



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

SGC September Picnic

September 15, 2016

Diana Neely's

7887 Overlake Drive West

Medina, WA 98039

Please carpool. Very limited parking.

Members Only

10:45 - Pick up Yearbooks & Inserts,
Plant Scavenger Hunt

11:45 - President's Welcome

12:00 - Picnic Lunch

PLEASE RESPOND YES OR NO BY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2016

TO SIGN UP CLICK BELOW LINK:

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Non-subscribers to the Hostess Fund:

Please confirm your reservation by sending a check for
\$45 payable to SGC to:

Sheila Noonan

624 35th Avenue

Seattle WA 98122

Questions – sbnoonan@gmail.com

Events at a Glance

9/8-Board Meeting, Sunset Club, 10 am

9/14 Centennial Committee Meeting, 9 am CUH

9/15-Fall Picnic at Diana Neely's, Members only

9/22-Ways & Means, Edie Tenneson's, 9:30 am

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

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



From the President

"Summer afternoon." Henry James described them as the two most beautiful words in the English language. As summer winds down, I hope these two melodious words evoke memories of lovely experiences under clear blue skies. Soon enough, on a September afternoon, SGC members will regroup for a banner year that promises to create memories for our club.

We are most fortunate to hold our Annual Fall Picnic in the fabulous garden of Diana Neely on September 15. If you have never been to Diana's garden, prepare yourself for a treat. And don't forget to carpool! Many thanks to Diana and to our Meeting Arrangements committee, headed by Sheila Noonan, for orchestrating this event. Please be sure to reach out and welcome our three new provisional members, Sandy Hanower, Lee Rolfe and Marnie Wood Roozen.

Yearbooks will be distributed at the September picnic. Putting this book together—in the middle of the summer—is no small job, with many details to chase down and new information to incorporate. Jolie Roze, our corresponding secretary, deserves an enormous thank-you for handing this task like a pro. Our club makes every effort to keep members informed—the Yearbook; our newsletters (now produced by Sue Brickman); eblasts (facilitated by Jo Anne Rosen); our Website (kudos to Kim Bishop); as well as announcements at meetings. Please do your part and make note of our activities. What we do in the space of a year is truly impressive!

Even though SGC breaks for the summer, many members have kept the wheels turning. Our Finance Chair Carlyn Steiner has dedicated long hours to switching SGC to a more efficient QuickBooks system. Sue Ashmun has put the finishing touches on a series of General Meetings that you won't want to miss. Likewise, our new Hort Chair Diana Ackerley has, along with her committee, organized our Horticulture Meetings and provisional talks, focusing on plant pollination. We all stand to learn more about this important topic.

Drum roll please! Ongoing preparations to mark our Centennial in 2017 continue to progress. Hope Stroble and the Centennial Committee have been working steadily, laying the groundwork for unforgettable celebratory events.

I am delighted and honored to serve as your President for this remarkable upcoming year. I eagerly await our Fall Picnic reunion and until then, enjoy the remaining summer afternoons!

Jenny Wyatt, SGC President

Please Welcome the New Provisionals!



*Kathy Lea and Marnie Wood
Roozen*



Lee Rolfe



Sandy Hanower and Sue Ashmun

Poetry from Jill Crutcher

Garden of Gold

I walk through the
garden,

on this warm
summer's day,

to smell the flowers,
that grandma raised.

In the middle,

of this garden of
gold,

stood this one,

single red stem rose,

the rose means so
many things,

from the ones you
receive on your
wedding day,

to the one you get
on Valentine's Day,

but this single rose
standing here today,

represents the love
grandma gave.

From the love she
gave,

when she planted it
that day,

to the love she gave
us,

each and every day,

so when you pass
this garden of gold,

remember the love
that this rose holds.

Lois Felder

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

Photography Report

Get your Cameras Ready

We have an exciting year planned with the photography committee.

Mark your calendars for two important dates in October.

Oct. 12th at 7:00 PM at Suzy Titcomb's house to talk about the year and the ABC's of photography for GCA shows.

Oct. 20th Bring your favorite summer photo (8 1/2 x 11) to the General Meeting for display.

And after the General meeting Kathy Lea will give a slide presentation of possibilities of photo manipulation. Please plan to bring a sack lunch and enjoy this creative talk until 12:30. A reminder email will be sent out in September

Workshops, hands on help in the field with photos, speakers and so much more will keep us all focused on our photos this year. Fabulous images were submitted for the Summer Solstice.

