES OR NO**

Carol Eland, 206-324-5414 or
caroleland@msn.com

Hort Meeting

March 4, 2013

UWBG/CUH

9:30 am Social, 10 am Program

Presentations by Provisionals Suzy
Titcomb on Seattle Street Trees and
Susan Ashmun on the Folklore of Trees



Events at a Glance

3/4/13 Provisional Meeting
UWBG/CUH, Board room, 9 am

Horticulture Meeting
UWBG/CUH
9:30 am Social, 10 am Program
As noted on this page

3/7/13 Board Meeting
Sunset Club, 10 am

3/21/13 General Meeting
UWBG/CUH
9:30 am Social, 10 am Program
As noted on this page
Guests Welcome!

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AND A CALENDAR OF EVENTS,
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www.seattlegardenclub.org



From the President

One thing I love about Seattle is that we have such an extended spring. Hearing a few bird songs, smelling the first flowering plants and watching my hellebores open give me so much pleasure this time of year. Our Horticulture meeting in February was truly a sneak peak at early spring in the Winter Garden at the Arboretum. Susan Brickman and Sarah Robinson talked about trees with winter interest. Who knew bark could be so fascinating?

February's Annual Business Meeting was well attended and fun. Diana Neely gathered scarves and bags from GCA Annual Meetings from the past and gave us an informative power point, explaining and exploring GCA and its relevance to us in Seattle. Eleanor Nolan and her Community Projects Committee revealed the work of the committee in order to ready us for a March vote of the membership. We have some very compelling projects this year, and I urge you to read her report in this newsletter. Our Policy and Planning Chair and Incoming President, Cathy Parker, led us in table top discussions about the future of our club and what we want to be when we grow up! Finally, cake and fellowship followed in celebration of the 100th birthday of GCA and wishes for 100 more.

I have some thrilling news to share concerning the upcoming 2018 Garden Club of America Annual Meeting. It will be Zone XII's turn to host, and the San Francisco Bay area has been selected as the site. Two excited and exciting leaders have been chosen to lead this event: Sandy Scott from Woodside-Atherton GC and Missy Jensen from Carmel-by-the-Sea GC. They will be helped initially by a small steering committee and have asked our own Iris Wagner to be a part of that effort. Each Zone XII club will find some part to play in the big picture. One change from years past is that clubs in the hosting zone do not need to collect any startup money from members. A GCA fund will loan the seed money for the meeting, which will be paid back with profits from the meeting. I'm sure you will all agree this is very good news! It is a huge job to put on the GCA Annual Meeting, and we will be hearing more in the years to come.

Laurie Ahern, Club President

Membership Update

Please update contact information for Mrs. James G. McCurdy (Betty)
116 Fairview Ave N. #1119
Seattle, WA 98109
206-254-1861

February Board Motions

- + Approval of the January 10, 2013 meeting minutes as corrected.
- + Discussion and Approval of the Community Projects committee recommendation to expand the funding pool of Community Projects budget from 30,000 to 37,000 to fully fund the Arboretum's request of 25,000, Bellevue Botanical Garden for 10,000 and Nikkei Manor for up to 2,000.
- + Approval of the \$9,802 catering contract for the Wagner Lecture with the Aquarium.

Visiting Gardens

Burnley Snyder, SGC Visiting Gardens Chair, receives notices from GCA about upcoming trips. GCA's Visiting Gardens Committee plans trips both in the US and abroad to educate members in garden history and design, horticulture and the environment.

GCA has just released information on a trip to Indochina, February 1-17, 2014. Other trips include one this fall to Chicago, September 15-20, 2013.

If you are interested in a trip, place your name on the Interest List by going to gcainterestlists@gmail.com. Be sure to give your name, email address, and the name/destination of the trip. Most trips fill from the Interest List so it is highly recommended.

Information on GCA trips is in the Members Area of the GCA Web site, under Committees G-Z, Visiting Gardens. If you'd like to know more about the trips and the Interest List, visit the GCA Web site or contact Burnley Snyder, lottie7@aol.com, 206-364-2720.



Circle Garden in September

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The Iris Wagner Conservation Lecture




**Peter
Seligmann**
CEO of Conservation
International

ALONG WITH



**Jean
Enersen**
King 5 News

Thurs. May 16, 2013
Seattle Aquarium
6:30 pm RECEPTION
7:30 pm PROGRAM

TICKETS AT
brownpapertickets.org
FOR MORE INFO VISIT
seattlegardenclub.org

WILL DISCUSS

We are all Connected!

