



# The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

## Annual Fall Picnic at Dunn Gardens

September 17, 2015  
10:00 am Photography & Tour  
10:30 am Docent Led Tours  
11:30 am Docent Talk  
"Heritage Trees"  
Noon Lunch



Dunn Gardens  
13633 Northshire Road NW  
Seattle, 98177  
Please carpool. Parking limited.  
Bring your own blanket.  
Very limited sit-down tables.

### Dunn Gardens is having a Centennial Photography Contest.

Rules and Entry forms are on their website. Deadline is October 26, 2015.

Please respond - YES or NO  
by Friday, September 11

Barbara Peterson:

[barbarapeterson@gmail.com](mailto:barbarapeterson@gmail.com)

(206) 523-9105

Our catered lunch requires a head count.

Non-subscribers to the  
Hostess Fund

Confirm your reservation by sending a  
check for \$40 payable to SGC to

Barbara Peterson,  
2442 NW Market St. #652,  
Seattle, WA 98107

### Events at a Glance

9/3-Ways & Means, 9:30 am

9/10-Board Meeting, Sunset Club, 10 am

9/11-Auction Experience, Methow Valley Weekend

9/17-Fall Picnic at Dunn Gardens, Members only

9/20-23-Shirley Meneice Horticultural Conf.

9/24-Ways & Means, location TBD, 9:30 am

9/25-27-GCA Judging Workshop, Tacoma

For More SGC Information  
and a Calendar of Events,  
Click on the SGC Website

[www.seattlegardenclub.org](http://www.seattlegardenclub.org)

**NAME & PASSWORD:** On the first page of the  
Yearbook

**CALENDAR:** Check out all the events

**FORMS:** Auction Forms, Reimbursement Forms,  
Grant Request Forms & Membership Forms

**CHECK OUT OUR SUMMER  
SOLSTICE PHOTOS!**

Send your website contributions to  
Kim Bishop: [kimbishop1@aol.com](mailto:kimbishop1@aol.com)



## From the President

Summertime, and the livin' is easy! Or was it? We are an inspired group: Our Hort members have been planting and tending to parched gardens; Floral Design has been taking advantage of their own bountiful flowers and foliage for arrangements; photographers recording summer's fun and beauty with their cameras; and Conservationists doing their part to educate and care for our environment. Many of our members can count all four of our disciplines as part of their regime.

There have been so many busy bees over the summer months. Among the most obvious: Jolie Roze has been working diligently on our Yearbook changes and updates; Dabney Rohrbach and her committee have been working on this newsletter and various articles; Kim Bishop has been keeping our website up to date; Catherine Allan, with her legion of helpers, has been working on the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference; Barbara Peterson has been laying the groundwork for our various meeting arrangements; and lest we forget, the "Watchers & Weeders", have been overseeing the Fragrance Garden, helping to ensure that our unusual hot, dry, summer weather did not get the better of it. I imagine also, that each of our Committee Chairs has been pouring over notes and notebooks, plotting and planning for a productive year. No resting on laurels for our members!

And so we are off to a new SGC year. September will lead the way with a host of activities. Most of our active membership will be helping SGC shine with their efforts for the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference, closely followed by the GCA Judges Conference in Tacoma for all those involved in the GCA Judging Program. Our Annual Picnic will not only provide an opportunity to tour Dunn Gardens, but also gives us the opportunity to again welcome our new Provisionals: Eliza Davidson, Ana Hergert, Katie McReynolds, Lynn Mowe, Glyn Nordstrom, Tori Ragen and Sue Simmons. Yearbooks will be distributed; be sure to mark your calendars with the bevy of wonderful programs planned throughout the year. You won't want to miss a thing. Let's make it an "SGC new year" resolution to acquaint ourselves with our outstanding, evolving website. I hope to see you at our Annual Picnic.

*Suzette de Turenne, President*

## Membership Proposals Proposals for Membership Due by December 15

The Membership Proposal Form is available through the SGC website or from the Membership Chairman who should be advised of your prospective member to avoid duplication of a candidate. Details of the proposal for Provisional Membership can be found under 'Membership Policies' on page P-8 of the Yearbook. Remember to bring potential candidates to open meetings now, as well as the Holiday Luncheon in December. It is IMPORTANT to acquaint candidates with Membership Committee Members, Board Members and our membership. Forms/letters must be e-mailed or postmarked no later than midnight on DECEMBER 15 and remember all of this is to be kept CONFIDENTIAL. Please send these to the Membership Chairman.

