



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

April General Meeting

Please Join Us for our Joint Meeting with Tacoma Garden Club

April 18, 2013

Seattle Tennis Club

922 McGilvra Blvd. E., Seattle, WA
Parking in STC Lot or on McGilvra

**10:30 Social, Viewing of Show
"In Tune with Photography"**

**11:00 Program
Luncheon to follow at Noon**

Christine Pfeiffer

presents an exciting and informative talk about
Great Small Trees - Selection and Care



Christine Pfeiffer is a horticulture consultant, instructor and garden writer with over 30 years experience in landscape management and arboriculture. She is a dynamic speaker on a range of issues especially trees. She managed landscaping for the Holden Arboretum and Washington Park Arboretum and has taught classes at Edmonds and South Seattle Community Colleges and at the University of Washington.

PLEASE RESPOND YES OR NO: Carol Eland, 206-324-5414 or caroleland@msn.com

Luncheon is \$35 for non-subscribers to the Hostess Fund. To confirm your reservations, please send checks payable to SGC to Carol Eland, 1225 Shenandoah Dr. E, Seattle, WA 98112.

Hort Meeting April 1, 2013 UWBG/CUH 9:30 am Social, 10 am Program

The Floral Design Committee Presents Debbie and Lary Spiller

Please join us for an enjoyable and entertaining program by Debbie & Lary Spiller from the East Lake Washington Arrangers Guild, Washington Federation of Garden Clubs. The Spillers will demonstrate assembling design sculptures and containers out of found objects, and floral design using their containers. Learn how to mount a piece of driftwood, turn a metal shelf into a sculpture and turn cardboard refuse into a two-container design. They will have some of their containers for sale after the meeting.

Marilee Ahalt, Floral Design Chair

Events at a Glance

- 4/1/13 **Provisional Meeting**
UWBG/CUH, Board room, 9 am
- Horticulture Meeting**
UWBG/CUH. 9:30 am Social, 10 am Program
- 4/4/13 **Board Meeting**, Sunset Club, 10 am
- 4/18/13 **General Meeting**, Seattle Tennis Club
10:30 am Social, 11 am Program, Noon lunch
- 4/22/12 **Wetherill Preserve Work Party**
9:30 am - 1 pm
- 4/25/13 **Hort Committee Field Trip**
Bellevue Botanic Garden, 1 pm - 2 pm
- 4/26/13 **Photography Committee Field Trip**
Bellevue Botanic Gardens, 8 am

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

www.seattlegardenclub.org



From the President

March was another busy month for the SGC. Two of our provisionals, Suzy Titcomb and Susan Ashman, continued the Horticulture theme with talks on "Seattle Street Trees" and the "Folklore of Trees" at our March Hort Meeting. Maxine Nicklos spoke at our General Meeting, delighting us with innovative floral techniques. Hotie Hard and Carolyn Kitchell reported on their NAL meeting in DC and the membership voted on the community project proposals recommended by the Community Projects committee. Read more about the NAL meeting and Community Projects in this newsletter. The Membership and Nominations

Committee have been hard at work with excellent results to be reported to the membership in the near future.

April already? That means it's time for our yearly luncheon meeting with the Tacoma Garden Club. We are hosting this year at the Seattle Tennis Club with Christine Pfeiffer, horticulture consultant and instructor, presenting a program on Great Small Trees. In addition to the meeting, we will enjoy "In Tune with Photography," a club flower show presented by the SGC Photography Committee. Please plan on attending and responding "yes" or "no" to Carol Eland.

May will bring our Iris Wagner Conservation Lecture in addition to the last provisional talk and general meeting of the year. Excitement is building for "We Are All Connected," a conversation with Peter Seligmann, CEO of Conservation International, and Jean Enersen, King 5 News. This is an event not to be missed, so please purchase your tickets at Brown Paper Tickets soon!

Whew, hopefully we will all have time to poke around in our gardens, smell the unfolding flowers and have a little sunshine warm our hearts.

Happy Spring!

Laurie Ahern, Club President

In Memoriam

We regret the passing of two of our members

Laura Squires Watt

Honorary Life Member, joined 1964

Died on February 14, 2013

Josephine Wheeler Hazen

Sustainer, Member since 1970

SGC President, 1985-86

Died on March 5, 2013

March Board Motions, March 7, 2013

MOTION to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2013 Board Meeting as distributed was seconded and approved.

MOTION to accept the slate of nominations for the Seattle Garden Club Officers for 2013-2014 was seconded and approved.

MOTION to amend the bylaws: *The President shall invite the Immediate Past President to chair the Nominating Committee and, with the approval of the Governing Board, shall appoint four active Members to serve on the Committee.* Seconded and approved.

