

The Seattle Garden Club

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December 2007

SEATTLE GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND MINI AUCTION A "Fun Raiser"

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2007
SUNSET CLUB

11 AM - Silent Auction and Wine
12:15 - Luncheon in the ballroom with Live Auction

RSVP by November 30
To Mrs. Brooks G. Ragen (Suzanne)
320 39th Avenue East, Seattle, 98112
206-324-4843 or bsragen@aol.com

*For guests and those not subscribing to the Hostess Fund, the luncheon cost is \$35.
Please make checks payable to Seattle Garden Club and mail with your reservation.*

You may arrange your own table if you wish.

Please send names (clearly spelled) for your table to Suzanne Ragen.

Don't forget the traditional Northwest Harvest offering!

Only carpools (2 or more) are eligible for valet parking

The Seattle Garden Club

A member of the Garden Clubs of America

Presents... A Free Public Lecture with

Thomas Kiernan

CEO of the National Parks Conservation Association

"The Future of Our National Parks"

Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 10:30am

Recreational Equipment (REI)

Downtown store auditorium

222 Yale Ave N. • Seattle, WA. 98109



Save The Date!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings

At this wonderful time of year for planting and transplanting, I'm enjoying being outdoors. It seems much warmer than other years when it was wet, windy and chilly in November.

At our Hort Meeting, our creative designers Pru Hammett and Judy Thomas demonstrated how to decorate with flowers for the holidays. With each theme, their ideas started with flowers hung on the entry door, progressed to several areas of the home and included table arrangements with imaginative place cards to continue the theme.

We were honored to have Barbara Shea from Washington, D. C. talk with us about Casey Trees, which have been planted in the Capital to restore the city's green canopy and grand avenues. Many citizen volunteers have planted and tended trees to make the air cleaner and the city a better place for residents and the many visitors who tour there each year. In Seattle, we were inspired since we'd all like to see more street trees, especially downtown.

Soon we will gather for our Holiday Luncheon and Auction, a time to socialize with one another and our guests. Each table will have a flower arrangement in an artist's style. You might enjoy a Picasso centerpiece or one that looks like Matisse had designed it. We will have a small auction, with some events in the San Juan Islands, including air transportation. Getting there will be half the fun. Please take a look at the 20 auction items ahead of time because you might want to share a hike, a basket of wine or an overnight with several friends.

December is the final month to propose new members for our next Provisional Class. Please consider inviting prospective young women to the luncheon and auction.

Committees are hard at work planning community projects and programs for future general meetings. All the interest groups are off and running. Many thanks to all of you for your great energy and creativity.

As we all prepare for the holidays, we focus on family and friends. I wish you joy, warmth and time to be together. Enjoy the magic of the season through the eyes of all ages seated around the table.

Trudy

EcoTip



Give Green Gifts for the holidays this year. We all have too much "stuff" in our houses right now so let's be eco-shoppers and not get sucked into mindless consumerism. All those holiday shopping bags and probably useless gifts have a

major impact on the planet. The amount of household trash increases 25% between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. But before you start eco-shopping go through those stacks of catalogs you get every day and cancel all those you never use and start saving trees right away.

Ideas: Give a heifer or chickens or goats, etc., in the name of those on your list, to help a poor family become self sustaining. Heifer catalog: 1-800-422-0474, World Vision 1-888-511-6511 or Gifts For Life 1-800-334-7626.

WindBuilders certificate and support a turbine on a Native American wind farm. (Each level one certificate of \$15

prevents one ton of carbon dioxide emissions from polluting the air.) 1-800-924-6826.

Delight the animal lovers on your list by sponsoring in their name a furry friend from cottontail bunnies to polar bears by calling Defenders of Wildlife 1-800-385-9712. (\$25) This organization has worked hard to protect Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Save an acre of rain forest and the critters that live there(\$50) through Rain Forest Alliance's Adopt-a-Rainforest program. 1-888-693-2784.

If you'd rather stay closer to home, go to Goods for the Planet, 525 Dexter Ave. North (southwest corner of Dexter and Mercer) and shop there. Lastly if you must have a special gift for a child or grandchild find it in your favorite catalog, (save gas and emissions by not driving to the malls) and wrap it in recycled paper or a pretty piece of cloth from your scrap bag and make your own gift cards from last year's Christmas cards.

