

The Seattle Garden Club

November 2006

From the President:

This Fall has been an extended summer with the annuals still looking fresh. It is time to make the change and add pansies, bulbs and bring out the Halloween witches. Thoughts of the holidays are spinning in my head.....

Many of you braved the rain to attend the 'picnic' at the Zoo and tour the Rose Garden. The Provisional skit was very clever and truly kept us all laughing.

Our Horticulture meeting was informative with a presentation from Provisional Carlyn Steiner who gave input and ideas on downsizing to a small garden. Also, Barbara Tuffli from the Woodside-Atherton Garden Club came to teach us about how to Gib and Disbud Camellias. I hope you are all practicing and continue to improve on your gardening skills.

The meeting on 'Tips and Tricks with Digital Cameras' with Michelle Burton was another useful learning experience. Thank you to all those involved in organizing these events and striving to educate our membership. We are going to be so wise and ready for the Flower Show.

Remember the Auction on December 7th as this is one of our ways to fund the Community Projects. We need donations, your attendance and guests to help make this a big success. And it will give you a chance to shop for the holidays.

The SGC 90th year is coming in 2007 and our celebration is being planned for the June Annual Meeting. Alex Morse has agreed to be the Chairman of this event so do contact her if you have special memories to share or wish to help on this committee.

There is still much to come so please continue to support our programs by attending. It is important to show our speakers we are an enthusiastic group whose object and purpose shall be to enhance our knowledge through educational programs. It is more fun doing this together ---- see you soon!

B. J. Anderson

Seattle Garden Club November General Meeting Thursday, November 16, 2006

Speaker: Tom Fischer

'Gardens I Have Learned From'



Former Editor at Horticulture Magazine

Current Executive Editor at Timber Press

Tom has published more than 130 garden-related articles and book reviews and has a book of his own forthcoming. He has an in-depth article on Dan Hinkley in the September, 2006 issue of Garden Design. Among other things he has served on the board of the New England Wild Flower Society and has appeared on radio and television garden-related programs. He has a wonderful sense of humor and is presently busy creating the garden of his dreams at his home in Southeast Portland.

Guests Welcome- This is an exceptional opportunity.

Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 41st N.E., Seattle

10:00a.m.-Coffee, 10:30a.m. - Program

Please respond to Dinny Polson at dinny@polsons.com or (206) 322-4440 by November 10.

Great items donated for Holiday Auction 2006!

Week's stay in North Lake Tahoe House for Seven
Two nights in Two-Bedroom NYC Apartment
Two Topiaries
Cocktail party on 84' yacht
Another Highlands Chapel Party
Postcard Painting by Cary Jurriaans
Two-Hour Garden Consultation by Catherine Allen
\$1000 towards Alarm System for your Home

Thank you to all who have donated!! And please, everyone think about what you would like to buy at an auction. And then donate it for someone to purchase! All proceeds go to our community projects.

Please contact Hope Stroble if you have a great idea!
(206) 364-6694 or hopestroble@hotmail.com.



AUCTION 2006

A **Red Hot Item** for **Green Living**
The Conservation Committee wants to help you
Clean Up Your Life
Watch for our basket of Green Cleaning Products
Bid like your life depends on it

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS GOVERNING BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 5, 2006

The Governing Board Minutes of September 14, 2006, were approved as distributed.

Moved, seconded and approved that the club spend up to \$500 to purchase a wireless microphone.

Last Reminder for Membership Applications

Please let me know if you need a form to complete and return by December 15th.

Thank you, Phoebe Andrew
Membership Chairman
phoeand@aol.com or (206) 364-0061

Conservation Watch now on GCA Website

To find issues of the very informative Conservation Watch published by the Conservation Committee of GCA:

1. Go to www.gcamerica.org,
2. Click on Members Only
3. Enter
user ID: gcamember
Password: compost
4. Then click on Con Watch.

A great article - from Sue Blethen

"Living Well/The Enemy Within" by Sue Halpern and Bill McKibben from House and Garden Magazine, October 2006.

"The air in our cities can be less toxic than the carcinogens, hormone disrupters, and neurotoxins in household cleaners. It's time to consider the alternatives!" This article has many great ideas!

Just in time for the Holidays!

Succulent Wreath Workshop Tuesday, November 7th, 10:00am

Ann Groff-Smith's house
10013 NE 17th, Bellevue
(north of Bellevue Square)
Please RSVP to Ann at (425) 454-7406 or
mail@geoff-ann.com by Friday, November 3rd
so adequate supplies can be purchased.
A nominal fee will be charged.