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**

The Hort Report

No doubt the hint of spring's first warm light shone brightly for our two Provisionals' excellent and educational talks on Monday March 4th. Suzy Titcomb's subject of Seattle Street Trees had us on the edge of our seats wondering how the City's decisions affect us as home owners. We learned so much about Seattle Street Trees and the entertaining subject of Sue Ashmun's talk on the folklore of trees in ancient cultures that Deborah Cheadle was excited enough to sing a little 'ditty' for us about fairies in the garden! Spontaneous excitement about the information shared is as enjoyable to the audience as the research process is for the learner. What is your favorite Street Tree? Send your answers to: jardinsroyaux@gmail.com.

Here is Suzy's useful website information on Seattle's Trees:

Neighborhood tree walks: <http://www.seattle.gov/trees/treewalks.htm>.

Permits, pruning and online tree inventory: <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/treeinventory.htm>

Tree Ambassador program <http://greenseattle.org/tree-ambassadors>

Plant Amnesty: <http://www.plantamnesty.org/home/index.aspx>

Seattle's Recommended Street Tree List: <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/treeplanting.htm>



*Susan Ashmun and
sponsor Hope Stroble*



*Suzy Titcomb
and sponsor
Suzette de Turenne*

Looking head: Our May 6 Hort meeting will include Peggy Paige Most's presentation on fruit trees. The remainder of the meeting will be devoted to June's Hort Flower Show.

Following the May Hort meeting, the Horticulture Committee will meet at CUH in the Isaacson Classroom to discuss next year's agenda and vote on the memberships and contributions for 2013-14. Bring your own lunch as we'll meet from Noon until 1 pm.

Catherine Allan, Hort Chair

Gardener's Corner



Reminders for April

Time to roll up your sleeves! Hard work now will let you enjoy your garden once summer arrives. So,

- Prepare raised beds in areas where cold soils and poor drainage are a continuing problem. Add generous amounts of organic materials.
- Check for tent caterpillars, aphids, spider mites and scale.
- New crop of snails and slugs are already eyeing your garden. Bait for heaven's sake and make it a monthly habit.
- Check and ready soaker hoses and irrigation systems.
- Pot containers of annuals and perennials using slow release organic fertilizer.
- Fertilize lawn late this month or early May with a 3-1-2 natural organic formulation. Mow regularly starting now.
- Plant vegetable garden with peas, lettuce, beets, carrots, spinach, onions, and beans; also intersperse with cosmos, asters, marigolds and zinnias for color. Fertilize these with 5-10-10.

Janet Footh

Conservation Condensations

National Affairs and Legislation Conference. Washington, DC, Feb 26 - 28, 2013

Seattle Garden Club's two representatives Hotie Hard, Conservation Chair, and Carolyn Kitchell, delegate, attended this annual conference representing the 18,000 GCA members nationwide.

There were three hundred delegates who listened to two days of presentations about the Farm Bill, the National Parks, the National Forests, the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts, Partners for Plants, Endangered Species Act, Treaty of the Sea, Clean Energy and more. Greatly impressed were we to hear presentations given by several Congressional representatives as well as Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (RI) and Senator Angus King (ME).

The Congressman from Oregon, Earl Blumenauer, presented to the 113th Congress and entered in the Congressional Record (February 26, 2013), a glowing introduction to The Garden Club of America and an outline of our agenda for the visits. He stated, "There is no more productive meeting you will have with the inspiration that comes from listening to clear-headed, clear-eyed voices of wisdom and restraint."

With our brains full of information, we SGC delegates teamed up with Ross Hoyle and Lee Ann Ufford from the Tacoma Garden Club to meet with our Senators Cantwell and Murray and/or their environmental aides. In addition, we met with Washington Congressmen Derek Kilmer, Denny Heck, Jim McDermott, Doc Hastings and their aides for the environment. The four of us conveyed two topics each in a succinct, impassioned presentation. We also asked them about their positions and how we could help them "back home." We left with a feeling of accomplishment that our voices for our world were heard.



Ross Hoyle, LeeAnn Ufford (both Tacoma Garden Club), Senator Maria Cantwell, Hodie Hard, Carolyn Kitchell, Nicole Teutschel (staff)

Wetherill Nature Preserve Work Party. Earth Day, April 22, 9:30 am - 1 pm

Once again in April, we ladies of the Seattle Garden Club will devote a morning to the Wetherill Nature Preserve on the east side of the 520 bridge. Garden gloves and clippers in hand, we will ferret out invasive plants (read "ivy" in particular). The energy expended in the morning will be replenished in the form of a noon potluck picnic lunch at Hunts Point Town Hall.