Conservation Report

With the holidays approaching, the Conservation Committee wants you to keep in mind the wonderful organizations the SGC supports with our dollars through a contribution or a membership. The monies we gave this year are listed on page 12 in your yearbook.

The Arboretum Foundation: www.arboretumfoundation.org

For over 70 years, the Washington Park Arboretum's 230 acres have been a living plant museum, emphasizing trees and shrubs, hardy in the Maritime Pacific Northwest. The non-profit membership Foundation owns the Visitor Center furnishings, raises funds for essential operations and activities, manages membership and volunteer programs, and provides public information services for the Arboretum. The U of W owns and is responsible for the collections, maintenance, curation, educational and outreach functions. The City of Seattle owns the land and performs the park aspects.



Seattle Chinese Garden: www.seattlechinesegarden.org

This will be one of the largest Chinese gardens outside of China. It will reflect peace and balance, the yin and yang, to create a vibrant center for education, community gathering, and Chinese culture within a Sichuan landscape designed garden. It is located at 6000 16th Avenue SW, in West Seattle and has spectacular, panoramic views.

American Rivers: www.americanrivers.org

This organization stands up for healthy rivers so communities can thrive. They protect and promote our rivers as valuable assets that are vital to our health, safety and quality of life! Programs include: Healthy Waters, Water for Life, River Renewal, and River Heritage.

Carl S. English Jr. Botanical Garden: Hiram M. Chittenden Locks, 3015 NW 54th, Seattle

A lovely seven acre, English estate style garden situated on the north side of the Government Locks in Ballard, Mr. English began this garden in 1931. He had a vision and used his expertise as a horticulturist and botanist to create this beautiful garden.

Cascade Land Conservancy: www.cascadeland.org

The CLC works as a regional land trust looking 100 years out to conserve 1.3 million acres of working forests and farmlands, create livable, sustainable communities and then steward the lands conserved to maximize ecological biodiversity and sustainability in the region. Using fee and easement techniques, they work with developers, city, and county leaders to find solutions to massive population growth.

Mountains to Sound: www.mtsgreenway.org

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust helps protect and preserve for public benefit, the lands along 100 miles of Interstate 90. This includes 700,000+ acres of foothills, working farms and forests, alpine scenery, wildlife habitat, campgrounds, trails, lakes and rivers.

E.B. Dunn Historic Garden Trust: www.dunngardens.org

This garden, in the Broadview area of Seattle, was created by Arthur Dunn from a master plan created by the Olmstead Brothers in 1916. This garden has maintained the spatial character and landscape structure of this plan with a woodland garden beneath the canopy of fir and deciduous trees.

Earthcorps: www.earthcorps.org

Earthcorps leads 10,000 volunteers annually to restore parks and open spaces. They have a corps program for young adults and a school-based and summer youth program to teach youth about the environment and community service. They restore salmon streams, add native tree plantings, remove invasive plants, restore wetlands, etc.

Elisabeth C. Miller Library: <http://depts.washington.edu/hortlib>

This library supports the mission of the University of Washington Botanic Gardens in serving the gardening public and horticultural professionals of the region. They offer collections and services, magazines and journals, and offer programs and classes to individuals and businesses at 3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle.

Trust for Public Land: www.tpl.org

A US national, nonprofit organization, they work to conserve land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens, natural areas, and open spaces. They played a part in the Olympic Sculpture Park land procurement and are part of the Alliance for Puget Sound. They work on the land component with potential for public access.

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Conservation Report continued...

Islandwood: www.islandwood.org

This is a unique 255-acre outdoor learning center designed to provide exceptional learning experiences and inspire lifelong environmental and community stewardships to all who visit. Programs are for all ages, and speaker series and other events are open to the public. It is located at 4450 Blakely Avenue NE, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110.

Washington Toxic Coalition: www.watoxics.org

The WTC is a non profit organization dedicated to protecting public health & the environment by identifying and promoting alternatives to toxic chemicals. They promote healthy alternatives, advocate safe policies, empower communities, and educate people to create a healthy environment. GREAT WEBSITE with helpful, important information!!!

