



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

ANNUAL FALL PICNIC ON THE LAWN

Thursday
September 19, 2013
11 am

Bring your own blanket
No sit-down tables this year



Hope's Garden. Photo: Deborah Cheadle

Hope Stroble's Garden
158 NW Highland Dr.
The Highlands, 98177

Please carpool
Parking limited; no valet parking

Please come to welcome the new Provisionals and tour Hope's garden.

Bring a plant large or small for the plant exchange!



Please respond - YES or NO
by Friday, September 13

Carol Eland: caroleland@msn.com
(206) 324-5414
Our catered lunch requires a head count.

Non-subscribers to the Hostess Fund

Confirm your reservation by sending a check for \$30 payable to SGC to Carol Eland at 1225 Shenandoah Dr. E. Seattle, WA 98112

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- 9/11 Board Meeting, Sunset Club, 10 am
9/19 Fall Picnic at Hope Stroble's, as noted above. Members only.

Rescheduled:

The Floral Design Workshop, FD 201, originally scheduled for 9/20 has been postponed. Stay tuned for a new date!



**FOR MORE SGC INFORMATION
AND A CALENDAR OF EVENTS,
CLICK ON OUR WEBSITE
www.seattlegardenclub.org**

PASSWORD: On the first page of the Yearbook.
CALENDAR: Post your SGC events here.
FORMS, on the left column: Reimbursement forms, Grant Request Forms, Membership Forms.
INFO SHARING, in the center: Find the current newsletter, links to information on SGC meetings, tips from fellow members and even photo highlights. **CHECK OUT OUR SUMMER SOLSTICE PHOTOS!**

Send your website contributions to Traci Tenneson: tenneson@comcast.net.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope you all enjoyed having a "real summer" these last few months and that you are ready to participate in another wonderful year of gardening education and activities with the Seattle Garden Club. I am honored to serve as your president and will do my best to follow in the wise footsteps of Laurie Ahern, our past president (some people are just natural born leaders!)

The Seattle Garden Club activities tend to be more quiet in the summer but not completely dormant. Burnley Snyder and our Visiting Gardens Committee graciously hosted a group from the River Oaks Garden Club, showing them the wonders of many of our lovely northwest gardens. There were several gatherings enjoyed by members as a result of our holiday fundraiser offerings, such as a board-sponsored cocktail party at Diana Neely's; a tour at Ciscoe Morris' own home garden with hors d'oeuvres & wine; an overnight at Eleanor Nolan's San Juan home; clamdigging and lunch at Mary Jane Anderson's Tekieu beach home; and a day to enjoy clamdigging on the beach and seafood delights for lunch at the Dabob Bay home of Suzy Titcomb. By all accounts, each activity was an exceptional and unique experience.

This 96th Garden Club year will begin with the Fall Picnic on Thursday Sept 19th at the home of Hope Stroble, where you will receive your updated yearbook (aka: The Green Book). The Green Book will contain a complete list of what is in store for you in the coming months. Please familiarize yourselves with it and put all the pertinent program dates on your calendars. Rumor has it that there will be stimulating speakers and activities coming up in our disciplines of Horticulture, Conservation, Floral Design and Photography.

I would like to welcome our new provisionals: Edie Tenneson, Jill Crutcher, Jolie Roze and Karen Simmonds; and two transfers into active membership: Eve Rickenbaker and Stacy King. I recommend that you jump in with both feet and take advantage of the wonderful opportunities and bonding experiences that our garden club has to offer.

Meanwhile, enjoy what is left of this glorious summer.

I am really looking forward to seeing you all at the Fall Picnic!

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Last spring, SGC approved a \$1700 Community Project grant to Nikkei Manor for the design and construction of three ergonomically correct vertical gardens, suited for seated and standing gardeners, as well as gardeners with limited physical strength.

On June 6, a collaborative design session was held with residents at Nikkei Manor. Helen Wilson, UW graduate student and lead designer for the project, presented the model she had submitted to SGC for our grant. Elderly residents and residents with disabilities tested the model and suggested revisions. There was also a discussion of appropriate plant materials. Helen has incorporated their ideas and will present her revisions at a meeting on August 20. This is an experimental project, and we should expect some tweaks before the final gardens are built. Helen will keep us updated, and she is very appreciative of our funding a design that could become a template for this type of garden. No one has attempted this before.

