



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

Holiday Luncheon & Auction

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Thursday, December 1st

Sunset Club

10:30 am Silent Auction and Social
12 Noon Lunch



Carpools Strongly
Encouraged

Valet Parking Available

Support SGC's efforts to raise funds for
Community Projects!



Tori Ragen and Eleanor Nolan after Tori's
Provisional Talk

Are You an Angel?



If you are unable to attend our
Holiday Luncheon and Auction, but would like to
contribute to our major fundraiser ...

you can be an Angel!

If you are attending, but would like to make a
contribution *in addition to your luncheon fee* ...

you can be an Angel!

Choose to be an Angel for
\$100, \$250 or more!

Events at a Glance

11/29/16 SGC Ways and Means Committee
Meeting, 9:30 am

11/30/16 SGC Auction Set Up, 2:00 pm,
Sunset Club

12/1/16 Holiday Luncheon & Auction,
Sunset Club

12/15/16 New Member Proposals
Due to Burnley Snyder

FOR MORE SGC INFORMATION AND A
CALENDAR OF EVENTS, CLICK ON
OUR WEBSITE: seattlegardenclub.org

From the President



Here we go, jingle all the way into December and the Holiday Season!

How many SGC events did you attend in November? We had a photography outing, a floral design workshop, work parties at East Montlake Park and the Fragrance Garden and more committee meetings than I can name. All this was on top of our Horticulture meeting, where Tori Ragen spoke on Environmental Threats to Pollinators, and our General Meeting, featuring botanist, illustrator and educator Linda Ann Vorobik.

One of the best ways to ring in the Season is by attending and supporting our Holiday Auction and Luncheon on December 1st, just one quick week after Thanksgiving. The busiest of all our elves are the SGC members orchestrating this fabulous, festive gathering of friends.

Please go out of your way to extend your appreciation to Edie Tenneson, leading the Ways and Means committee; Sheila Noonan, head of Meeting Arrangements; Kim Bishop, our Tech Committee expert; Patsy Pattison, who along with others has dedicated many hours to our new software program; and Carlyn Steiner, Finance Chair.

Along with Floral Design Chair Debby Smith, I, too, have a fondness for the color red. I look forward to seeing the joyful centerpieces created by our Provisionals and other volunteers, celebrating the theme “All About Red.” Make special note of the fabulous outings and items offered at our auction and remember in this season of giving, that the auction is our means of giving to the community.

As we bid good-bye to 2016, and move to “All About the Centennial,” during the dark December days, I offer heartfelt wishes for a season of light and my best for 2017.

Jenny Wyatt, President

December 15th Deadline for New Member Application

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 emailed or postmarked no later than midnight on December 15th and remember all of this is to be kept confidential. Please send these to the Membership Chairman.

Burnley Snyder, Chair



SGC Holiday Luncheon and Auction Excitement is Growing!

There will be many wonderful events and fun times to bid on at this year's SGC Holiday Auction. Here are just some of the tempting offerings at this year's fundraiser:

Tour the delightful Goat Farm on Orting on June 9th!

Soak up the sun for a week in a private cottage on Maui's best beach!

Marvel at the beauty of the Northern Corridor on May 23rd on a tour guided by Forterra and lunch in an historic inn!

Join in the festivities at a Board hosted party on September 30th at Bloedel!

Have some raucous fun at a Bunco Party on April 5th hosted by the Club's Susans!

Enjoy a classical guitar concert in the Highlands on April 2nd!

Spend a relaxing evening enjoying cocktails and snacks in Elliott Bay on a sailboat!

Take in a performance at the Seattle Repertory Theater!

Have a day of beauty at Frenchy's!

Spend three days in Gearhart on the Oregon coast in a charming beach cottage!

Have Carol Henderson do a fabulous floral arrangement for your own party!

Choose from a variety of delicious homemade treats provided by our members!

Take a seaplane ride to scenic Lopez Island for three days of relaxing!