Nature Conservancy: www.nature.org

Their mission is to preserve the plants, animal, and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth, by protecting the lands and water they need to survive. They use the best available science to craft complex conservation problems. They have partnered in Alliance for Puget Sound to protect shoreline, create parks, etc.

People for Puget Sound: www.pugetsound.org

This is a non-profit group working to protect and restore the health of Puget Sound and the Northwest Straits through education and action. They offer news, book resources, and other links. They have an ongoing \$80 million campaign to acquire land with public access to Puget Sound.

Rhododendron Species Foundation: www.rhodygarden.org

The Rhododendron Species Foundation Botanical Garden is located in Federal Way, and has one of the world's largest and finest collections of Rhododendron species in the world. Over 10,000 plants are growing in a beautiful 22 acre woodland setting.

Save the Redwoods League: www.savetheredwoods.org

Since it was started by a GCA member in 1918, they have helped preserve more than 177,000 acres of parks and reserves in California. Inaugural funds came from a GCA Founders Fund Award. Our support helps pay back the original interest free loan that funded the award!

Student Conservation Association: www.thesca.org

The SCA seeks projects that can help build the next generation of conservation leaders by engaging young people in protecting and conserving America's natural world. 3,000+ people are involved annually in internship programs for college students in our National Parks and on public lands.

Kruckenberg Botanic Garden: www.kruckeberg.org

This garden was purchased by the citizens of Shoreline with a park bond levy in 2006. The KBG Foundation will continue to run the garden, offer tours, docent training, educational programs, support and so on, in partnership with the City of Shoreline.

Washington Native Plant Society: www.wnps.org

This non-profit provides botanical expertise and opportunities for all to share in the enjoyment of Washington's native plants. They participate in research about, and conservation of, Washington's native plants and ecosystems as they promote their appreciation and conservation through study, education, and advocacy.

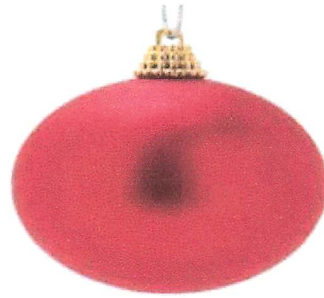
Wetherill Nature Preserve: www.ci.hunts-point.wa.us/wetherill_nature_preserve.htm

This preserve was created in 1988 by SGC member Marjorie Baird and her sister Sidonia Foley. It is 16 acres of natural habitat linking Hunts Point and Yarrow Point. There are simple trails throughout with a view of Cozy Cove through native trees and plants. The preserve is for pedestrians only and is open all year during daylight hours.

NOTE: The National Wildlife Federation has printed a new booklet, "The Gardener's Guide to Global Warming" with a foreword by GCA's Marion Hill. Read it at: <http://www.nwf.org/gardenersguide>.

As your Conservation Chair, I believe that conservation is at the heart of what we do as garden clubs. We all need to help educate each other on important environmental issues. This is absolutely essential to restoring, improving and protecting the quality of the environment around us.

Sue Blethen



Seattle Garden Club 2007 Holiday Mini Auction

A "Fun Raiser"