Suzy Titcomb, Chair

Seattle Garden Club 2016 Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Community Awards

Community Commendation Awards for Non Members are presented to *Lily Takatsuka, Lois Prestrud and Pat Danford for their work in the Herbarium and to Anne Kennedy for her contributions to the Fragrance Garden*



Debby Smith and B.J. Anderson



Laurie Riley and Eve Rickenbaker with Community award recipients



Patsy Pattison and Sheila Noonan

SGC and GCA Awards

Commendation of Appreciation

Commendation of Spirited &

GCA Medal of Merit

B.J. Anderson

Patsy Pattison

Diana Neely

Gold Medal

Silver Medal

Enthusiastic Participation GCA Club Floral Design Achievement Award will be presented at the fall picnic



Suzette de Turenne and Jenny Wyatt



Charlee Reed, Diana Neely and Alex Morse



Holiday Luncheon & Auction

SAVE THE DATE!

December 1st, 2016

10:30 am- Auction & Social
12:00 Noon - luncheon
Sunset Club
1021 University Street
Seattle

Our major fundraiser is a fun social event and a great way to support our Club. Guests are welcome!

Start thinking now of how you can help!

We need your enthusiastic support!

The Ways & Means Committee is here to help you to create fun and interesting outings or events for our members and guests.

Items such as classes, outings, themed parties, home-made treats, gift baskets, wine, specialty plants, decorative items, art, jewelry, new toys, crafts, gardening items, gift certificates, getaways to vacation spots are just some of the many possibilities. Get creative! Be an Angel! There will also be opportunities for volunteering at the event! Procurement forms and sign-ups will be available soon. Thank you!

Please contact me with any questions or ideas

Eddie Tenneson, Chair EddieSS48@msn.com 425-444-2149 (cell) 206-322-3883 (home)

Centennial Celebration News from Hope Stroble! **1917-2017**

January 19, 2017	Kick off Celebratory Luncheon at the Seattle Tennis Club
April 27, 2017	Gala Cocktail Party. Location TBD Guest included. There will be a fee.
June 1, 2017	Celebratory Annual Meeting and Luncheon at the Seattle Tennis Club
September 21, 2017	Celebratory Picnic of our Centennial Garden in the Arboretum Graham Visitors Center

Floral Design

The Floral Design Committee has a full agenda for the year. In October we will have a demonstration by experienced members of the Committee to acquaint the Provisionals with the floral design committee. Here the plan is to acquaint the Provisionals with the floral design committee. Thoughts for an Auction centerpiece theme, design concepts, and suggestions for tips and tools will be included. Perhaps this will be open to a few extras who want to brush up! There will be a meeting for the Provisionals in November to assist with centerpieces for the Auction tables. Stay tuned for details!

Debby Smith

Hort Report

September is here and it's also the beginning of our SGC year, a time of reunion and the anticipation of another great year of learning and camaraderie. Just a reminder that **Hort Meetings Time are: 9:15 am Social & 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Program**

We have a fun year of speakers for this year's Hort Meetings! We have six Provisional Talks this year that relate to the GCA Hort Committees' focus on pollinators.

Our first Hort Meeting will take place on October 3rd. Katie McReynolds will be talking to us about Insect Pollinators & Their Importance to the Environment.

Diana Ackerley, Chair

Conservation Report

The Conservation Committee is anticipating an exciting year of activities. Here is just a taste of what we have on deck for the remainder of 2016.

Working with Aaron Clark of 12,000 Rain Gardens, we invite you to please join us at 10:30 on October 5th at Barbie Snapp's home for a fun and informative morning followed by a pot luck lunch and time to chat with Aaron.

We will be installing a container rain garden using a succession of two or three galvanized watering troughs. We are trying this new method based upon a very successful rain garden at Tacoma's Tote industrial site using shipping containers. This combined effort with 12K and SGC will show us if this miniature version is an effective method of slowing and cleaning storm water runoff in areas that aren't conducive for in-ground rain gardens.



It's time to start collecting your unwanted electronics!

On November 7 from 9:00 to 10:00 am, prior to our Hort meeting, we will hold our Third Annual Electronics Recycle Event! InterConnection is now charging \$500.00 for their donation events. To avoid this charge, I will be bringing my Suburban to gather your donations. **Interconnection will accept:** desktops, laptops, (InterConnection, used by Microsoft, will wipe all hard drives.) monitors (LCD only), TVs (up to 40"), UPS units, servers, monitor stands, speakers, routers, switches, mice, tablets, cell phones, voip phones, printer cartridges, essentially anything that has a CPU or plugs into a computer or a network. **InterConnection no longer accepts printers.** I will then deliver the goods to InterConnection after our meeting. I also hope to incorporate styrofoam recycling this year, but **Styro Recycle** is very specific in what they will accept. I will announce those details at our next meeting to see if this idea has any interest among our members.

