

June 2016



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon

June 2, 2016
Seattle Tennis Club

Members Only

10 - 11 am Sylvia Duryee's Garden
11 am - Social & Receiving Line to
Greet New Provisionals
Noon - Annual Meeting, Awards
and Luncheon

**PLEASE RESPOND YES OR NO BY
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 TO SIGN UP
CLICK BELOW LINK:**

[Sign Up Genius](#)

Non-subscribers to the Hostess Fund:
Please confirm your reservation by sending
a check for \$45 payable to SGC to
Barbara Peterson, 2442 NW Market,
Seattle, WA 98107
Questions - barbarapeterson@gmail.com

Events at a Glance

6/2/16 **Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon,**
as noted above

6/8/16 **Auction Event:** Gayle Harris Art Class

6/9/16 **Incoming/Outgoing Board Meeting &
Luncheon,** Sunset Club, 10 am - 1 pm

6/22/16 **Auction Event:** Herbarium Tour & Flower
Pressing Workshop with Tea

6/28/16 **Auction Event:** Board Cocktail Party,
Sue Ashmun's home, 6 pm - 8 pm

**For More SGC Information and a Calendar
of Events, Click on our Website:**
www.seattlegardenclub.org

The Membership Committee is
pleased to welcome into 'Active' status
those who have successfully
completed their requirements as
Provisional members:

Kim Bishop
Caroline Goedhart
Catherine Mueller
Delphine Stevens

We are also very pleased to announce
and welcome the 'New' Provisionals.

Sandra Hanower
Lee Rolfe
Marion Wood Roozen

Please find more information regarding
the new Provisionals on page 3

Burnley Snyder, Chair

From the President



CENTENNIAL RESULTS We should all be very pleased that so many of our members participated in the vote for our Centennial project gift. The number of voters exceeded our expectations. As the email from Hope Stroble announced on May 5, the \$100,000 gift will be awarded to the Arboretum Azalea Way South Pond Seating Area and Centennial Garden. It is hard to miss the fact that a lot is going on in the Arboretum these days. Read the article associated with this link to get a more complete idea of all that is happening there. [Seattletimes.com](http://seattletimes.com)

Many of our members and friends enjoyed the May 4 program sponsored by the Pamela Green Speaker Endowment Fund, featuring Dr. Allan Armitage. I extend deepest gratitude to Pam and Jay Green for their generosity and hospitality; Carol Eland and her committee for managing the details; and Burnley Snyder, Ann Wyckoff and Phoebe Andrew for inviting Dr. Armitage and his wife to tour their gardens. I am certain that they enjoyed their time here in Seattle.

Thank you to Delphine Stevens for her well-researched Provisional talk on walled gardens. How fortunate we were to have the added benefit of visiting Sally Nordstrom's extraordinary walled garden afterwards. Thank you, Sally!

From June 21-23, Jenny Wyatt and I will be attending the GCA Zone XII Meeting in Colorado Springs. Each Zone XII Club will be reporting on their club activities. I am proud to be presenting the report for SGC. We know that our activities will be inspiring to others in our zone.

It is hard to believe that this is my last letter to you as President. It has been a wonderful, productive year and I have truly enjoyed representing our membership and working with our talented committee chairs. We have a superb slate of officers for the year ahead. I am certain that Jenny Wyatt will continue to bring her valuable assets to her year as President, as she has in her support as President Elect. I look forward to seeing you all at our Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon on June 2.

Suzette de Turenne, President

Special Garden Viewing Before the June 2 Annual Meeting!

Garden Club members have a unique opportunity to view the wonderful garden of long time SGC member and horticulturalist, **Sylvia Duryee**, who passed away last year. Her garden, located just north of the Seattle Tennis Club at **1115-41st Avenue East**, will be open to us from 10 am-11 am on Thursday, June 2 prior to the Annual Meeting and Luncheon. Park at the Seattle Tennis Club and walk down the stairs on the north end of the STC property to 41st East.