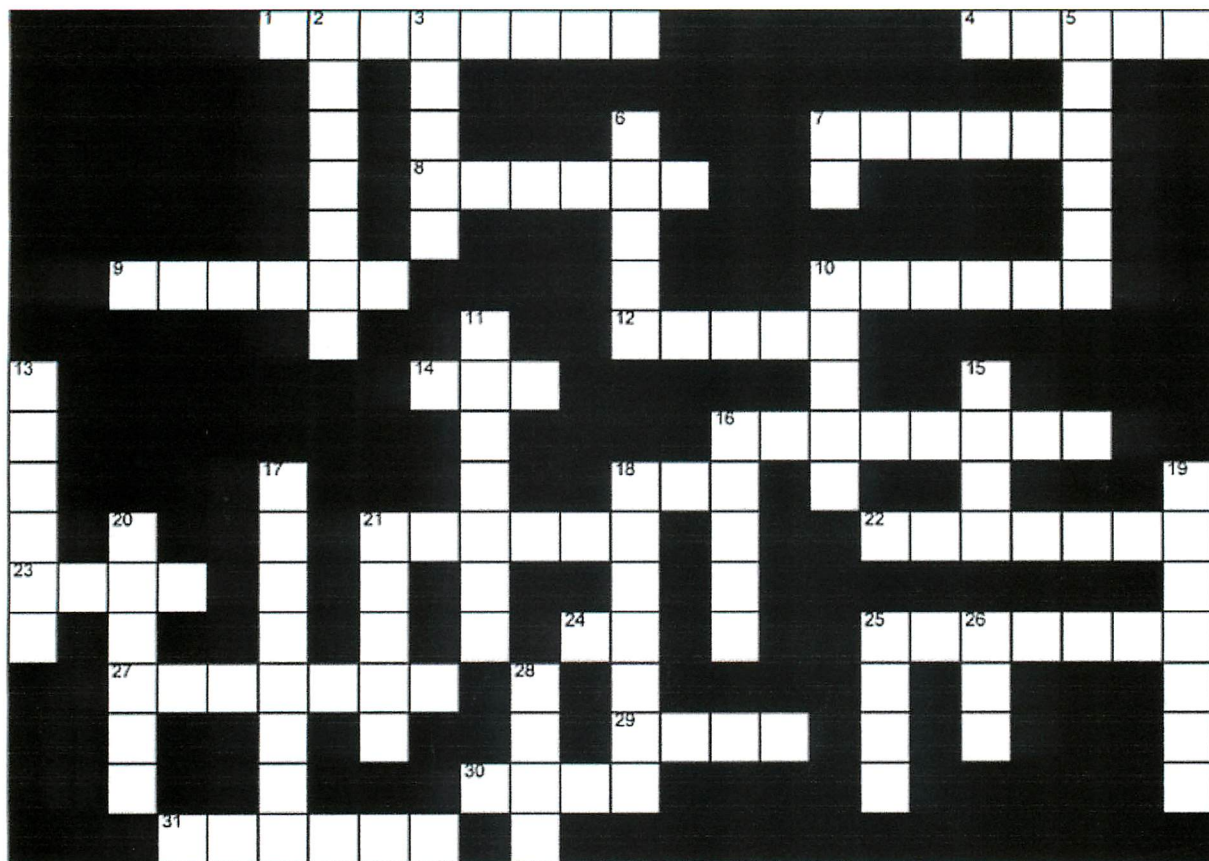
4 Fabulous Live Auction items
Sharon Friel, Auctioneer

1. "Girls Week-End Sleepover" at Sinclair Island for 5
2. Pristine Methow Valley Week-End Adventure for 5
3. Custom Still Life Painting by Cary Jurriaans
4. Lopez Island Arts and Crafts Week-End with Kathy Lea & Cary Jurriaans for 8 lucky people

AND

20 OTHER FUN, IRRESISTIBLE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS!!

The Real Dirt Horticulture Crossword Puzzle



CLUES:

ACROSS:

1. lacking hairs, smooth
4. material to prevent weeds from germinating
7. "nut" that is a legume
8. genus that includes limes
9. spike of small flowers typical of *Araceae*
10. night-blooming cactus
12. epithet for red
14. type of flower on composite head of *Asteraceae*
16. plant that grows for 2 seasons before dying
18. pollinator
21. genus to which common sage belongs
22. an old rose native from Europe to Turkey
23. coconut fibers used as peat substitute
24. naturally occurring insecticide
25. garden structure with colonnades
27. art of training a plant into ornamental shape
29. genus that includes plant used to heal wounds and burns
30. stem of grass or bamboo
31. genus of *Asteraceae*

DOWN:

2. genus that is part of *Amaryllidaceae* and to which spider lily belongs
3. modified leaf, often subtending a flower
5. epithet for yellow
6. swollen underground storage organ or tip
7. relative acidity or alkalinity of soil
10. a sedge or member of the *Cyperaceae*
11. genus of orchids
13. to plait or interlace branches or vines, as for an arbor, shaded walkway or hedge
15. herb often used with seafood
16. fruit of tomato
17. species of *Narcissus*
18. last name of famous plant collector with botanical garden in Philadelphia
19. epithet for wooly hairs
20. female reproductive organ of flower
21. unit of reproduction in ferns
25. fruit of squash
26. King, as in a begonia type
28. tubular or sac-like extension of flower, as in sepal of delphinium

Find the solutions in the Real Dirt. Go to www.gcamerica.org. Click on Members Only, log in with username gcamember and password compost. Then click on Real Dirt Button. Click on the latest issue and then click on leaf picture and finally on "Fun and Games." While you're there, read the rest of the GCA Horticulture Committee's publication 'The Real Dirt.'