Earth Day is our traditional time to share some laughs, plus pruning, in the spring-budding woods and wetlands of Wetherill. We will pass a clipboard at the March General Meeting and April 4th Horticulture Meeting. Hope you will join us!

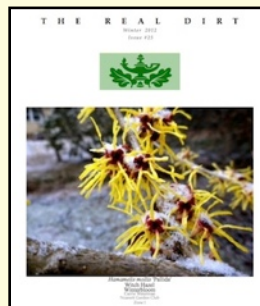
*Environmentally pro-actively yours,
Hotie Hard, Conservation Chair*

April at East Montlake Park

The deciduous plants are sprouting new leaves and should be followed by beautiful flowers and berries on the shrubs and trees we have planted. Take a stroll and enjoy our little park's unique beauty. The weeds will be sprouting! Watch your email for opportunities to help keep this special park beautiful with other dedicated SGC members. I am eager to get back into the dirt again!

Sue Blethen

Seattle in Winter Issue of The Real Dirt



GCA's Horticulture publication The Real Dirt is always a treasure of information. Last fall, editor Katie VanDevere contacted SGC for an article on Seattle's Beacon Hill Food Forest, having read about it in the national press. Check out the Winter Issue for this article, written by Jenny Wyatt.

SGC Membership Survey and Committee Signup 2013

Please return this survey and committee signup by May 10, 2013, to Catherine Parker, 821 McGilvra Blvd East, Seattle, WA 98112

This is your opportunity to give your input regarding your club and your participation. Please take the time to fill out all pages. Any questions, please contact Catherine Parker, phone: 206-799-8947 or email: chparker3@gmail.com. Thank you

NAME: _____

Suggestions for:

General Meeting:

Horticulture Class:

Floral Design:

Photography:

Field Trip:

Would you be willing to share your garden for the September picnic (80-100 people)?

Would you be willing to open your garden to share with other garden club members?

Would you be interested in serving on the SGC Board or chairing a committee?

Which SGC Board position interests you?

Which Special Committee would you like to chair?

Would you like to be considered for a **Zone XII position**? Is there one that interests you most?

If you are interested in the **Judging Program**, please contact the current advisors:

Floral Design: Vicki Neumann 425-451-4311, vsneumann@comcast.net

Horticulture: Debbi Wilson 206-722-6394, jwilson803@comcast.net

Photography: Kathy Lea 206-367-3232, klea2000@msn.com

Suggestions for a **GCA Founders Fund** award in our area (a substantial monetary award for exceptional community projects):

Would you be interested in attending the **Shirley Meneice Horticulture Workshop?**
Or the National Affairs and Legislative Conference?

Any additional comments or suggestions?

Please review your personal contact information in the Yearbook, and note changes below:

Any change of membership status should be directed to
Hope Stroble, 158 NW Highland Dr., The Highlands, Seattle, 98177

Standing & Special Committee Signups

Members are encouraged to serve on two or more committees

Name _____

STANDING COMMITTEES (Board Position)

_____ Club Communications

_____ Community Projects

_____ Conservation

_____ Finance

_____ Floral Design

_____ Horticulture

_____ Meeting Arrangements

_____ Membership

_____ Photography

_____ Policy and Planning

_____ Program

_____ Ways and Means

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

_____ Archives

_____ Awards

_____ Bylaws

_____ Garden History and Design

_____ Historian

_____ Nominations

_____ Scholarship

_____ School Gardens

_____ Speaker Endowment Funds

_____ Visiting Gardens

February's Annual Business Meeting and Celebration of The Garden Club of America's Centennial



Diana Neely and Iris Wagner win the prizes for oldest GCA scarves



Catherine Parker puts thoughts into the proceedings



We all enjoyed the GCA Birthday cake!



President Laurie Ahern and Roxanne Wiley share a smile

Garden Club of America's Plant of the Year



Carey Davis

This year's selection for the Freeman Plant of 2013 is *cercis canadensis*. Known also as the Judas tree and redbud, this tree is ubiquitous up and down the East Coast. There gardeners eagerly await its bloom, signifying the end of the icy breath of winter. Last Easter a trip to New York State displayed for me this tree's storybook purple blossoms in even the tiniest of lots. The *cercis canadensis* has been planted in the Northwest with varied success. Our dampness can cause a fungus and some claim only a good hard freeze will produce bloom. But when it does bloom, its color enchants and perhaps lifts the spirits of some homesick East Coast transplants.

Community Projects

The Community Projects Committee thanks the membership for its approval of project grants totaling \$36,300 at the March 21 meeting.

Each of the three approved projects exemplifies the principles of Community Projects of SGC. The Washington Park Arboretum Lookout, The Bellevue Botanical Garden plantings, and the Nikkei Manor Vertical Gardens are each: "a benefit to community"; have "long term maintenance assured"; are "an opportunity for long term collaboration with other community organizations"; have "educational value to the community"; and are "a source of pride and identity for SGC" —to quote several of our Community Projects guidelines.

