

February 2016



# The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America



## February General Meeting

February 18, 2016

UWBG/CUH - 9:30 am Social, 10 am Meeting

### Annual Business Meeting

“Party Planning For Our 100th!”

Members Only

This will be a meeting not to miss! Our packed agenda includes these highlights:

- 1) Hope Stroble, Chair of our Centennial Committee, will unveil the Committee's ideas for celebrating.
- 2) Come hear about the four finalists for our Centennial Community Project and vote on a recommendation from the SGC Governing Board to approve funding.
- 3) Sheila Noonan, Chair of our Special Task Force on Programs and Projects, will provide an update on her Committee's findings.
- 4) Members will participate in round table discussions and offer their thoughts on both the Centennial Community Project and issues emerging from the Special Task Force.
- 5) Plus-a quiz on SGC history. Study up, bring your Green Book to the meeting and prepare to Ace this one!

PLEASE ATTEND AND PROVIDE YOUR VALUABLE INPUT!



## Events at a Glance

- 2/1/16 **Hort Meeting**, UWBG/CUH, 9:15 am Social, 10 am Program, hosted by the Floral Design Committee, Miles Johnson, Fiori Floral Design at Nordstrom  
**Community Projects Committee Meeting**, CUH, immediately following the Hort Meeting
- 2/4/16 **Board Meeting**, Sunset Club, 10 am
- 2/11/16 **Auction Event**, Bridge Instruction & High Tea  
**Pruning Workshop in the Arboretum**, 9:00 am - 12 noon
- 2/18/16 **General Meeting**, UWBG/CUH, 9:30 am Social, 10 am Program, SGC Annual Business Meeting  
Members only. Party Planning for our 100th: What, How and Why to Celebrate!  
**Centennial Committee**, 12 noon - 2 pm
- 2/29/16 **Auction Event**, Floral Fun an Evening at Martha Harris

Consult the calendar at the SGC website: [seattlegardenclub.org](http://seattlegardenclub.org)



## From the President

Mind your own business! SGC business, that is. This is the most important thing to remember relative to SGC this month. Our Business Meeting gives you the opportunity to be informed and to be heard. Policy and Planning, under the guidance of President Elect Jenny Wyatt, has been working hard to present an agenda well worth your attendance. Along with the basic business workings and a report from our Projects Review Task Force, headed by Sheila Noonan, the meeting will include Hope Stroble, SGC's Centennial Chair, who will be bringing you up to date on the latest and greatest plans her hardworking committee has in store for our special 2017 celebration. Don't be the SGC member who says, "I didn't know that!" Stay informed and be part of your Club's decision making.

At our March General Meeting, each of you will be given the opportunity to vote for your favorite 2016 GCA Founders Fund award finalist. The finalists were chosen by GCA from proposals across the country. If you would like to read more about this process and this year's considerations, visit the GCA web site, Members Area, GCA Committee Pages/Founders Fund and peruse the Founders Fund Resources ([click](#) to begin). Perhaps it will inspire you to suggest a recipient in our area. Wouldn't it be wonderful to identify a project to be recognized during our 2017 Centennial Year?

A bit of unfinished news from our Holiday Auction and Luncheon. This year's donations to Northwest Harvest totaled \$1,750. This has been a long time tradition as part of our annual gathering, and obviously still going strong. On a personal note, last month's Hort Share inspired me to pay attention to my not-so-slumbering garden and bring a budding branch of *Sarcococca ruscifolia* into my house; within 24 hours it was in full, fragrant bloom. What a joy! I hope you, too, take time to witness the surprises that each day brings as our gardens begin to awaken from our darker months.

*Suzette de Turenne, President*

### In Memoriam:

We regret the passing of

Honorary Life Member  
Lucile Tennant Flanagan  
on

December 6, 2015

Joined SGC 1967

### SGC Yearbook Updates

Please make note of the following change(s)

New address:

Trudy Baldwin  
2000 - 43rd Ave E., #501  
Seattle, WA 98112

Please notify SGC's Corresponding Secretary,  
Jolie Roze of any roster changes:

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# Hort Meeting

February 1, 2016

UWBG/CUH - 9:15 am Social, 10 am Meeting

Hosted by the Floral Design Committee

**Miles Johnson of  
Fiori Floral Design**

He will share the French 'Pavé' style of arranging.



## Ways & Means

### Great Auction Event Opportunities – Come Join The Fun!!

As is the norm, there are wonderful SGC outings from the Holiday Auction that have spaces available. This is a fun way to socialize with our members or to introduce prospective members!

