

June 2015



# The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

## Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon

**June 4, 2015**  
**Seattle Tennis Club**

**Members Only**

11 am - Social & Receiving Line to Greet  
New Provisionals

Noon - Annual Meeting, Awards and  
Luncheon

**PLEASE RESPOND YES OR NO BY  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 TO:**

Jenny Wyatt, [wyattjen@comcast.net](mailto:wyattjen@comcast.net)  
or 206-322-2922

Non-subscribers to the Hostess Fund:  
Please confirm your reservation by sending  
a check for \$38 payable to SGC to Jenny  
Wyatt, 135-39th Ave, E., Seattle, WA 98112

### Events at a Glance

6/4/15 **Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon,**  
as noted above

6/8/15 **Shirley Meneice Committee Meeting,**  
CUH Isaacson Boardroom, 9:30 am - 11:00 am

6/11/15 **Auction Event: Art Workshop with Gayle  
Harris**

6/16/15 **Incoming/Outgoing Board Meeting &  
Luncheon,** Sunset Club, 10 am - 1 pm, invitations via  
Paperless Post coming soon, please RSVP

6/18/15 **Auction Event: Herbarium Tour &  
Notecard Workshop with Lunch**

**For More SGC Information and a Calendar  
of Events, Click on our Website:**  
[www.seattlegardenclub.org](http://www.seattlegardenclub.org)

### Roster Updates

Please make note of the following  
change(s)

New addresses & phone numbers:

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Phone: (206) 720-2111

Dorothy Strong - Sustainer

1630-43<sup>rd</sup> Ave E

Phone: (206) 720-8202

Membership change:

Joan Westover - Inactive

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



## From the President

What an amazing event you all created at our NW Passages Flower Show - Congrats to all!!! After endless hours and many emails, Diana Neely, Jenny Wyatt and their committee pulled off a wonderful GCA Flower Show for our members, friends and the public to learn from and enjoy! Thank you! The Preview Party was a delightful evening thanks to Sheila Noonan's and Carlyn Steiner's efforts. Of course, the Men's Challenge added to the evenings festivities.

As we head into June and wrap up our year, I am amazed at how much our board and committee chairwomen have accomplished. It has been an honor and privilege to be your President. Suzette de Turenne, as President Elect, will succeed me. I have appreciated her support and know she will be an excellent President. I look forward to seeing you at our June Annual Meeting.

*Marilee Ahalt, President*

### Summary of Actions: Meeting of the Governing Board of the Seattle Garden Club, May 7, Sunset Club

MOTION to approve the SGC 2015-2016 Budgets with two corrections were seconded and approved.

### Young Willow

Not at the river's edge where others bend  
Downstream at ease with themselves in the  
easy wind  
But there are in the stone itself, the willow  
Seedling's amber stem beginning under  
Water, half lily-rooted in the least  
Thin matrix past the verge, reaching a place  
Too far beyond what it is (like a wildflower  
Above the snowline) in that surge, that rush,  
That clear cold ending.

*By David Waggoner, a much loved Seattle poet*



The Membership Committee is  
pleased to welcome into 'Active' status  
those who have successfully  
completed their requirements as  
Provisional members:

Jill Crutcher  
Jolie Roze  
Karen Simmonds  
Edie Tenneson

We are also very pleased to announce  
and welcome the 'New' Provisionals.

Eliza Davidson  
Ana Hergert  
Kathryn 'Katie' McReynolds  
Lynn Mowe  
Glyn Nordstrom  
Tori Ragen  
Susan 'Sue' Simmons

Please find more information regarding  
the new Provisionals on page 4

*B.J. Anderson, Chair*

## Fragrance Garden



(clockwise from upper left)  
Sarah Reichard entertains in  
the garden; the magnolia tree  
Michelia figo and the  
Chioanthus fringe tree are in  
their glory right now; take a  
moment to inhale the fragrance  
of the sweetshrub Calycanthus  
r. 'Hartlage Wine'; be sure and  
admire the beautiful Iris g.  
'Immortality'



Sponsor Iris Wagner and co-sponsor  
Gretchen Hull stand with Provisional Jill  
Crutcher after her incredible presentation  
photo credit: Peggy-Paige Most

**Pnorthwest**  
**Passages**  
A GCA Flower Show

Congratulations Seattle Garden Club!  
What a Show! Many thanks to  
everyone who helped to make our  
Flower Show a huge success.

