



# The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

## General Meeting

**November  
17, 2016  
UWBG/  
CUH  
9:30 am  
Social  
10 am  
Meeting**

**Guests  
Welcome!**

Linda Ann Vorobik, PhD: Botanist, Illustrator, Educator  
*"Drawing and Painting Wildflowers Throughout the West"*

Dr. Linda Ann Vorobik is affiliated with the herbarium at the University of Washington, Seattle, and the University of California, Berkeley. She specializes in plant systematics and botanical illustration.. Linda combines her passion and knowledge of plants in her botanical watercolors, hand-painted silk cards, prints, original watercolors, and hand-painted scarves .All of these items will be available for viewing and sale, with 35% of proceeds going to the Seattle Garden Club.



## Events at a Glance

11/2	<b>Ways and Means Committee</b> , location TBA, 9:30 am.
11/3	<b>Board Meeting</b> , Sunset Club, 10-11:30am. <b>Nominations Committee Meeting</b> , location TBA, 11:30am <b>Community Projects Meeting</b> , Sunset Club, Time TBA
11/7	<b>Provisional Meeting Centerpiece Design Prep</b> , CUH, 8:30-9:30am <b>Hort Meeting</b> , CUH, Provisional Tori Ragen, 9:15am Social, 10am Meeting <b>Garden and History Design Committee Meeting</b> , Isaacson Room, 11:30-12:30am. Questions to Mary Turner
11/8	<b>Policy and Planning Committee Meeting</b> , location TBA, 1-3am
11/10	<b>Photo Shoot at Volunteer Park Conservatory</b> , 10-11:30 am
11/16	<b>Ways and Means Committee Meeting</b> , location TBA, 9:30am
11/17	<b>Paperwhite Potting Party</b> , Susan Potts' home, noon - 2pm <b>General Meeting</b> , CUH, 9:30am Social, 10am meeting, 10:15am Meeting and program
11/29	<b>Ways and Means Committee Meeting</b> , 9:30am
11/30	<b>Holiday Auction Set Up</b> , Sunset Club, 2pm

FOR MORE SGC CALENDAR OF EVENTS CLICK ON: [SGC Calendar](#)



*"Gilded Lilly" by Mary Turner. Mary won the GCA Creativity Award in April 2016 in Pasadena. Congratulations!*

# From the President



It wouldn't be November without thoughts on the fall harvest and the yearly ritual of gathering with family and friends to give thanks. The days are shorter; our gardens--no less beautiful--will soon be quiet and more understated, as if sending a message to pause, reflect and be dazzled by subtleties.

November is a month for expressing gratitude. I am thankful to live in a city with many splendid parks and to be part of a group of women who champion our vital urban spaces. Yesterday, I dug my boots out of the back of the closet, discarded my cell phone on the counter and traipsed around in the tall grasses and fields of Magnuson Park. Asphalt runways on this former Naval Air Station have been replaced by wetlands where mallards skid to a stop on glossy ponds.

What a gift to be outside on a late fall afternoon in the northwest. Whether by yourself or with someone dear to you, I hope each of you will find time this month to explore a city park and take in nature's subdued bounty.

We were well reminded of how much there is to see in nature with the mesmerizing close-up images of pollen and pollinators in Katie McReynold's talk on "Insect Pollinators" at our October Hort Meeting. October also featured Bruce Bailey of Heavy Petal Nursery enlightening us on Edwardian gardening in "The Flowers of Downton Abbey." We did our part for the environment by recycling our electronics: three cheers for our Conservation Chair Barbie Snapp for orchestrating this event. Also last month, we closed the chapter on summertime with a beautiful display of "Favorite Summer Photos."

At our November 7th Hort Meeting, we look forward to our next provisional speaker, Tori Ragen, explaining "Environmental Threats to Pollinators." Difficult though it may be to outdo October's impressive Hort Share, let's head into our gardens to find something to share. We'll continue to zoom in on nature for our November 17 General Meeting, featuring botanical illustrator Linda Ann Vorobik, telling us about "Drawing & Painting Wildflowers Throughout the West."

Approaching the end of 2016, we celebrate Thanksgiving. A quick week later, we ramp up the season with our Holiday Luncheon and Auction on December 1. To the Ways and Means Committee headed by Edie Tenneson, we all owe thanks. Please convey your appreciation to them by pitching in to make our yearly fundraiser a success.

