

January 2016



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

General Meeting

January 21, 2016

Graham Visitor Center

9:30 am Social & 10:00 am Meeting

Guests Welcome!

Russ Hoeflich is Vice President and Senior Policy Advisor for The Nature Conservancy's Restoring America's Forests Program. He is responsible for advancing strategies to rebuild resiliency into 200 million acres of America's Federal Forests. The Nature Conservancy is working around the world to conserve the lands and waters upon which all life depends. With his varied conservation background, Russ is today responsible for advancing a united



23 state forest conservation strategy focused on rebuilding resiliency into America's most imperiled forests. Working through 13 demonstration landscapes, The Nature Conservancy is delivering resources, science and a pragmatic business approach to one of our nation's most complex conservation challenges. The Restoring America's Forests program is supported through the generosity of many of America's leading philanthropists, corporations, and foundations. Russ has special expertise designing and running state, county, and local funding initiatives, the design and administration of fundraising campaigns as well as a specialization in forest health, biomass, and climate resiliency strategies.

**Russ Hoeflich will
enlighten you about
American Forests**

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- 1/4/16 **Horticulture Meeting**, UWBG/CUH, 9:15 am Social, 10 am Program, Bess Bronstein, 'Science & Art: Winter Pruning of Shrubs and Trees'
Community Projects Meeting, UWBG/CUH, following Hort Meeting
- 1/6/16 **Centennial Committee Meeting**, home of Hope Stroble, 9:30 am
- 1/7/16 **Board Meeting**, Sunset Club, 10 am
Policy & Planning Committee Meeting, Sunset Club, 11:30 am, Please place your luncheon order with the Sunset Club or through Jenny Wyatt prior to the meeting
- 1/14/16 **Photography Committee Meeting**, Potluck at Juliet Roman's home, 5:30 pm
- 1/16/16 **Auction Event**, Slumber Party on Bainbridge
- 1/21/16 **General Meeting**, Graham Visitor Center, 9:30 am Social, 10 am Program, as noted above
Need Fragrance Garden Weeders, following the General Meeting, 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Consult the calendar at the SGC website: seattlegardenclub.org



From the President

How do you spell success? S-G-C H-O-L-I-D-A-Y A-U-C-T-I-O-N & L-U-N-C-H-E-O-N! As usual SGC members can be counted on to rise to the occasion. Roxanne Wiley led the Ways & Means Committee to another fabulously lucrative and fun auction, while Barbara Peterson attended to the luncheon meticulously. There may still be opportunities to participate in some of the outstanding auction events scheduled throughout the year. Watch and listen as they become available. Enjoy the more detailed report herein and bask in the pleasure of knowing that SGC will continue our efforts to identify worthy recipients of grant funding through Community Projects.

For those who may not have heard the announcement at the Auction, I am pleased to report that the City Council voted to fund the remaining budget gap of \$350,000 for the Rainier Beach Urban Farm & Wetlands, one of our grant recipients. A worthy cause, indeed.

February is fast approaching, which means it will be time for our Annual Business Meeting. Please make every effort to attend. Generally we have only two times a year to bring matters of importance to our membership for a vote. The Business Meeting is one of them. With our Centennial Celebration plans in full swing, you will want to be well informed. Don't be left in the dust!

From GCA, we have news that the monetary awards for Founders Fund recipients have been increased. The winner will continue to receive \$30,000, but the two runners up will receive \$10,000 each, rather than the \$7,500 previously awarded. This is a great incentive to identify a worthy project in our community. If you have an idea and are interested in working on the application process, please let me know.

It is hard to believe that we are ushering in 2016. We have had a busy fall and the action will continue into this new year. Pay special attention to the fact that the January general meeting will be at the Graham Visitor Center. Take time to mark your new calendars with all the great SGC activities coming up. Perhaps a New Year's resolution could be to attend a meeting of a committee you have never attended before?

Hoping this year is truly a *"Happy New Year"* for all!