Our best,  
Diana Neely and Jenny Wyatt, Co-Chairs



## New Provisionals 2015 - 2016

### M. ELIZA DAVIDSON (Randolph Urmston) Maiden name: Davidson

Eliza is a Seattle native whose career has spanned architecture, historic preservation, landscape design, horticulture, arboriculture and urban forestry. She graduated from Mercer Island High School, attended Harvard University, Prescott College, achieved a master of Architecture degree from North Carolina State University and a Master of Forest Resources in Urban Horticulture from the U of W. She is both a licensed architect and certified arborist/horticulturist.

She is married, has two children --- one in college and one a high school senior. They live on Capitol Hill where she is Co-Chair of the Volunteer Park Olmsted Trust and active in the renovation of the two reflecting ponds. Eliza maintains a private consulting practice, is a frequent collaborator with architectural firms, geotechnical engineers and historic preservation specialists, a Board Member of Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks and the National Association for Olmsted Parks.

Eliza is also an avid gardener, traveler, nature lover and fan of liveable cities. She has a great sense of humor, being kind, thoughtful and gracious. She is a leader, a contributor and knows how to get things done. As a dedicated volunteer with a depth of knowledge she will bring much to SGC.

Sponsor: Gretchen Hull; Co-Sponsor: Jennifer Wyatt

### ANA C. HERGERT (Mrs. Alan) Maiden name: Granda

Ana was born in Cuba and fled Castro with her family to Venezuela. When she was young her family moved to Tacoma and later to Seattle. She quickly adapted to her new country, attended Cornish College for Interior Design and became a talented and creative decorator.

She is married with grown twin daughters. She is a competent tennis player always supportive of whoever is her partner. She is a former Board Member of the Seattle Tennis Club and a long time Guild Member of the Children's Home Society. She is fluent in Spanish and helps several nonprofits with translations.

Ana is an avid flower arranger, a knowledgeable gardener and photographer. She is ready to further unleash her creative side and will bring much to the SGC with her sense of design and business/financial abilities. She is extremely thoughtful, dependable, conscientious and follows through whenever she makes a commitment. She will be a super star member of our Garden Club.

Sponsor: Laurie Ahern; Co-Sponsor: Catherine Parker

### KATHRYN 'KATIE' McREYNOLDS (Mrs. Christopher) Maiden name: Hooker

Katie grew up in Seattle having attended Blanchet and the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma. She is the daughter of Gene & Therese Hooker and has a twin sister in addition to two more sisters. She is married, has two daughters in college and resides in her childhood home. For a few years her family lived in Japan where she enjoyed discovering the aesthetics of Japanese design as it pertains to interior décor, gardening and flower arranging.

She played competitive tennis throughout high school and continues to play at the Seattle Tennis Club where she has served on several committees. She was continually involved with her daughters' schools and was a Girl Scout leader in addition to organizing fundraisers, assisting in classrooms and coaching teams. She continues to volunteer one on one with high school students who struggle with learning disorders. Furthermore, she is involved with her husband, Chris, in fundraising for Camp Korey and previously the Kids Run for Shore Run.

Katie works part time at Canopy Blue, has accounting skills and loves to work in her garden. She is known by many garden club members---several of whom grew up with her. She is compatible, creative and very organized. The SGC will benefit from having Katie as a member with her great enthusiasm, positive energy and 'can do' attitude. Sponsor: Juliet Romano; Co-Sponsor: Sheila Wycoff-Dickey

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**LYNN MOWE** (Mrs. Steven) Maiden name: Pigott

Lynn is a multiple SGC legacy which includes Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey, Gaye Pigott, Ann Wyckoff, Theiline Scheumann and Mary Ellen Hughes. She is the daughter of Chuck and Yvonne Pigott and has many friends in the club. She grew up in Bellevue and attended Lakeside School, Stanford University, received her MBA from the University of Washington and is a CPA by training. She is married with three grown children and presently lives in Seattle where she has a mature, beautiful garden.

