



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

General Meeting

May 15, 2014

UWBG/CUH

9:30 am Social, 10 am Program
Guests Welcome

**Kelly Dodson and Sue Milliken of Far Reaches
Farm Nursery**

**Plan to arrive early: An assortment of perennials from
the nursery will be available for purchase!**

Join nursery owners Kelly Dodson and Sue Milliken speaking on "Our Best and Brightest Botanical Children." Their talk will feature many of their favorite plants from their nursery and gardens and will showcase plants universally admired as well as those generally reserved for plant nerds, including some first flowerings in cultivation.



Kelly Dodson and Sue Milliken have spent their lives learning about and working with plants in nurseries and botanic gardens, as well as designing and creating fine private gardens. They combined their talents to create Far Reaches Farm, a nursery in Port Townsend, regarded as having the largest collection of uncommon ornamentals in the state. Their mail order business has gained a national following.

At Far Reaches Farm the emphasis is on perennials, but they have an ever-increasing selection of bulbs, alpines, trees and shrubs. Their expanding plant palette includes a wide range of plants that can tantalize even the most jaded gardener. Many of these new plants have come from their seed collecting expeditions in Asia as well as from sources the world over. A choice assortment is to be found in their display gardens.

Visit their wonderful website at www.farreachesfarm.com for more information and a preview of their unusual and interesting plants.

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

Horticulture Meeting

May 5, 2014

UWBG/CUH

9:30 am Social and Hort Show Prep on
Botanical Nomenclature

10 am Program, Provisional Candace
Lancaster on the History of Azalea Way,
followed by a walk in the Arboretum

Events at a Glance

**4/30/14 Auction Item: Garden
Tours and Lunch at Powellwood**

5/1/15 Board Meeting,
Sunset Club, 10 am

**5/4/14 Auction Item: Highlands
Classical Guitar Concert and
Dinner**

**5/8/14 Horticulture and
Conservation Committee
Meeting, UWBG/CUH, Issacson
Classroom, 10 am - Noon.**

**5/8/14 Photography Committee
Field Trip, Pike Place Market,
1 pm - 3 pm**

**5/9/14 Auction Item: Herbarium
Flower Pressing and Lunch (A)**

**5/21/14 Auction Item: SGC
Cocktail Party hosted by SGC
Board Members**

**5/23/14 Auction Item: Herbarium
Flower Pressing and Lunch (B)**

**For More SGC Information
and a Calendar of Events,
Click on our Website:
www.seattlegardenclub.org**



From the President

Have you ever noticed at this time of year, that, along with the incredible strength, movement and growth of trees and shrubs, buds bursting open everywhere, that our lives reflect this phenomenon of nature by propelling us into a fast-forward motion?

That aptly describes what has been happening in the Seattle Garden Club these last two months; happily, the buzz of activity is blossoming beautifully, which will continue into the middle of June. So much has been accomplished, and we should be proud of what we are doing as we serve and support our own and the greater community through Community Projects, the hands-on at East Montlake Park and Wetherill Preserve, of the wonderful job the Provisionals have been doing with their talks, outstanding Hort and General meeting programs, Policy and Planning decisions that keep us current with our needs, and the dedicated work of our team of board members who are the engine that keeps the club running smoothly.

This month, we have our last provisional talk by Candace Lancaster about the Arboretum's Azalea Way, at UWBG/CUH followed by a quick drive over to the Arboretum, where we will stroll the subject of her talk. Please wear appropriate shoes as that area can be muddy. Our General Meeting, also at UWBG/CUH, will be a presentation given by Sue Milliken and Kelly Dodson of Far Reaches Nursery in Port Townsend and rumor has it they may have some plants for sale. Please remember to print and fill out the Survey and Committee Sign-up forms that Marilee included in the last newsletter in this month's electronic version and send them back to Marilee ASAP.

Hope amid all the craziness of the spring that you get out into your gardens and take time to see and smell the flowers.

Catherine Parker, Club President

Notice of Bylaw Revisions of The Seattle Garden Club

A vote on the following proposed bylaw revisions will occur at the May 15 General Meeting.

Please refer to pages B-12 and B-13 of our Yearbook. Black ink represents current bylaw and red ink and/or parentheses represent proposed change to bylaw.

ARTICLE VI GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP)

Section 1. Annual Meeting. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Members^{ship}, on a date to be specified....