Suzette de Turenne, President

Hort Report

The January Hort meeting comes around early this month, so don't be caught off guard as you recover from the holidays! On January 4, we will meet at CUH to hear Bess Bronstein. Bess is an excellent pruning teacher and professional arborist, who teaches at Edmonds Community College and through the UW Botanic Gardens Pro Hort series. Bess will speak to us on "The Art and Science of Winter Pruning".

Then, the following month, on Thursday, February 11, we will have a chance to put our new learning into practice at the Arboretum's Camellia Garden. From 9:00 am to noon, Arboretum staff will be there with tools and expertise to guide us as we prune the overgrown Camellias. Dress for the weather, and I'll bring hand and foot warmers and thermoses of hot, hot tea. Then, with your newfound skills and experience, you'll have plenty of time to get out into your own garden this winter and do some pruning.

Deborah Cheadle, Chair

Holiday Luncheon & Auction



(top 5 photos clockwise) Lovely floral design by Delphine Stevens using her grandmother's silver tea pot; Great Ways & Means Committee; Diana Neely & Christine Davis; Jolie Roze, Susie Titcomb & Eve Rickenbaker; Lynn Mowe, Nancy Mee, Susan Potts, Barbara Feasey & Delphine Stevens



(left to right) All the new provisionals - Eliza Davidson, Sue Simmons, Lynn Mowe, Ana Hergert, Tori Ragen and Katie McReynolds



Candy Lancaster is setting up for the auction



The 2015 Holiday Auction & Luncheon!



The Sunset Club looked beautiful for the occasion of our Seattle Garden Club Holiday Auction and Luncheon on Thursday, December 3. We had a wonderful turnout, a very successful auction and a delicious luncheon. The final totals are not in yet, but it appears we have made over \$35,000 for Community Projects!! Thank you, Barbara Peterson, for organizing such a lovely luncheon!! Thanks also to the Provisional Members and other volunteers who adorned the tables with their fabulous centerpieces around the theme of "Holiday Feelings."

This auction event comes together due to the incredible efforts of our many members: providing auction items and Angel donations, attending and inviting guests, actively bidding on items and signing up for the many experiences offered throughout this next year. Jeannie Gravenkemper and Catherine Allan graciously provided their homes for drop off and storage of items. The Ways and Means Committee is so appreciative of all the many contributions from our members who make this happen.

A big thank you goes to the volunteers on the day of the auction who agreed to be closers, runners, check in and express-pay helpers and cleanup! Without them, all that has to happen just would not have gotten done. With the Sunset Club having another function the very same evening, we had to be out of their way as quickly as possible.

A very special thank you is due Patsy Pattison and her veteran crew of Barbara Anderson, Shelley Rolfe and Tammi Scott, who made the banking piece of this auction work yet again. This is a high intensity process, which has to be completed in a very short period of time!!

And lastly, thanks to all the members of this year's Ways and Means Committee, for their many hours attending meetings, planning events, arranging for donations, hauling all of the items down to the Sunset Club, decorating and staging the tables and assisting in countless ways. This year's committee consists of: Marilee Ahalt, Suzette de Turenne, Hotie Hard, Candace Lancaster, Sheila Noonan, Judy Phillips, Susan Potts, Charlee Reed, Laurie Riley, Debby Smith, Barbie Snapp, Burnley Snyder, Carlyn Steiner and Edie Tenneson.

As is often the case, we have some spaces remaining for some of the events, which is a good thing for those who were unable to attend or didn't bring along their calendars for 2016. Please contact me directly if you would like to sign up for any of the events below: roxwiley@comcast.net.

January 16-17 - SLUMBER PARTY ON BAINBRIDGE AT THE PRICE HOME - \$125/person (2 spots)

February 29 - EVENING OF FLORAL FUN AT MARTHA HARRIS - \$75/person (9 spots)

May 6 - RHODODENDRON SPECIES GARDEN AND BONSAI COLLECTION TOUR & LUNCH - \$60/person (3 spots)

May 24 - DUCK SANCTUARY TOUR AND LUNCH - \$80/person (6 spots)

June 8 - ART CLASS AND REFRESHMENTS WITH GAYLE HARRIS - \$110/person (2 spots)

June 22 - HERBARIUM FLOWER PRESSING AND TEA - \$100/person (2 spots)

June 28 - SGC BOARD COCKTAIL PARTY AT SUE ASHMUN'S HOUSE - \$75/person (16 spots)

Roxanne Wiley, Ways & Means Chair

ANGELS

THANK YOU to the many donors, volunteers and luncheon guests who have helped support our SGC Holiday Luncheon & Auction. Apart from those names and people who are more visible, we would like to thank those ANGELS whose monetary donations to our Angel fund as of the writing of this Newsletter also contribute significantly to our Community Projects.