*Burnley Snyder, Chair*

## September Poem

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.

*by John Updike*

# Seattle Garden Club 2015 Annual Meeting and Luncheon

## Community Awards

Certificate of Merit

*Mr. Richie Steffen*

Community Commendation

*The Rainer Beach Urban Farm & Wetlands*



Phoebe Andrew presents the award to Richie Steffen, Curator of the Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden.



Laurie Riley and Sheila Noonan present Yolanda and Peter Masundrie the award.

## SGC Awards

Commendation of Appreciation

*Betty Paul*

Commendation of Spirited & Enthusiastic Participation

*Debby Smith*

Silver Medal

*Trudy Baldwin*

Bronze Medal

*Dabney Rohrbach*



Debby Smith and Betty Paul are the recipients of commendations.



Dabney Rohrbach and Trudy Baldwin receive medals.







## Welcome the New Provisionals!

*left to right:*  
*Katie McReynolds,*  
*Ana Hergert,*  
*Glyn Nordstrom,*  
*Lynn Mowe,*  
*Tori Ragen and*  
*Sue Simmons.*  
*Eliza Davidson*  
*is not in the photo.*



## Photography Report

With the experience of the Northwest Passages Flower Show under our belt, we should have a better idea of how a photography show is judged. Try to keep some of those tips in mind while choosing which photograph to submit for our annual display of **Favorite Summer Photos** such as: remember the rule of thirds which adds layer and interest to an image. Avoid putting the subject matter directly in the center, which can make an image static. Look for the rhythm of repetition, the subtly that texture can bring, and the power of using strong contrast. Use color, lines and forms to move the eye around the image and try to tell a story which can be the creative spark that sets your image apart.

One last tip: Along with recording your family and the scenery this summer, remember to capture the 'essence', the feel, the time of day, the architecture, etc. that is intrinsic to the moment you are trying to capture. If you have a new grandbaby, maybe it's his/her foot or fingers that relate a special tenderness. Or maybe you have a granddog. Does he/she love a hike or splashing in the lake? Capture their essence through the exuberance of splashing water or panting tongues. Zoom in or zoom out. Try photographing from a different angle. Most of all, HAVE FUN!

Once you have a Favorite Summer Photo, here is how to submit it so the entire club can enjoy it at our General Meeting on October 15.

### Favorite Summer Photo

- Image needs to be on 8 ½" X 11" paper (no need to add a mat).
- Label the back of the photo with your name.
- Use a matte finish.
- When printing, please try to have at least a ¼" or greater white border for hanging purposes.
- Include a 3 x 5 card with your name and a brief description.
- Put your photo in a LABELED protective, waterproof envelope and/or baggie.
- Deliver NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 5 (first Hort Mtg) to:  
Juliet Romano, 614-34<sup>th</sup> Ave East, Seattle, WA 98112  
Or  
Gayle Harris (who will be at the 10/5 Hort Mtg)

Finally, if you haven't had a chance to see the Summer Solstice Photos which are on the Members' Page of the SGC website, CHECK THEM OUT! 36 fabulous images were submitted.

*Juliet Romano, Chair*

# Holiday Luncheon & Auction

**Mark your calendars!**

~ Our major fundraising event is sooner than you think! ~  
It's never too early to start thinking about what you might be able  
to donate to the Auction!!

**December 3, 2015**

**Sunset Club**

1021 University Street

**10:30 am - Auction & Social**

**12:00 Noon - Lunch**

**How can you help? Do you have a special talent? Do you have access to a special place or garden that members would enjoy seeing? Do you know someone who would be willing to share their expertise with us?**

**The Ways & Means Committee is ready and willing to help facilitate the process for creating fun and interesting outings for our members and guests.**

We welcome all ideas to support our Seattle Garden Club fundraising. Items that have done well in recent auctions have included: fun items for children/grandchildren, homemade goodies, specialty plants, getaways to vacation spots, opportunities to learn from our members about their areas of expertise, and in particular - outings that are of interest to our members and occasions to spend time with each other just for the fun of it.

Please contact me with any questions or ideas.

**Roxanne Wiley, Chair** [roxwiley@comcast.net](mailto:roxwiley@comcast.net) 425-442-5154

## Photo & Video Sharing

As we go forward to another wonderful year of The Seattle Garden Club, and you're photographing the activities and adventures, please consider sharing them, photos and/or videos, with us, via this upload link: <https://digitalgarden.smugmug.com/upload/k2Dh8s/2015InBox> for possible use in the newsletter, website and Annual June Luncheon slideshow.