Bid on wines, jewelry, art, plants, wreaths, books, decorations, and more!

Bring your calendars and get ready to bid!

Centennial Celebration Kick-off
Luncheon
January 19, 2017
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Seattle Tennis Club

Please don't miss this very special event to begin the celebration of our 100th year! Our party Chairs and many other SGC members have been hard at work to make this event an unforgettable celebration. Watch for your electronic invitation and please SVP online immediately.

Paper invitations will be sent to those who only use US mail. We would love to see you at the event.

We will be honoring Past Presidents and Honorary Members.

Hope Stroble, Centennial Chair



Carolyn Kitchell and Barbie Snapp at the Electronic Recycling Event

SGC Yearbook Updates Please make note of the following address correction.

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For all roster changes, please notify SGC's Corresponding

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Hort Report

No Hort Meeting in December.

Our next Hort meeting isn't until Monday January 9, 2017 at CUH. We'll look forward to hearing Sue Simmons talk about Mason Bees. Please come support our Provisionals in the New Year!

The aromas of fresh pine, cedar, and fir are truly a hallmark of the holiday season and wonderful use in wreaths, garlands, or arrangements. The smell will permeate the room and immediately put you in the seasonal mood. Enjoy the magic and wonder of the holiday season!

Diana Ackerley, Horticulture Chair

2016 Fall Promotions in the GCA Zone XII Judging Program:

Charlotte Reed moved up from Prospective Judge to Approved Judge in Photography. Suzy

Titcomb moved from Candidate to Prospective Judge in Photography.

Suzette deTurenne moved from Prospective to Approved Judge in Horticulture.

Congratulations, Charlee, Suzy, and Suzette!!!

Mary Turner, SGC Judging Chair



photo by Sue Ashmun

How did it get so late so soon?
It's night before it's afternoon.
December is here before it's June.
My goodness how the time has flown.
How did it get so late so soon?

~Dr. Seuss

Photography Report

Photography is CLICKING along.

Many of us took time from our busy schedules to snap photos in the Volunteer Park Conservatory on Nov. 10th followed by a tasty lunch at the Volunteer Park Cafe.

Photography Auction item- Kathy Lea has generously donated our auction item-Six lucky people will fly on her private plane to stay at her beautiful Lionel Pries designed vacation home on Lopez Island. Stay tuned for more details. Please send your check for \$20. to Suzy Titcomb for this event.

Dec. 21st-Favorite Winter Solstice photo -Take a photo from your iPhone or any camera to show what you are doing on Winter solstice.

Jan. 13th -10:30 AM go to the Henry Gallery to view the Chuck Close Photography exhibit and have lunch at the Henry cafe.

Feb. 9th -CUH Board Room 10:00 am -12:00 pm hear renowned Photographer Justin Reznick speak on how to capture a great photo. Many garden club members have been on his photo workshops and heard his lectures. We will have the opportunity to buy some of his work, as he will be doing his last art show this summer.

Simply Seattle June Photo show has been put on hold. It has become increasingly clear that having a Club Show with all three disciplines at the June Annual meeting could potentially detract from the exciting plans for our Centennial. Do not despair. Many other photo opportunities are available.

Send all photos from all events to :
<https://digitalgarden.smugmug.com/share/tSpdvP>

Suzy Titcomb, Photography Chair

Trip to the Volunteer Park Conservatory



By Suzy Titcomb



By Mary Turner



By Suzy Titcomb

Floral Design

The Provisionals have been treated to two workshops to prepare them for their Auction Centerpiece creations. The first at Susan Potts' was to familiarize them with many terms. Iris Wagner, Vicki Neumann, and Carol Henderson (all GCA judges) demonstrated and talked about elements of design. They went home with sheets of paper on the Yellow Book, how to make a tool box, and an introduction to principals of design. Watching the FD members make their arrangements after hearing the schedules they were following was hopefully helpful.

