



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

General Meeting

October 15, 2015

UWBG/CUH

9:30 am Social

10:00 am Meeting

10:15 am Program

Guests Welcome!



The Impact of GCA Scholarships!

The meeting will feature a panel of local recipients.

Learn about the important impact of GCA Scholarships from three local recipients: SGC member **Eve Rickenbaker**, 1997-98 recipient of the Martin McLaren and GCA Interchange Fellowship, currently a graduate student in the UW School of Environmental and Forest Sciences and manager of the Otis Douglas Hyde Herbarium at the Center for Urban Horticulture; **Jana Dilley**, 2010 recipient of an Urban Forestry Fellowship, now Program Manager for reLeaf, the City of Seattle urban forestry outreach and engagement program; and **Terry Huang**, 2013 recipient of the GCA and Royal Horticultural Society Interchange Fellowship, a 2011 UW grad and current plant technician at UW.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- 10/1 **Board Meeting**, Sunset Club, 10:00 am
- 10/2 **Photography Committee Outing**, James Harris Gallery, 10:30 am - 11:30 am
- 10/5 **Hort Meeting**, at the Bainbridge Island home of Catherine Mueller, 12279 NE Country Club Road, 8:45 am ferry, 10 am - noon Program
- 10/7 **Centennial Committee Meeting**, Sunset Club, noon - 1 pm
- 10/8 **Ways & Means Committee Meeting**, location TBD, 9:30 am
- 10/12 **Policy & Planning Meeting**, at the home of Jenny Wyatt, 9:30 am - 11:00 am
- 10/15 **General Meeting**, UWBG/CUH, 9:30 am Social, 10 am Meeting, 10:15 am Program
Flower Design Committee, after the General Meeting, noon - 1 pm
- 10/19 **Photography Committee**, at Juliet Romano's home, 10 :30 am - noon
- 10/21 **Provisional Floral Design Workshop**, at Catherine Mueller's home, 10 am - noon



From the President

Autumn. Cool, crisp mornings, vibrant hues of red and gold. A welcome change.

By the time you are reading this, we will have come almost completely through one of our busiest Septembers ever. I am pleased to let you know that your SGC Board met on September 10th and we are off to a great start! The Annual Picnic provided an opportunity to visit in the inspiring atmosphere of the Dunn Gardens, for photography, a lovely lunch and a little business. Thank you, Barbara Peterson, for organizing our first General Meeting of the year.

Over a year of hard work will have seen the completion of the GCA Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference. I invite you to visit our SGC website to be better acquainted with the woman who inspired this Conference, by viewing a short video about Shirley Meneice. For those receiving this by email, click here to go directly to the site: seattlegardenclub.org/shirley-meneice-profile/

Did you know that every two years, members of the GCA Judging Program are required to attend a workshop to better prepare for the responsibilities of judging flower shows in each of the disciplines: Horticulture, Floral Design and Photography? Within each Zone (of which there are twelve), each Club takes a turn at hosting the event. This year, taking place in Tacoma, SGC Judging Program Members will broaden their skills September 24-27. Does this sound interesting to you? Please contact any of our members listed on Page 41 of our Yearbook with your questions.

Zone XII will be hosting the 2018 GCA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Sandy Scott, Co-Chair, was thrilled to recently announce the 2018 Honorary Chairs, each with distinguished careers in GCA and each a Horticulture Judge: Shirley Meneice, Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club; Patti Schleuning, The Portland Garden Club; and Emmy Seymour, Garden Club of Honolulu. Should you cross paths or communicate with any of these deserving women, please offer your congratulations. You will be hearing more about the meeting and SGC's part in the event in the months ahead.

What's next for SGC? Hope Stroble, Centennial Celebration Chair, is organizing her troops in order to make our centennial very special. Every member is invited to contribute and be part of this historic event.

As shown in this issue, October Hort invites us beyond our normal meeting space to Catherine Mueller's Bainbridge home for a presentation on the *History and Maintenance of a Carl Gould Country Club Property and Garden*. Hope to see you there!