**Bring friends to the
Christmas Luncheon!**

GCA Awards

Thirteen 2006-2007 GCA Scholarship awards were given in Zone XII, three of those awards received by students in the state of Washington:

1. GCA Summer Environmental Studies Scholarship funded by Millbrook Garden Club was awarded to U of W student David William Dropper,
2. GCA Summer Environmental Studies Scholarship funded by Lenox Garden Club went to Keri L. Heniff at Central Washington University, and
3. The Zeller Summer Scholarship in Medicinal Botany funded by The Trowel Club was given to Antoinette Grove of Bastyr University.

If you would like to contribute to a fund please request a contribution form from Martha Sampson, SGC Scholarships at marls33@msn.com or (206) 352-7799.

Conservation Report GCA Annual Meeting - May 2006 - Denver

Keynote speaker **Thomas Kiernan**, President of the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA), urged the Garden Club of America to use its considerable power to protect a great natural treasure, our National Parks.

The NPCA, founded in 1919, three years after the National Parks Service was established, now boasts 325,000 members and a staff of 125 in 20 offices throughout the country. Its mission is to 'protect and enhance America's National Park System for present and future generations.' They believe that the National Parks embody the American spirit and provide a window to our past. They are home to the some of the rarest plants and animal species and places where every American can go to find inspiration, peace and open space.

The National Park Service was founded on a great vision, which is now tarnished. Revitalization is needed in the next few years to save our National Parks as we know them. Funding, which has not kept up with inflation, is threatening their financial health. Staffing in the parks has been slashed; in the Olympic National Park there were 130 Rangers in 2001, today there are 25. The air quality in Great Smoky Mountains National Park is worse than in Los Angeles, and Yosemite is almost as bad. One quarter of the programs at Rainier National Park have been cut. As the National Parks Service nears its 100th anniversary, the need to protect it becomes critical.

Mr. Kiernan quoted William White in his closing; " My advice is to raise more hell and less dahlias."

Wanted.....Awards Nominations

Your Awards Committee is eagerly awaiting your nominations for worthy community projects and individuals who are making extraordinary contributions to our community in the fields of conservation, horticulture preservation, garden photography, flower arranging and the arts.

The Awards information in your green book will give you inspiration as to which award may apply. The GCA website will also provide great input as to the possibilities for an applicable national award. Your input is critical.

Please provide your nominations to any committee member by December 17. We look forward to hearing from you.

Eco-Tip - Cappy Rooks

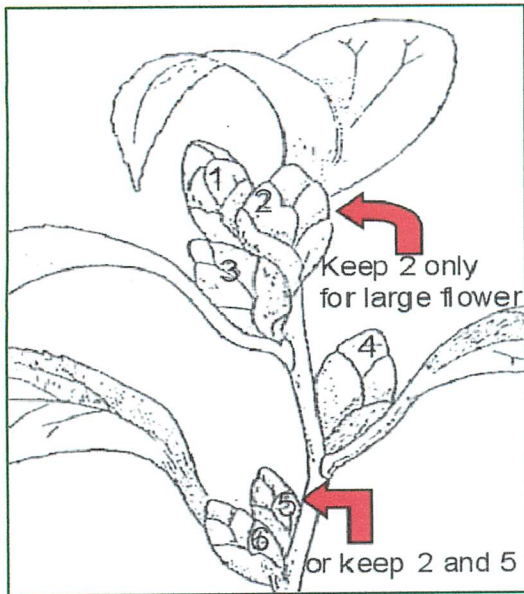
Our governor has set a goal for a clean Puget Sound by the year 2020. An Alliance between People for Puget Sound, Trust for Public Lands and Nature Conservancy will be helping.

Watch Eco Tips this year for things we can do to help. Use only eco-friendly "pesticides" and have your gardener do the same. Use your compost bin or the city bins instead of your disposal for vegetable and fruit peelings, etc. Everything you put down your disposal goes directly into Puget Sound!

Flower Show Alert!

The Portland Garden Club will host a major flower show June 1-3, 2007. SGC members are invited to attend. If you are interested in a field trip to Portland to see a major flower show, call Mary Kay Fitzgerald at (206) 322-1895. Pasadena will be holding a flower show April 19-22, 2007.

HORT STARTS



Have you tried disbudding your camellias? Do you see the difference between the plump flower bud and the vegetative bud?

Is your gibberellic acid in the fridge? Now is the time to experiment with gibbing! Gib two or three buds for large flowers!

Need acid? Call Diana (425) 455-5070

Reminder of what to do with your cuttings:

Remember to water your camellia cuttings!!

WARNING! Do not fertilize your camellia cuttings.

Remember to keep a little notebook with dates and protocols to accompany your camellia cutting to the flower show.