On November 7 Debby Smith and Caroline Goedhart brought examples of "It's All About Red" centerpieces. Debby told her process of creating an arrangement. She brought a finished piece and described her choices and construction. Caroline brought 2 examples and constructed both in front of the Provisionals. They were very different "takes" on the scheduled theme. She talked about her tools and flowers. Both gave handy hints. The Floral Design Committee hopes to have provided some ideas and encouragement for the Provisionals. We can't wait to see the finished centerpieces at the Auction.

Debby Smith, Floral Design Chair



Floral Demonstration by Caroline Goedhart



Provisionals Lee Rolfe and Sandy Hanower



Provisionals Marnie Wood Roozen and Eliza Davidson



Debby Smith with her arrangement

Conservation Report

We are fortunate to live in a state that understands and values the protection of our environment. While we don't actually know what will happen come January, these next four years bring the potential of having a major impact on past, present and future conservation efforts.

I joined a conference call with the National Resource Defense Council (NRDC) which is one of the most effective environmental advocacy groups in our country. The purpose of this call was to help us understand the ramifications to our environment if promises stated during the campaign season hold true. The speakers were Rhea Suh, President of NRDC; David Goldstone, Director of Government Affairs and Susan Casey Lufkowitz, Chief Program Officer. I took six pages of notes, but some of the key items discussed were: the Paris Climate Agreement (PCA), the Clean Power Plan (CPP), the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), the protection of our public lands, environmental justice for poor communities and the defense of bedrock environmental laws.

What I did learn was that:

1. We can't "just back out of the Paris Climate Agreement." The same process that went into creating the PCA which took years, is required to rescind our involvement. International goodwill and momentum would be damaged by the act of even starting this process which could take up to four years to accomplish. The world is keeping a VERY CLOSE eye on us as they are, or rather had been, looking to the United States as a critical leader in advancing environmental change and protection through the PCA.

2. Where we CAN make progress outside Washington DC is on our state and local platforms. Our Conservation Committee meeting at the offices of the Washington Environment Council on January 13th will be very interesting and provide information and guidance on what actions we can take to protect our beautiful state. This meeting is open to all members, please join us.

3. The international market is already driving the world towards clean energies.

4. **We need to be a strong and persistent voice advocating for the protection of our environment. Don't lose hope, be strong.** If our numbers are large enough and our voices strong enough, then we may have the power to stop or slow the denigration of environmental policies already in place. If we are lucky, we may even have the ability to put more environmental practices into action.

The division in our country is real and deep and there is a strong likelihood that these next four years will become time lost in the protection and healing of our environment. The bottom line is no matter what one believes about climate change, the need for clean air and water is crucial to our existence on this planet and a health benefit for ALL of us. It will take our united efforts to protect and promote environmental protections but **WE** are worth that fight.

In closing, I ask of you, please be active in protecting our environment.

Barbie Snapp
Seattle Garden Club Conservation Chair

I will be leading a garden tour of Savannah, Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina March 19-26. It is going to be a tour full of interesting history and southern hospitality with the chance to explore secret gardens, grand Live Oak allées, hidden alleys, and quaint, picturesque cobblestone streets. I am representing the University of Washington Botanic Gardens as your host and Susan McLeod Epstein of the Preservation Society of Charleston will be your leader.

The tour is offered by UW Botanic Gardens in partnership with [Earthbound Expeditions](#), an excellent local company which organizes domestic and international excursions that explore gardens, ecology, culture and community. Past UW Botanic Gardens tour offerings have included trips to Cuba, Chile, South Africa, New Zealand, Ecuador and Costa Rica.

On the *Behind the Garden Gate* tour, you'll spend three nights in Savannah, GA and four nights in Charleston, SC, with a stop in Beaufort, SC along the way. The guided journey will take you to some of the oldest gardens in America, strolling through 300 years of rich history and culture with fellow garden enthusiasts.