*Barbara Leathart Peterson, Community Projects Committee
Carlyn Steiner, Community Projects Chair*



Nikkei Manor residents review plant ideas



*Project designer Helen Wilson assesses the
Vertical Garden design with a resident's help*

Seattle Garden Club 2013 Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Award Winners

Commendation of Appreciation

Mrs. Martin Harder

Honorary Life Members

45 Years of Service

Mrs. Jack Docter

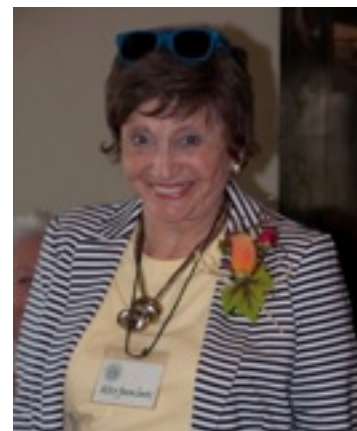
Mrs. Donald Lewis



Sheila Noonan presents the award to our ever-ready photographer, Jane Harder



Diggs Docter celebrates 45 years of SGC membership



Quick with a smile, Alice Jean Lewis receives Honorary Life Membership

Club Flower Show: *In Tune with Horticulture & A Symphony of Flowers*



Pam Green and Jo Anne Rosen report for duty



Faithful registrars Barbee Crutcher and Janet Footh



Megan Smith shares her plant knowledge for passing entries



Laurie Ahern beams with her "Best of Show" award



Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey places a cutting



WELCOME NEW PROVISIONALS AND TRANSFERS !

Left to right: Karen Simmonds, Jill Crutcher, Stacy King, Eve Rickenbaker and Edie Tenneson. Missing from photo, Jolie Roze

PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE

You all are invited to participate in another
“Favorite Summer Photo” Exhibit
to be held this fall at the SGC October 17 General Meeting.

Pick any one favorite photo that you took over the summer and enlarge it to an 8 x10 size or similar. It does not need to be mounted. Please give it to Jane Harder at the Oct 7th Hort meeting, or deliver it to Sis Woodside between Oct 7th and Oct 11th. We suggest printing on matte paper for better viewing.

Remember, this is just for fun.

Mary Turner, Photography Chair
mturner915@aol.com 206-325-0270 or 206-920-1779 (cell)



SEPTEMBER

The breezes taste
Of apple peel.
The air is full
Of smells to feel-
Ripe fruit, old footballs,
Burning brush,
New books, erasers,
Chalk, and such.
The bee, his hive,
Well-honeyed hum,
And Mother cuts
Chrysanthemums.
Like plates washed clean
With suds, the days
Are polished with
A morning haze.

John Updike



MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP DUE BY DECEMBER 15

The Membership Proposal Form is available through the SGC website or from B.J. Anderson. To avoid duplication of a candidate, please contact B.J. regarding your prospective member.

It is important to bring potential candidates to open meetings in the Fall, as well as the Holiday Luncheon in December. This is an excellent way of acquainting candidates with Membership Committee Members and Board Members. Remember that the proposals must be received by December 15, 2013.

HORTICULTURE WALKS 'n TALKS FOR 2013 AND 2014

Get ready for an exciting horticultural year ahead, so put on your walking garden shoes and gloves!

First of all, I hope that your beautiful, sun-drenched gardens are producing plenty of seeds to share at our October and November meetings. Please collect them as you deadhead and rake your seed pods this summer and fall to label and share with others. Who knows, we may have a class in our May Flower Show just for 'mystery plants'?

We'd also like to have both first and second year Provisionals participate in a separate growing class in the May Flower Show. I'm currently perusing the fall catalogues in order to gather ideas for plants/bulbs in order to have them by October. How do fragrant irises sound?

Suzy Titcomb and I are eagerly looking forward to attending the Shirley Meneice Conference in Washington D.C. in October. We will report on our experiences later in November.

Lastly, please check your new green handbook for the Horticulture Monday schedule. The dates are always the first Monday of each month, except for September, December and June, but please CHECK the locations carefully this year, as they will change. Most of all, come prepared to walk through the garden areas following the Provisional talks.

Enjoy the best of our Indian Summer, which produces the sweetest fruits, veggies and flowers!

'Tis the moment!

Catherine Allan, Hort Chair

Horticulture Meeting: Monday October 7
NOTE LOCATION, Graham Visitors Center
9:30 am Social; 10 am Program

Provisional Lindsay Price will speak on Japanese Maples, followed by a walk through the Acer palmatum collection in the Arboretum. **Seed share - See above.**

GARDENERS CORNER

Thoughts for September



- You can divide iris and early poppies now. As perennials die back, mark them with permanent tags to show their location. If they have overgrown their space they should be dug and divided or moved to a new area of the garden...or shared with a garden friend.
- Harvest extra produce for a food bank.
- Clean up fallen fruit and fruit tree leaves but *don't* compost them in order to help prevent future disease and insect problems.
- Remove spent annuals and *do* compost them.
- Plum trees should be pruned right after harvest to insure a good crop next year.
- Harvest and preserve herbs. Strip thyme, oregano, marjoram, rosemary from stems, air-dry in cool place, and store in jars.
- Control slugs/snails now during their breeding season. Heard this before?
- Keep watering during dry spells to help prepare plants for winter.
- Old lawns can be dethatched, aerified, and overseeded now.
- Photograph container pots and garden areas now to record and help plan for next year.
- Consider a soil test. Send email to elaine.anderson@wsu.edu to learn how to get the best samples and where to send them. If you are computer-challenged, call Master Gardener Director, Elaine Anderson, at (206) 685 5104.

