



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

General Meeting

October 20,
2015
UWBG/CUH

9:15 am Social

10:00 am Meeting

10:15 am Program

Guests
Welcome!



Bruce Bailey, Owner, Heavy Petal Nursery
"The Flowers of Downton Abbey"

Bruce is the purveyor of a private nursery, Heavy Petal Nursery, in Moses Lake, WA, or, as he likes to call it, God's Country. Bruce majored in art, art history and history and finds artistic expression in the gardens he creates along with the customers he cultivates through an unconventional selection of gardening products. New varieties and surprising introductions of garden worthy plants, as well as old fashioned and unjustly forgotten favorites, are all on display. Container design, garden living, interior concepts, antiques, farm to table and cooking are all aspects of Bruce's world. Come join him for "Harvest of the Basin" dinner this September!

Reminder: Please arrive early to the Oct 20 General Meeting for the electronic recycling and to view members' Favorite Summer Photos. Please see pages 3 and 10 for details.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- 10/3 Hort Meeting, 9:15 social, 10 program, CUH
- 10/5 Conservation Event, Container Rain Garden Install. 10-1pm. Potluck lunch
- 10/6 Board Meeting, Sunset Club, 10:00-11:30
- 10/11 Policy and Planning Meeting, Diana Neely's home, 1-3pm
- 10/12 Photography Meeting, The ABC's of Photography for GCA Shows. 7pm-8:45pm.
- 10/13 Ways & Means Committee Meeting, location TBD, 9:30 am
- 10/20 General Meeting, UWBG/CUH, 9:15 am Social, 10 am Meeting, 10:15 am Program
Centennial Committee Meeting, CUH Section A, noon
Kathy Lea Presentation on Photo Manipulation, 11:45-12:15pm
Electronics Recycling Event, 9-10am CUH parking lot
- 10/27 Ways and Means Committee Meeting, location TBD, 9:30.

From the President



A perfect 10—that's my ranking for October. No longer nostalgic for the warmth of summer's sun, by the time the tenth month of the year rolls around, I've embraced the crisp air, the lower sun angle, the quirky shapes of gourds and the color orange. And like the Hunter's Moon of the month, October can feel especially full.

Take a close look at the events described in this newsletter and on our website calendar and join in! In addition to our Hort meeting on October 3, featuring Katie McReynolds speaking on insect pollinators, and our General meeting on October 20, with Bruce Bailey of Heavy Petal Nursery presenting *The Flowers of Downton Abbey*, we'll have a photography exhibit of our "Favorite Summer Photos," an electronics recycling opportunity (9-10 am) sponsored by our Conservation Committee and a post-meeting presentation by Kathy Lea on photo manipulation—all on October 20th. That's a full day!

Our committees are full steam ahead. Barbie Snapp, our Conservation Chair, has put together field trips (September 19 and 28) as well as a demonstration on residential container rain gardens (October 5). Edie Tenneson, our Ways and Means Chair, is working steadily with her committee on our annual holiday luncheon and auction on December 1. Please be thinking about how you can support this event. Be on the lookout for emails and postings on other committee gatherings during October and the months ahead.

Before we zip ahead, leaving September in our wake, we owe special thanks to everyone who made our Fall Picnic a tremendous success, in particular Sheila Noonan and members of her Meeting Arrangements committee and our hostess Diana Neely. The weather goddess provided a lovely day to enjoy Diana's beautiful garden. Oh, those hydrangeas! Let's also be thankful for the excellent camaraderie of our club membership, joining together for fun and for contributing to our community.

Jenny Wyatt, President



Carol Henderson, and Hope Stroble, right



Noreen Frink

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 how we will organize the year. Would you like workshops, hands on help in the field with photos and speakers? We will review the ABC's of photography for GCA shows.

Oct. 20th

1. Bring your favorite summer photo (8 1/2 x 11) to the General Meeting.
 2. 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 12:30pm.
- Suzy Titcomb, Chair



