

# The Seattle Garden Club

October 2007

## Carolyn Jones to Speak on October 18

### *Former Director of Miller Botanical Garden*

When Seattle Garden Club members meet at the Seattle Golf Club on October 18 they will be remembering and honoring one of our Club's most prominent former members and horticulturists. The Miller Botanical Garden was established by the knowledgeable, generous and public spirited Elisabeth Carey Miller. In addition to leaving the legacy of the garden bearing her name in The Highlands, she



spearheaded the planting of the Lake Washington Ship Canal and the founding of the Elisabeth C. Miller Horticultural Library at CUH. She was a founding member of the Seattle Chinese Garden.

Our speaker, Carolyn Jones, was until recently the Director of the Miller Garden as well as of its educational program, Great Plant Picks. For ten years prior to joining the Miller Garden, Carolyn was the horticulturist at VanDusen Botanical Center. She is currently a writer and technical editor for *GardenWise* magazine. Carolyn graduated from Simon Fraser University in British Columbia with a BS in biology.

### October General Meeting – October 18, 2007

Meeting and Luncheon at Seattle Golf Club  
210 NW 145th (adjacent to The Highlands)

### Carolyn Jones, former Director of the Miller Garden “The Enchanted World of the Miller Garden”

10:30 – Coffee • 11:00 – Meeting and Lecture • Noon – Luncheon  
*Members Only*

Please respond by Friday, October 12

to Jeannie Gravenkemper at [jgraccoon@comcast.net](mailto:jgraccoon@comcast.net) or 206-322-6639

Non-subscribers to Hostess Fund: Confirm your reservation by sending a check for \$25 payable to SGC to Jeannie at 2238 Waverly Way East, Seattle, WA 98112

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Greetings,

Fall is upon us with cooler days and nights, colorful leaves drifting in the air and visions of pumpkins and apple cider.

At the first Board Meeting we shared ideas for carrying out our GCA and SGC missions and goals. With ninety years of community accomplishments, inspiring speakers and many wonderful Flower Shows led by talented volunteers, we intend to look to the future in order to be current in today's world. In the field of conservation, we have great potential to influence both our members and the community to think globally and act locally. If we can increase our fundraising potential by looking at new avenues, we can respond to many more requests for leadership in the community. As we participate more visibly with ever-larger community projects, we will be able to let others know more about us.

Congratulations to our worthy award recipients Ann Wyckoff and Martha Wyckoff, the first ever Mother-Daughter presentation for SGC. Both of these ladies are wonderful examples of inspired motivation and leadership to transform public spaces for all to enjoy. Cappy Rooks was honored for her generous and untiring commitment to educating SGC Members about everyday ways to practice conservation.

Thank you to Phoebe Andrew, our hostess for the September Picnic. It was great to meet at her lovely home and garden. In spite of questionable weather reports, we all had a great day greeting each other and sharing the day's events, which included a fun Provisional Skit.

From October 20-22nd, The Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference is being held at The Atlanta Botanical Gardens. Dinah Hutchinson and Diana Neely will represent us.

Last month our newsletter delivery was uneven due to the changeover to our new system. Jo Anne Rosen, our website hero, will be available to help you work out any problems you encounter and help you become more facile on the web.

We are all looking forward to sharing Dan Hinkley's humor and presentation about creating his new garden, Windcliff, in Indianola. Over the years, many of us enjoyed our visits to Heronswood, his home and nursery. Since the new garden is a private residence, visits will be limited. Viewing Dan's photographs will transport the audience to his new Mediterranean garden. We are grateful to Pam and Jay Green for making this event possible.

Trudy Baldwin

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## EcoTip

**3 things each of us can do  
to prevent more pollution  
in Puget Sound:**

1. Avoid using products with phthalates. Phthalates are chemicals that through storm water are contaminating Puget Sound. Check environmental Health Network ([www.ehnca.org](http://www.ehnca.org)) or Health Care without Harm ([www.noharm.org](http://www.noharm.org)) for a guide to safe products.
2. Keep litter off the streets such as plastics, styrofoam, cigarette butts which often contain phthalates and other pollutants that may run off into local waterways.
3. Use public transit when possible or carpool or bike to reduce the impacts of cars such as oily runoff into storm drains.