Partners for Plants Takes On the Montlake Cut

On November 6th B.J. Anderson, Marilyn Fite (with loppers & gloves), Dinah Hutchinson, Catherine Allan, Judy Phillips, Cappy Rooks, Sue Blethen, and Diana Neely met with Seattle City Parks representatives Peggy Pullen and Kevin Schmidt. The City is excited to partner with



SGC and the Army Corp of Engineers. They will have their arborist evaluate the poplars covered with ivy. All of us envision a major improvement to the bank of the Montlake Cut around the totem pole.

The three signs with SGC's name on them will be taken down and Lyn White will arrange for their refurbishment! We are excited that we will have an in-town, easy to access Partners for Plants project. Keep tuned for more!

Did you know that your sorority might help with service hours on our Partners for Plants project? If you are connected to a sorority on campus and would be willing to contact them, please email diana_neely@msn.com with your info!



Sue & Diana, Conservation and Hort Committees partnering for plants!

Conservation Tips

- ⊛ Everyone needs to keep an eye on the news! With the Proposition 1 regional transportation package defeated in the election, each portion of it is being reconsidered: Highway 520, light rail, roads and transit. These will have long-term effects on all of us! Keep sharp and stay tuned in! Let your opinions be known to make a difference!
- ⊛ The holiday catalog crush has begun! To help stem the tide, 3 environmental groups have set up a free online service to get people off retailers' mailing lists and save some trees along the way. 19 BILLION catalogs are mailed in the US each year! That represents 53 MILLION trees! NOTE: catalog shopping can save 290 MILLION gallons of gas each year if every American eliminated 2 mall shopping trips by catalog shopping. See the *Seattle Times* article Sunday, Nov. 11, 2007: "I Fear My Mailbox" by Stevenson Swanson, Chicago Tribune.



Northwest Harvest

Don't forget your donation for Northwest Harvest at the Christmas luncheon!

SGC Photography Committee

January 14th
(Coffee: 9:30 am – Meeting: 10:00 am)
Sis Woodside's home in Broadmoor

SGC PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE (and other aspiring photographers) will meet at the home of Sis Woodside on January 14th (Thursday) for a "practice" photography show within our committee. Photographer, Michele Burton, will be on hand to lead us in discussion of our photos and will also cover some technical aspects of photography, along with pointers for composition.

The assignment is to bring ONE recent photo that you have taken with a "Fall" or "Winter" theme.

IF you should choose to just come and observe (and absorb) helpful hints from Michele (or if you are not a member of the committee), feel free to do so.

PLEASE be sure to RSVP by Wednesday, January 9th, so that we can plan on our numbers. Questions?: Jane Harder (206) 361-7675.

Holiday Flower Arrangement Meeting



Shirley Meniece Report

by Dinah Hutchinson & Diana Neely

The Shirley Meniece Horticulture Workshop was a resounding success. We met with our zones to exchange ideas. Some of the ideas from Zone XII were an edible schoolyard, children's classes for flower shows and a mother/child propagation with the child up for adoption.



We spent a long and rewarding second day at the Atlanta Botanical Garden where we had classes on conifers, propagation, vertical gardening, roses and more. The staff of ABG is young and mostly women, all with an impressive knowledge of horticulture. They were well prepared with handouts, power point presentations, and hands-on experiences. We toured their Fragrance Garden and saw several types of rosemary, gardenia, and lavender blooming in October.

The ABG has a large collection of trees, Sequoia sempervirens and Cedrus deodara 'Sander's Blue' among them. The ABG is finishing a \$55 million fund drive. Mary Pat Matheson, Executive Director of the Atlanta Botanical Garden, compared the garden to Atlanta institutions such

as the Atlanta Symphony & Chorale, the High Museum, and the Historical Society. They have art in their garden – a Chihuly Nepenthes Chandelier in a fountain and an upcoming Henry Moore exhibit in collaboration with the Metropolitan Museum.