Section 2. General Business Meeting. There shall be an annual General Business Meeting of the general membership. The General Business Meeting shall be in lieu of the General Meeting in the month in which it is held.

Section 3. General Meetings. There shall be monthly General Meetings of all Members unless otherwise directed by the President. (There shall be monthly General Meetings of the membership unless otherwise directed by the President.)

Section 4. Quorum. At any meeting of the general membership where the business or matters requires the vote of the members participants, a quorum is required. A quorum.....

Section 4 (Section 5). Robert's Rules. All meetings of SGC and of the Governing Board shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order. (All of the general membership meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.)

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is pleased to report the Seattle Garden Club slate of Board Positions for 2014/2016. The General Membership will vote to approve the slate during the June Annual Meeting at the Seattle Tennis Club, June 5, 2014.

Please note that Marilee Ahalt is our incoming President, elected in June 2013. She has served as President Elect and Policy and Planning Chair this past year.

My committee members were Debra Smith, JoAnne Rosen, Mary Turner and Marilee Ahalt who were exceptional and deserve all our thanks.

Seattle Garden Club 2014/2016 Board Members

President Elect: Suzette de Turenne

Treasurer: Sheila Noonan (one year term)

Recording Secretary: Lindsay Price

Meeting Arrangements: Jenny Wyatt

Photography: Juliet Romano

Horticulture: Deborah Cheadle

Club Communications: Dabney Rohrbach

Ways and Means: Roxanne Wiley

Floral Design: Candace Lancaster

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Ahern, Nominations Chair

Summary of Actions: Meeting of the Governing Board of the Seattle Garden Club, Thursday, March 6, 2014, Sunset Club

MOTION to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2014, Board Meeting as distributed were seconded and approved.

MOTION to approve a grant of \$15,000 maximum to support a thorough renovation of the Center for Urban Horticulture Fragrance Garden (\$6500 when needed, and as much as \$8500 after the CP Committee approves Phase 2 Plans and Budget) was seconded and approved.

MOTION to approve a grant of \$30,000 to the Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands was seconded and approved.

MOTION to approve the 2013-2014 grants totaling \$45,000, using the Reserves for these Community Projects was seconded and approved.

MOTION to approve the second year Provisionals becoming active members of the Seattle Garden Club was seconded and approved.

MOTION to approve the slate of 2014-2016 Board Members was seconded and approved.

Summary of Actions: General Meeting of the Seattle Garden Club, Thursday, March 20, 2014, Center for Urban Horticulture, UWBG

MOTION to authorize a maximum of \$15,000 to support a thorough renovation of the CUH Fragrance Garden (\$6500 when needed, and as much as \$8500 after the CP Committee approves Phase 2 Plans and Budget) was seconded and approved.

MOTION to authorize a grant of \$30,000 to the Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands payable from 2013-2014 funds was seconded and approved.



Swainson's thrush

Wanted: Bird Pictures – According to Garden Club of America!



Violet green swallow

I believe most of us are quite glad to throw this past winter away and focus on enjoying the blooms and birds in gardens. Particularly prolific right now are the sweet song sparrows and house wrens that are often seen at feeders but also are insect-eaters. The cedar waxwings with their Zorro type masks are about, as are the melodic red winged blackbirds. Robins are out in force after garden worms, as are a few varied thrushes. I haven't seen my favorite, the Swainson's thrush with its beautiful song, but the CUH trails are full of violet green swallows, my second favorite.

All of the above-mentioned birds are arthropod-eaters (insects, spiders & the like). And according to GCA's Real Dirt article, a Delaware professor is doing a study on these birds. He wants pictures of the birds eating. His intent is to discover if the birds' eating habits change over the season. If for instance a red-eyed Vireo who loves August caterpillars starts spring on gnats.

You don't have to have great photographic agility. Just be quick! Be sure to include your name, date, location, good guess at bird type and if migrating. Send to dtallamy@udel.edu . Look for a full article in Volume 29 (winter 2014) of The Real Dirt.

Carey Davis



Ways and Means Featured Outings!



SGC Cocktail Party, Wednesday, May 21, 6 pm

Join the fun and celebrate the end of another SGC year while supporting our fundraising efforts!

Mark your calendars for our special gathering at Catherine Parker's lovely home. Your SGC Board will host cocktails and sumptuous hors d'oeuvres while you mix and mingle with your friends and enjoy the lovely surroundings. **Spouses and friends are welcome - \$75/person**

Also. . .