She has always been very business orientated and taken on leadership/volunteer roles in whatever organization she has been a part of such as: Seattle Public Library Foundation, ARCS Foundation, NPR Fundraising Committee, UW School of Social Work, Christmas Ball, Broadmoor Golf Club and Seattle Tennis Club. Her interests are flower design, photography, garden design, as well as, golf and tennis.

Lynn is committed to everything she is involved in, gets right into tough jobs and accomplishes a great deal with ease and grace. While she is always positive and supportive she is also highly organized, computer savvy and there to help out whenever needed. Lynn will be a valuable member and would fit right in and continue to grow! Sponsor: Susan Potts; Co-Sponsor: Sue Blethen

**GLYN NORDSTROM** (Mrs. James) Maiden name: Anthony

Glyn is a SGC legacy with Sally Nordstrom being her mother-in-law and Kristie Ratzlaff her sister-in-law. She was born in Dallas and grew up in Golden, Colorado. She attended college at Westmont College and moved to San Francisco where she had a successful career in real estate and with the retirement community.

After marriage she and Jim moved to Bellevue and purchased the property next door to her mother-in-law where they recently built a new home with a lovely garden in which she was closely involved. She has four children --- by September two will be in college and the other two are 11 and 10 years old.

Glyn has a history of being very active in SAM, her children's schools including being a Board Member of St. Thomas School, Bible study, book club and in the Hunts Point community. She has a desire to learn more about gardening, plants and garden design. She does a good job with any project she undertakes and is proven to be dependable. She is a leader, extremely organized, creative and incredibly gracious. This is an ideal time for Glyn to be a member of SGC and a person everybody would want to work with! Sponsor: Hope Stroble; Co-Sponsor: Diana Neely

**TORI RAGEN** (Mrs. Cameron) Maiden name: Wincup

Tori is a SGC legacy with Suzanne Ragen being her mother-in-law and two aunt-in-laws being members of the Portland Garden Club. She grew up outside of Washington D.C. in Bethesda, Maryland where she attended school. She then attended the University of Vermont, the American University Law School LLD and is a member of the Washington State Bar. She served as King County Prosecutor and is presently on leave.

After marriage she and Cam moved to Seattle and are raising three children ages 16, 14 & 10 which keeps her involved in the children's athletics, school activities and family activities. They recently moved to a home with a large garden which she is in the process of restoring to its former glory. She is enthusiastic and eager to learn more about horticulture and garden design.

Tori has been active in the community volunteering as a Board Member at University Prep, former PTA Board Member at McGilvra School, involved at the Seattle Tennis Club in competitive tennis and as a King County Team player, and also helped with her children's soccer teams. She currently volunteers at Innocence Project for freeing wrongly accused Washington Death Row Inmates. She is very organized, superb at time management, dives into whatever she undertakes, has outstanding people skills and committed to her values. She would be an asset to SGC and a delight to work with ---- she is a 'team' player. Sponsor: Eleanor Nolan; Co-Sponsor: Lyn White

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**SUSAN 'SUE' SIMMONS** (Mrs. Joseph) Maiden name: Scroggs

Sue grew up and attended schools in Aberdeen before enrolling in the University of Washington. After graduation she remained in the Seattle area working in the catering business. She married and raised two sons who are now grown.

She is energetic and has always been active within the community with her interests in hospitality, planning and catering. At the Sunset Club she was on Luncheon Programs Committee, Membership Committee and Chairman of the Garden Committee. She has served as a hostess at local and national meetings for her husband's term as President of the AGC, involved with St. Bridget's Church, U of W activities, an investment/bridge club, Broadmoor Golf Club and the Seattle Tennis Club.

Sue is very creative with a great sense of style in her home, garden and cooking and is also known for her beautiful flower arrangements. She is a 'hands on' gardener, a great leader and loves sharing her knowledge and learning more. She will be a wonderful addition and the SGC would benefit from her many talents and enjoy her warm, friendly personality. Sponsor: Barbee Crutcher; Co-Sponsor: Suzette deTurenne

Please come meet and greet our new class of Provisional Members at the Annual Meeting!  
Special thanks to the Sponsors, Co-Sponsors and the Membership Committee Members.