Suzette de Turenne, President

Hort Report

For our first Hort meeting of the year, you will be hopping on an 8:45 am ferry to Bainbridge Island and the new home of Catherine Mueller. This home, built in the early 1900s and designed by Carl Gould, is like stepping back in time. The garden Catherine inherited is formally laid out, with loose English borders spilling over the edges. Catherine will talk about what she learned from the previous owner who created those borders, a garden designer based in England, about the garden's history and maintenance requirements. Check your Yearbook for the address, and get yourself to the 8:45 am ferry. Carpools would be a smart idea.

Deborah Cheadle, Chair



*Edmonds Ferry from Balcony Sipping
Coffee, two minutes after Solstice
by Jane Harder*

Photography Committee

1) The tradition of sharing our 'Favorite Summer Photos' continues! Please share a photo from this summer with everyone at the October General Meeting. So that the show can be mounted ahead of time, please follow the guidelines below:

- 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 the photo.
- 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 meeting) to:

Juliet Romano 614-34th Ave East
or

Gayle Harris (who will be at the 10/5 Hort meeting)

2) There will be a **Photography Committee Meeting** on Monday, October 19, at Juliet's house from 10:30 am to noon to discuss the upcoming year in SGC Photography. Please join us and bring your ideas!

Juliet Romano, Chair



Prepared! Deer Isle, Maine by Candace Lancaster

Theme in Yellow

I spot the hills with yellow balls in autumn.
I light the prairie cornfields orange and tawny gold clusters and I am called pumpkins.
On the last of October when dusk is fallen children join hands and circle round me
singing ghost songs and love to the harvest moon; I am a jack-o'-lantern with terrible
teeth and the children know I am fooling.

By Carl Sandburg

Holiday Luncheon & Auction

Mark your calendars!

~ Our major fundraising event will be here before you know it!



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 have a vacation condo or home you would like to donate for a weekend or longer?? 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, 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. Think of hosting a fun activity night at your home with dinner and a movie, or a game night. Get together with several others to host a cooking class or demonstration on a certain type of gardening or specialty plant care.

The Donation Form is on the website and can be downloaded for your use.

Copies will also be available at various SGC gatherings.

Completed forms and/or items may be dropped off at Hort meetings and General meetings, or at the home of Jeannie Gravenkemper, 2238 Waverly Way E., Seattle.

Please contact me with any questions or ideas.

Roxanne Wiley, Chair roxwiley@comcast.net or 425-442-5154

Conservation Report

I am so excited to share what I am learning and start, in earnest, our year of Conservation fun, field trips and education! It can be a daunting task not to get overwhelmed by the woeful news of forest fires, climate change, bee colony collapse and a myriad of other problems facing our beautiful blue planet. I was recently asked at a meeting, "What is your greatest concern about current issues?" My immediate answer was, "Apathy," wondering how can a soul stay positive when, at every turn, we are inundated with bad news? Despite that, I am a firm believer that we have the power and capability to make a difference in our region through letters to our politicians, volunteering, financial support to conservation groups, neighborhood meetings or my favorite, education by example.

By the time you read this article, I will have installed a bat box on my white pine tree "stump" that died last winter. I had the arborist leave 25 feet of trunk standing for just this purpose. I will also have an information box set up at the end of my driveway, as our street is a main walking route. It will contain information and resources about rain gardens, planting for pollinators, classes and events to attend and a bit about my own bird and bug friendly garden that displays a National Wildlife Federation Certified Habitat sign. I am sure most of you would qualify for that distinction. The *best* part about my sign is the question from walkers, "How can I get certified?" (Ahh, please step over to my Information Box!) My hope is that you too, may be inspired to incorporate one or all of these ideas into your own lives and neighborhoods. Whether on a small or large scale, actions and examples make a difference. At the minimum, they start a conversation!