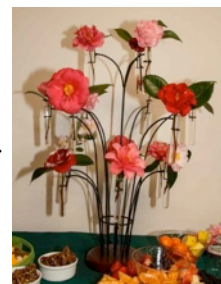
Gardens, Luncheon and Creativity, August 14

Artist Gayle Harris will guide us in a class in which we will create our own sculpted leaf, garden art to take home. Enjoy being creative and be inspired by two lovely gardens (those of Gayle and Karen Simmonds). A festive lunch will be served at Gayle's. **Four spaces available - \$110/person**

**Interested? Contact Suzette de Turenne @ 206-524-9042 or
sdeturenne@comcast.net**

The Hort Report

What a picture perfect day for a Camellia Celebration! The entire morning of our April Hort Meeting was a colorful array of spring flowers both in the room and in the Arboretum. The variety of Camellias in Diana Neely's tree-like Camellia stand and in the elegant black lacquer trays complemented Barbara Tuffli's still life photographs beautifully. It was an explosion of color, with Vicki Reed's Hort Share display along the sunny open windows. Plus, it was standing room only. What a morning!



Barbara Tuffli's presentation on the history of the Camellia Trail, beginning in our own Arboretum, was indeed poignant. We learned where Camellias thrive; apparently shade and moist conditions aren't always needed, as they also grow vigorously in Northern and Southern California. Learning about the planting companions was also an added bonus. The *Camellia reticulata* is a variety that I need to look into more seriously.

The spectacularly warm day allowed us to stroll through the Camellia Collection, learning more interesting facts from both Dr. Sarah Reichard and Randall Hitchin. The photographers in the group enjoyed taking close-ups at every opportunity. We're still on the hunt for the rare white camellia that apparently only lives here!

We'll return to CUH for Candace Lancaster's presentation on the history of the Azalea Way, an Olmsted design, on Monday May 5. Afterward, we'll drive to the Arboretum to see the colorful show of rhododendrons and azaleas along Azalea Way. Plan to bring a brown bag lunch to finish the year of Provisional Talks.

The combined Horticulture and Conservation Committees meet Thursday, May 8 in the Isaacson Classroom at CUH from 10 am until noon. Do join us to make the important allocations and contributions to the various organizations listed on page F-3 of our handbook. Bring your great ideas too for next year's Provisional talks.

Catherine Allan, Horticulture Chair

May Hort Share is "All Skate"

Last happy-go-lucky Hort Share. The next one is.....Show Time! Bring whatever you want to share..... Roses should be coming on by then! See you there.

Vicki Reed



Speaker Barbara Tuffli joins Catherine Allan and Diana Neeley



Jeannie Gravenkemper with her wonderful Magnolia 'Elizabeth'



Carey Davis, Vicki Reed and Eleanor Nolan arrange April's bountiful Hort Share



Mary Turner takes delight in a glorious Camellia blossom



Shelley Rolfe, Laurie Riley and Gayle Harris stroll in the sun to see the Camellias

Spring has Sprung and Your Garden is Blooming!

Just in time for the **SGC Flower Show,**
"Images in Horticulture"
June 5 at The Seattle Tennis Club



Check the SGC Website for the Horticulture Schedule specifics.....www.seattlegardenclub.org

Just 3 FUN categories....Cut specimens, 5 plants in a container together and SGC Baird Boards.

Questions welcome! Call or email:
**Debbi Wilson, jwilson803@comcast.net,
206-979-3741, or**
**Laurie Riley, laurieariley@gmail.com,
206-890-2262**

The Garden

THERE is a fenceless garden overgrown
With buds and blossoms and all sorts of leaves;
And once, among the roses and the sheaves,
The Gardener and I were there alone.

He led me to the plot where I had thrown
The fennel of my days on wasted ground,
And in that riot of sad weeds I found
The fruitage of a life that was my own.

My life! Ah, yes, there was my life, indeed!
And there were all the lives of humankind;
And they were like a book that I could read,
Whose every leaf, miraculously signed,
Outrolled itself from Thought's eternal seed,
Love-rooted in God's garden of the mind.