Laurie Ahern
BJ Anderson
Phoebe Andrew
Alison Andrews
Nancy Bain
Barbara Bender
Kim Bishop
Susan Brickman
Suzette de Turenne
Barbara Feasey
Janet Footh
Caroline Goedhart
Barbara Hamachek
Hotie Hard
Mary Ellen Hughes
Gretchen Hull
Janet Ketcham
Bev Martin
Anne McKay
Alex Morse

Vicki Neumann
Eleanor Nolan
Sheila Noonan
Sally Nordstrom
Nancy Parker
Barbara Peterson
Barbara Pringle
Vicki Reed
Dabney Rohrbach
Jo Anne Rosen
Carlyn Steiner
Dorothy Strong
Suzy Titcomb
Iris Wagner
Lyn White
Roxanne Wiley
Debbi Wilson
Jenny Wyatt
Ann Wyckoff
Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey

SGC Yearbook Updates

Please make note of the following change(s)

New addresses:

Hope Stroble
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Seattle, WA 98102

Ann Rogers
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Sammamish, WA 98075

Patsy Sangster
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Seattle, WA 98102

Please notify SGC's Corresponding Secretary, Jolie Roze of any roster changes:
jsroze@comcast.net, 206-236-2218

January

The days are short,
The sun a spark,
Hung thin between
The dark and dark.

Fat snowy
footsteps
Track the floor.
Milk bottles burst
Outside the door.

The river is
A frozen place
Held still beneath
The trees of lace.

The sky is low.
The wind is gray.
The radiator
Purrs all day.

John Updike



Hotie Hard, Roxanne Wiley & Shelley Rolfe are ready to greet the guests at the Holiday Luncheon



Special thanks to
Peggy-Paige Most &
Charlee Reed for all
the fabulous photos!

GCA

GCA Legislative Affairs Update

The Garden Club of America is an influential voice in our nation's capital. Each year the GCA convenes members from around the country for educational seminars on topics related to GCA Conservation Initiatives. Trainers provide updates on current legislative agendas related to strategies the GCA supports, including topics related to:

- sustainable agriculture, seed diversity, and food security
- initiatives in support of clean air and water
- specific recommendations related to strategies to address climate change
- enhancements to the National Park System
- preservation of native plants and protection of public lands
- environmentally responsible transportation legislation

This year, the GCA National Affairs Legislative meeting has been opened to anyone who would like to attend, at your own expense. Those SGC members who have attended in the past have found it to be an enriching educational experience and brilliant opportunity to act on behalf of the natural world.

Please consider attending the annual National Affairs and Legislation meeting in Washington, D.C. on February 22-25, 2016. This year's meeting schedule will continue in the strong education and advocacy traditions of years past, and your presence will add significantly to furthering the mission of the GCA. The GCA NAL meeting is a rare opportunity to hear from our Legislators and cutting edge scientists about the state of our environment. Beyond listening and learning about the national legislative process, conference attendees lend their personal voices in advancing GCA Position Statements with legislators to working to preserve our environment.

As we know, the purpose of The Garden Club of America is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to share the advantages of association by means of educational meetings, conferences, correspondence and publications, and to restore, improve and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the fields of conservation and civic improvement. Attending the National Legislative Affairs meeting is an outstanding opportunity to lend our voice to critical issues facing our natural world!

