

Barbara Shea to Speak at November General Meeting

President of the Casey Trees Endowment Fund

In the 1870s, 60,000 street trees were planted in the District of Columbia, at last carrying out Pierre L'Enfant's 1791 plan for grand tree-lined avenues. By the turn of the century the Nation's Capital was known as the "City of Trees."

One hundred years later the green canopy that shaded steamy Washington in the summer had begun to shrink. Satellite images published in 1999 showed a dramatic loss of trees since 1973. In 2001 a generous donation by Betty Brown Casey established an organization to restore and enhance the tree canopy of Washington. For a



full and colorful description of the Casey Trees Project, including the useful and informative "Tree Talk," go to <http://www.gcamerica.org/> and click on "Casey Trees."

Barbara Shea's involvement with Casey Trees evolved from her work for GCA, a second career after an impressive stint in the business world. She was president of The Green Spring Valley Garden Club in the mid-1990s and was then the Zone VI Horticulture representative. This GCA Horticulture judge and outgoing Chairman of the National Horticulture Committee possesses a financial acumen sharpened at General Electric and the organizational skills demanded of a mother of four. Who better to lead the effort to re-green the other Washington? Come with your guests to woodsy Volunteer Park on November 15 to hear Barbara Shea.

For some background on efforts to restore Seattle's urban forest, go to <http://www.greenseattle.org/> and read about the public/private partnership between the City of Seattle and our friends at the Cascade Land Conservancy.

November General Meeting – November 15, 2007

Seattle Asian Art Museum

Volunteer Park (1400 East Prospect) – Alvord Board Room

Barbara Shea *President of the GCA Casey Trees Endowment Fund*

Bring your friends for this very special opportunity to learn about the Casey Trees Project to restore the tree canopy in our nation's capital. Afterwards take advantage of free admission to the galleries.

9:30 Social • 10:00 Meeting and Lecture

There will be no food or beverages served at the meeting, so do the Seattle thing and arrive with your own tea or coffee – just be sure your cup is lidded.

Please respond by Tuesday, November 13 to Catherine Roach at tcroach@comcast.net or 206-325-5581

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings,

What an evening. Dan Hinkley's lecture and photographs of his Mediterranean garden, Windcliff, in Indianola were inspiring. His is a new style of gardening for us in the Northwest. As usual, Dan designs with many gorgeous plants new to us and many of them thrive in the sun without a great deal of water. How many of you are growing cactus now?

Hope Stroble and her Ways and Means Committee along with Nancy Parker, Lannie Hoglund, Ann Rogers, Judy Phillips and Carol Eland are to be commended for planning this first Pamela Green Event. Patsy Pattison designed the tickets and generously printed them for us. We were eager to fill the hall, which did happen. And, when it was all over, we had raised over \$14,000 for projects in the community. Many thanks to all of you, and especially, the Greens, for your support and contributions.

As we continue to celebrate our history, we were inspired by Carolyn Jones' stories about Betty Miller's garden of many rare and wonderful plants from all over the world. Betty's talent as an outstanding plantswoman was unsurpassed by her leadership in Seattle to create beautiful public spaces, such as Freeway Park. Developing a horticultural library was unusual at the time. Outside of Seattle, Betty was known for her leadership as she connected with national arboretums and horticultural committees.

November's first meeting will be a demonstration of flower arranging for the holidays. Pru Hammett will be brimming with fresh ideas. Barbara Shea from Washington, DC will speak at our General Meeting about The Casey Tree Project. Plan to invite guests. This is one of the year's opportunities to bring a young friend who might be interested in joining SGC sometime in the future.

I want to call your attention to the new roster with schedules, budgets, by-laws and history. On pages 95, 97 and 99 are instructions for gifting to SGC. If you have an opportunity to celebrate a person, a special event or a project such as the new Fragrance Garden created at UW Botanic Garden, just lift out one of the pages and send it to the address printed there.