From *The Children of the Night*
Edward Arlington Robinson

Gardener's Corner

Reminders for May



- Prune camellias, rhodys, and azaleas right after bloom to insure good bud set for next year. Keep watered (not overhead).
- Start warm-season vegetables indoors to plant out around Memorial Day weekend.
- There is still time to fertilize *evergreen* trees and shrubs (rhodies, camellias, azaleas, Viburnum Davidi, junipers etc.) with Rhododendron or Evergreen type plant food. Use an all-purpose or 'Rose' fertilizer to feed roses, perennials, *deciduous* shrubs, trees and annuals. Water-in the fertilizer thoroughly after it is applied.
- Many weeds are flowering and going to seed already. Eliminate them or you will be fighting them forevermore and then some.
- Watch for aphids on new growth of roses.
- Plant containers for summer color. Try mixing herbs with annuals.
- Fertilize lawn using a 3-1-2 ratio slow-release or natural organic formulation. Mow regularly, about once a week.

Janet Footh

SGC Spring Spruce Ups

Wetherill Preserve Work Party and Potluck Lunch



East Montlake Park Clean Up



A work party was held April 15th. Volunteers weeded, pruned and spruced up the park in anticipation of Opening Day of Boating Season on May 3. Volunteers included Bev Martin, Peggy-Paige Most, Marianne Kitchell, Charlee Reed, Jenny Wyatt, Candace Lancaster and Sue Blethen. We especially focused on eliminating the male horsetails before they spread their sperm in the wind, and cut all horsetails to 3-4" to reduce their strength and try to slow them down!

NOTE: The Sigma Chis are not available to help spread gravel on the paths before Opening Day. If you and your son, husband, or any other volunteers can join Michelle McMorran at the park anytime during the week of the 21-25, Michelle would really appreciate it! It is a lot of gravel for one woman!

Sue Blethen

Photography Committee

A **spring field trip** to the Pike Place Market is planned for Thursday, May 8, 2014. We will offer direction on some different "fun" ways to photograph this extraordinary facility and the people who work and shop there.

We will meet at the PIG at 1 pm. However, everyone is encouraged to join us for lunch first at Maximilien's in the market. I will need to know who is coming for our reservations. Any questions can be directed to Mary Turner, mturner915@aol.com or 206-325-0270.

Kudos to Jane Harder and Jo Anne Rosen, who were chosen to submit a 24 x 36 inch photo for "This Land is your Land," the GCA Photography Show at the United States Botanic Garden in Washington D.C. The Show will be on exhibit in the East Gallery from July 1-October 13, 2014. Thirty images were selected. If you are visiting DC, make sure to see the Show!



Mary Turner won Best in Show at the Memphis Flower Show, one of the few Major GCA shows. Even more impressive is the fact that this is her second Best of Show for Memphis. Congratulations, Mary!

Roster Updates

Please make note of the following changes

New address:

Mrs. John Garner (Peggy), Sustainer
2200 E Madison St., Apt. 501
Seattle, WA 98112

Approved for Inactive Membership
Mrs. Hugh J. Fitzgerald (Pat)

Please notify SGC's Corresponding Secretary, Marianne Kitchell, of any roster changes:
kitchell3@gmail.com, 206-325-2003

Looking Ahead

6/5/14 **SGC Flower Show**, "Seattle In Focus," and "Images in Horticulture"
Seattle Tennis Club, Times for passing, judging and member viewing TBD

Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon, Seattle Tennis Club, 11 am - 2pm
11 am Social and Greeting New Provisionals; Noon - 2 pm, Lunch and Program

6/12/14 **Incoming/Outgoing Board Meeting**, Sunset Club, 10 am - 1 pm

6/19/14 **Auction Event:** Zoo Horticulture Tour and Lunch

6/25/14 **Auction Event:** Zoo horticulture Tour and Lunch



GCA Encourages Use of Email

If you receive this newsletter via U.S. Mail and would like to receive it via email, please contact me. Please help us reduce waste and expenses. Thank you!

Jenny Wyatt, Communications Chair
wyattjen@comcast.net

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SGC Membership Survey and Committee Signup 2014

Please return this survey and committee signup by May 10, 2014, to Marilee Ahalt, 9204 SE 57th Street, Mercer Island, WA 98040

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 Marilee Ahalt, phone: 206-790-2921 or email: marilee.ahalt@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: Noreen Frink 206-325-6399, nfrink@comcast.net

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
B.J. Anderson, 8602 NE 19th Pl., Bellevue, WA 98110**

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

_____ Fragrance Garden

_____ Garden History and Design

_____ Historian

_____ Nominations

_____ Scholarship

_____ School Gardens

_____ Speaker Endowment Funds

_____ Visiting Gardens