*B.J. Anderson, Membership Chair*

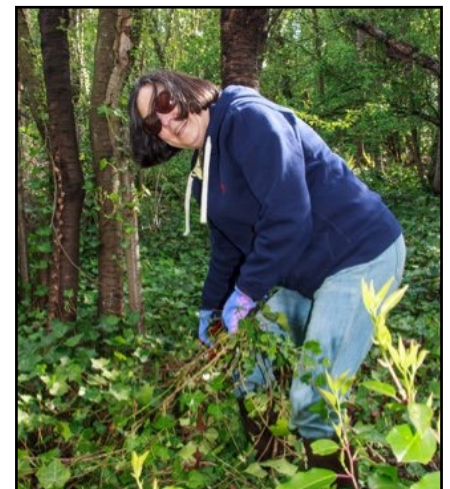
## Wetherill Nature Preserve Work Party



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bottom row-  
Edie  
Tennessee,  
Sis  
Woodside,  
Laurie  
Riley,  
Catherine  
Allan,*



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Betty Paul,  
Barbie  
Snapp,  
Debby  
Smith, Jane  
Harder,  
Barbara  
Peterson &  
Michael  
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sioner*





# Photography Report

## I Didn't Win A Ribbon....Now What?

Sometimes learning can have more impact AFTER an event rather than before. This is related to the basic concept of 'learning from our mistakes', which helps us - better than anything - in building a better understanding of how to achieve our goals.

I view flower shows as a chance to hone the skills that I've been learning throughout the year. When I enter a show, I think more critically about which photograph to submit before, during and after the photographic process. I try to look at my photograph from the perspective of a judge. What does a judge look for? They begin (whether consciously or subconsciously) to look for the use of the *Principles and Elements of Design*. The simplest way to improve one's photography is to think like a judge and to look at one's photograph objectively using the *Principles and Elements of Design*. The GCA Judging Yellow Book goes into this extensively as part of the chapter on Judging GCA Shows. However, I found a short online slide show complete with photographic examples that will give you an overview of the Principles and Elements of Design.

Check it out: [Photography Composition](#)

**Summer Solstice Photos:** Calling ALL members of the SGC, the Summer Solstice is on June 21 this year. While it will technically occur at 9:38 am, we hope to see a snapshot of everyone's day on June 21, no matter what time of day. I will send out an eblast reminder closer to the Summer Solstice with instructions about where and how to send your photos for sharing on our SGC website.

**Favorite Summer Photos:** Over the summer use your new and improved photography skills to take a photograph that you would like to submit as your Favorite Summer Photo at our October General Meeting. Think before you click in order to incorporate the Principles and Elements of Design. Before long, these concepts will become second nature to you.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Ribbon Winners and One 'Loser':** Be sure to check out the SGC ribbon winning photographs from this year at the Luncheon/General Meeting on June 4. One photograph that didn't win, will be on display along with the judges' comments which were 'spot on'. Definitely a learning experience!

**Tour of the Henry:** Looking ahead, one of the best ways to learn the Principles and Elements of Design is to view them being used by professional photographers. Ilse Bing: Modern Photographer is on display at The Henry Art Gallery until October 18. I hope to set up a group tour with a docent during the first two weeks of October. More information to come.

*Juliet Romano, Chair*



## Ciscoe Morris Tour of Seattle University



*Beautiful day on campus!*

*left to right  
Edie Tenneson,  
Roxanne Wiley,  
Sara Rogers Dawson,  
Jenny Wyatt, Megan  
Smith, Barbie Snapp,  
Ciscoe Morris, Janet  
Footh and Carolyn  
Kitchell*



*Photo on left: Suzy Titcomb won Best in Show and a Blue Ribbon at the Dallas Garden Club Show "Founders Jubilee"! The entry was for a macro class "Circles and Spirals in Nature".*

### **"Something you do not know about me...."**

Try and figure out which story goes with which SGC member.

"One of my ancestors is Dr. Alexander Garden, a naturalist. Carols Linnaes named the 'Gardenia' after him."

"I love horses and used to ride in the Hunter Jumper Class at nearby shows."