One of the places we will visit is Middleton Place outside of Charleston. *Middleton Place is a National Historic Landmark and home to America's Oldest Landscaped Gardens. The Garden Club of America has called the 65 acres "the most important and most interesting garden in America." Centuries-old camellias bloom in the winter months and azaleas blaze on the hillside above the Rice Mill Pond in the spring.*

I hope you will consider joining me. It will be a fun and interesting tour of gardens featuring an extensive history of plants and people of the low country. For more information, please see the [UWBG web site](#).

Eve Rikenbaker, GCA Contributor



Forsyth Park, Savannah



Magnolia Place, Charleston

Gardener's Corner

Handsome Hellebores

Almost every other night I have that "what shall we watch tonight dear" debate with my husband. He typically wants to watch NOVA which I acquiesced to the other night as it had to do with the geological formation of gemstones. And, while I do have an affinity for sapphires, rubies and, really, any gemstone... it got me thinking about gems in the garden. One of my favorite garden gems is the "perfect perennial," the Hellebore, and while we usually love them for their beguiling flowers, it's time to appreciate a few for their fantastic foliage.

There are some forms of variegation that resemble that 'splattered paint' look – as though they're suffering from some sort of virus. Try as I may to like it, instead, when eyeing a leaf donning this variegation, my lips twist in a most unflattering, out of body experience sort of way. The 12 to 20-inch *Helleborus argutifolius* 'HGC Snow Fever' does not concede to that offensive variegation. Instead it looks like it was delicately frosted with snow. You'll squeal with delight when pink overtones highlight the new growth in the spring accompanying the creamy-green flowers, typical of the *argutifolius* (Corsican) cultivar.

Helleborus X sternii 'Silver Dollar' is another favorite of mine. As one can never have too much silver in the garden along with their perennial gems, *Helleborus* 'Silver Dollar' earns its place en masse as a compact 12-inch plant. The silver elongated serrated leaves are truly handsome with their rose stems and greenish flowers with rose blush on the outside of the petals. This hellebore provides a lot of "pop" in the shade garden and mixes well with everything.

When I first saw the 18-inch *Helleborus* 'Penny's Pink,' I swear I did a double take! It's so rare to find a pink wash on evergreen foliage that I had to have it...this gem was mine, forever. Also, justifying this purchase was my need to have those pink tones to offset my Seasonal Affective Disorder (aka, SAD) in the winter, or so I tell myself. Anyway, the luscious marbled leaves accompanied by the red stems take on an electric pink veining as they emerge. With the pink to burgundy flowers, this plant is exquisite.

I can only hope that someday my husband will eventually learn to appreciate my fondness for these garden gems. After all, they're a whole lot gentler on the credit card than sapphires, rubies and emeralds and just as exquisite!

By Megan Smith



The SGC Fragrance Garden at CUH gets a little tender loving care from Megan Smith (far left), Candy Lancaster, and Catherine Allan
Thank you ladies!

In Memoriam

We regret the passing of longtime
member

Mrs. Lyman W. Hull (Gretchen)

Looking Ahead

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| 1/5/17 | SGC Board Meeting, 10:00 am - 11:30 am
Sunset Club
SGC Nominations Committee Meeting
Sunset Club |
| 1/9/17 | Hort Share and Hort Meeting, 9:15 am - 11:30 am
* Bring your own coffee cups.
SGC Community Projects Meeting, 11:30 am, CUH Board Room |
| 1/10/17 | SGC Policy and Planning Meeting, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm |
| 1/13/17 | Conservation Meeting with The Washington Environmental Council,
10:00 am - 11:30 am
Henry Art Gallery Chuck Close Exhibit, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm lunch
following. RSVP to Jolie Roze |
| 1/14/17 | SGC Provisional Meeting, 8:30 am - 9:30 am. CUH |
| 1/19/17 | Centennial Kickoff Luncheon, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Seattle Tennis Club |
| 1/23/17 | SGC Hort Committee Meeting, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm |
| 1/26/17 | SGC Nominations Committee, 10:00 am |

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!

Susan Brickman, Communications Chair

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