Her home and garden are enclosed in a tall hedge on the west side of the street. You are in for a real treat!

Questions? Ask Laurie Riley



New Provisionals 2016 - 2017

Please come meet and greet our new class of Provisional Members at the Annual Meeting!
Special thanks to the Sponsors, Co-Sponsors and the Membership Committee Members.

SANDRA 'SANDY' HANOWER (Mrs. L. David) Maiden name: Chamberlin

Sandy grew up in both Spokane and Olympia. After spending 16 years of her married life in Texas, her husband retired and they moved back to Seattle where they have resided for the past 8 years. She graduated from the University of Washington where she earned a BA in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance. She is a Chartered Financial Analyst and is a member of the CFA Society of Seattle.

She is married and has two boys who are currently in college. Calligraphy and art are passions that Sandy takes seriously and often takes classes in order to perfect her skills. Currently she is treasurer of The Highlands Children's Hospital Guild and is an active member of Seattle Art Museum Supporters. Golf is her favorite sport, in addition, she is an avid reader.

Sandy and her husband work tirelessly in their beautiful old garden in the Highlands. She typically works in the front yard with the perennials and ornamental plants while Dave works in the backyard with the orchard and vegetable garden. They are quite the gardening couple. Those who know Sandy say she is calm, soft spoken, thoughtful, focused, capable, and organized.

Sponsor: Sue Ashmun; Co-Sponsor: Hope Stroble

LEE ROLFE (Mrs. Stuart Talbot) Maiden name: Wright

Lee is a multiple Seattle Garden Club legacy which includes Gaye Pigott, Theiline Scheumann, Mary Ann Hughes, Ann Wyckoff, Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey and Shelly Rolfe. She grew up in Seattle and graduated from Forest Ridge, is a graduate of Duke University in Psychology and received a Masters of Higher Education from the University of Washington.

She is married and has raised five charming children so she is now an empty nester. Lee has recently renovated an older classic house in Madison Park and established a new city garden in the process. This project demonstrates her artistic flair and strong sense of style that is forever present in the beautiful homes and gardens she has remodeled and transformed. She was a docent at the Seattle Art Museums but now sits on the board. Her other community involvement includes the Grousemont Foundations, Lakeside School, University Prep, St. Joseph Church and School and National Public Radio.

She has a keen interest in gardens and has visited many all over the world. Some of us visited her Orcas Island natural garden and she also has recently established a desert garden in Palm Springs. Lee is known to be sincere, kind, friendly, eager to learn, interested in a wide variety of causes, and to have a keen sense of style.

Sponsor: Roxanne K. Wiley; Co-Sponsor: Marianne Kitchell

MARION 'MARNIE' ROOZEN (Mrs. William) Maiden name: Wood

Marnie was raised in Mt. Vernon and remained there gardening in the rich Skagit soil until she moved to Seattle in 2008. She says herself that she "loves dirt" and is happiest outside working in dirt. She is a member of the Skagit Valley Garden Club and participated in Garden Tours of the Skagit Valley. She was active in her husband's flower farm, Washington Bulb Company, where they grew tulips, daffodils, irises, lilies and peonies. She graduated from Western Washington in English.

She is the mother of five grown children. She is busy tending her English garden in Laurelhurst, the vegetable garden on Charles Island or skiing in Sun Valley. After moving to Seattle, she became involved in the Puget Sound Blood Center and remains the Chairman of the Board for the Pioneer News Group that has 25 newspapers and printing plants. She has been on the boards of the Medill School of Journalism and the Western Washington Foundation. Marnie is friendly, humble, unassuming, fun, hardworking, a leader, a conservationist, and an excellent fundraiser.

Sponsor: Kathy Lea; Co-Sponsor: Christine Davis

Summary of Actions: Meeting of the Governing Board of the Seattle Garden Club, May 5, Sunset Club

MOTION to approve the SGC 2016-2017 Budgets were seconded and approved.