Answers found on page 11



## Garden Club of America Offers Photography Workshop in Portland

In this great June bloom of roses and rhodies, it's hard to imagine October will bring gold and silver leaves back to us. But... it's never too early to start planning. Garden Club of America's Photography Study Group (PSG) has designed a wonderful photography workshop for October 25 - 28, 2015 led by Bryan Peterson. Bryan is a well-known commercial photographer largely responsible for the popular online "how to" school as well as several books on camera techniques. He has shot for such companies as American Express, UPS and Kodak.

The great news is that the workshop is close to us, Portland, Oregon! Participants will have a chance to shoot at the Oregon Coast, City of Portland and the Columbia River Gorge. Accommodations and meals are included in the price. So...come join Bryan who says "what he loves best is staying behind the camera...creating new images"  
Registration and prices are on the GCA website.

*Carey Davis*

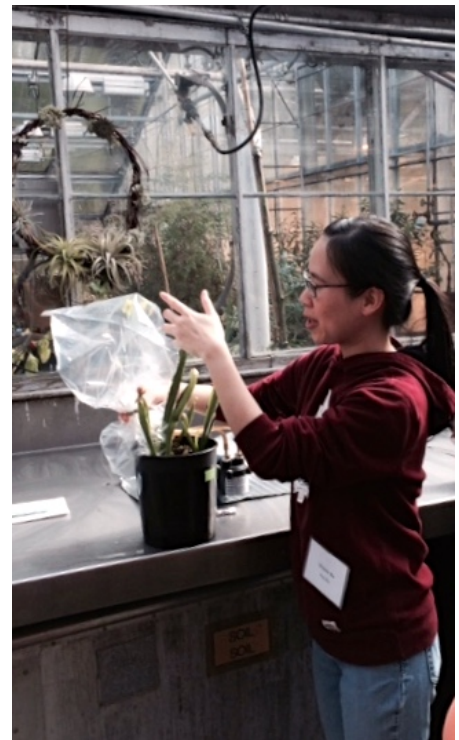


## Hort Report

This a photo of the April 24 visit to the UW Botany Greenhouses by members of the Flower Show Sarracenia Challenge Class. The woman on the right, and below, iWinnie Ho, is a post-doc who gave us a demonstration of capturing scents from plants for the study of pollination. The young man in the group picture, Terry Huang, is a staff member who is so enthusiastic about his plants and sharing them. We had a great visit to greenhouses on campus that most of us didn't even know existed.

*Deborah Cheadle, Chair*

*iWinnie Ho, Debbi Wilson, Terry Huang, Krisite Ratzlaff, Deborah Cheadle, Suzette deTurrene, Lindsay Price & Debby Smith*





# Hort Meeting at Pam Green's Home

*Pam Green & Lyn White are enjoying the view, Judy Phillips & Margi Allison review the blossoms.*

*Photo credits: Kim Bishop*





Answers from page 8

Nancy Bain  
Hotie Hard



## GCA Annual Meeting 2018 Committee List

**Co-chairman Sandy Scott:**

**Bay Area**

**Awards** Barb Seipp (Woodside-Atherton)  
**Decorations** Judy Harrold (Carmel-by-the-Sea)  
**Flower Show** Gail Emmons (Orinda)  
**Hotel** Sherry Perkins (Woodside-Atherton)  
**Meals** (all in hotel) Susan Uydess (Carmel)  
**Optional Workshops** TBD  
**Staging/AV** Betty Irvine (Woodside-Atherton)

**Outer Clubs**

**Badge** Mary Elliman (Denver)  
**Information** Karen Seinfeld (Tacoma)  
**Registration/Invite** Barbara Kinnear (Santa Barbara)  
**Signage** Melba Ballew (Santa Fe)  
**Speakers** Gina Brandt (Hancock Park)

**Co-chairman Missy Jensen:**

**Bay Area**

**Garden Tours and Meal** (Friday) Brenda Jewett (Hillsborough)  
**Pre/post Trips** Margie Ellis (Marin)  
**Tours** (Saturday Afternoon) Anita Hansen (Marin)  
**Transportation** Kathryn Urban (Hillsborough)  
**Zone Dinners** Lisa dell'Osso (Piedmont)