A conversation on the connections between the
health of Puget Sound, our planet, and people.



**Please clip out our
poster on this page and**

SAVE THE DATE **The Iris Wagner Conservation Lecture**

Thursday, May 16, 2013
6:30 pm Reception
7:30 pm Program

Seattle Aquarium

Tickets at brownpapertickets.org

Invite your Friends!

Conservation Condensations

Gardens, Air and Oceans

Coal-Smog pollution arrives here in the air we breathe as well as the ocean's oxygen amount. We all know trees and oceans absorb carbon dioxide in wonderful quantities. We in the United States, of course, burn coal. Coal-burning China and Beijing have spent the winter in coal-smog. Invisible after the three days it takes to reach Seattle, coal pollution damages our Northwest air and water.

We know clean energy renewables generate more jobs per unit of energy delivered than do fossil fuels (see rael.berkeley.edu/greenjobs). We can replace coal by natural gas, wind, plus solar and nuclear energy throughout the world. A world free of energy-created carbon dioxide is not easy but possible. All of us--and our gardens--would benefit!

February Conservation Lobbying

"Talk with our Legislators" burned a lot of human energy for both the Seattle Garden Club and the Garden Club of America. Lobby Day in Olympia on February 19th drew large crowds as well as your very own representatives from both Seattle and Tacoma Garden Clubs. Well-educated in goals for our state's health in our environment and our residents, we met with our state representatives to promote our cause.

Garden Club of America hosted its annual National Affairs and Legislation (NAL) meeting the last week of February in Washington, D.C. Concerned and formidable, your SGC and GCA representatives learned the latest in legislative work, then went off in force to talk and encourage our representatives in both the House and Senate to vote for healthy environment choices, which also can benefit our economy.

*Greenly-educatedly yours,
Hotie Hard, Conservation Chair*

SGC Club Show “In Tune with Horticulture”

Registration for the SGC Club Show “In Tune with Horticulture” is now open for SGC members and will open for Portland and Tacoma Garden Club members on March 1. The show will be held at our Annual Meeting at Broadmoor Golf Club on June 6, 2013.



The complete schedule with guidelines, timetable and registration forms is available on the SGC Web site. Please refer to the schedule booklet as well as the Flower Show and Judging Guide (Yellow Book).

Classes are as follows:

Classes 1-5 “Summertime” (George Gershwin) Cut Specimens Unlimited Entries

Class 1: Bulbs; **Class 2:** Perennials; **Class 3:** Shrubs; **Class 4:** Roses; **Class 5:** Other

Class 6 “Side by Side” (Harry Woods) Plant Families: All in the Family 6-plus Entries

Cuttings from 3 different plants within the same plant family to be displayed in 3 bottles provided by the committee. See schedule for more information.

Class 7 “Take Five” (Dave Brubeck) Containers 6-plus Entries

Five plants of similar/compatible culture to be planted in container of exhibitor’s choice, not to exceed 14” in diameter. See schedule for more information.

Classes 8-9 “Our Garden” (Arvo Part) Par Classes Unlimited entries

A single rooted plant of outstanding horticulture merit that does not qualify for entry elsewhere. See schedule for more information.

Class 8: Entry must have been owned and grown by exhibitor for a minimum of 3 months.

Class 9: Entry must have been owned and grown by exhibitor for a minimum of one year.

Registration is not required for cut specimens, Classes 1-5.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR CLASSES 6, 7, 8 and 9 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Complete one registration form per entry and send to Laurie Riley

Need help? Confused? Please contact Laurie Riley, laurieariley@msn.com, 206-325-2514; Debbi Wilson, dwilson803@comcast.net, 206-979-3714; or Diana Neely, diana_neely@msn.com, 206-605-4446.

We want everyone to enter something!

GARDENER’S CORNER

Reminders for March

- Prune and feed all types of roses.
- Clean garden beds and remove weeds before they go to seed.
- De-slug/snail.
- Prune clematis. Cut back summer and fall flowering types to the strongest stems now, then fertilize. Prune spring flowering varieties immediately after bloom.
- Renovate lawns if needed. Aerate, thatch, overseed bare spots with seed mix such as perennial ryegrass and turf-type fescues.
- Cut off old fern fronds and cut epimedium to a few inches.
- Plants need nutrients now during their growth spurt. Rhododendrons, azaleas and conifers benefit from acid-based fertilizers while other landscape plants can generally use standard 5-10-10 formulations.
- Add compost and organic fertilizer to vegetable garden. Sow beets, chard, lettuce, onions, peas and spinach. Also remember hardy annuals such as cosmos, bachelor buttons, sweet peas, lupine, larkspur, coreopsis.