In June, as many as a dozen species may burst their buds on a single day. No man can heed all of these anniversaries; no man can ignore all of them.

- Aldo Leopold

WAYS & MEANS

FEATURED AUCTION OUTINGS WITH AVAILABLE SPOTS!

Gardens, Creativity and Refreshments

June 8, 2016

\$110

Two spaces available. Artist Gayle Harris will guide us in a class in which you will create your own sculpted leaf garden art to take home. Enjoy being creative! You will be inspired by her lovely art-filled garden. Hearty refreshments will be served. Hosted by Gayle Harris and Karen Simmonds.

Herbarium Flower Pressing and Tea

June 22, 2016

\$100

One space available. Hosted by Eve Rickenbaker. Eve will show you how the Herbarium presses specimens for posterity and will instruct you in the art of flower pressings as you create lovely notecards to take home. Tea and scrumptious snacks will be served.

SGC Board Summer Cocktail Party

June 28, 2016

\$75

Twelve spaces available. Hosted by Suzette de Turenne and the SGC Board at the beautiful home of Sue Ashmun in The Highlands. Join us for delicious hors d'oeuvres and cocktails for a perfect start to summer.

Interested? Contact Roxanne Wiley @ 425-442-5154 or roxwiley@comcast.net



Suzette de Turenne and Suzy Titcomb are at Huntington Gardens enjoying the sun for the judging of the Pasadena GC Show.

SGC DUES

On June 1, 2016, SGC Members who receive the SGC Newsletter by email will receive their 2016-2017 SGC dues invoice by email.

If you would like to also receive a "snail-mail" dues notice, please notify Carlyn Steiner, carlyn@e-steiner.com, before May 27.

Fragrance Garden



(L to R) Work Party! Catherine Allan, Megan Smith, Betty Paul, Sue Blethen, Diana Neely and Edie Tenneson; Diana Neely and Sis Woodside cleaning benches. Thank you all!



East Montlake Park

Horsetail Management:

A male horsetail has brown stripes or “belts” and sperm laden head. The female horsetail surround him in their green “skirts”! You need to carefully remove the boys before they can germinate more! Then snap or cut the girls down to 2-3 inches. This helps slow down their invasive spread!

A tip from East Montlake Park.

Sue Blethen



Keep your eyes open for lovely small things in your garden.
left-minute buds in a bloom head of Hens & Chicks Sedum
right-a bee visiting a 'Rozanne' Geranium



Conservation Report

Summer “To Do” List

Invite hummingbirds into your yard - audubon.org/content/

Hummingbird nectar - audubon.org/news/nectar After three days, toss remaining nectar and wash the feeder to avoid fermentation and fungus. Refresh birdbath water often, daily if you can, every two to three days at the minimum.

Garden Design for Wildlife and Less Work - houzz.com/wildlife

Bird Note - Think about signing up for this fun and educational site! birdnote.org/

Keep Recycling!

InterConnection - Electronics recycle that Microsoft uses - 3415 Stone Way N, Seattle, WA 98103
Phone: 206-633-1517 You may search for the website.

Total Reclaim - Wires, TVs, computers, lightbulbs appliances, and so much more. totalreclaim.com

Styrofoam Recycle - Styrofoam is a nasty product, try to keep purchases that use styrofoam to a minimum. All recycled styrofoam items need to be clean so please wash take-out boxes and meat trays. Make sure to check website of what is and isn't accepted. If you gather your clean styrofoam over the summer, I will take it to Kent for you in the Fall. Styrofoam Recycle: styrorecycle.com

Goodwill - Besides the standard items, Goodwill will take even the raggedy clothing, so collect two bags, one of usable clothing and another of the unsellable items. Let's help Goodwill and keep this clothing out of our landfills.

Thoughtful consumption - Avoid plastic packaging, look for products that are in glass, aluminum or paper, which can be recycled unlike plastics and styrofoam. Use personal water bottles and thermos cups. If you have other items that you are not sure about, such as asphalt shingle roofing or carpets, email me and I will find your answer. araby1957@aol.com

Flush pet poop - Flush so it gets processed properly. We adore our pets, but raw pet poop runoff has a significant impact on the cleanliness of our waterways.