As previously mentioned in our September newsletter, GCA has requested that we focus on gardens that support our pollinators. Honey bees are seeking the last blooms before they tuck into their hives for the winter. Other types of bees, around 8,200 species in the Northwest, and pollinators such as bats, moths, gnats, flies and beetles, may stay out longer or never fully hibernate. Corky Luster of Ballard Bee Company pointed out that spring and summer have plenty of blooms for pollinators. Because of this, he suggested that the **SGC members focus on late winter, early spring and late autumn bloomers**. "These particular plantings provide essential sustenance for our pollinators when their need is the greatest. It truly makes a difference." A couple of late plantings are purple asters and sedum, Autumn Joy. A few early favorites are Mahonia aquifolium, Sarcococca and Daphne Odora. If you are interested in hosting a hive in 2016, visit this link: ballardbeecompany.com and view **host**.

For further plant information, please click on this comprehensive link for Northwest native plantings that might fit into your garden with bloom times and whom it benefits. [plant lists for particular habitats](http://plantlistsforparticularhabitats) (Once on the page, click across the top bar for different habitat lists). Another great list can be found at: honeylove.org/top-30-flowers-for-bees/

Keep an ear tuned for an **October field trip led by Carolyn Kitchell**. These are always great fun and educational days! All are welcome to join us!

Fascinating reading:

Wild Trees by Richard Preston about California's giant redwoods, the oldest living trees are thought to be 2,000 to 3,000 years old — roughly the age of the Parthenon. (New York Times)

The Big Burn by Timothy Egan. The story of the nation's biggest wildfire in 1910 – an apocalyptic blaze that burned an area the size of Connecticut in a weekend. Equally dramatic is the larger story of Teddy Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot, and the creation myth of the U.S. Forest Service. (timothyeganbooks.com)

Please feel free to e-mail me with questions, field trip ideas or further information at: araby1957@aol.com

Barbie Snapp, Chair

Roster Updates

Please make note of the following changes

Change of Address:
Glen Youell
P.O. Box 12070
Mill Creek, WA 98082

Reminder

For roster changes, please notify
SGC Corresponding Secretary,
Jolie Roze, at jsroze@comcast.net

New Member Applications December 15th Deadline

The Membership Proposal Form is available through the SGC website or from the Membership Chairman. Details on 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 this Fall, as well as the Holiday Luncheon in December. It is important to acquaint candidates with Membership Committee Members, Board Members and other members.

Forms/letters must be emailed or postmarked no later than midnight on DECEMBER 15th and remember all of this is to be kept confidential. Please mail to Burnley and also contact her regarding your prospective member to avoid duplication of a candidate.

Burnley Snyder lottie7@aol.com

Gardener's Corner

The Beauty Queen of Late Summer by Megan Smith

Who is this gal that knocks me off my feet?
With smooth sinewy bark that's smooth and sweet
Colorful locks in white, pink, lavender and red
Leaves in green or burgundy, will you thee wed?
I love you so, you late bloomer of the summer season
Other trees can't compare...for you are the reason

If you haven't guessed it by now, I am talking about that most illustrious of deciduous trees, the Lagerstroemia or crape myrtle. Ranging in size from a shrub of 2 feet to an 80 foot tree, this sun loving, drought tolerant genus provides us with another fabulous four season tree. Just beware though, crape myrtles leaf out late (early May), but the more sun they see, the earlier they're apt to grace us with their ultra-shiny garb. It's rare that you find a tree that craves the hot reflected heat of pavement or a blistering southwest corner, but if you have those conditions, crape myrtle is your answer. One word of caution though: always try to get a hybrid myrtle with L. fauriei parentage as different cultivars of the straight crape myrtle, L. indica, are seriously mildew prone. Chances are your local nursery won't even be stocking mildew prone L. indica varieties, so this is just a heads up. Other than that, if you have the space and you have the sun, reward yourself with this lovely low maintenance horticultural treat. She's a beauty!

Community Projects Update

The Community Projects Committee reminds
SGC members that the deadline to receive
grant requests has been changed to
November 1, 2015.

Margi Allison, Chair

GCA

In addition to Seattle Garden Club's scholarship program, the GCA now offers 27 merit based scholarships, fellowships and awards in the areas of horticulture and its related disciplines, botany (including medicinal and tropical), native bird habitat, conservation and ecological restoration, desert studies, landscape architecture, urban forestry, garden history and design, coastal wetlands, and pollinator research.