Janet Footh

The Hort Report

What fun it was to see some members wearing boots and jeans to the February Hort meeting at the Graham Visitor's Center! They were truly in the spirit, celebrating winter!

Our two Provisional speakers, Susan Brickman and Sarah Robinson, spoke to us about "Winter Interest" and "Tree Dormancy." They enjoyed learning about these complicated subjects and now have a renewed interest in looking at the winter landscape. Carol Eland introduced Susan, having known her since high school, and Lexie Robbins introduced her daughter Sarah.

A highlighted plant for Hort Share was Diana Neely's *Camellia sasanqua* 'Show Girl,' a hybrid between *C. sasanqua* 'Narumi-Gata' and *C. x reticulata* 'Cornelien,' a luscious pink camellia resembling a peony.

Mother Nature cooperated both in warm(er) temperatures and dry skies that allowed 20+ of us to stroll through the Witt Winter Garden following the Provisionals' talks. We started by identifying the champion *Malus sp.* that Roxanne Wiley hugged like an old friend on our way to the Winter Garden! The blooming *Hamamelis mollis* and *H. x intermedia* greeted us alongside a spectacular *Daphne bhoulia* 'Jacqueline Postill,' competing for attention with their "knock your socks off" fragrances. We were wowed by the delicate winter flowers on many blooming specimens. There were new discoveries for many of us, including a *Viburnum foetens*. But my personal favorite is the *Chimonanthus praecox* or Wintersweet that could make me smile even on a gloomy day! Everyone participated in an impromptu quiz with pleasant discoveries and rewards. It was as delightful as a stroll in a tropical garden without the cost! Best of all, the winter garden is open and free for all to enjoy. If you weren't able to join us, try to stop by before winter concludes and be transformed by the beauty there.

The next Hort Meeting is Monday, March 4th at CUH, when we'll learn more about trees from Suzy Titcomb's talk on Seattle street trees and Sue Ashmun's on the folklore of trees. Hopefully SGC members will be driving around town looking at trees noticing their beauty on the outside with a better understanding of 'what's going on inside' thanks to our good Provisional talks!

Catherine Allan, Hort Chair

SGC members enjoying a stroll and good conversation in the Witt Winter Garden



Susan Brickman with sponsors Carol Eland and Juliet Romano



Sarah Robinson with her mother Lexie Robbins and sponsors Iris Wagner and Gretchen Hull



Community Projects

The Community Projects Committee will ask the Seattle Garden Club membership for approval of the grants described below at the March 21 General Meeting. Each proposal has been evaluated according to Community Projects guidelines, recommended to and approved by the Governing Board (see the President's report on page 2) and explained in detail to the membership at the annual Business meeting on February 21.

There will be a separate motion for each of the recommended projects below:

\$25,000 to the Washington Park Arboretum Foundation for the Arboretum Lookout Renovation and Rehabilitation. The Lookout was located in the Olmsted General Plan, but was designed locally and was originally built in 1940. Maintenance will be by the City of Seattle Parks Department, and acknowledgment of SGC's support will be on a metal plaque immediately adjacent to the historic structure.

\$10,000 to the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society (BBGS) as part of its capitol drive for support of the landscaping that will surround and define the new Spring Courtyard, which adjoins the Shorts House, in the heart of the Garden. As owner of the Garden, the City of Bellevue is committed to the ongoing maintenance of the Garden. Recognition of SGC will be on a donor wall along the approach into the Garden.

Up to \$1700 to Nikkei Manor for three vertical gardens. A documented collaborative design process with clients/residents, a landscape architect working with Professor Daniel Winterbottom of UW, and an Occupational Therapist would result in user-friendly and ergonomically correct gardens suited for seated and standing gardeners, as well as gardeners with limited physical strength. Maintenance would be provided by the facility. Recognition would be considered on plaques on the actual fixtures.

Eleanor Nolan, Community Projects Chair

Ways & Means Featured Outings for April

Garden Tour and Luncheon for 16

April 4, 2013 **\$85**

Four spaces available. Tour the dramatic and charming garden of Kathy Fries in Kirkland, followed by a special luncheon on the property provided by our SGC provisionals. Several articles about her garden are on the Internet.