Please look ahead and mark your calendars for our Holiday Luncheon and Festivities on December 6th at the Sunset Club. Friends and relatives are welcome to join us for this fun event. Each luncheon table will be designed in the style of a famous artist.

Trudy Baldwin

EcoTip

Seattle has 2500 acres of forested parklands but invasive plants like ivy and blackberries are destroying the native trees and if nothing is done we will lose 70% of the trees in our parks. We need those trees not only because of esthetic reasons and as a buffer against noise but also because they reduce global warming, provide wildlife habitat, improve air and water quality, and reduce stormwater runoff. Lastly they increase your property values. Join Green Seattle Partnership and call 206 292-5907 ext. 117 or visit their website at www.greenseattle.org to see how each of us can help.



PROVISIONAL SPEAKER

Christine Davis spoke on "Fragrant Bulbs" at the Horticulture meeting in October. Christine, a provisional, her son Colin Davis and Margi Allison, Christine's sponsor are pictured above from left to right.

"Are You Going Green Yet?"

from *Conservation Watch*, Summer 2007 (the GCA Website)

"Everyone is going green and there are some wonderful websites with interesting and helpful information. Here are two worth checking out:

biodegradablestore.com

Check this one for a complete line of eco-friendly products including plates, bowls, and food containers, even Biobag Dog Waste bags! The items are made from a variety of corn products, sugar cane, and recycled paper. Many of these products are compostable.

climatecounts.org

This site keeps a scorecard on a large list of well-known businesses and their impact on global warming. The scorecard has ratings to help consumers support those companies that are making an effort to reduce their impact on climate change. For example, Nike, Starbucks, and Microsoft get top ratings but Apple, Amazon.com and Burger King are at the bottom. The list is easily downloadable and fits in a wallet."



Kathy Gillespie, Pasadena Garden Club
GCA Conservation Committee, Vice-Chair, Forests/Redwoods

AND

"Are Our Children At Risk"

New York Garden Club Addresses Environmental Threats to Children's Health

Working with Grassroots, a non-profit organization that strives to bridge the gap between scientific research and the public's knowledge of their environment, The N. Country Garden Club of Long Island, NY produced a pamphlet showing the link between common environmental exposures and our children's health.

Because of children's play habits and hand-to-mouth behavior, they can be exposed to dangerous toxins both inside and outside the home. Relative to their weight, children breathe more air, drink more water and eat more food than adults. thus increasing their vulnerability. Immature organs make it more difficult to detoxify poisons. Their pamphlet not only points out these hazards, but makes recommendations on how to change one's habits.

Besides sharing the pamphlet with their members and GCA, the garden club has launched a communication campaign to educate the public including schools, libraries, children's organizations, elected officials, pediatricians, and family magazines.

To receive a free on-line copy of the entire pamphlet, contact Patsy Randolph by email at: prandolph@rauchfoundation.org. Wonderful educational tools such as this pamphlet are great outreach projects for our communities.

Carol Large, Conservation Co-Chair
North Country Garden Club of Long Island (Zone III)
Patsy Randolph, Zone III Conservation/NAL Rep. 05-07
Conservation Co-Chair, NCGC of LI

Both articles are reprinted from *Conservation Watch*, A Publication of the Garden Club of America, Summer, 2007. This publication is available to us all from the www.gcamerica.org website! Go online and keep yourself informed and up to date!!

Sue Blethen, Conservation Chair

Conservation Tips

- ✿ Copper Vine on Capitol Hill will take your used plastic pots. Located at 1315 E. Pine, telephone number 323-0770 www.thecoppervine.com
- ✿ Junkmail – Purge your name by sending your name and address to Direct Marketing Assoc. Mail Preference Service, P.O. Box 282, Carmel, N.Y. 10512 (must include \$1.00)
Also try Donnelley Marketing Database Operations, 416 S. Bell Ave., Ames, IA 50010
- ✿ We have a business here in Seattle, Meyer / Wells who will make custom furniture using urban, local trees. A great alternative to firewood and pretty cool to have a table or chair from a tree you grew! A two year wait is normal due to the need to "cure and dry" the tree first! Contact Seth Meyer at seth@meyerwells.com or call 206 282-0076.
- ✿ We have a very large, very dead madrone which could be a beautiful breakfast table!

