

From the President:

It is now time to celebrate our 90th year, pay tribute to the Past Board and Special Committee Chairmen and salute our upcoming President, Trudy Baldwin, and her Board. Also, a special welcome to the new Provisional Members: Marilee Ahalt, Christine Davis, Suzette deTurenne, Barbara Feasey, Sheila Noonan, Traci Tenneson and Transfer, Barbara Hamachek. And congratulations to our 'new' Active Members: Carol Eland, Betty Paul and Carlyn Steiner.

AS I write we are into the GCA Flower Show week and there is definitely '**MAGIC**' in the air! The weather is beautiful and everyone involved is busy, busy, busy and doing a terrific job. We are all anxious for Friday, May 18th and know the show will be *the best*. Our praise to **Pam Green and Iris Wagner for being the leaders and to their fabulous committee for their endless time.**

The Joint Meeting with Tacoma Garden Club at the Bloedel Reserve was wonderful. The Docents led informative tours of the property and then we met at the house for separate meetings. At the SGC meeting the membership voted in favor of two proposals as follows:

1. SGC Entry (Fragrance) Garden Restoration Project
2. A statement of support for further investigation of all proposals for SR520

Following the meetings everyone enjoyed box lunches and conversation --- it is a nice tradition and great becoming better acquainted. Thank you to those involved in organizing this event: Catherine Roach, Suzanne Ragen, Barbara Anderson and Deborah Cheadle.

Work is continuing on the new Fragrance Garden with the completion of the irrigation and pathways, as well as the addition of benches, planters and the SGC seal. The plants will be added gradually, but do take time to see what has been accomplished. Thank you again to those making donations and to the hard working committee.

I have sent a Statement of Support for further investigation on SR520 via letter, e-mail and/or fax to the following: Governor Gregoire, Mayor Nickels, Seattle City Council Members and State Legislators. Thank you to Eleanor Nolan for her help in completing this important mission.

Congratulations to the Special Committee Chairmen for 2007-2008 -- please see names under Summary of Actions. Also included with this newsletter is an insert of the amended ByLaws which were approved at the May 3, 2007 Board Meeting. These will be voted on by the Membership at our June 7th Annual Meeting.

Additional recognition to:

- * GCA Annual Meeting attendees in Boston: Trudy Baldwin and Sherrill Elliott for SGC and Diana Neely representing Partners for Plants.
- Glen Youell for having the May 7th Horticulture Meeting at her home and to all who had meetings and workshops in their homes this year.
- Cappy's Eco-Tips.
- * Patsy Pattison our Internet Guru of SGC Newsletters --- par excellence & patient
- * Lannie Hoglund for beginning and planning a Speaker's Fund Event in the Fall.
- * Sis Woodside for organizing the Wetherill Nature Preserve Work Party.
- * Susan Hilpert for helping to identify our cut flowers for the GCA Flower Show.
- * Diana Neely for sharing her home and garden for the Judges' Dinner
- * All Board Members who have served with me -- each one dedicated and so supportive.

Serving as President for the past two years has been rewarding and I thank you for the opportunity. It has definitely kept me involved and increased my appreciation of this fine organization. I am so proud of the SGC and all we accomplish together and will always treasure the many friendships. I look forward to seeing you on June 7th after which we can sit back and enjoy the summer..... Remember we do make a difference!

B.J. Anderson

SGC Annual Meeting and 90th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, June 7, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

Broadmoor Golf Club

11:00 - 11:30 Welcome new members

11:45 Introductions and Business Meeting

12:15 Luncheon and Video Presentation

Please reply by June 4 to Catherine Roach

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MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce the following women have accepted invitations to become Provisional Members of the Seattle Garden Club:

✓ **Marilee Saunders Ahalt** - Proposed by Debbi Wilson and co-sponsored by Trudy Baldwin

Marilee is a woman of many talents and interests. She has been active in the Lake Washington Unit II Garden Club and was a past co-chair of the Jr. League Sustainers Garden Workshop. She has served on the Pacific Northwest Ballet Board, is a member of SAM's development committee, is active with her Mercer Island church, and has been a representative of the Doncaster Clothing line. Marilee spends many hours in her garden and uses her plants for her beautiful fresh and dried arrangements. She is the mother of two high school aged sons.

Christine Lowe Davis - Proposed by Margaret Allison and co-sponsored by Burnley Snyder

Christine possesses a loving manner, a great intellectual curiosity and a love of a project. She has transformed the very steep hillside behind her house into a beautiful garden, a physically and aesthetically challenging job. In addition to planting numerous pots for her terrace, she grows fruits and vegetables at the side of her house. Christine has a keen interest in the environment, particularly in marine ecology. She has been an active volunteer at the Bush School and now works part time to implement special events for a private company. Christine has three sons.