On a more informal level, the Conservation Committee and any interested members and guests will also be invited attend various environmental movies (IMAX), lectures and volunteer events. Stay tuned...

What we can do: Our bees need plants into the the shoulder season. 1. Think about what you will plant to help our pollinators into late fall and winter. 2. Plant trees to shade your home. As our temperatures rise, trees will provide the shade to keep the set point down on your thermostats, reducing energy consumption. Personally, I love the canopy of the Mimosa for this shady job!

Barbie Snapp, Chair

2016 Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon

Summary of Minutes

Treasury Committee: 2016-2017 Budget approved

Membership Committee: New Provisional members and Active members, member status changes and memoriam all approved.

Nominating Committee: approved the incoming 2016-2018 slate of Board positions.

President-elect Diana Neely, Recording Secretary Shelley Rolfe, Club Communications Sue Brickman, Floral Design Debby Smith, Horticulture Diana Ackerley, Meeting Arrangements Sheila Noonan, Photography Suzy Titcomb, Ways and Means Edie Tenneson

Approved Bylaw Changes:

Change #1 The immediate past President will be added to SGC Governing Board as an officer. The immediate past President will assist as requested by the President and serve on the Board for one year.

Change #2 The Nominations Chair will be added to the Board for one year and the Nominating Committee would become a standing Committee. In the event of a vacancy the President and President-elect will choose a member to chair the Nominating Committee.

Change #3: The Policy and Planning Committee recommended fixing discrepancies between Bylaw language and our Policies regarding the Membership Committee.

Report from GCA Annual Meeting: Jenny and Charlee attended the meeting in Minneapolis in May.

Report from Community Projects: Approved the \$100,000 awarded to the Arboretum South Pond Project in honor of our Centennial celebration in 2017.

Report from Community Awards: Approved the SGC Commendation for Non-Members to Pat Danford, Lois Prestrud and Lily Takatsuka for their work at the U of W Herbarium.

Approved the SGC Commendation for Non-Members to Anne Kennedy for her work at CUH/ UWBG and the Fragrance Garden

Report from Member Awards: Silver Medal to Patsy Pattison, Gold Medal to B.J. Anderson and the GCA Gold Medal of Merit to Diana Neely.

Kudos were given to all the Chairs and Members of the Club, as well as all those who served in GCA positions (Iris Wagner, Pam Green, Barbara Hamachek, and Catherine Allan for the Shirely Meneice Conference).

Suzette passed the gavel to Jenny marking the end of her presidency and the beginning of Jenny's. Jenny was presented with a Simon Pearce vase and a bouquet of flowers as a thank you for her work.

Jenny's closing remarks acknowledged the many efforts of Kim Bishop and Peggy Paige Most for the thousands of photos taken throughout the year and for the fabulous slideshow.

Summary submitted by Susan Brickman

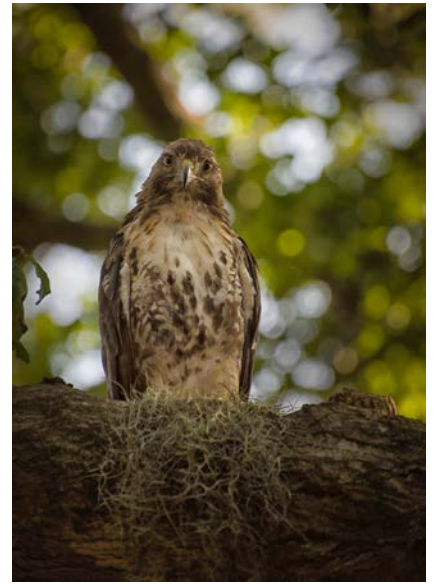
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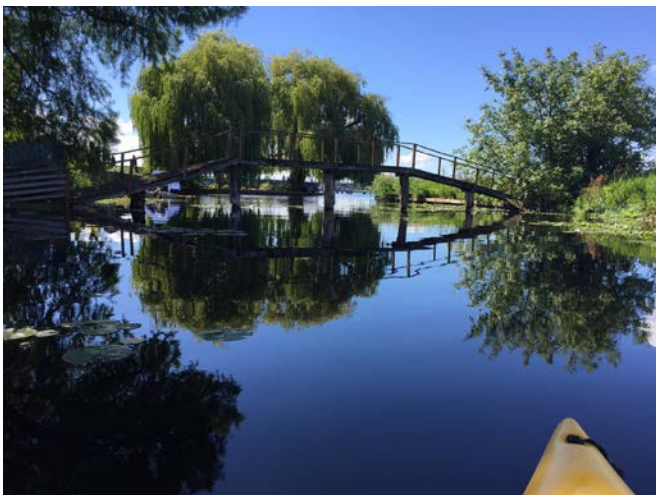
Deborah Cheadle