photo by Mary Turner



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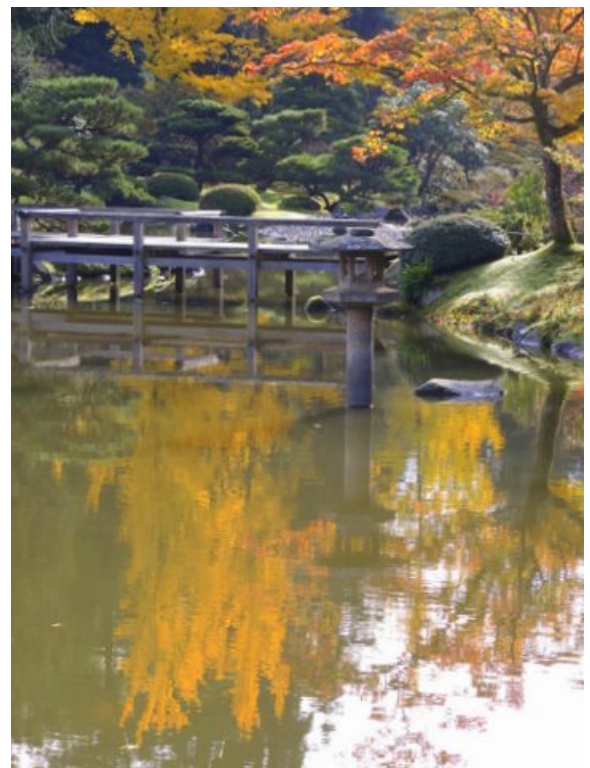


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Holiday Luncheon & Auction



December 1st, 2016

Sunset Club

1021 University Street

10:30 am ~ Auction & Social

12:00 Noon ~ Luncheon

Mark your calendars!

This is our main fundraiser and there are many ways for every SGC member to contribute:

Items that have done well in recent auctions have included fun items for children/grandchildren, gift baskets, homemade goodies, gift certificates, specialty plants, and 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. Get together with several other members to host a fun themed night with dinner or games or coordinate a cooking class or demonstration of a certain type of gardening, floral design, or specialty plant care. The options are endless. Be an "Angel"! Additionally, we will need volunteers to work the day of the auction.

The Ways & Means Committee is ready and willing to help you by facilitating the process for creating fabulous experiences, with donating items, and by answering any questions!

The **Auction Procurement Form** is on the website and can be downloaded for your use. Copies will also be available at our various SGC gatherings.

Please contact me with any questions or ideas.

Thank you,

Edie Tenneson, Chair: EdieSS48@msn.com

HYPERTUFA? WHAT'S THAT?

Our Centennial Horticulture Show next June will feature a class of HYPERTUFA containing Native or Alpine Plants.

HYPERTUFA is a mixture of peat, cement, sand and water which, when combined and poured into a form, such as a box or a bowl, will set up and become a container, similar to the troughs you see in the English Countryside.

For those of you who are interested in entering the Hypertufa Class in the show, we will be holding a workshop on making a Hypertufa container.

Garden Club member Gayle Harris will be our instructor and the workshop will be held in her garage on Wednesday, October 26 at 11:00. Please bring a sack lunch and plan to stay about three hours. There will be a \$20 charge for supplies.

Please sign up by emailing Laurie Riley at laurieariley@gmail.com



***And the sun took a step back,
the leaves lulled themselves to sleep
and Autumn was awakened.***

Raquel Franco

photo by Mary Turner

Gardener's Corner

Beelicious with Late Blooming Lovelies

By Megan Smith

I missed my friends this year, the plump bumblebees that always congregate around my *Persicaria* amp. 'Firetail'. "Bumbles" are my favorite insect...when I was a child, my sister and I would attempt to give them a little love pat. They are truly irresistible. I saw nary a one this year, only honeybees which, of course, are delightful as well. I started to wonder if my yard had the requisite nectar producing pollinator plants for late summer and autumn. If not, what nectar producing plants would provide my small urban yard with enough "nectar punch" while providing sufficient lengthy bloom or foliage to earn a spot in my garden?

At the top of my garden's current inventory of pollinator plants are asters. The three-foot Aster 'Monch' is a terrific perennial with ho hum leaves but a long period of bloom from June to November. It's lavender rayed flowers deliver a real punch to the garden. Aster lateriflorus 'Prince' is another winner with it's deep bronze fine foliage and billowing tiny white flowers punctuated with red. Mass them to make a color statement and you won't be sorry. *Trachelium caeruleum* is another beelicious plant that is getting shelf space in the nurseries these days because of their showy violet umbel like flowers and purple toned foliage. They're pretty drought tolerant which is a plus. On my wish list (which could come to fruition if I could ever find a place for it!) is the *Asclepia speciosa* or showy milkweed. Bees and butterflies adore this plant! It blooms from May through September and has showy silver cast leaves and fleshy white allium type flowers. It'll form a nice clump in time so give it a little space.