Puget Sound Energy - Follow my lead! I have just completed the transfer of all my Puget Sound Energy accounts for gas and electric to Green Power and encourage you to do the same. It is a bit more expensive per month, but an *easy* way to support the necessary transition from fossil fuels to green power.

PSE Green Power information: pse.com/savings PSE Energy Advisors: 1-800-562-1482

Upgrading appliances - Get Energy Star rated products. PSE has a number of rebates and will pick up your old items.



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Plant trees. World wide, we have already had record breaking temperatures for every month of 2016. As temperatures climb earlier in the season and last longer into the Fall, these trees will eventually provide shade, keeping your house and garden cooler. Planting trees will also allow for a lower set point on your air conditioner, saving energy and money. One of my favorites trees is the Mimosa or Silk Tree; it is relatively fast growing, provides a lovely canopy, has unique flowers that hummingbirds love, and leafs out late so you have all the spring sun, then the benefit of summer shade.

Reduce beef consumption - All around the world, but particularly in Central and South America, expansion of pastures for livestock production has been one of the driving forces behind this wholesale destruction of our world's forests. Methane produced by cattle, in addition to this deforestation, causes incalculable environmental damage.

What's driving Deforestation? ucsusa.org/global-warming

You can make a difference! As we move towards summer, I leave you with a rather weighty newsletter asking *you* to support our wildlife *and* for your thoughtful consumption and action, then take the next step in educating and encouraging the action of others towards bettering our environment.

"You may not be able to solve all the world's problems at once, but don't *ever* underestimate the importance of the courage to create change. That courage can be contagious and take on a life if it's own." M.O.

Now click here for some fun! theearthchild.co.za

Over the summer, please take the time to share quick notes or photos of what conservation changes or experiences you have had. I look forward to hearing from you!

Barbie Snapp, Chair



*Wonderful Floral Design workshop at the
Growers Market!*

Sally's Walled Garden Tour



*(bottom photo)
Beautiful day, beautiful
garden and beautiful ladies;
Eleanor Nolan, Sue
Simmons, Iris Wagner, Jenny
Wyatt, Katie McReynolds, Jill
Crutcher, Edie Tenneson, Bev
Martin, Noreen Frink and
Sally Nordstrom!*



GCA

Do You Still Have Your Spring GCA Bulletin?

If you turn to the back page, you'll find interesting information from GCA's Garden History and Design Committee section. It encourages members to document home gardens for inclusion in the Archives of American Gardens. Looking through the site, I found far fewer Western gardens are included - and we have the most temperate climate with best opportunities for plant health and diversity! Please look through the parameters detailed on the GCA Garden History and Design Committee pages and consider adding your garden to the significant body of knowledge the Archive of American Gardens provides. The committee members are listed and they are able to help. In particular, Valerie Matzger from the Piedmont Garden Club, is our Zone XII representative. The committee typically adds 60 gardens per year - hopefully soon to include more from SGC.

Gardener's Corner

Dry Shade Gardening is not for Sissies by Megan Smith

Sometimes I will take on a task for the mere challenge of it. I'm asked to upgrade a large planting bed, anchored by mature 50-year-old birch trees. I think: "I can do this... no biggy. This'll be fun!" Less than 30-minutes into the job, digging dry clay, rootiness, sore back...WHAT WAS I THINKING? I was thinking, "I need more of an upper body workout, and guess what, boy am I getting it!"

In my opinion, dry shade means trees, and no garden is complete without trees. Dry shade is part of the cycle of life in a mature garden where the tree is king. However, dry shade is undoubtedly the gardener's biggest nemesis. But even more of a challenge are areas of dry shade that get direct sun only part of the day - necessitating shade plants that can "cook" certain times of the day. Here is what I've been doing to tackle this daunting task and design a lovely garden at the same time.