For the April Hort Meeting Camellia Show, gib in January or February - Going on vacation? Get a friend to do it!

Want a special camellia? in a pot or in the ground?

Check out Wells Medina 5 gallon or

Nuccio's Nurseries, Inc.

3555 Chaney Trail

Altadena, California 91001

Tel: (626) 794-3383

Fax: (626) 794-3395

Do you want the "Illustrated Encyclopedia of Camellias" by Sterling Macoboy? Buy it from the Camellia Society. www.camellias-acs.com. While on their website you can join by printing the membership application, completing and sending it along with your check or credit card number to the American Camellia Society. No web access? You can call or write and use your credit card at:

Massee Lane Gardens,

100 Massee Lane

Fort Valley, GA 31030

Phone Number: (478) 967-2358

The Huntington Botanical has one of the largest collections of camellias. Visit their website at <http://www.huntingtonbotanical.org/Camellia/facts.htm>

DATES TO NOTE:

Thursday, November 2

SGC Board Meeting
Sunset Club - Board Room
9:30am - 11:30am

Thursday, November 2

Program Committee Meeting & Lunch
Sunset Club
12:00 noon - 2:00pm

Monday, November 6

November Hort Meeting
'Greens from the Garden - Flowers from the Supermarket' - a Holiday theme
CUH - 9:30am - Coffee, 10:00 - Program

Monday, November 6

Patsy's Computer Class
Invisible Fence NW office
2827 80th Ave SE, Mercer Island
Email patsy@pdrweb.net for directions
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Tuesday, November 7

Succulent Wreath Workshop
Ann Groff-Smith's home - 10:00am

Monday, November 13

Community Projects Committee
CUH - Isaacson Classroom
10:00am - 12:00 noon

Monday, November 13

Flower Show Committee
CUH - Douglas Classroom
1:00pm - 2:30pm

Tuesday, November 14

Christmas Auction Meeting
Stephanie Fowler's Home
9:30am - 11:00am

Thursday, November 16

November General Meeting
Tom Fischer - 'Gardens I Have Learned From'
CUH - NHS Room
10:00am - Coffee, 10:30am - Program

Monday, November 20

Christmas Auction Meeting
Bev Martin's Home
9:30am - 11:00am

November Hort Meeting

November 6, 2006

'Greens from the Garden - Flowers from the Supermarket'

**Your Flower Arrangers are hosting this meeting
and the arrangements will reflect the holiday
season.**



Your Flower Arrangers are also thinking ahead to the Christmas luncheon and will need volunteers to create beautiful table arrangements as center pieces for our tables. This year's theme is **"Delirious about De La Robbia"**.

The rules will be loose to leave plenty of room for self expression and creativity. The arrangements must be no larger than 18" in diameter and low enough for guests to see over when seated. Materials can include greens, fruits, nuts, vegetables and flowers (fresh, dry or artificial). They can be traditional or contemporary interpretations of the theme. Any of you participating can choose to have your arrangements auctioned off at the table but must be willing to include the container. Arrangements will be judged with constructive comments which are part of the learning process.

Please contact Charlee Reed (206) 325-7033 or at charlottereed@qwest.net, if you are willing to participate - we need you.

Donate to the auction!

In the Gardens:

Bellevue Botanical Gardens:

Garden d'Lights

See the beautiful display of lighted glass flowers -
November 25 - December 31
5:00pm - 9:30pm daily

There will also be work parties to help create this very spectacular display. Materials are also available for sale to create your own 'arrangement' for your home. Go to www.bellevuebotanical.org for dates and times.

Northwest Horticultural Society

Annual Meeting & Lecture

Wednesday, November 8

6:30pm - Reception, 7:00pm - Meeting & lecture
CUH - NHS Hall

Speaker - Richie Steffan

'A Kitty Kelley Cultivar Tell All'

\$5 - members, \$10 - non-members



Membership Changes:

Member Information Corrections:

Betty Paul - betty07@comcast.net

Suzanne Peterson - johnsupete@msn.com

Nancy Bain - nancy@mptowners.org

Jocelyn Horder - (360) 779-7583

Mrs. J. Bruce Connelly (Catherine Deming)
1332 Waverly Road
San Marino, CA 91108

Mrs. William M. Allen (Mary Ellen Field), an Honorary Life Member, died Sunday, October 22nd.

Our Congressional Delegation correction:(pg. 29)

5th District/Spokane -
Cathy McMorris Rodgers
8th District/Bellevue-Renton -
David G. Reichert

Please send any yearbook corrections to
patsy@pdrweb.net or Barbara Bender at
benderbar@msn.com.

Check out the website - there are many new additions, including newsletters, a member directory, committee members and much more!



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