Ted Stevens spoke to us about new plant introductions from Japan, and Betsy Clebsch gave a talk on salvias. Some

interesting things we learned: They can take any plant and make it variegated. They grow camellias for the leaves not the flowers!

We spent one day at the Atlanta Historical Society's Swan House and Cherokee Library. Please visit this wonderful garden library if you are in Atlanta. They have 20,000 items – paintings and seed catalogues as well as books – in this fascinating collection started by the Cherokee Garden Club (GCA).



HORT STARTS

Daffodil Tips



Buying:

- Better buy your bulbs soon if you haven't already done so.
- Buy Big, larger is better, firm to the touch with no soft spots.

Planting:

- Plant in pots for easy identification and movement. You can move your pots to warmer or cooler spots in order to time your blooms for the **April 7th Daffodil Show**.
- Daffodils need at least 6 hours of sunlight.
- Daffodils like full sun, but will tolerate partial shade.
- Daffodils prefer loose soil.
- Plant in the fall before the first frost or when leaves on the trees start to turn brown.
- Temperature needs to be 60 degrees or below to foster the best root growth.
- Missed the Fall? You can still plant in February or March as long as the bulb is firm. Expect a later bloom with shorter leaves, but it will catch up in a year or two.
- Plant about 3 times the height of the bulb and 3 times the width.
- Fertilize with a top dressing of slow release daffodil fertilizer. They also like ashes from your fireplace! One-half cup of Epsom salts per 10 s.f. in the fall or spring will bring out the color, especially in reds and pinks.
- After blooming, it is okay to dead head in order to tidy up, but allow the leaves to be loose so they can get the sunlight and oxygen necessary to photosynthesize properly and create the best bloom for the following year.
- Mask the dying foliage with companion plants such as daylilies, peonies, irises, flowering shrubs, or ornamental grasses.
- When foliage turns yellow, there is no chlorophyll left to serve the bulb, so it is safe to pull the leaves off – about 6-8 weeks after the bloom time.

Divisions: There are thirteen descriptive divisions of daffodils. Miniatures have the same descriptive divisions as standards, only with smaller blooms, usually less than 1½ inch in diameter

Trumpet Daffodils – The cup is as long or longer than the petals. There is one bloom per stem.

Large-Cupped Daffodils – The cup length measures more than ¼ of, but less than equal to, the length of the petals. There is one bloom per stem.

Small-Cupped Daffodils – The cup length measures not more than ¼ of the length of the petals. There is one bloom per stem.

Double Daffodils – Daffodils have a clustered cup and petals. There can be one or more flowers per stem.

Triandrus Daffodils – Daffodils have blooms that hang like bells. There are usually two or more blooms per stem.

Cyclamineus Daffodils – Daffodils have a wind-swept appearance. There is one bloom per stem.

Jonquilla Daffodils – Daffodils have small flowers with flat petals. There are usually one to three blooms on a stem. They are very fragrant. The foliage is narrow, reed-like.

Tazetta Daffodils – Daffodils have clusters of florets (usually more than three) on a stem. The foliage and stem are very broad. These flowers are very fragrant.

Poeticus Daffodils – Daffodils have extremely white petals and are noted for this quality. The cup is a small, crinkled disc. Cups most often have a green center, surrounded by yellow, with a red rim. There is usually one fragrant bloom per stem.

Bulbacodium Daffodils – Division 10 consists of daffodils in the “hoop petticoat” form.

Split-Cupped Daffodils – Daffodils have cups split at usually more than half its length.

Miscellaneous Daffodils – Division 12 consists of daffodils not classifiable by the first 11 divisions. Many are inter-division hybrids.

Species, Wild Variants & Wild Hybrid Daffodils – Division 13 consists of the wild, natural daffodils.



Hope Stroble, Sue Blethen and Helene La Porte, from the Tacoma Garden Club, were in Leavenworth for a conservation field trip.

Important Dates in December

- Dec. 2, 2007 Trip to Seattle Public Library to hear Mary Randlett, photographer, speak about her new book at 2:00 pm.
Carpool? Call Jane Harder
- Dec. 6, 2007 Festivities and Holiday Luncheon

From the Awards Committee...

We would appreciate ideas from our membership for GCA or Seattle Garden Club Awards.

Please refer to your handbook beginning on page 35.

Call or email Alex Morse or any Awards Committee member with questions.



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