- 1) Select/click this [link](#),
- 2) Select/click green 'ADD PHOTOS' or 'CLICK TO BROWSE' button OR drag your photo(s) into the screen
- 3) Select/click photos or videos from camera roll or computer files
- 4) Select/click done, and they upload

To view your uploads click here: <https://digitalgarden.smugmug.com/PhotoJournal/2015Events/EventInBox/n-cjRPbt/>

*If you have questions please contact Kim Bishop [kimbishop1@aol.com](mailto:kimbishop1@aol.com)*

# Conservation Report

Happy September! What a summer we have had with our endless dry sunny days. The Conservation Committee is firming up plans for the year which will include educational field trips, speakers and exciting hands-on events. Keep your ears open for an October field trip organized by our past Conservation Chair, Carolyn Kitchell.



With the encouragement of GCA, we will be focusing on Pollinator Gardens. The Seattle Foundation has a Pollinator Pathway Garden which will be a wonderful source for education and plant ideas. Its objective is to connect existing isolated green spaces and create a more hospitable urban environment for [pollinators](#) with a system of [ecological corridors](#) of flowering plants by using existing urban infrastructure such as curb space and rooftops. Please take the time to look up the Pollinator Pathway website: [pollinatorpathway](#).

Water will remain a focus of continuing education. With our low snow pack last winter and extended summer heat came serious questions and consequences from, “Do I let my grass die back?” to a longer forest fire season and “Is this a harbinger of our future?” In August, a phase one (of four) water advisory was put in place, where we were asked to voluntarily reduce our water usage. The Northwest is predicted to have another warm and dry winter which will only increase our need to conserve. (KING 5 News, KING5.com 7:29 p.m. PDT July 27, 2015, video and article)

I also don't want to lose sight of our fantastic Rain Garden exhibit, which will be on display at least through September at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Consider a visit and stay tuned for more Waterwise information.

Each month I will post a relevant tidbit for further education and enjoyment. This month is a revisit to ConWatch Fall 2014, The Pollinator Challenge: [GCA-ConWatchFall2014](#). This is a very comprehensive issue and will truly bring you up to speed on the plight of the pollinators.

*Barbie Snapp, Chair*



*Opening Day on the  
Montlake Canal by  
Charlee Reed.*

# Summary of Actions: Meeting of the Governing Board of the Seattle Garden Club, Tuesday, June 16, 2015, Sunset Club

**MOTION to approve the following Proposed Changes to SGC Financial Policies were seconded and approved.**

## FINANCIAL POLICIES

### Section III. P-5 SGC Speaker Endowment Funds

1.a. Strike out a. and replace with the following:

Shall provide speaker fee and expenses to be used for featuring well-known speakers to further promote Horticulture. SGC may use the speaker for GCA or SGC events and also as a tool for fundraising. It is permissible to draw down the fund below the growth needed to keep up with inflation with the understanding that over time the fund will be permitted to grow to the appropriate level.

Rationale: SGC has been directed as such by letter, dated June 1, 2015, from Jay Green.

1.c. Strike out c. and replace with the following:

The SGC Treasurer shall be the liaison to the Seattle Foundation. A Chair appointed by the SGC President will form a special committee including chairs of the following: Floral Design, Horticulture, Finance, Programs, Ways & Means and others as needed. As funds allow, the committee shall plan events and/or major speakers with the SGC Board's approval.

Rationale: The SGC Treasurer has always served as the Seattle Foundation liaison; Programs had not previously been listed as part of the Committee list.

### Section III. P-6 SGC Speaker Endowment Funds

2.c. Strike out c. and replace with the following:

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## Section V. P-6

Change the title from: *V. SGC Memberships in and Contributions to other organizations to:*

**V. SGC Contributions to Other Organizations**

a. Strike "funding memberships in and" to read:

a. The Horticulture Chair and the Conservation Chair, after consultation with their respective committees, will combine their recommendations for contributions to organizations.

Rationale: Contributions are part of our charitable donations to the community but memberships are not considered the same way.

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**MOTION to approve the following Proposed Changes to SGC Financial Policies were seconded and approved.**

Section VI. P-7 Dues and Acceptance Fees

Strike out the first sentence to read:

**Membership dues shall be \$230 for Provisional, Active and Sustaining Members, including transfers.**

--- The remainder of the paragraph remains as stands.

Rationale: The first sentence in the 2014-15 Yearbook refers to separate dues for Provisionals and that has been eliminated.