Kim Bishop



Sue Hilpert



Suzy Titcomb



Catherine Roach

SGC Summer Outings

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



Membership Status Changes

Judy Phillips: Sustaining

Suzanne Ragen: Sustaining

Patsy Sangster: Sustaining

Jane Harder: Non-Resident

Julie Hooker: Non-Resident

Linda Helsell: Inactive

Angela Clark: Resigned

Sherrill Elliot: Resigned

Cary Jurriaans: Resigned

Constance Phelps: Resigned

Please notify SGC Corresponding Secretary,

Jolie Roze of any roster changes:

jsroze@comcast.net or 206-236-2218

In Memoriam

**We regret the passing of
long-time member**

Mrs. Howard Robbins (Lexie)

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, and avoid 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

What's the Impact of The Garden Club of America? Treasures in Threes: Filoli, Lurline and Betsy

The summer 2016 edition *The Bulletin* recently presented the story of Lurline Roth Coonan and Filoli, a National Trust house and formal garden in Woodside, California. Lurline has been a member of Woodside-Atherton Garden Club for over sixty years. She grew up at Filoli after her parents purchased the estate in 1937. Lurline gave a captivating talk last year on the subject of growing up on the estate in which she described beautifully designed outdoor garden rooms and how the rooms' vases inside were always graced with her mother's floral arrangements. At the time of the talk, Lurline was 95. In her 50s, she went back to college for a degree in horticulture. She made an "A" in Lawnmower Maintenance. Alongside her many talents in the garden, Lurline is known for her floral design skills and has always thought that "flower arranging should be a joy, and learning shouldn't be a chore." In 2013, Lurline was the first recipient of the Woodside-Atherton Garden Club's Lurline Roth Coonan Medal, "for horticultural knowledge combined with artistry in floral design." In 1997 and 1998 she was awarded with the GCA Certificate of Excellence in Horticulture.



While I have not had the pleasure of knowing Lurline Roth Coonan personally, it is evident she is a remarkable lady. I am, however, familiar with Filoli and another special lady who I met when I was an intern in 1997 during the height of spring bulbs blooming: Betsy Clebsch. Now 92, Betsy wrote: *A Book of Salvias: Sages for Every Garden* in her 70s. For the last two decades, I have visited Betsy every couple of years. We stroll through the gardens together when all the visitors have vacated the grounds and enjoy botanical treasures of Filoli to ourselves. In June, on my most recent trip, I had the pleasure of introducing a newly graduated University of Washington student named Emma Relei to Betsy. Emma received a six month fellowship to document Filoli's plant collections. During Emma's final year as an undergraduate, I enjoyed working with her as a volunteer in the Herbarium at the Center for Urban Horticulture where I work as a graduate student. It was Emma's first time visiting Filoli. On that late afternoon we were treated with a special stroll through the sunken garden, the fragrant rose garden, and the multiple cutting beds filled with sweet peas, dahlias and poppies. I hope Emma finds the same treasures at Filoli that I did nineteen years ago.

Treasures abound, from flowers growing in the garden and floral arrangements gracing vases to the remarkable ladies like Lurline and Betsy in California and the many generous and talented women.
Eve Rickenbaker

Announcement!

The creation of a new special committee was approved by the Board in June. The Technology Committee will be chaired by Kim Bishop. More information to follow.

Looking Ahead

- Oct 3 Hort Meeting, Meeting: 9:15 am
- Oct 6 Board Meeting: 10 am, Sunset Club
- Oct 7 Centennial Committee: location TBD, 10 am - 11 am
- Oct 12 Photography Meeting: Suzy Titcomb's house. 7pm.
- Oct 13 Ways and Means Meeting: 9:30 am.
- Oct 20 General Meeting: CUH/UWBG, 9:15 am Social; 10 am Meeting; 10:15 am Program,
Photography Bring favorite summer photo to the General Meeting.
Kathy Lea presentation after the General Meeting. Bring your lunch
- Oct 27 Ways and Means: 9:30am

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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