**Outer Clubs**

**Bag/gift** Sarah Pelton (Diggers)  
**Boutique** Amy Lamb (Pasadena)  
**Conservation Exhibit** Marilee Ahalt (Seattle)  
**Handbook** Carrie Hulburd (Columbine)  
**Logo & Graphic Designs** Sharon Dowsett (Portland)  
**PR/Communications** Anita Elder (Broadmoor)  
**Scarf Pokey** Richardson (Honolulu)

**Co-chairmen Sandy Scott & Missy Jensen:**

**Meals** Susan Uydess (Carmel-by-the-Sea)  
**Recording Secretary** Gina Brandt (Hancock Park)  
**Treasurer** Sarah Brown (Carmel-by-the-Sea)  
**Volunteers, Guides, Hosts, Bus Pilots** Anne Marie Lamarche (Piedmont)

## Ways & Means Auction Event Opportunities!

There are still a few spaces left in the very  
special events listed below! Please call me at

425-442-5154 or email me at  
[roxwiley@comcast.net](mailto:roxwiley@comcast.net)

if you would like to attend!

**June 11 – Art Class:** Create your own sculpted leaf garden art, under the tutelage of artist, Gayle Harris; \$110/person. (Already attending: Suzette de Turenne, Shelley Rolfe, BJ Anderson, Ann Buckner, Betty Paul and Kim Bishop. Two additional spots are available.)

**July 14 – Bastille Day at Hansville Beach** at the summer home of Barbie Snapp; \$80/person. (Already attending: Suzette de Turenne, Sheila Noonan, Carlyn Steiner, Vicki Reed and Carolyn Kitchell. Five additional spots are available.)

**July 16 – Clamdigging and Lunch** at Mary Jane Anderson's summer home at Tekeiu; \$85/person (Already attending: Carol Henderson, Catherine Allan, Anna Chesnut, Judy Rupert, Charlee Reed, Jayne Coe and Roxanne Wiley. Three additional spots are available.)

**September 11-13 (two nights) - Methow Valley Weekend:** at the homes of Barbara Feasey, Laurie Riley and Sis Woodside (hiking/picnicking/touring art galleries, etc.); \$300/person (Already attending: Jane Harder, Caroline Goedhart and Ann Wyckoff. Three additional spots are available.)



## East Montlake Park Bonus!

One of our community partners at the park, Michelle McMorran from the US Army Corps of Engineers, sent a great link to a site about watering in the Seattle area. She is still learning how it all works but the web site shows how much precipitation falls each week in Seattle. You can then program your irrigation system accordingly to adjust for the goal of 1" of moisture per week.

Michelle explains she is still learning how it all works:

If you have an irrigation clock -

1. Have each irrigation zone set (on your irrigation clock) to 100% of watering needs for the hottest times of the year.
2. Look up the irrigation index at [www.iwms.org](http://www.iwms.org)
3. Adjust the seasonal adjust/water budget on the clock.

I do think the real problem will be with me trying to work with my timer! Good luck to you all!

Conservation Controller Tips: <http://www.iwms.org/conservation-controller-tips>

*Sue Blethen*

## Gardener's Corner

### Love Me or Leaf Me

Each spring I take an accounting of my deciduous trees and whether or not they've leafed out. Cornus kousa ...check, Acer palmatum 'Villa Toronto'...check, Stewartia pseudocamellia...check. Then there are the trees that seem....to.....take.....forever. Sorbus aria 'Dwarfcrowne'...not, Acer griseum...not, or Madison Park's row of gorgeous lagerstroemias...not. When I want spring, I want it now, because every bare tree reminds me of winter which by now I'm SO over! But there's a reason these trees are "Johnny come lately" and I bet you've been wondering about this for some time now.

First, a little botany 101 lesson. Trees leaf out according to climate and weather, genetics and evolution. Leaf out is predominately controlled by rising temperatures, but autumn is really at the beginning of the cycle. As the days get shorter and temperatures drop, the tree starts going dormant while at the same time setting itself up to bud in the spring. As the nights get longer the tree perceives that it's time to shut down.