Feb 29 FLORAL FUN EVENING AT MARTHA HARRIS - enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres hosted by the Floral Design Committee while Bruce of Martha Harris gives a presentation on flower arranging, 7 spots available, \$75/person

May 6 RHODODENDRON & BONSAI GARDEN TOUR & LUNCH - hosted by Catherine Allan, B.J. Anderson, Sue Blethen and Diana Neely, 3 spaces available, \$65/person

May 24 DUCK SANCTUARY TOUR IN PORT ANGELES WITH LUNCH - hosted by Hope Stroble, Suzette de Turenne and Arnold and Debbie Schouten, 6 spaces available, \$80 per person

June 8 ART CLASS & REFRESHMENTS - visit the art-filled gardens of Gayle Harris, create your own garden art sculpted leaf under tutelage of artist Gayle Harris, co-hosted with Karen Simmonds, 2 spaces available, \$110/person

June 28 BOARD COCKTAIL PARTY - hosted by the SGC Board and held at Sue Ashmun's home in the Highlands for 40 people, 14 spaces available, \$75/person

June 22 HERBARIUM FLOWER PRESSING & TEA - hosted by Eve Rickenbaker, One space available, \$100/person

Contact Roxanne Wiley if you are interested: [roxwiley@comcast.net](mailto:roxwiley@comcast.net) 425-442-5154



## Hort Report

This month's Hort Meeting will be hosted by the Floral Design Committee. But we have a special Hort opportunity coming up this month!!

### PRUNING WORKSHOP!

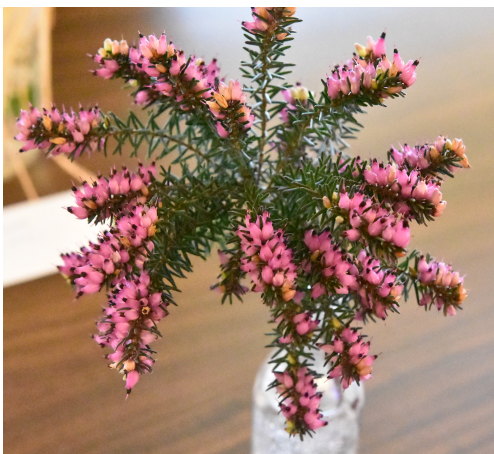
All members are welcome to our pruning workshop on **Thursday, February 11, from 9 am – noon**, at the Camellia Garden in the Arboretum. Staff members from the Arboretum will be there with ladders, tools, and expertise to help us. **Bess Bronstein**, our January Hort speaker, will be there as well to continue her teaching.

According to Barbara Tuffli, our GCA Hort Chair, and former President of the American Camellia Society: *"The Washington Park Arboretum has a totally unique collection, many varieties hybridized locally and grown nowhere else in the world that we know of. In addition to preservation of these unique varieties, preservation of this gene pool is very important locally, as camellias represent an historically important landscape plant to the region."*

So, not only will we be learning to prune in a hands-on workshop, we will be contributing to the maintenance and preservation of this Seattle treasure. Let me know if you think you can make it, so I can give the Arboretum staff an idea of what they should bring... [Cheadled@aol.com](mailto:Cheadled@aol.com). We will gather at the Graham Visitor's Center at 9:00 am and head over to the garden promptly. I will provide disposable hand warmers, HOT TEA and treats to keep us warm while we work. Bring your own favorite pruning tools!

*Deborah Cheadle, Chair*

## January 4th Hort Meeting with Bess Bronstein's Pruning Lecture





## Where Can I Find That? CUH Storage Shed Clean Up!

For those of you familiar with our storage area in the CUH shed, it will come as no surprise that a little reorganization was in order. On Friday, January 15, I was joined by Diana Neely, Laurie Riley, Burnley Snyder and Debbi Wilson (a combination of recent and past knowledge of content) in an effort to tackle our designated area within the shed. We were very fortunate to be joined by CUH Horticulturist JP Sauerlender (also the new man in charge of the Fragrance Garden) who did all the heavy lifting. I am so pleased that we are now totally aware of contents and have cleared our area of any miscellaneous items belonging to other “tenants” that have crept into our area, as well as literal garbage that had somehow taken up residency there too. Thank you, ladies and JP for your efforts. Check out our SGC web site link for a list of SGC storage sites and their contents in a new document titled “Have You Ever Asked... Where Can I Find That? Where Can My Committee Meet?”



*Amazing clean-up team - Debbi Wilson, Diana Neely, Burnley Snyder, Suzette de Turenne & Laurie Riley!*

## Conservation Committee

Great News! On December 17, 2015, The Land and Water Conservation Fund was reauthorized. In 1965, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was created and has been called “America’s best conservation program” by many different organizations. Congress created the LWCF specifically to conserve and safeguard natural areas (water and land) within the United States to protect these natural areas and provide recreation opportunities to all Americans. Fortunately, Congress reauthorized the LWCF for three years at \$450 million. Further, this amount is 50% more than the LWCF received over the last few years. While this is only a three-year solution, the LWCF will continue to protect these natural areas and provide recreation opportunities to all Americans. Hurray!