6. Strike out the entire content to read:

**SGC pays to GCA \$60 in dues for all members, except inactive members.**

Rationale: Reflects change in GCA fees beginning June 2015.

## Summer Solstice Photos



Photos taken by  
(clockwise from  
top left)  
Catherine Roach,  
Carol Eland,  
Marianne Kitchell,  
& Mary Turner.  
Many more  
fabulous photos  
on the SGC  
website!



## Membership Status Changes

Laurie Ahern: Non-Resident  
Jane Harder: Sustaining  
Janet Ketcham: Sustaining  
Angela Clark: Inactive  
Betty McCurdy: Inactive  
Lanny Anderson: Resigned  
Traci Tenneson: Resigned

Please notify SGC Corresponding Secretary,  
Jolie Roze of any roster changes:  
[jsroze@comcast.net](mailto:jsroze@comcast.net) or 206-236-2218

## In Memoriam

We regret the passing of three  
long-time members.

Mrs. Lyman H. Black (Elizabeth Smith)  
on May 5, 2015, a member since 1974.

Mrs. Charles W. Gates (Betty Upton)  
on June 28, 2015, a member since 1992.

Mrs. Milton Bohart (Ann Henry)  
on August 11, 2015, a member since 1990.

**“How the West is One”**  
GCA Annual Meeting  
San Francisco 2018  
Questions:  
Iris Wagner  
2018 Committee Member

## Hort Report

Oh, boy, do we have a fun year of speakers for this year's Hort Meetings! We have four Provisional Talks this year - three of them will be held in homes with gardens related to the subjects of those talks, which will be fun.

Additionally, we have the wonderful Wendy Welch in November, demonstrating the art of planting winter containers; and Bev Bronstein, professional pruner and popular pruning instructor, talking in January about the art and science of winter pruning – in time for you to gear up, get outside, and prune in the optimal months for many trees and shrubs.

The GCA Hort Committee has just introduced a new project, Planting for Pollinators that involves propagating native pollinator plants from seed. I'm looking into this and will have more to share next month. If anyone is particularly interested in such a project, please contact me. Thanks.

So get ready for our first Hort Meeting, October 5. You'll be getting on an 8:45 am ferry and coming to Bainbridge Island to hear Catherine Mueller talk about her recently purchased Carl Gould-designed home and garden.

*Deborah Cheadle, Chair*



## SGC Summer Outings

For our 2015 Holiday Auction and Luncheon, our Ways & Means Committee put together a fantastic array of outings, enjoyed by SGC members and friends throughout the summer.



*Art Class - left to right, BJ Anderson, Gayle Harris, Shelley Rolfe, Karen Simmonds, Jill Crutcher & Betty Paul.*



*Palouse Photography with Justin Resnick and Susy Titcomb.*



*Sandy Point Crabbing on Whidbey Island - left to right, Iris Wagner, Debby Smith, Laurie Riley and Carol Eland.*



*Board Cocktail Party-left-Iris Wagner, Barbara Feasey & Delphine Stevens, right-Barbara Feasey, Dabney Rohrbach, Charlee Reed, Caroline Kitchell, Roxanne Wiley, Suzette de Turenne and Sheila*



## Shirley Meneice Conference

It's Count Down for the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference September 20, including the pre-conference dinner at the Bell Harbor Conference Center, concluding on September 23 at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. It's action-packed and will go like a flash once it arrives!

Using the Sign Up Genius webpage has helped enormously. If anyone would still like to join in the excitement, please look at the different times and dates where we need help. If you'd prefer to send your request to me, that's fine too. Here is the link: [SignUpGenius](#)

Also, if you haven't sent Dabney Rohrbach your check for \$110/person to attend the pre-conference dinner at the Bell Harbor Conference Center Sunday evening at 5 pm (cocktails with dinner @ 6 pm), please do so ASAP. The speaker is John Bishop, botanist from WSU-Vancouver. His subject is the regeneration of plants on Mt. St. Helens.