**Winners in the Photography Division of the May Flower Show "It's Magic" were omitted in the September newsletter. They are as follows:**

**Class I: Exceptional Perception**

- 1st "Sis" Woodside
- 2nd Burnley Snyder
- 3rd Jo Anne Rosen

**Class II: Hocus Focus (color)**

- 1st Judith Mc Millan (Shaker Lakes, Zone X)
- 2nd Laurie Riley
- 3rd Penelope Ross (East Hampton, Zone III)

**Class II: Hocus Focus (black & white)**

- 1st Penelope Ross (East Hampton, Zone III)
- 2nd Phyllis Reynolds (Portland, Zone XII)
- 3rd Noreen Frink

**Class III: Enchanting Seasons**

- 1st Laurie Ahern
- 2nd Jeannie Gravenkemper
- 3rd "Sis" Woodside



## Corrections to the Yearbook

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1. page 69 should read  
NOONAN, Sheila (Mrs. Peter Hartley) 2007
2. page 69 should read  
ALLAN, Mrs. Thomas (Catherine de La Chapelle) 2006
3. page 66 correction to Ann Rogers' email..should read  
ann@snowremovalsystems.com  
delete the extra "s"
4. page 27 Visiting Gardens Committee corrections  
Jane Yerkes, *Chairman*  
Prue Hammett  
Alex Morse  
Laurie Riley  
Lyn White

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## Important dates in October

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| October 1, 2007  | Former Center for Urban Horticulture<br>9:30 coffee<br>10:00 "Fragrant Bulbs"<br>Speaker: Provisional Christine Davis<br>Pumpkin Contest<br>Bulb Sale<br>Optional Work Party/box lunch to plant<br>bulbs in the Fragrance Garden |
| October 15, 2007 | Leavenworth Field Trip - Partners for Plants<br>Seattle Garden Club and the Tacoma<br>Garden Club  |
| October 16, 2007 | An evening with Dan Hinkley – "From<br>Shady Heronswood Sunny Windcliff"<br>7:30 pm Museum of History and Industry   |
| October 18, 2007 | General Meeting –<br>10:30 coffee<br>11:00 meeting and lecture<br>12:00 lunch<br>Carolyn Jones, former Director of<br>Miller Garden  |

## Congratulations

GCA Medal of Merit – Ann Wyckoff

SGC Bronze Medal – Cappy Rooks

SGC Community Leadership Award –  
Martha Wyckoff

In honor of her achievements in preserving  
Turtleback Mountain on Orcas Island with inspired  
motivation and strategic support.

*"Those who contemplate the  
beauty of the earth will find  
reserves of strength that will  
endure as long as life lasts."*

*–Baba Dioum*

## Membership

*Be thinking about new provisionals for  
next spring. Consider legacies.  
Call Peggy Wilton (206) 323-6322 for  
further information and membership forms.*

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***Partners for Plants volunteers needed Monday, October 15th!***

***We will carpool to the Leavenworth area for a joint planting day with the Tacoma Garden Club  
helping reclaim a meadow!***

Departure: Seattle and Eastside groups 7:30 AM

Bring: Picnic lunch, water, weather adaptable clothing (layers), gloves and a hori hori knife or favorite trowel.

Carpools are forming as parking is scarce!

Return: Estimated 4-5 PM.

GUESTS ARE WELCOME!

Contact Sue Blethen to sign up  
425-455-5284 or sueblethen@hotmail.com

# RARE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN WITH RARE CARE

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Seattle Garden Club & Tacoma Garden Club Co-Sponsored  
The endangered *Sidalcea var. calva*

*Now both clubs get a chance at giving a helping hand to  
Preserve one of its sites and Participate in a genuine  
GCA Partners for Plants Program*

Monday October 15th, Volunteers will meet at  
The Camas Meadow Natural Area Preserve  
Near Leavenworth

This will be a lot of fun and a great opportunity to get some great pictures of the project for SGC! And it is a real pretty meadow to spend the day in. We will be planting 4,600 plants so the more volunteers the better. Wendy Gible from UW Rare Care will be there to provide a very educational experience.

If you wish to join us,  
please email [diana\\_neely@msn.com](mailto:diana_neely@msn.com) or call 425-455-5070.  
We will probably carpool from a Seattle and a Bellevue site.



# CONSERVATION THOUGHTS

## THINK GLOBALLY:

Remember we are all a part of this great, big Earth!

Read newspapers, watch the news, and utilize the internet to keep current on world issues that affect us all! The oceans of the world are interconnected and so are all the people on this planet! We ALL call the Earth home!!

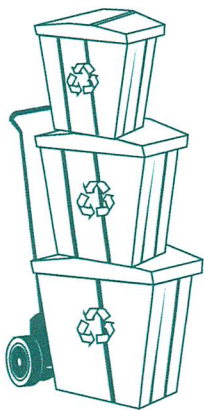


**STAY ACTIVE NATIONALLY:** Keep abreast of US issues being decided by your elected legislators! Let's help "preserve America's beauty and natural heritage for future generations" as stated in our GCA Conservation Pledge!