Conservation Committee plans for February and March:

- A February field trip is being planned but, at the time of this writing, has not been fully secured. A separate email will be sent with details when the event has been set.
- The Conservation Committee is having a potluck on March 15. A speaker will be joining us making for an evening of fun, good food and education.

Tidbits: A community report on **The State of the Sound 2015** by Puget Sound Partnership:  
<https://pspwa.app.box.com/2015-SOS-community-report>

*Barbie Snapp, Chair*

## February

Chickadees  
Wafer clouds  
Orange mornings  
Ripe moons  
Sharp stars  
Leafless hardwoods  
Dark lines  
White land  
Cold ski runs  
Blue hills  
Pond ice  
Empty winds  
Stranded barns  
Coyotes  
Woodsmoke  
Solitude  
Heartbeat.

**Sam Lucy**

(Sis Woodside's son-in-law!)

Published author and organic wheat farmer at Bluebird Grain Farms in Winthrop.

## Winter Solstice Photos



Clockwise L to R-  
Shelley Rolfe  
"Solstice Afternoon along  
the Creek Bed"



Barbie Snapp  
Fun Ornament



Kim Bishop  
Deborah Butterfield horse  
sculpture

## GCA



We are counting on every GCA club member to celebrate the **National Park Service Centennial!**

**PARK it!** with your club, family and friends by visiting one of the 408 sites of the National Park System.

Share your photos and stories and register your visit in the [GCA's Club Member Showcase](#).



## Gardener's Corner

### Pining for Pines by Megan Smith

If I could marry a plant, I would most likely marry a dwarf pine. Sorry Peyton (that's my husband), but he needs to know that while he's certainly a colorful character, dwarf pines come cloaked with needles of many colors: yellow, variegated white and yellow, blue and luscious green. And while my husband certainly has good form, the dwarf pines offer variety. Squatty, round as a basketball (this is where the analogy to my husband stops, thank goodness!) and pyramidal, these forms offer stability and presence to the garden. Dwarf pines have so much personality that you may find yourself naming them "Happy," "Sparky," or "Weepy" and choosing to have daily chats with them – instead of your husband!

Dwarf pines have found their way to your garden by way of fluke seedlings, dwarf forms that grow in mountain top ranges and witch's brooms. A witch's broom is a bud mutation shaped either round or flat which grows off of the branch of a tree while retaining it's diminutive size. The plant is then grafted becoming the genetic source for a new dwarf conifer.

Dwarf pines not only offer color, texture, form and a sense of permanence by virtue of their size, but they offer ornamental candles (the year's growth) and cones as well. Keep your dwarf a dwarf by candling every spring. Pinch off those luscious fuzzy growths to half or in their entirety if you want to keep the plant from gaining any size at all.

Two weeks ago upon entering City People's Garden I fell in love again (sorry, Peyton) with *Pinus aristata* (Rocky Mountain Bristlecone Pine) 'Sherwood Compact'. Perfectly pyramidal with blue green foliage tufts and sweet clusters of needles pointed upwards, this conifer is for the connoisseur and will stay small without candling. As I turned the corner, there was *Pinus leucodermis* (Bosnian Pine) 'Banderica', a lustrous green sphere with a big personality. Chubby, yet compact, this pine is finding it's way into my garden. Lastly, further down the aisle was *Pinus parviflora* (Japanese White Pine) 'Tanima no Yuki' or Japanese Snow Pine. Noticeably intriguing was the white new growth on this globose beauty which is enhanced by white pink candles in the spring...lovely.

The varieties of garden worthy dwarf pines are too numerous to list so I've only given you a taste. Drought tolerant, low maintenance, structural and full of character, everyone should consider a dwarf pine for their yard. If you can't own your own, please feel free to stop and say hello to *Pinus leucodermis* 'Banderica' on my parking strip! I've renamed him 'Happy.'



### Winter Solstice Photos

Left:  
Beverly Martin  
"Rockefeller Center"  
When the tree is dismantled it will be milled and the lumber will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

Right:  
Catherine Parker  
"Ketchum Christmas"





## Looking Ahead

3/3/16 **Board Meeting**, Sunset Club, 10 am

3/7/16 **Horticulture Meeting**, UWBG/CUH, 9:15 am Social, 10 am Program  
Provisional Kim Bishop's presentation "*Svalbard Seedvault - Preserving Agricultural Diversity*"

3/17/16 **General Meeting**, UWBG/CUH, 9:30 am Social, 10 am Program

Dr. Julie Stein, Director, Burke Museum

*"The New Burke: Natural History Inside and Out"*

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!

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