If I had room...famous last words...yes, more real estate, I'd also plant the elegant *Oxydendron arboretum*. With it's arching Pieris like Lily of the Valley flowers, incredible fall color, slow growth and hanging racemes of fruit capsules for winter interest, the sourwood is a winning specimen tree. A lesser known tree with exotic showy nectar producing flowers that resemble large whitish pink azaleas is the *Chitalpa 'Morning Cloud'*. Growing to 25/30 feet this is a fast growing tree and blooms from late spring all the way into late fall. Need to hide your neighbor's run down garage quickly? Plant this tree.

This is only a small taste of what's available to feed our buzzing buddies and quench our own aesthetic horticultural thirst. Take the time to check out any of the caryopteris, *Origanum 'Amethyst Falls'*, *Pereskia 'Lacy Blue'*, agastache varieties and *zauschnerias*. You'll keep those bees a buzzing right though the fall!



Photo by Joanne Rosen

Roster Updates

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
Membership Chair

Unharvested by Robert Frost

A scent of ripeness from over a wall.

And come to leave the routine road

and look for what had made me stall,

there sure enough was an apple tree

that had eased itself of its summer load,

and of all but its trivial foliage free,

now breathed as light as a lady's fan.

For there had been an apple fall

as complete as the apple had given man.

The ground was one circle of solid red.

May something go always unharvested!

May much stay out of our stated plan,

apples or something forgotten and left,

so smelling their sweetness would be no theft.

Centennial Celebration Calendar 1917-2017

January 19, 2017	Kick off With Celebratory Luncheon at the Seattle Tennis Club
April 27, 2017	Celebratory Party MV Skansonia Guests included. There will be a fee.
June 1, 2017	Celebratory Annual Meeting and Luncheon at the Seattle Tennis Club
September 21, 2017	Celebratory Picnic at our Azalea Way Centennial Garden in the Arboretum Graham Center

Archives Report

This year the Committee will continue to work towards digitalizing historical documents of the Seattle Garden Club. Anyone interested in joining us please call Christine Davis (206)329-9403



photo by Mary Turner

GCA Report



THE GARDEN CLUB of AMERICA

In honor of my director, professor, mentor and friend, Dr. Sarah Reichard, I want to express my appreciation of the many Garden Club of America members who support the GCA Scholarship program. According to information compiled by GCA, 91 scholars were awarded over \$360,000 to support their studies at the undergraduate and graduate level across the nation and around the globe in 2016.

A Garden Club of America scholarship set me on a garden path over twenty years ago and ultimately led to my study under Sarah's guidance as a graduate student in the School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, and to my work as a research assistant in the Otis Douglas Hyde Herbarium. I can never adequately thank the generous and thoughtful women of GCA who introduced me to Sarah. Sarah was a passionate plant scientist, committed to public horticulture. She gave her time and expertise to numerous plant boards and organizations, and she shared her experience and knowledge with a multitude of students.

A recent edition of "The Bulletin" includes a twenty-page section on the scholarship recipients. It is fascinating to note the range of their studies supported by GCA: Botany, Ecology, Coastal Wetlands, Horticulture, Environmental Science, Medicinal Botany, Garden History and Design, Urban Forestry, Sustainable Food Systems, Desert Studies, Environmental and Outdoor Education, Pollinator Research, Ecological Restoration, Public Horticulture, National Parks, Tropical Botany, Endangered Bird Habitat, Landscape Architecture, Climate Change Impacts, Hydroponic Production, Soil Science, Sustainable Landscapes, Plant Nutrition, Arid Landscape Design, Mycorrhizal Fungi Relationships, Water Conservation, Therapeutic Horticulture and Community Garden Programs.

When I was going through a difficult time, Sarah encouraged me with this advice: "...just live a life of honesty and curiosity..." Sarah told me many times how much she appreciated and valued the Seattle Garden Club community. Sharing plant science was Sarah's passion and she did so with honesty and curiosity. I miss my director, professor, mentor and friend. Through GCA scholarships, I hope many more students will be guided, challenged, and supported by mentors and teachers such as Sarah was to me.

Submitted by, Eve Rickenbaker

Conservation Report

In September, I attended a wonderful event where speaker David Domke, Chairman of Communications at the University of Washington, gave a riveting talk that addressed our country's past and present political mood as well as this current and very divisive election cycle.

One of the "take aways" was that with our paralyzed Congress, the action, the voice and the strength to inspire change needs to come from a local base. We, as a people, tend to lose conviction and motivation the further away an issue lies from us. "Do I care about the flooding in Louisiana? Yes, of course! But do I care about *our* flooding, pollution, toxins in the water or our watersheds and lowering snow pack here in Washington a little bit more?" My honest answer is that my heart truly goes out to Louisiana, but I can **do** more here for *my* community.