Janet Footh

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

A field trip (date to be determined) is planned to explore the **Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands**. So many fun places to discover! The following introduction is from the Seattle Parks Foundation website.

The Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands (RBUFW) consists of ten acres in the Rainier Beach neighborhood, one of the most diverse zip codes in the country. The City of Seattle owns the land, formerly used as a plant nursery, and leases the 8-acre site to Seattle Tilth and the Friends of Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands ("Friends"). In just a few years, Rainier Beach Urban Farm has begun transforming the neighborhood through organic urban farming, cooking and nutrition programs, green jobs training and wetlands restoration — while connecting two lakefront parks (Be'er Sheva to the south and Pritchard Beach to the north) to create a single 15-acre public gathering place.

Since Seattle Tilth began managing the site in 2010, Rainier Beach Urban Farm has produced thousands of pounds of produce, much of it distributed to low-income households; delivered more than 5,000 meals from the farm kitchen to community members; and provided more than 17,000 hours of training and education to local residents, from young schoolchildren to seniors.

The vision for the farm is to further improve the site so it will become a self-sustaining model of organic urban farming. With the addition of the facilities called for in the site schematic plan, the farm will be able to produce more than 20,000 pounds of fresh, nutritious food annually while providing many thousands of people with a place to learn practical job skills and form lasting relationships with their neighbors. The project is well on its way to becoming a demonstration of organic and sustainable best practices that might be applied to other urban open spaces.

Seattle Parks Foundation is proud to be the newest project partner, leading the campaign to raise the \$1.35 million needed to improve the greenhouses; build new classroom space, cold storage, wash stations, and other facilities needed to realize the vision of a multi-faceted urban agriculture education center where all of the neighborhood's children and adults can embrace nutritious eating, healthy food, and the natural environment.

The project is slated for completion by the end of 2014.

This should be a fabulous tour!

Carolyn Kitchell, Conservation Chair



THE PARTY'S NOT OVER YET!

September is hardly the end of gardening season in the Northwest. There are still outdoor evenings and geranium blooms left. Nor is it the end of Garden Club of America's Centennial Celebration. There are still several opportunities to appreciate our first 100 years.

Perhaps the proudest accomplishment to enjoy is the Silver Gilt medal given to GCA by the Royal Horticultural Society for the Club's incredible educational exhibit outlining our various endeavors. On redwood stones, one journeys from the protection of the redwoods, to the Central Park revitalization project, to the Centennial Tree project, to photos of historic landmarks. This award was given this summer at the Chelsea Flower Show. Pictures of the exhibit and more can be found on the Facebook page of the RHS Chelsea Flower Show.

Although the book display "Gardening by the Book" has closed, the catalogue of the show is available for purchase from the GCA website. It outlines many of 500 books the Club has, including 17th Century botanical plates, all hand painted, of South African flora; Gertrude Jekyll's letters; Rachel Carson's first edition of *Silent Spring* and many well known 20th and 21st century garden writers. Leaf through the catalogue of gorgeous books that also have significant educational value.

Finally, enjoy a short synopsis of GCA's history as written up in the magazine *Quintessential New Trier*. You can read how we first began with the intent of enjoying each other, appreciating and learning about flower arranging, as well as effecting change, protecting natural resources and historic landmarks. Much the same as we are today.

Carey Davis

SGC SUMMER OUTINGS

For our 2013 Holiday Auction and Luncheon, our Ways & Means Committee put together a fantastic array of outings, enjoyed by SGC members and friends throughout the summer. Here is a sampling of photographs of some of these fun events.



Clamming at Mary Jane Anderson's. Left: The happy group enjoys lunch. Right: Bucket and shovel at the ready for Jo Anne Rosen.



Cisco Morris Garden Tour, Oh La La. Participants on the tour with Cisco.



Eleanor Nolan's San Juan Island home: Eleanor behind the wheel with guests.



Kayaking, clamming and crabbing at Suzy Titcomb's Dabob Bay beach house. Right: Guests set out for the beach. Left: Lunch is ready, and what a spread!



Whidbey Island Artsy Lunch at Cary Jurrians' and garden tour. Left: Participants gather on Cary's lawn. Right: Cary in her garden.



Chase Garden and Old Goat Farm. Greeting the frisky goats.

LOOKING AHEAD

Oct 3 **Board Meeting**, 10 am, Sunset Club

Oct 7 **Hort Meeting**, Graham Visitors Center, Washington Park Arboretum
PLEASE NOTE LOCATION

9:30 am Social; 10 am Meeting

Speaker: Provisional Lindsay Price on Japanese Maples, followed by a walk through the Acer Palmatum collection in the Arboretum. **Bring seeds from your garden to share at our October and November Hort Meetings**



Oct 17 **General Meeting**, CUH/UWBG

9:30 am Coffee; 10 am Meeting; 10:30 am Program

Speaker: Marty Wingate, author of three gardening books and regular contributor to KUOW's gardening show

Guests welcome!

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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