There are other cues as well, like water. When precipitation rates drop in August, the tree perceives that as a sign to go dormant. So unless you want your tree running around naked, remember to give it a drink!

Trees have a "cold requirement" or minimum number of cold days. After this number of days has passed and the trees have warmed to an adequate temperature, they will burst forth in bud.

However, it's not just temperature and rainfall that come into play here. Different tree species make different choices, just like people. It's all in their genes and the associated survival benefit. A big factor in the leaf out strategy lies in the tree's water carrying vessels. Trees with larger circulatory water carrying vessels like a catalpa are easily damaged by freezing temperature. Diffuse porous species or trees whose vessels are narrower are not as susceptible to cold damage. They win the race to leaf-hood. There are however, narrow water carrying trees that opt to leaf late due to their warmer weather heritage.

Now I sympathize with my ash and paperbark maple a little better. I understand their need to take it slow now so they can succeed in the garden later. And when they do decide to don their dress, I will take notice all the more as their beauty is definitely worth the wait.

*Megan Smith*

## Shirley Meneice Horticultural Conference

Four months remain before the delegates arrive in September! This spring has been devoted to registration details watching the spaces fill within two weeks, a record! Undoubtedly, it's our fair city, dynamic club members and horticulture offerings that have drawn many eager visitors.

We are in good standing with the UWBG and Seattle Aquarium where we've paid our fees. Suzy Titcomb and I will meet at the Aquarium Friday, May 29 to review details and visit the site before our dinner on September 21. Marilee, Barbara Feasey, Iris Wagner and I will meet with the staff at the Bell Harbor Conference Center after our next SMHC Committee meeting Monday, June 8 to review menu, parking and table arrangements. Laurie Riley, Carol Eland and I will meet our contact at the Marriott once the flower show dust settles, to finalize details. Jenny and Diana Ackerley have secured the speakers' contracts and arrangements. Only one speaker missed the dates and double booked himself! Hope that's the worst of our headaches. Pam, Jenny, Jolie Roze and I will sort through registration names and breakout sessions this summer, organizing each person's path during the conference. Candace has ordered green canvas bags with Mount Rainier printed on it, so things are falling nicely into place. Sue Blethen, Gayle Harris and Patsy Pattison are helping organize the volunteer hours and places for September 21-23. PLEASE look into your crystal ball during these days and make yourselves available to help! More information about signing up will be coming. Feel free to devote one day or a little each day to make things run smoothly.

Catherine Roach has been writing copious notes on the various places we'll visit for our brochure and for the bus commentary. Barbara Peterson is researching lunch ideas for Tuesday, September 22 at CUH. We enjoyed a culinary taste test during the April 23 meeting, sampling sandwiches from Subway, the Metropolitan Market and Safeway! Safeway won hands down!! We will order from their U. Village location and not pay delivery fees! Every little bit counts!

We would like to encourage all SGC members, but SMHC Committee Members in particular, to attend Sunday evening's pre-conference dinner. It will be held at the Bell Harbor Convention Center (where our 2011 'All Aboard Flower Show' was held). The guest speaker is John Bishop, PhD biologist from WSU Vancouver. His subject is the regeneration of plants on Mt. St. Helens after the 1980 eruption, 35 years ago.

Endless thanks to everyone who has contributed her time and talent to make this a memorable event for our visitors come September. Warm hospitality is key to the success of this meeting! Count down!

*Catherine Allan, Chair*



## Looking Ahead to the Summer and Next Season!

- 7/14/15     **Auction Event:** Bastille Day at Hansville Beach
- 7/16/15     **Auction Event:** Clamdigging at Tekieu
- 9/11-13/15   **Auction Event:** Methow Valley Weekend
- 9/17/15     **Annual Fall Picnic:** at Dunn Gardens  
Mark your calendars!
- 9/20-23/15   **Shirley Meneice Horticultural Conference**
- 11/19/15    **Auction Event:** Paperwhite Potting Party & Lunch
- 12/3/15     **Holiday Luncheon and Auction,** The Sunset Club



**Have a glorious summer in the garden!**

### 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!

*Dabney Rohrbach, Communications Chair*  
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