Shelley Rolfe



*Beautiful smiles
from Noreen Frink,
Ruth Ingham,
Gretchen Hull &
Barbie Snapp at the
Holiday Luncheon*



Gardener's Corner

Little Miss Cutie Pie by Megan Smith

Right around this time of year my eyes are desperately seeking color. My chartreuse *Chamaecyparis obtusa* 'Nana Lutea' is now near and dear to me as are my hellebores, *Erica d.* 'Kramer's Rote' and *Cornus s.* 'Arctic Sun.' But the plant that brings me to my knees for an up close and personal look is the one I have dubbed Little Miss Cutie Pie, or the cyclamen coum.

I love this tuberose perennial's perky little butterfly shaped magenta to pink to white blooms and her highly ornamental miniature lily pad shaped leaves – either in a mottled silver or a simpler green. Equally terrific is that this member of the primulaceae family is happy in dry shade and blooms all the way from late December to late March! Little Miss Cutie Pie's enchanting leaves suddenly appear in late October, just when the rest of the garden is winding down.

Native to the woods of the Mediterranean, the cyclamen coum stores it's food in a tuber. The tuber is an enlarged plant part that holds nutrients and allows the cyclamen to survive over the spring, summer and into the fall. Other familiar tuberous plants are potatoes and dahlias.

Little Miss Cutie Pie, a.k.a. cyclamen coum, looks terrific dancing with hellebores, *Hamamelis japonica*, and *Liriope muscari*. She prefers to keep her feet dry... thank you very much! The tuber is susceptible to rot so plant in soil that drains well. I've also planted cyclamen coum in my parking strip underneath the lusty leaves of a hardy *Geranium* 'Rozanne' creating year round adornment. This strategy allows me to admire those adorable cheery flowers in a brighter location.

Introducing this enchanting perennial into your garden will be the best thing you've done since sinking your teeth into a Fran's chocolate truffle. Little Miss Cutie Pie, once established, will likely seed around and continue to delight you for years to come with her delightful winter presence.

Seattle Garden Club Awards

The Awards Committee welcomes your input in the process of selecting Seattle Garden Club Members for awards which are presented to deserving members at our Annual Meeting each June. These awards can be GCA National Medals, Zone XII or Seattle Garden Club Awards. We also present community awards to non-members who have made significant contributions in Conservation, Horticulture, Photography or Civic Achievement. The processing of these awards takes time so we appreciate any suggestions from the membership as early as possible. To familiarize yourself with the awards, please read about them in the green book on pages 51-60. If you have suggestions or questions, please contact Laurie Riley, Chairman, or any member of the Awards Committee. We look forward to hearing from you!



(top to bottom) Ana Hergert's arrangement dazzles with crystals & Sue Ashmun's beautiful design takes you into the woods



Floral Design at the Holiday Luncheon



*Holidays at Hood Canal
by Sue Simmons*



*Beautiful design by Lynn Mowe
who used her grandmother's bowl*



*Kim Bishop's arrangement
of 3 lattes 'To Go'*

Pamela Green Lecture Series Save the Date!

Allan Armitage, Ph.D.

**May 4th, 2016
6:30 pm**

Asian Art Museum



Professor Emeritus University of Georgia, Traveler, Writer, Speaker and self proclaimed all around Horticulture Geek. Allan is a well known writer, speaker and researcher throughout the world. His books are well published and his research is well renowned. He has most recently written a new, book, "Its Not Just about the Hat" and developed an App for smartphones and tablets that

serves as a bridge between industry and the consumer. He has received numerous awards for his work including The GCA medal of honor and the highest award from the American Horticultural Society the Liberty Hyde Bailey Award for the lifelong Achievements in horticulture.

For more information on Allan Armitage visit allanarmitage.net

Tickets will be on sale through brownpapertickets.com soon and more information will be forthcoming in future newsletters and our website seattlegardenclub.org

Conservation Committee

The hustle and joy of the holidays are behind us, allowing January to become a glorious time to take a breath and look to our future conservation desires. The Paris Climate Conference has attempted to address our global needs; on a local level, we can continue to focus on our own personal impacts and how to make our region a better place.