✓ **Suzette Lamoureux deTurenne** - Proposed by Hope Stroble and co-sponsored by Kathy Lea

Suzette is a very organized, eloquent and pleasant woman to work with who has been very involved with her three (now grown) children's school, Seattle Prep. She ran their auction and then became the Development Director for the school. Suzette has also been involved with the Seattle Childrens Theater as well as St. Bridget's Church. She works to perfect the design of her garden and has even grown her own produce. Suzette has been a longstanding member of both the Northwest Orchid Society and the Seattle Rose Society.

✓ **Barbara M. Feasey** - Proposed by Barbee Crutcher and co-sponsored by Gretchen Hull

Barbara is a woman of many talents. Friendly and outgoing, she possesses great organizational skills. She was the Development Director for the Seattle Commons project for five years, became the first Director of the Seattle Parks Foundation as a volunteer and now serves on several of their committees. She serves as a Development Consultant for Intiman Theater and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Barbara has a keen interest in conservation. Her work with the Cascade Land Conservancy and a National Conservation Board has been an ongoing commitment. Barbara and her husband, Bill Bryant, have a lovely small garden in Seattle and are developing a home and garden in the Methow. Her aunt, who lives in the east, is very involved with GCA.

✓ **Sheila B. Noonan** - Proposed by Lannie Hoglund and co-sponsored by Barbara Anderson

Sheila is a gracious woman with good organizational skills and leadership abilities. She has devoted countless hours quietly, yet effectively, to organizations such as the Bush School, the Boys Choir, the Seattle Symphony and ARCS. She and her husband, Peter Hartley, are both architects and hands on gardeners at their home in Madrona with a keen sense of garden design. Sheila has attended many of our open meetings and the Christmas lunch. Her grandmother, Mrs. Ceibert Baillargeon, and her aunt, Mrs. John N. Sylvester, were both members of SGC, and Sheila spent many hours at the Baillargeon home on Bainbridge Island. She has two grown sons.

✓ **Traci Tenneson** - Proposed by Dorothy Strong and co-sponsored by Sis Woodside

Traci is a capable, personable and talented woman with a lot of energy, and she is a great team worker. Her children, ages 17 and 15 are at Lakeside and Bush, so she would have time to participate in various Seattle Garden Club activities. Traci volunteers at both Lakeside and Bush on many of their committees and has also been a member of the Arboretum Foundation. Traci enjoys skiing and biking as well as gardening. Her mother-in-law, Barbara Pringle, is a Sustaining Member of the Seattle Garden Club and has been active in our club for many years.

The Membership committee is also pleased to announce a new transfer to the Seattle Garden Club:

Barbara Hamachek - Proposed by Alex Morse

Barbara lived in Portland and was a member of the Portland Garden Club. In 1985 she and her husband, Todd, moved to Medina, but her many family activities prevented her from affiliating with our club. However they purchased a home with a Chittock designed garden which she further developed into a year round "blooming" garden. They then moved to Connecticut where Barbara joined the Richfield Garden Club becoming the Vice President and eventually the President for two years. She turned it into a high energy club. She was a member of the New York Ikebana Society, was in charge of Zone II meetings and received the GCA Medal of Merit. She and her husband then decided to move back to the west coast and now have a condominium in downtown Seattle and a house in Sun Valley. She has joined the new Sun Valley Garden Club and volunteers at the Sawtooth Botanical Garden. Her personal garden where she actually digs in the dirt is in Idaho.

This is written notice to the membership of the proposed amendment changes to the By-Laws.

These were approved at the May 3, 2007, Board Meeting and a vote will be taken by the membership at the Annual Meeting on June 7, 2007. Honorary Life, Sustaining, Active and Non Resident members may vote.

Article IV. GOVERNING BOARD, OFFICERS, AND COMMITTEES

Section 2. Officers. The Officers of SGC shall consist of President, *President-Elect*, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. No two offices may be held by the same person.

2.2 *President-Elect.* *The President-Elect shall be nominated by the nomination committee. She shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President and shall assist as requested by the President.*

Article V. ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS AND THE GOVERNING BOARD

1.4 Nomination by Members. Active Members may nominate additional candidates for the offices of President, *President-Elect*, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, or any Standing Committee Chairman, providing that in each case the nomination, endorsed by ten Active Members, has been presented in writing to the Recording Secretary not less than seven (7) days before the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Term. *The President will serve a one (1) year term. The President-Elect will serve a one (1) year term and then automatically assume the office of President the following year, for a one (1) year term. All other members of the Governing Board shall serve for two years unless special arrangements are agreed upon by the Nominating Committee.*

GCA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2007-08

THE GCA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AWARDED 56 SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALING OVER \$204,000 THIS YEAR. THESE AWARDS RANGE FROM \$1,500 TO \$8,000 PER SCHOLAR. TWELVE OF THESE SCHOLARS ATTEND SCHOOL OR RESIDE IN ZONE XII. TWO ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON AND ONE ATTENDS BASTYR UNIVERSITY. THE MONEY GIVEN AWAY EACH YEAR COMES FROM SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND INCOME AND GIFTS TO THE GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND OR A SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND. PLEASE READ ABOUT THESE SCHOLARS IN THE JUNE GCA BULLETIN.

IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE AND AN HONOR TO SERVE TWO TERMS ON THE GCA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE. THE WORK AND RESEARCH THESE SCHOLARS DO IS WORLDWIDE AND FAR REACHING. I HAVE LEARNED SO MUCH AND APPRECIATE EVEN MORE WHAT GCA CLUBS ACCOMPLISH WORKING TOGETHER. THANK YOU.

LYN WHITE

Conservation by Eleanor Nolan

Three years ago, every Conservation article submitted to the Newsletter was intended to build awareness and advocacy of environmental issues. How much has changed! Today, submitted articles may be obsolete by the time the Newsletter is circulated. Information is emerging at that pace!

Speakers and writers who warned about climate change several years or even months ago now report on the effects of climate warming rather than on information to convert others to belief in the fact. In other words we have witnessed a major worldwide shift to belief in the reality of global climate change and to a commitment to seeking solutions. In the Pacific Northwest we struggle to balance the ethics and effects of alternative fuels with their effect on regional crops; traditional farming vs. development on farmland; and population growth vs transportation debacles. On some days newspapers have an article on the environment on almost every page in Section A and throughout the newspaper: international, national, regional, and local.

Facts are now cascading upon us. The May 3 New York Times reported on subtropical plants moving north, including, yes, Georgia's aggressive kudzu. Quoting from the same article, "By the end of the century the climate will no longer be favorable for the official state tree or flower in 28 states, according to 'The Gardener's Guide to Global Warming', a report released by the National Wildlife Federation. Atlanta, which was in Zone 7 in 1990, is now in Zone 8, along with the rest of northern Georgia." (For recent articles on global warming and carbon offsets go to nytimes.com/earth)

Now, determining the certainty of climate change has evolved into discussions of the increased complexities on what we each can do to reverse it. The 'Ethics of Climate Change' Conference held at UW, focused on the ethical and moral aspects of global warming---issues that raise questions for individuals, institutions, and entire nations." "Carbon-Neutral Is Hip, But Is It Green?" in the April 29 New York Times questions whether highly marketed carbon offsets and credits are sufficient to do more than assuage guilt. Altering lifestyle is still a responsibility.

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The Seattle Times daily tip on "Climate Challenge " now provides facts such as the phantom load that devices such as TV's and DVD's draw even when they're turned off. For more information, including a household emissions calculator, see www.seattletimes.com/climate challenge.

Richard Leakey, the paleontologist and conservationist, speaking recently at UW on "Climate Change and the Future of Life on Earth", addressed the inevitable extinction of species due to global warming. He stated that Mount Kilimanjaro, which has had ice at its summit for the last 12,000 years, will have none within the next 10 years. There has been an 80% reduction in the elephant population since 1980. Is the disappearance of bees even indirectly caused by climate change? How will the demise of bees affect the world's food crops? More rain instead of snow will further decrease snow packs and increase water shortages, affecting sources for power, fish habitats, and farmers.

Yvon Chouinard, founder of the retail store Patagonia and renowned alpinist, reports, along with other climbers, that many traditional ice climbs no longer exist. Routes on the Matterhorn and in Mount Kenya, Tibet, indeed, throughout the world, are vanishing; glaciers, as in Glacier National Park, are now lakes. (On a personal note, I recall that in 1974, camping across the country, Rangers in evening lectures in National Parks repeatedly warned even then of the ominous signals of disappearing glaciers on the Columbia Ice Fields, in Jasper, Alberta, in Banff and Lake Louise).

Businesses may claim that the costs of producing goods and services using environmentally friendly technologies can result in higher costs to the consumer. Costs to business vs costs to the planet is just one of the conflicting interests that characterize this ethical debate. The trendiness of "green" is even beginning to be exploited, with "organic" and "sustainable" encouraging purchases. Green mutual funds, "green" construction, and many other "green" businesses are proliferating. On a positive note, the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation has given \$100 million to support "research intended to encourage policies aimed at reducing the threat of global warming." Regionally, William Ruckelshaus has been appointed Chair of the Puget Sound Partnership charged with overseeing the cleanup and restoration of Puget Sound.

It is related and significant that Helene Gayle, formerly head of Global Health for the Gates Foundation and now CEO of CARE INTERNATIONAL, says that the greatest obstacle to good health worldwide is poverty. Richard Leakey concluded his talk last week stating, "Poverty is the greatest enemy to Environmental Conservation." Being sensitive to developing countries who now may have restrictions to address global warming imposed upon them that our affluent country did not have in its development constitutes a complex challenge: to address solutions with equity for rich nations and for poor nations.