With warmest wishes for a happy Thanksgiving,  
Jenny Wyatt, President



*Provisional Katie  
McReynolds and Juliet  
Romano following Katie's  
talk at the October Hort  
Meeting*

# The Seattle Garden Club Holiday Luncheon & Auction



**December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**  
**Sunset Club**

10:30 am ~ Auction & Social/12:00 Noon ~ Luncheon  
Invite your friends and consider bringing a prospective member!

Our Auction is fast approaching! This is our main fundraiser!

There are many ways for every SGC member to contribute:

Get together with other SGC members and create a fun, fabulous event, themed party, or interesting excursion; procure gift certificates from your favorite store, restaurant, or venue; donate homemade goodies, festive items, unique plants, use of a vacation home, or a special something other members would just love to have. The Auction Procurement Form is on the website, in the newsletter, and at our various SGC meetings. **You can be an Angel !!!** If you are unable to attend the luncheon, but would like to contribute, or if you are attending and would like to make an additional contribution you can be an Angel!

You can drop off your auction items and forms at the following locations:

Edie Tenneson's, 2530 39<sup>th</sup> Ave E., Seattle 98112 (206-322-3883- home),  
Catherine Allan's, 7919 NE 28<sup>th</sup> St., Medina, 98039, any SGC General or Hort  
meeting, or call a committee member for pick up.

**\*\*** New this year! Starting November 1<sup>st</sup> we will be using Greater Giving to allow online lunch reservations, donations, prepayment, and procurement forms. Look for the link on the SGC website. We are very excited to have this software this year!

Luncheon Reservations should be made by November 22<sup>nd</sup>

For guests and members not subscribing to Meeting Arrangements, the cost is \$45

Please RSVP to Sheila Noonan: [sbnoonan@gmail.com](mailto:sbnoonan@gmail.com) or 206-860-7662

Please contact me with any questions or ideas.

Thank you,

Edie Tenneson, [ediss48@msn.com](mailto:ediss48@msn.com) or 425-444-2149

# SEATTLE GARDEN CLUB AUCTION PROCUREMENT FORM

**ITEM:**

**ITEM DESCRIPTION (Details, limitations, dates, etc...):**

***NOTE: Please provide display materials/photographs, if available, for non-tangible items.***

**DONOR SIGNATURE: DATE:**

**PROCURER:**

**PHONE: Does item need to be picked up? Yes No**

## Hort Report

Our November Hort Meeting will take place on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at CUH. (9:15 am Social & 10:00 am Program). Provisional **Tori Ragen** will give a presentation on **Environmental Threats to Pollinators**.

**Hort Share:** Please bring a specimen (in a vase) to share from your garden. Baird Boards are a great idea if you have 5 cuttings to display. When we share plants from our gardens it expands our collective knowledge and provides inspiration for our own gardens. Thank you Betty Paul & Laurie Riley for organizing Hort Share!

On September 30, 2016, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recognized **7 species of bee as Endangered Species**, giving them protections under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. **This is the first time that bees have received endangered status.** In addition, Fish and Wildlife has recommended that another bee species should be given endangered status: the rusty-patched bumblebee, a species once widespread across mainland North America. Please read more here: [Bumblebees in Your Garden](#).

*Diana Ackerley, Horticulture Chair*

## December 15 Deadline for Membership Proposals

The Membership Proposal Form is available through the SGC website or from the Membership Chairman. 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 to the Holiday Luncheon in December.

It is important to acquaint candidates with Membership Committee Members, Board Members and our membership. Forms/letters must be emailed or postmarked no later than midnight on December 15, and remember all of this is to be kept confidential. Please mail these to Burnley Snyder and also contact her regarding prospective members to avoid duplication of a candidate.

*Burnley Snyder, Membership Chair*



# A Delegate's Report of the 2016 Shirley Meneice Horticultural Conference by Deborah Cheadle

The 2016 Shirley Meneice Conference was held in Brooklyn, New York, with the main two days of meetings, workshops, tours and meals held at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. On Sunday, in advance of the conference, we were offered an optional tour of the Brooklyn Heights Promenade and the new and still-developing Brooklyn Bridge Park, with dinner and a lecture nearby.