It's Raining, It's Pouring

With such an abundance of water now, it may be hard to remember just how hot or long our drought was last summer or that we may have a similar spring and summer ahead. My winter hope is to actively address our roof rainwater and its retention for summer watering needs. The ground is more open visually allowing me to see sprinkler locations and adjustments that need to be made. It is time to check the lines and plan how new drip lines will replace sprinklers. Use of soaker hoses or drip irrigation on beds save 50% or more compared to sprinklers! Last summer highlighted plants that have to be moved from areas that had worked in the past to friendlier locations. Some plants flourished in the dry heat, others did not, but in anticipation of warmer years, this just might be the winter for some serious plant relocation. While my water barrels won't fully supply my watering needs, the addition of drip lines and soaker hoses will certainly conserve water and hopefully make the plants thrive in their new homes. Visit this Seattle Public Utilities Site to get more useful information: seattle.gov/util/MyServices/Water/Reduce_Water_Use

Buzzzzzz Flutter Tweet

As you make plans for your garden, remember to incorporate bee, butterfly and bird friendly plantings with a special thought given to the shoulder seasons when natural food sources are at a minimum.

xerces.org/pnw_plants_bees_xerces

January Conservation Meeting

The Conservation Committee will be meeting with the Washington Environmental Council in January to address the issues we will be focusing on for Washington's upcoming legislative session. The exact date will be forthcoming. Anyone interested is welcome to join us!

A little reminder... For updates, please Google the two Western Washington *proposals* addressed in our December eblast: **Electromagnetic Warfare testing over the Olympic National Park** and the **Methanol Plant on the Blair Waterway, Tacoma**

In closing, here is a little eye candy of the Olympic National Park: vimeo.com/108785446

As always, please feel free to email me with any questions or thoughts about Conservation.

Barbie Snapp, Chair araby1957@aol.com



*More lovely ladies at the Holiday Luncheon!
(left) Ginny Riedinger,
Judy Carroll, Jan Andersan
& Barbee Crutcher
(right) Hotie Hard, Sue
Blethen & Gayle Harris*



Photography Report

The World at Your Fingertips with Online Learning

In addition to looking through garden magazines and catalogs, winter is a good time to brush up on your photography skills. Why not watch an online video for photography tips and suggestions. Here are a few possibilities:

1) Creative Live (based partly in Seattle): creativelive.com/catalog

Online arts based classes (lots for photography) for a per class fees. Check out their free previews.

2) Lynda.com: <http://www.lynda.com/>

Thousands of membership/fee-based online classes and videos (\$250-\$300 a year). They offer a free trial...

HOWEVER,

Suzy Titcomb discovered that you can take advantage of these classes for FREE with a Seattle Public Library Card!

Click on this link [Seattle Public Library](http://www.seattlepubliclibrary.org) to see all that a library card entitles you to....scroll down to lynda.com for free online photography (and other) classes.

3) Finally, Michele Burton has put together a mini PDF workshop for shooting photos during the dark days of winter. In just three pages with photo examples, she has outlined how to shoot in lower light settings as well as how to use low light to your advantage creatively. Michele explains how shadows can be a 'design tool' and, she reminds us to change our white balance settings on dark cloudy days to reveal rich colors. She gives suggested camera settings for shooting during the 'magic hours' of dawn and dusk, as well as camera settings for how to create silhouettes with a light backdrop. My favorite is her suggestion for how to use things such as support (tripod/handrail/etc) to keep images clear and colorful when light really starts to fade (tip: get acquainted with your self timer!). SEND ME AN EMAIL (julietromano@comcast.net) if you would like for me to send the PDF with Michele's fabulous photo tips.

Juliet Roman, Chair



Paperwhite Planting Party!

(left to right)
Diana Ackerley,
Carolyn Kitchell,
Suzette de
Turenne, Emily
Kelly, Marianne
Kitchell, Carlyn
Steiner &
Charlee Reed



Looking Ahead

- 2/1/16 **Horticulture 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, UWBG/CUH, following Hort Meeting
- 2/4/16 **Board Meeting**, Sunset Club, 10 am
- 2/11/16 **Auction Event**, Bridge Instruction & 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!



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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