As reported by recent SGC delegates, global warming was the major topic at the GCA National Legislative Conference. Conservation was also a dominant topic at the GCA Annual Meeting. SGC can rightfully claim to be participating fully in this important national GCA initiative. By acting in constructive ways collectively and individually on local issues, and by doing the small things in our lives with sensitivity and awareness of their environmental impact, we in SGC demonstrate our commitment to the Conservation Pledge of the GCA, adapted in 1994, and to the purpose of the GCA, both wise and comprehensive guides for actions: globally, locally, and personally.

Interesting Facts

5,894 tons of paper thrown out in Seattle in 2004
780,004 tons of waste (garbage & recyclables)
generated annually in Seattle
44.1% of total waste recycled annually in Seattle

\$19 million spent by Seattle to send more than 900 million lbs of
garbage to an Arlington, Oregon landfill
\$2 million is projected to be saved per year in disposal fees if Se-
attle reaches its recycling goal of 60% of all waste by 2010

DATES TO NOTE:

Thursday, June 7

SGC Annual Meeting

90th Anniversary Celebration

11:00am

Broadmoor Golf Club

Thursday, June 14

New/Old Board Meeting & Luncheon

9:30am - 1:00pm

Sunset Club

Safer & Healthier Than Bleach

Did you know that bleach was invented in the late 40's? It's chlorine, folks! And it was used to kill our troops. Peroxide was invented during WWI to help cleanse the wounds of our troops. Think about it.

What can that plain little old bottle of 3% peroxide costing under \$3 at any drug store do for you?

- Clean counters and table tops with it to kill germs and leave a fresh smell. Just put it on the dishrag.
- Pour peroxide on your wooden cutting board to kill salmonella and other bacteria.
- Clean your bathroom with a 50/50 mix of peroxide and water to disinfect without harm.
- Use it as mouthwash—hold in mouth for 10 min —it whitens and freshens & rids you of canker sores.

Marilyn Fite

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

May 3, 2007

The minutes of the April 5, 2007, Board Meeting were approved as distributed.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the budget for 2007-2008.

It was moved, second and approved to remain with Sound Business Forms for the SGC monthly newsletter. They will continue the printing and mailing with the addition of providing the layout.

It was moved, seconded and approved to change Article IV, Section 2 and 2.2 Governing Board, Officers, and Committees, of the By Laws as presented in the written notice to the membership enclosed.

It was moved, seconded and approved to change Article V, Section 1, 1.4 and Section 2 Election of the Officers and the Governing Board, of the By Laws as presented in the written notice to the membership enclosed.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the following members as Special Committee Chairman for 2007-2008:

Archivist

Awards

By-Laws

Garden History & Design

Historian

Photography

Public Gardens

Public Relations

School Gardens

Speakers Endowment Fund

Visiting Gardens

Ann Bohart

Alex Morse

Mary Smith (previously approved)

Deborah Cheadle

Mary Turner

Jane Harder

Susan Pollack

Carol Eland

Betty Bottler

Nancy Parker

Jane Yerkes

It was moved, seconded and approved that the Financial Policy item IV. 3.c. be changed as follows:

3. Reimbursements

- c. The registration fee for a *maximum of two members* to attend the Horticulture Workshop, the Zone XII Meeting, the National Affairs and Legislation Meeting and the Zone XII President's Meeting shall be paid by SGC.

GCA ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

The Founders Fund Winner is Zone IX Restoration of the Gardens Around Historic Popp's Bandstand at New Orleans City Park

Our Congratulations to **Noreen Frink** and **JoAnne Rosen** who each won a BLUE RIBBON IN PHOTOGRAPHY

Yes,

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**We still have aprons...
SGC aprons!**

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have one, too.**

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In Memoriam



Mrs. W. Bruce Jones (Grace 'Sis' Potter Hiscock) died on April 4, 2007 in Seattle. A member of the SGC since 1961, she will be remembered as a legendary Seattle community volunteer.

Cappy's Eco-Tip

Once again think "Natural Garden Care" as you say goodbye to the beautiful spring that we have had and prepare your gardens for those spectacular summer blooms.

- Use a hand mower and leave the clippings on the grass adding valuable nutrients and helping prevent moss growth.
- Water wisely using soaker hoses and wands and timers for deep and less frequent watering and your compost and mulch will keep that soil damp.
- Plant native plants, low water- needs plants and plants grown for our Northwest.
- Use only environmentally safe pesticides remembering that what you put in your gardens ends up in Puget Sound.
- Love your garden and the environment too!

Happy Summer! Cappy

Enjoy Summer!



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