We began our Brooklyn waterfront immersion on Sunday afternoon with a tour of the Promenade, a third-of-a-mile walkway built above the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (the BQE). The Promenade looks over the new Brooklyn Bridge Park to an expansive view of New York Harbor, the Manhattan skyline and the Statue of Liberty.

We then walked down to the harbor's edge to tour the Brooklyn Bridge Park. The BBP is composed of seven organically-managed ecosystems. Where before there was only concrete and mud, salt marshes now filter the harbor water; a sandy beach with lapping waves invites children. Reclaimed piers now support wooded trails, grassy lawns, wetlands and a large pollinator-friendly flower field, as well as a 5-acre covered sports facility for basketball, roller and ice skating and more.

Day I of the Conference:

We were bused to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden for welcomes from the GCA President, Horticulture Committee Chairman, and our Conference Chairman, as well as Scot Medbury, President of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and a UWBG veteran. Scot spoke about the \$120 million capital campaign that he's led in his eleven years at the helm. Over the course of the next 2 days, through workshops and tours, we would learn first-hand how successful the revitalization of the Botanic Garden has been.

Horticulture Committee business was followed by respective Zone Meetings, introducing the potential for invasive species to appear in different parts of the country.

Lunch was in the light-filled, green-roofed Visitor's Center. (<http://www.weissmanfredi.com/project/brooklyn-botanic-garden-visitor-center>) A much-awarded, LEED-certified building, the Visitor Center has curved walls of special glass that filters light and deters bird strikes. A geoexchange system heats and cools the interior spaces, and a series of rain gardens collect and filter runoff to improve storm-water management.

The first afternoon workshop was "Tool Maintenance," taught by the curator of BBG's Plant Family Collection. I will be offering a class after the new year to share what I've learned for those who are interested.

My second workshop was "Japanese Aesthetic Pruning," held in the rain under cover of the Japanese Garden Pavilion. I came away with a better understanding of the goals and methods of pruning Japanese maples and pines.

Dinner was held in the wonderful Palm House with speakers from the Prospect Park Alliance. Prospect Park, contiguous to the Botanic Garden, is an historic, Frederick Law Olmsted-designed park which has suffered a long period of deterioration and decline. Our speakers described their efforts to restore the Park, and the challenges of this process.







*photos taken by Wade Garretson*

Wade came across this beautiful clump of sarracenia while traveling in the Swiss Alps. It was located at an elevation of 4,104 feet in a protected area of marshland and peat bogs called Les Tenasses.



### Aftermath

When the summer fields are mown,  
when the birds are fledged and flown,  
and the dry leaves strew the  
path;  
with the falling of the snow,  
with the cawing of the crow,  
once again the fields we mow,  
and gather in the aftermath.

Not the sweet, new grass with flowers  
is this harvesting of ours;  
not the upland clover bloom;  
but the rowen mixed with weeds,  
tangled tufts from marsh and meads,  
where poppy drops its seeds  
in the silence and the gloom.

**Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

### **RSVP Reminder: If You Say You're Attending . . . . .**

It takes less than a minute to RSVP for SGC meetings and outings when requested and it is so important to do so! Our club counts on you to join in and don't forget: If you say you are attending an event, please follow through. We have had some difficulties with members failing to show up, creating awkward situations for our leaders who organized events. Please don't leave our fabulous volunteers in the lurch: when you reply "yes," that means you'll be there!



## Floral Design: Debby Smith

Congratulations to Barbara Hamachek for her wins at the Harley Davidson Museum in Milwaukee, WI! The September 26th and 27th show was entitled Art en Fleurs "Hog Wild." Barbara won first in her class, Leathers, and the GCA Fenwick Award!

## Conservation Report

*Barbie Snapp, Chair*

Working with Dr. Aaron Clark of Stewardship Partners and Seattle based **12,000 Rain Gardens** ([www.12000raingardens.org](http://www.12000raingardens.org)), on October 5th, we installed a container rain garden at Suzy Titcomb's home using a large galvanized watering trough. This new method is based upon a rain garden at the highly polluted TOTE industrial site on the Tacoma Waterway. Using shipping containers, this very successful prototype captured 97% of the heavy metals running through this unique rain garden. [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

Our goal was to develop an effective method of slowing and cleaning storm water runoff in areas that aren't conducive for in-ground rain gardens by creating a residential sized version of the TOTE container garden. We had a wonderful turnout of members and neighbors who came to learn and lend a hand followed by a delicious pot luck lunch and further conversation with Dr. Clark. It was a day of perfect weather, great education and wonderful food. Suzy put the cherry on top with her fabulous selection of rain garden plantings. An update on the success of this prototype and Suzy's garden will be forthcoming!