Flower Arrangers Report

The meeting on Monday, November 5th, will be hosted by the Flower Arrangers Committee and will feature holiday arrangements to liven up our homes. Our theme is "Quick Fix Holiday Flower Arrangements". Come and be inspired by our creative team.

The December luncheon will once again feature center pieces created by our members. The idea this year is to choose an artist and interpret his or her style as you create your holiday center piece. Fresh plant material is to be used for the center pieces that cannot exceed 18" in diameter and people sitting across from each other must be able to see over or through the arrangement. Please call Charlee Reed if you would like to sign up and participate. We will also send around a sign up sheet at the Nov. 5th meeting.

There will be a holiday wreath making workshop on Friday, November 9th at 10 AM at the Bassetti's Crooked Arbor Garden (bassettisgardens.com) in Woodinville. This is a small nursery that specializes in dwarf conifers and rock garden plants. They also feature local sculpture artists. Leanette Bassetti will lead us through a creative process making wreaths from a variety of fresh horticultural materials. The cost is \$25 for the class including all materials. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with other garden club members while creating a lovely holiday wreath. There is only space for 12 people so sign up quickly by calling Charlee Reed. Soup will follow at Judy Thomas' "weed patch".

GCA Flower Show Judges Workshop

Seattle Garden Club Flower Show judges attended a Zone XII "Think Green" Judging Workshop in Monterey, CA that was held Sept. 27-29th.

The Flower Arranging Judges studied the Principles and Elements of Design and then used their knowledge to write comments on the flower arrangements that prospective judges provided for the workshop. A new video produced by Penny Horne, Garden Club of Barrington, "The GREAT AMERICAN MELTING POT," The influences on and evolution of American Contemporary floral art was previewed. Penny will be at our general meeting on March 20, 2008 giving a flower arranging demonstration and workshop.

The Horticulture Judges attended lectures given by Joe Clements of Pitzer College staff and a judge with the Cactus and Succulent Society of America. He provided us with a variety of unusual plants so we could learn how to critique them for a flower show.

The Photography Judges provided an exhibit of their winning photos. They also had a photography exhibit of "Think Green" photos which was used for their schedule and comment writing exercises. The judges were also encouraged to photograph at Point Lobos.

The Seattle Garden Club would encourage anyone interested in learning more about the Judging Program to contact the reps in the different areas. If you have clerked for flower shows and are still interested in the program please contact us.

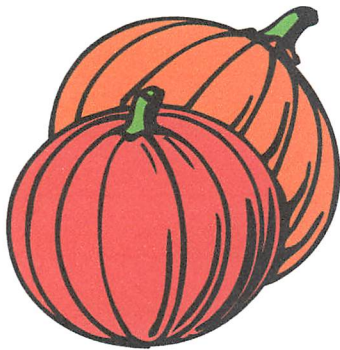
Carol Henderson – Flower Arranging
Pam Green – Horticulture
JoAnne Rosen– Photography



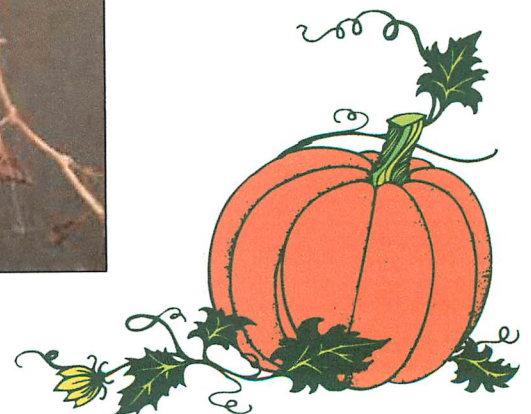
Susan Pollock and Marilee Ahalt are planting fragrant bulbs in the Fragrance Garden following the Horticulture meeting.