(The Legislative Update is THE BEST for current information. To sign up, contact the GCA website under NAL-National Affairs Legislation or contact Mary Jane Tooker at GCA Headquarters (212) 753-8287 or [maryjane@gcamerica.org](mailto:maryjane@gcamerica.org) for free updates!)

**PARTICIPATE REGIONALLY:** Many fine organizations are doing an excellent job in our Puget Sound area. The SGC Budget, page 12 of your yearbook, shows all we support financially in this region that are making a difference! Get involved!

**ACT LOCALLY:** Remember that everything you do to conserve, think naturally, and make better choices at home or wherever you are, really does have a long-term affect on us all and on generations to come. Do you need a plastic lid on your latte? The paper cup can recycle with the yard waste but the lid will take centuries to rot! Every little thing does help!



Sue Blethen, Conservation Chair

# Hort Starts

The November Hort Meeting will be at Union Bay Gardens (CUH). The Flower Arranging Committee will present the program on "Decorating for the Holidays."

Come pick up your daffodil bulbs purchased at the October Sale. Remember to look for the October Hort Pumpkin Contest Winners in the November Newsletter.

Daffodil Planting Hints: Make a map of where you plant specific daffodils so when you pick them next spring for the show you will know their names.



There will be an optional work party after the November meeting to plant fragrant bulbs in the new SGC Fragrance Garden at the Union Bay Gardens. If you would like to join us and order a box lunch, please email [diana\\_neely@msn.com](mailto:diana_neely@msn.com) or phone (425) 455-5070. Let us know your choice of boxed lunches Choice #1 Roast Chicken Sandwich or Choice #2 Asian Chicken Salad.

## Ann Wyckoff Receives GCA Medal of Merit

On September 20th, 2007, Ann Wyckoff, a member of the Seattle Garden Club received the Garden Club of America Medal of Merit. Ann has for the last ten years passionately pursued a goal of creating the Olympic Sculpture Park, a nine acre green space in downtown Seattle that connects art with ecology, horticulture and conservation. This site was formerly a polluted industrial oil storage site and was cleaned up and opened as an internationally acclaimed park last January. The park is free and open to the public.



Ann's 30 year involvement with the Seattle Art Museum, as Trustee and supporter, and her family's commitment to the Pacific Northwest have both influenced the creation and design of this last and largest remaining undeveloped Seattle waterfront. She also inspired the Seattle Garden Club to contribute the 60 foot nurse log in the Vivarium, to display nature's cycles of decay and renewal.

It is with great pleasure that the Garden Club of America awarded this honor to Ann for her visionary leadership, extraordinary support and enthusiasm in creating the Olympic Sculpture Park.

## *An Evening with Daniel J. Hinkley*

Author • Speaker • World Traveler • Plant Explorer

### **"FROM SHADY HERONSWOOD TO SUNNY WINDCLIFF"**

Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI)  
2700 24th East, Seattle, WA 98112

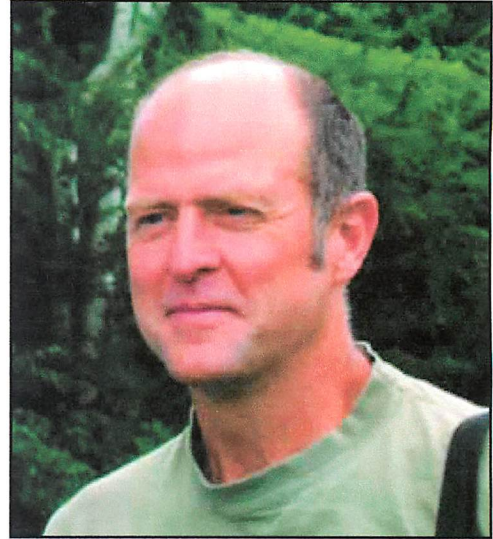
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2007 AT 7:30 P.M.**

Presented by **SEATTLE GARDEN CLUB –  
PAMELA GREEN SPEAKER FUND**

Admission	Patron	\$100.00
	General	\$25.00
	Student	\$10.00

Send checks to:  
Rosemary Steven  
10831 Bill Point Bluff N.E.  
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110  
(before October 13th)

Questions:  
Hope Stroble  
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206-364-6694  
Reservations are limited



*Please remember that this is our main fundraiser for the year.  
We would like for each member to buy two tickets, one of them being a patron ticket!*

**THANK YOU LADIES!!!**



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