**Future Conservation Committee Activity:** Conservation does not have any formal activities planned for November other than securing our item for the Holiday Auction on December 1st.

In January, we plan to meet with the Washington Environmental Council to learn about the upcoming Washington State Legislative session and what we can do to promote conservation.



# A Rain Garden Installation





## ***Happy Thanksgiving***

### **Centennial Celebration Calendar 1917-2017**

January 19, 2017	Kick off 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

### **SGC Yearbook Updates**

Please make note of the following address changes:

Judy Phillips  
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Seattle, WA 98112  
206-329-0770

For all roster changes  
please notify SGC's Corresponding Secretary,  
Jolie Roze  
[jsroze@comcast.net](mailto:jsroze@comcast.net)  
206-236-2218





June 1, 2017, Seattle Tennis Club

## Announcing Simply Seattle

### Simply Seattle Club Horticulture Show 2017

#### “Back to Our Roots”

- Class 1:** Azaleas: club challenge class, a tribute to the Washington Park Arboretum Azalea Way (container not to exceed 14”)  
3 month ownership; culture card required  
Class Consultant: Nancy Bain
- Class 2:** Baird Boards: A historical tribute to a past member, as an ongoing tradition;  
3 month ownership; special entry card for Baird Boards required  
Class A: 6 entries (6” or less)  
Class B: 6 entries (12” or less)  
Class Consultant: Diana Neely
- Class 3:** Hypertufa: Native or Alpine Plants (container not to exceed 14” in length),  
3 month ownership; key card required  
Class A: one specimen per container; 6 entries  
Class B: more than one specimen per container; 6 entries  
Class Consultant: Jenny Wyatt

**Registration Information Forthcoming. Questions: Catherine Allan or Suzette De Turenne, Horticulture Show Chair**



## **GCA News** by Eve Rickenbaker

Have you checked out the latest issue of *The Real Dirt*? Our very own Catherine Allan is the editor and Jenny Wyatt is the assistant editor. There are many interesting things growing in *The Real Dirt*. Check out the article about how Warrenton garden club members helped the Shenandoah National Park botanists mark ginseng with a harmless dye so that illegally harvested ginseng would be noticed on the market. On page 25 of the *The Real Dirt*, Megan Smith has an interesting article about seed sharing.

Another GCA publication is the photography magazine, *Focus*. The pages are filled with beautiful, inspiring images from our members all around the country. It's fun to see if you recognize the names of people you have met on various projects or at different GCA conferences. A regular photography champion is Mary Turner. Her latest winning photo of a Calla Lily is on page 20.

From the **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**, Suzette de Turenne

### **SGC SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Less visible, but no less important! Our SGC Special Committees help form the backbone of our Club. Take time to review them on pages 37 -39 of our Yearbook.

Archives: Christine Davis, Chair

Awards: Sheila Noonan, Chair

Founder's Fund: Barbara Anderson, Chair

Fragrance Garden: Catherine Allan and Hotie Hard, Co-Chairs

Garden History and Design: Mary Turner, Chair

Historian: Peggy-Paige Most, Chair

Scholarship: Eve Rickenbaker, Chair

Technology: Kim Bishop, Chair

Visiting Gardens: Laurie Riley, Chair

Look for periodic reports this year on what these Committees are up to.



## Looking Ahead

12/1	<b>Holiday Luncheon and Auction, Sunset Club, 10:30- noon Luncheon.</b>
1/5	<b>SGC Board Meeting, Sunset Club, 10-11:30am</b> <b>SGC Nominations Committee Meeting, Location/time, TBA</b>
1/9	<b>Hort Meeting, CUH, Provisional Sue Simmons, 9:15 Social, 10am program</b>
1/10	<b>SGC Policy and Planning Meeting, Location TBA, 10-noon</b>
1/14	<b>Provisional Meeting CUH, 8:30-9:30am</b>
1/19	<b>Centennial Kickoff Luncheon, Seattle Tennis Club, timeTBA</b>
1/26	<b>SGC Nominations Committee Meeting, location TBA, 10 am</b>

### 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.

*SusanBrickman@msn.com, Communications Chair*

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