Pumpkin Contest

*Catherine Allan
won the contest
for the largest pumpkin.*



Laurie Ahern won the best tale of woe in the pumpkin contest.



Corrections to the Yearbook

1. page 54 **Mrs. Chauncey E. Hazen**
should read (Josephine Squires)
 2. page 55 **Alice Jean Lewis** new address:
1630 43rd Ave. E. #914, Seattle 98112
 3. page 59 **Sue Blethen**
delete fax number, add cell number: (206) 930.0129
 4. page 59 **Mrs. William H. Bain (Nancy Hill)**
email should read: nancy@mptowners.org
 5. page 65 **Mrs. Judith Phillips**
cell phone should read (206) 310-1041
 6. page 69 **Mrs. Robert C. Blethen (Sue Crary)**
delete fax number, add cell number (206) 930-0129
 7. page 69 **Mrs. Christopher C. Davis (Christine Lowe)**
email should read: claudeolin@hotmail.com
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Membership

Our first committee meeting will be held November 13, 2007. All proposal forms must be turned in or postmarked by December 15, 2007 to Peggy Wilton.

Please review the yellow pages B3 to B8 to see if someone special comes to mind that you would like to propose. For further questions please call Peggy Wilton at 323-6322.

Important Dates in November

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| Nov. 5, 2007 | University of Washington
Botanical Garden
Flower Arranging for the Holidays
Flower Arranging Committee
9:30 Coffee
10:00 Program |
| Nov. 7, 2007 | Program Committee Meeting
Graham Visitors Center
Conference Room
9:15 to 12:15 Noon |
| Nov. 9, 2007 | Making Holiday Wreaths
Bassetti's Crooked Arbor
Garden in Woodinville
10:00 AM |
| Nov. 15, 2007 | Asian Art Museum,
Guests Welcome
The Casey Tree Project
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HORT HATS

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will be at Union Bay Gardens (CUH) Monday November 5th. The Flower Arranging Committee will present the program on "Decorating for the Holidays."

HORT/CONSERVATION OPPORTUNITY FOR MORNING EXERCISE!!

Tuesday, November 6th, 9:30am, come get your morning exercise with the Hort/Conservation committee and look at a Partners for Plants project! There is IVY galore and THREE signs with Seattle Garden Club on them! We want need your input! We will meet at MOHAI lower parking lot at 9:30 November 6. Walk and talk...warmth available inside MOHAI afterwards.

Pumpkin Contest Results

Diligent Judges, Dinah Hutchinson, Susan Hilpert, Nancy Bain, and Catherine Allan skillfully judged the four pumpkin classes. The Biggest Pumpkin from Seed was won by Catherine Allan's father, Charlie de la Chapelle, with the benefit of a Yakima Summer. Barbee Crutcher's daughter, Carey Smith, came in second with the largest from west of the mountains (rainy summer!). Dinah Hutchinson won the biggest pumpkin from a start. Betty Paul won second. Diana Neely won first for most unusual pumpkin with a yellow textured pumpkin (texture resembling a front door mat). Pat Fitzgerald won second in the most unusual category. The best Tale of Woe went to Laurie Ahern for her "Cinderella pumpkin who thought she was a tomato" story. Laurie was also won most beautiful pumpkin. Charlee Reed won the drawing



Daffodil Tip



Remember when buying your daffodil bulbs to buy named varieties and label them. You don't want to get caught without a named bloom for the April 7th Daffodil Show.



Come to November Hort to pick up your daffodil bulbs purchased at the October Sale. Additional bulbs will be available to purchase at that meeting.

Don't miss the final bulb

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