Each in its own way supports the SGC purpose: "to stimulate the knowledge and the love of gardening, to aid in the protection of the quality of the environment, to encourage and assist in civic beautification, and to aid and carry on charitable, scientific and educational activities in all of the said fields."

Through careful evaluation of each proposal, the committee is excited about the potential of each to inspire, perpetuate, and further the love and joy of gardening. To qualify for funding, projects had to meet the SGC requirements and be prepared to use our monies. The submission deadline for proposals each year is November 30. The Committee encourages proposals at any time, and there is no timeframe for consideration of proposals.

As outgoing Chair of Community Projects, I would like to thank the members of the Committee, who devoted innumerable hours evaluating and debating the merits of the proposals that were submitted during the two years we served together. We look forward to watching these projects come to fruition during the next several years.

Eleanor Nolan, Community Projects Chair

Fabulous Santa Fe!

Space is still available for the 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'Keeffe'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 laurieariley@msn.com or 206-890-2262 (cell) to be added to the list.

Photography Committee Field Trip

Catherine Allan has arranged for us to have access to Bellevue Botanical Gardens on Friday, April 26, at 8 am. This is a separate trip from the one offered to the general membership, which has a horticulture focus. The early hour will offer good light for photography. A docent will be available for those who would like one. Contact Mary Turner at 206-325-0270 or mtturner915@aol.com if you wish to join our group on April 26.

Photography Study Group

Some of you have been wondering what the sub group of the photography committee called "The Clickettes" is all about. It was formed by the people in the photography judging program and also includes people interested in joining the judging program. The group meets monthly, and all members use SLR cameras and their tripods regularly. They also enter flower shows across the United States. Monthly assignments are the main focus of the group which help members improve their judging skills. The Clickettes are responsible for organizing all the Photography Division of our SGC flower shows.

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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

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seattlegardenclub.org

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

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To Purchase Tickets for The Iris Wagner Conservation Lecture Click here:

<http://iriswagnerlecture.brownpapertickets.com>

**Invite your Friends!
Don't delay. We expect to
sell out!**

Thursday, May 16, 2013

6:30 pm Reception

7:30 pm Program

Seattle Aquarium

SGC Floral Design Club Show “Symphony of Flowers”

The Floral Design and Horticulture Shows will both be held at our Annual Meeting at Broadmoor Golf Club on June 6, 2013.

The Floral Design Schedule and link to the Schedule will be posted on the SGC Web site, emailed to you and available at meetings.

The classes are as follows:

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| Class 1: “Spring, Part 1,” | Vivaldi’s Four Seasons | 5 Entries |
| Class 2: “Blue Danube Waltz,” | Strauss | 5 Entries |
| Class 3: “Glassworks,” | Phillip Glass | 5 Entries |



Thank you Barbara Hamachek and Barbara Feasey for creating the Schedule.

Please contact Barbara Feasey, Show Chairperson, with any inquiries, barbarafeasey@yahoo.com, 206-523-8636

Watch the SGC calendar for a Floral Design Committee workshop for the Provisionals on the basics of Floral Design in May!

SGC Club Show “In Tune with Horticulture”

The Horticulture and Floral Design Shows will both 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 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.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED ONLY FOR CLASSES 6 and 7. Registration forms should be sent to Laurie Riley. All other classes allow unlimited entries and do not require pre-registration. Entry cards for all classes will be available in May.

Need help? Confused? Please contact Laurie Riley, laurieriley@msn.com, 206-325-2514; Debbi Wilson, jwilson803@comcast.net, 206-979-3714; or Diana Neely, diana_neely@msn.com, 206-605-4446.

We want everyone to enter something!

Looking Ahead

5/6/13 **Provisional Meeting**, UWBG/CUH Board Room, 9 am

Horticulture Meeting, UWBG/CUH

9:30 am Social, 10 am Program

Presentation by Provisional Peggy Paige Most on Fruit Trees

Horticulture Committee Meeting, UWBG

Noon - 1 pm

5/3/13 **Board Meeting**, Sunset Club, 10 am

5/16/13 **General Meeting**

PLEASE NOTE LOCATION, Graham Visitor Center, Washington Park Arboretum

9:30 am Social, 10 am Program

Thatcher Bailey, Executive Director, Seattle Parks Foundation. Guests Welcome!

Loveliest of Trees

Loveliest of trees the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.

Now of my three score years and ten,
twenty will not come again.
And take from seventy years a score,
It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom,
Fifty Springs is little room,
About the woodlands I will go
To see the cherry hung with snow.

A.E. Housman

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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