Two years ago, the former garden designer fortunately planted some good structure plants: oakleaf hydrangeas, evergreen huckleberry and dwarf variegated andromeda. I need to augment the garden by planting around, and in front of, these plants where there's sun from 3:30 pm on.

Every hole I dig has hairline roots that I clip understanding that they'll grow back. I dig wide holes as I want these plants to have a running chance but I avoid damaging main artery roots. Compost goes in with every plant. I'm planting some elegant but tough variegated *Polygonatum odoratum* in the shadier sections and *Cimicifuga* "Chocoholic" where it gets a little more sun. Closer to the base of the birches I only plant four inch plants like *Acaena inermis* 'purpurea', a darling slightly aggressive dusky purple leafed ground cover to contrast with the white birch bark. A little further out I was able to plant some dwarf one gallon pines and then surround them with variegated *Ajuga* 'Burgundy Glow', a pretty little colorful ground cover that repeats the darker red tones of the *Acaena* and the *Cimicifuga* but also has light cream blotches to echo the birch. Also toward the front will be curved groupings of *Sesleria autumnalis*, a lovely grass with white inflorescences and *Bergenia* 'Bressingham White,' the large round leafed Pigsqueak. Both echo the ghostly white birch bark in different seasons. I will top mulch everything when I finish the job.

This has been a daunting challenge but with the right tough plant choices, differing textures, mulching and deep watering, my hope is that this will be a stellar garden. The mature birches are my anchor plants and from them the "painting" unfolds to complete the "canvas." I love garden artistry even though my back is killing me!

Bees & Bread Auction Event at WSU Mount Vernon Agricultural Research Center & Lunch on Samish Island





THE GARDEN CLUB of AMERICA

The GCA By The Numbers: 2016 - 2017

Who We Are:

200 member clubs in 40 states

~18,000 club members

75 honorary members

8 international courtesy clubs

Your National Organization

President, Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, 11 officers and 1 zone director

12 geographical zones and their zone leadership

400 clubs + club members serving at the GCA national level

15 national committees providing programmatic resources

12 standing, special & supporting committees

\$2 mm operating budget: revenue sources are dues, investment income and contributions

\$30 mm investment portfolio: includes 30+ designated funds

What We Do

27 merit-based scholarships and fellowships - \$363,400 awarded to 92 scholars in 2016

88 Founders Fund projects in national communities - \$50,000 awarded to 3 new projects in 2016

44 Plants for Partners projects conserving national, state & local public lands

46 Freeman Medal awards recognizing underutilized North American native plants: 22 winners since 1995

Library with 3,000+ books on topics relating to the GCA's mission

Archives with extensive GCA histories and materials

3 annual national conferences:

- Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference
- National Affairs & Legislation Meeting
- GCA Annual Meeting

~12 annual zone meetings

75+ sponsored flower shows

Educational workshops in floral design, horticulture & photography

~20 national and ~400 zone and club awards presented annually

560+ approved judges in floral design, horticulture & photography

4,691 gardens documented to date for the Archives of American Gardens Smithsonian Institution

Annual domestic & international Visiting Garden trips

8 position papers on public policy issues

8 publications:

-Bulletin

-By Design

-ConWatch

-eNews

-focus

-Legislative Update

-The Real Dirt

-The Show Must Go On

Looking Ahead to the Summer and Next Season!

- 7/18/16 Auction Event: Floral Demo and Lunch at Delphine Stevens' home
- 9/15/16 Annual Fall Picnic: at Diana Neely's home
- 10/5/16 Conservation Event: How to make a Container Rain Garden & Potluck
- 11/7/16 Conservation Event: Electronics Recycle
- 11/17/16 Auction Event: Paperwhite Potting Party & Lunch
- 12/1/16 Holiday Luncheon and Auction, The Sunset Club

HAVE A GLORIOUS SUMMER
IN THE GARDEN!

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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