From the President:

It is now the middle of December and I am still trying to 'deck my halls' and before I know it everything will need to return to storage. Then it is time to greet the New Year...

Congratulations --- we are about to begin the SGC 90th year which is truly a milestone. Our first major Civic Project was "The Highway of a Thousand Elms." Just think of what we have accomplished over the years to better our community. At our Bi-Annual meeting in January we will analyze where we have been and what is our vision 10 years from now when we begin our 100th year. These and other vital issues will be discussed so please come participate and be part of the decisions.

The Holiday Luncheon and Auction was a great success. Our Auction Chairman, Hope Stroble and her Elves are to be congratulated on a fabulous job of raising \$28,000.00 to support Community Projects. Much applause to the Ways & Means team for all their hard work and enthusiasm. We also raised \$2,219.00 for the Northwest Harvest which is appreciated. Our Luncheon Chairman, Suzanne Ragen organized the luncheon to perfection with 153 in attendance – 91 members and 62 guests. Charlee Reed and her volunteers provided the clever table decorations with the theme of 'Delirious about Della Robbia.' Many, many thanks to everyone involved and to each of you who attended, brought a guest, donated items or generously purchased items --- we could not have done it without your support!

The November program was given by Tom Fischer who is Executive Editor of Timber Press. His presentation on 'Gardens I Have Learned From,' definitely makes one want to travel and see many of these special places around the world. Included at this meeting was an award presented to Dr. Sarah Reichard for her many contributions to conservation in the areas of the biology of invasive plants, plant diversity and public education. Thus the award was the GCA Club Conservation Certificate of Acknowledgement.

September the SGC was asked to second the Tacoma Garden Club Founders Fund Proposal for Ebenezer's Heritage Garden at Point Defiance Park. The SGC Board approved this and the project was selected as one of the three finalists for the 2007 Award. Every GCA Club will be voting on this in March and you can help by contacting friends in other GCA clubs by asking them to support it.

I do hope you had time to enjoy the season and are 'energized' for a year of celebration. Let us hope for peace on earth, good health and much happiness in the New Year. See you soon...

B.J. Anderson

Looking back.. & .. Looking ahead Join us

SGC begins the celebration of 90 years

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Business Meeting (no guests)

January 18th at CUH

9:30 AM . . Coffee, 10:00 am - 12:00 Noon . . Meeting Please RSVP to Jane Harder by Thursday, January 11th janeharder@comcast.net or call: 206-361-7675

The AWARDS Committee will be meeting soon to consider SGC members worthy of recognition. Please send in writing your nominations to Catherine Roach or Trudy Baldwin by March 1.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

No meeting was held in December.

Cappy's Eco-Tip of the Month

Did you know...

In 2005 Seattle conservation programs saved enough energy to power 100,000 homes for 1 year. This resulted in the reduction of enough greenhouse gases to equal removing 83,910 cars from the roads.

ARE YOU DOING ALL YOU CAN TO SAVE ELECTRICTY IN YOUR HOME?

It's Magic!

We have 5 months left until our May show!

Thanks to Dinah Hutchinson, Iris Wagner and Patsy Pattison for all the hard work; the schedule is completed, approved by Lee LaPointe, GCA Flower Show Committee

Chairman and sent to headquarters in New York.

Prudence Hammett gave the committee several very creative versions of graphics for our theme. All were fabulous, making it difficult to choose one.

Our next meeting is Monday, January 8th, 1:00pm at CUH. Everyone is welcome!



Hope Stroble and her hard-working Ways and Means Committee raised a whopping \$28,000 for the SGC. Many thanks to all the members who came in the spirit of buying!



DATES TO NOTE:

Thursday, January 4

SGC Board Meeting

Junset Club

9:30am - 11:30am

Monday, January 8

Hort Meeting
Carol Henderson's Home
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Provisional Talk - Catherine Allan

'Demystifying Botanic Latin'

Coffee - 9:30am, Program - 10:00am

Monday, January 8

Flower Show Committee CUH - Douglas Classroom

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Tuesday, January 9

Membership Committee

Sunset Club - Private Dining Room

1J:30am - 12:30pm

Tuesday, January 16

Membership Committee

Sunset Club - Private Dining Room

10:30am - 12:30pm

Thursday, January 18

General Meeting

'Looking Back...Looking Forward

Annual Business Meeting

CUH

9:30am - Coffee, 10:00am - Meeting

Tuesday, January 23

Membership Committee

Sunset Club - Private Dining Room

10:30am - 12:30pm



Sarah Reichard with BJ Anderson and Diana Neely autographing her new book 'Invasive Species' at the November General Meeting. Sarah received the GCA Club Conservation Certificate of Acknowledgement for her many contributions to conservation in the areas of the biology of invasive plants, plant diversity and public education.



One of the many very creative table arrangements that graced the our luncheon!

TechnoTrash

TechnoTrash includes everything from CDs to zip disks, printer cartridges to PDAs and it's a big environmental problem; about 40 million pounds per year. It is also an environmental hazard.

The Seattle Audubon Society began a collaboration with GreenDisk, a local non-profit that addresses this problem in an accountable and environmentally safe manner.

For more information, go to www.greendisk.com or take recyclables to the Seattle Audubon Nature Shop.

In the Gardens:

<u>Rhododendron Species Garden</u> - Federal Way Admission is free for the month of January!

Start the New Year right ,,,

By signing up now to take flowers to Cancer Lifeline - for January or any month you would like.

Call Susan Pollock - (425) 488-7941 Or sign up on the Event Calendar on the SGC website

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Happy ew Year!



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