Vendovi Island Day Trip for 10

April 8, 2013 **\$85**

One space available. Travel by private boat from Anacortes to Vendovi, owned by the San Juan Preservation Trust. Guided tour with naturalists Dean Dougherty and Kathleen Foley. Wildflowers and great photography opportunities; includes lunch.

**If you are interested, contact
Suzette de Turenne at
206-524-9042 or
sdeturenne@comcast.net**

East Montlake Park Report

Winter storm damage tore a large limb from one birch tree. The Seattle Parks Department is removing the downed limb and clearing another that is dangerously dangling!

The department has finished spreading the remaining wood chips for us.

We are lucky to have strong and supporting community partners with this project.

No work parties yet!

Sue Blethen



Seattle's 1930 Salute to the Redwoods

As Pacific Northwesterners, our allegiance is to the Douglas Fir. Nevertheless one has to admit that the redwoods are grand. Their majestic beauty occasionally planted in local spots and the popping of their serotinous cones in campfires are well loved. Redwoods or *Sequoia giganteum* were very much on the mind of the Garden Club of America in 1930.



Several East Coast members including those who wintered in California were eager to acquire GCA support of the cause of the vanishing redwoods. The annual meeting was set to happen in Seattle, and the redwood backers hatched a plan that included a delegate tour of the entire west coast.

It must have been quite an event as trains carrying well-dressed East Coast ladies arrived and spent four days here. Seattle was a different town then. Ferries from Madison Park ran to Kirkland; lumber mills covered West Seattle; and Aurora Avenue had only been asphalted for 2 years. Prosperity was dampened by the 1929 Crash, but the Olmsted-inspired parks such as Volunteer and Mt. Baker thrived, and there were lovely private gardens.

After the meeting, the trains rolled south towards the forest of giants. By this time GCA delegates had spent weeks in leisure on trains and at teas. But they didn't hesitate as they stepped into the rainy woods and lifted their skirts from the mud. They were awestruck by the beauty of the trees. They must have also been dismayed by the sawmills' cutting of trees and the dingy tourist atmosphere. So much so that over \$90,000 was raised to save the redwoods in the next 6 months. The funds would be used for land purchased and set aside for the protection of redwoods. All this was done while the country still suffered from the Great Depression!

And from where did the trains start? Seattle!

Carey Davis

Fabulous Santa Fe!

Plans are underway for a Seattle Garden Club tour of Santa Fe Gardens this Spring! Trip dates are June 8 - 12 (Saturday until Wednesday).

Highlights of the trip will be the Santa Fe Botanical Gardens' Annual Tour, the Santa Fe Garden Club Pequeno Tour of members' gardens, a visit to Georgia O'Keefe's home and studio at Abiquiu, as well as visits to numerous galleries and to the Museum of International Folk Art.

Accommodations will be arranged at a small hotel near the central plaza.

Space is limited. Total cost including hotel, transportation during the tour, admission fees and some meals is \$900 (may vary slightly according to signup number). Airline transportation and shuttle to and from Albuquerque airport will be individually arranged.

Please secure your spot with a \$200 deposit. A complete itinerary will be available soon.

If you are interested, please contact Laurie Riley at laurieriley@msn.com or 206-890-2262 (cell) to be added to the list.



The Peace of Wild Things

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the middle of the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting for their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

Wendell Berry

Looking Ahead

- 4/1/13 **Provisional Meeting**, UWBG/CUH Board Room, 9 am
Horticulture Meeting, UWBG/CUH, 9:30 am Social, 10:00 am Program
Floral Design program featuring Debbie and Lary Spiller from the East Lake Washington Arrangers Guild
- 4/4/13 **Board Meeting**, Sunset Club, 10 am
- 4/18/13 **Joint Meeting and Luncheon with Tacoma Garden Club**
PLEASE NOTE LOCATION AND TIME
Seattle Tennis Club, 10:30am Social, 11 am Program, 12 pm Luncheon
Christine Pfeiffer, horticulture consultant, instructor, garden writer and co-author with Mary Robson of *Month-by-Month Gardening in Washington and Oregon*
- Club Photography Show, "In Tune with Photography"** Viewing will follow completion of judging. Plan to arrive at 10:30 am
- 4/22/13 **Earth Day!**



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