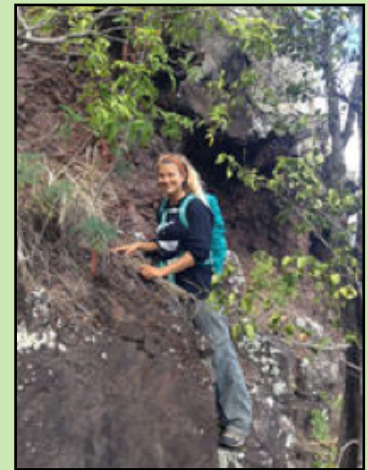
In March of 2015, ninety-one students and scholars were awarded over \$315,000 from GCA to support a variety of academic endeavors ranging from summer environmental study and field work to graduate level research. Their studies take place in institutions across the nation and some do field work around the world.

One example is the Centennial Pollinator Fellowship which was established in the spring of 2013 and administered by the Pollinator Partnership. This fellowship supports one or more graduate students to advance the knowledge of pollinator science. The fellowship was made possible by generous gifts given in honor of the GCA Centennial by members of the Board of Associates.

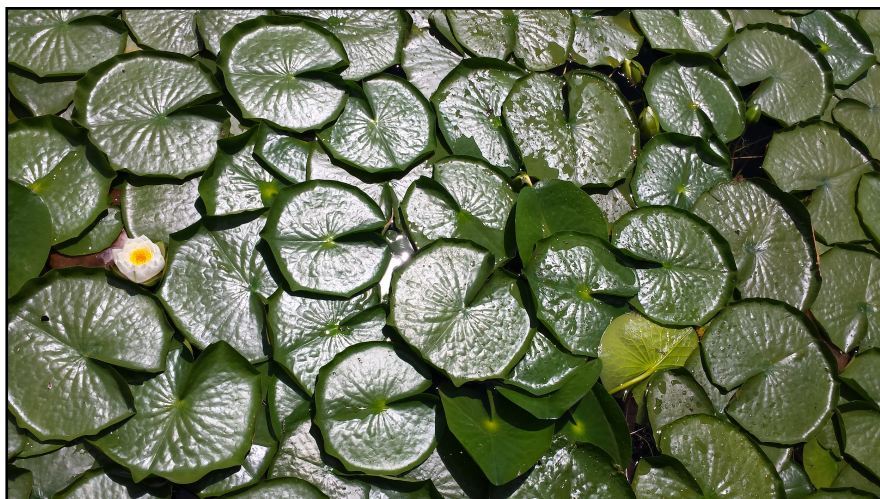
GCA staff and volunteers contact universities, arboreta and botanic gardens to encourage them to advertise these scholarships to their students and interns. Selection committees comprised of the GCA and community volunteers read applications and propose outstanding scholars to be voted each year in March. The Scholarship Committee is changing to adapt to our young audience, in part by using Twitter, in an effort to continue to attract the most qualified students and scholars.

Members from each zone are represented on the GCA Scholarship Committee, including Leelee Doughty from the Pasadena Garden Club.

Shelley Rolfe



GCA Scholar Corey Rovzar is studying the endangered state flower of Hawaii, Hibiscus brackenridgei.



*No Frogs! In Arboretum, Foster Island
by Debby Smith*

Looking Ahead

- 11/2 **Hort Meeting**, CUH, 9:15 am Social; 10 am Meeting
Wendy Welch, professional container planting designer and educator
Community Projects, Board room, 11:40 am - 1 pm
GCA Judges, Prospectives & Candidates Meeting, Isaccson Rm, 11:40 am - 1 pm
- 11/4 **Ways & Means Meeting**, location TBD, 9:30 am - 11 am
- 11/5 **Board Meeting**, Sunset Club, 10 am
- 11/9 **Policy & Planning Meeting**, Jenny Wyatt's home, 9:30 am - 11 am
- 11/16 **Ways & Means Meeting**, location TBD, 10:30 am
- 11/19 **General Meeting**, CUH, 9:30 Social; 10 am Meeting, Guests Welcome!
Polly Hankin, landscape architect
Floral Design Committee Meeting, CUH, noon - 1 pm
- 11/27 **Ways & Means Meeting**, location TBD, 1 pm

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!

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