*Catherine Allan, Chair*

## Gardener's Corner

### 2015, The Summer We'll Never Forget

This summer, as we all know by now, will probably go down in history as being one of the driest ever. When I drive around and see Sedum 'Autumn Joy' and *Euphorbia wulfenii* looking sad, I know something's askew. The ground is bone dry, conifers are dying and now I'm really kicking myself for those impulse buys back in June that were JUST SO IRRESISTIBLE at the time. But through it all I've learned something:

1. I have a new found appreciation for those plant stalwarts that laugh at our dry summers: corsican hellebores, ceanothus, pines, hinokis, ninebark, rosa rugosas, etc. (see more on the Xera Plant website) In other words, plant them, not water thirsty plants no matter how enticing they are!
2. Compost, compost, compost! Healthy soil is "water in the bank". Organic material helps build and stabilize smaller micropores that increase the soil's capacity to hold water. Healthy soil acts like a sponge in the garden. And... aerate especially compacted soil.
3. Water in the early morning or late afternoon remembering that overhead sprinklers cast water onto the leaf surface can cause fungal issues. This has not been a problem in my garden with the exception of one lone serviceberry, a dwarf vine maple and certain roses known for black spot. Water deeply and less often for deeper, stronger root growth. Sorry about this...but those impulse buys will now have to be hand watered until they're more mature but just think about all those calories you're burning by running around with your garden hose! Exploratory digs are helpful to make sure your sprinkler system or soaker hose is emitting enough water to get to the roots of your plants. Check for moisture at least six-inches down to quench those thirsty roots.
4. With areas that remain dry because of foliage blockage, consider a low emitting micro sprinkler that attaches to your present sprinkler head. This will get water directly to where it's needed.

Late summer should be your time to relax, sit back and gloat over the garden. But if this is not the case (i.e., you're having to agonize over dying plants or mortgage the house to pay the water bill), make sure that you can relax next summer by giving the garden a little love this fall. Replace dead plants with water thrifty ones, check your watering system and improve your soil to ensure that you get to enjoy those lazy, hazy, crazy days of (next) summer.

*by Megan Smith*

Hi Ladies, some of you asked for a copy of the prayer that I read at the Annual Meeting.  
Laurie Ahern

### “The Vegetable Prayer” (edited)

Let us give thanks for a bounty of people.  
For children who are our second planting,  
and though they grow like weeds  
and the wind too soon blows them away,  
may they remember fondly where their roots are. For generous friends with hearts as big as hubbards, and  
smiles as bright as blossoms;  
For feisty friends as tart as apples;  
For continuous friends, who, like scallions,  
keep reminding us that we’ve had them;  
For crotchety friends, as sour as rhubarb and as indestructible;  
For funny friends, as silly as brussel sprouts  
And serious friends, as complex as cauliflowers and as intricate as onions;  
For friends as unpretentious as cabbages  
and friends, like parsnips, who can be counted on to see you through the winter;  
For old friends, nodding like sunflowers in the evening-time  
And young friends coming on as fast as radishes;  
For loving friends, who wind around us like tendrils and hold us, despite our blights, wilts, and witherings;  
And, finally, for those friends now gone, but who fed us in their times that we might have life thereafter;  
For this bounty of friends, we give thanks.

by Reverend Max Coots 1928-2009

## What’s the Impact of The Garden Club of America?

Did you see the wonderful story about Iris Wagner and her role as Zone XII Director in the Summer Issue of the GCA Bulletin (page 42)? Iris and many other extraordinary GCA and community leaders are highlighted in the magazine.

You may have also pulled out the *GCA by the Numbers* card which highlights the impact of GCA. Here’s a brief overview to help instill our pride and share the story of our national collaboration. GCA accomplishments include:

- Awarded \$316,700 to 91 horticulture-related scholars just this year
- Supported 85 Founders Fund projects around the country including 3 new projects
- Promoted national, state, and local parklands in 25 states covering all twelve zones
- Documented 4612 gardens to date for the Smithsonian’s *Archives of American Gardens*
- Researched and presented eight position papers on public policy issues
- Produced eight publications to promote the GCA purpose of *stimulating the knowledge and love of gardening, the advantages of association, and action in the fields of conservation and civic improvement*

Shelley Rolfe



## Looking Ahead

- Oct 1 **Board Meeting**, 10 am, Sunset Club
- Oct 5 **Hort Meeting**, Bainbridge Island, home of Catherine Mueller, 12279 NE Country Club Road, BI 98110  
10 am - 12 pm Program, **Ferry: 8:45 am**  
Provisional Talk: Catherine Mueller, History and Maintenance of Carl Gould Country Club,  
Property & Gardens
- Oct 7 **Centennial Committee**, location TBD, 10 am - 11 am
- Oct 12 **Policy & Planning**, home of Jenny Wyatt, 9:30 am - 11 am
- Oct 15 **General Meeting**, CUH/UWBG, 9:30 am Social; 10 am Meeting; 10:15 am Program,  
GCA Scholarship Panel: Recipients Eve Rickenbaker & Terry Huang share the importance of GCA  
scholarships. **Guests welcome!**

### 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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