It is easier to commit our time when we see the results of our efforts. Our *local* calls for action enforce more accountability from our politicians who will see and hear us responding to what they have or haven't addressed. As citizens, working at the grassroots level allows *us* a greater opportunity to generate those changes and be visible examples and educators for our environment.

Continuing on Domke's theme of local action, my goal as Conservation Chair for the next year is to inspire SGC into putting more effort towards saving, restoring and preserving our natural world.

Though I may be mistaken (and I am getting the happy impression that I am) I do not get the sense that we, as a club, are taking the effects of global warming and conservation to heart as much as I would like. I know we are a *very* busy group of women and our time is always filled with a variety of wonderful activities, but what is more important than preserving this planet we depend upon to sustain us? **So dear members, what I need is your feedback!** In the quest to dispel my concern about our commitment to conservation, I would be very grateful to hear what we, as individual members, are doing to protect our environment. I am interested in *any* small or large effort you have to share, as every little bit helps. **Please respond by e-mail Barbie at: araby1957@aol.com**

Upcoming Conservation Activities - All Are Welcome

September 28th - Beacon Food Forest field trip, 10 - 11:30, with a *possible* no host (picnic?) lunch to follow - TBD. This amazing garden plan will eventually emulate a natural forest from canopy to forest floor using edibles and beneficial plants. [Beacon Food Forest Link](#)

October 5th - Container Rain Garden installation at [Suzy Titcomb's](#) house at 10:00 am. **This is a location change from Barbie's house.** Aaron Clark of 12,000 Rain Gardens will be present to guide the project. This new method is based upon the very successful rain garden utilizing shipping containers at the Tote industrial site in Tacoma. In this combined effort of 12K Rain Gardens and SGC, we will create a miniature version of the Tote model, providing an effective method on a residential scale of slowing and cleaning storm water runoff in areas that aren't conducive to in-ground rain gardens. When the installation is complete, Aaron will be available for further discussion about rain gardens during a **potluck** lunch. For a little refresher, watch the video that was shown at the BBG Rain Garden Exhibit: [Rain Garden Video link](#)

October 20th - Start collecting your electronics! Our third annual Electronics Recycle Event will be from 9: 00 -10:00 am in the CUH parking lot. Printers are **NOT** being accepted at this time. We will have donation receipts available. **Make note that this is a date change!**

I look forward to hearing from *all* of you about your environmental actions and if you will be joining us for the Food Forest and/or Rain Garden events. **Please RSVP as soon as possible to Barbie: araby1957@aol.com**

Respectfully submitted,
Barbie

Hort Report

Our first Hort meeting of the year will take place on Monday, October 3rd at CUH. 9:15 am Social & 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Program.

Provisional Katie McReynolds will be talking to us about Insect Pollinators & Their Importance to the Environment.

Hort Share: Please bring something that is in flower now or has some fall interest to share. Bring it in its own vase. Baird Boards would be fabulous too, if you have 5 specimens to display. When members bring in specimens from their gardens it inspires us and helps expand our knowledge about plants we can grow in our own gardens. Thank you Betty Paul for agreeing to continue organizing Hort Share this year!

The fall is also a good time for propagation. If you are eager to propagate a successful plant from your garden, GCA offers a Propagation Handbook which sells for only \$3.00. If you'd like to order one, visit the home page: [GCA Member Publication Link](#)

Diana Ackerley, Horticulture Chair

A Reminder about SGC's Reimbursement Process

If you wish to be reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of SGC, please note the following process for reimbursements. Expenses must be approved by a Committee Chair and must be accompanied by a reimbursement form. The forms are available on our website www.seattlegardenclub.org on the Member's page under "Forms". Please complete the form and send it to SGC's treasurer Carlyn Steiner.



Looking Ahead

- 11/2 **Ways and Means Committee Meeting**, 930, location TBD
- 11/3 **Board Meeting**, 10-1130, Sunset Club
Nominations Committee, 1130, location TBD
- 11/7 **Horticulture Meeting**, Provisional Ana Hergert, 9:15 Social, 10-1130 Program
- 11/8 **Policy and Planning Meeting**, 1-3pm, location TBD
- 11/16 **Ways and Means Committee Meeting**, 930, location TBD
- 11/17 **General Meeting**, 915 Social, 10-1130 Program, location CUH
Auction Event, Paperwhite Potting Party and Lunch,
- 11/29 **Ways and Means Committee Meeting**, 930, location TBD
- 11/30 **Auction Set Up**, 2p, Sunset Club

GCA Encourages Use of Email

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Susan Brickman, Susanbrickman@msn.com

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