

May General Meeting & SGC Fragrance Garden Dedication

- Date:** Thursday, May 15th, 2008
- Place:** UW Botanic Gardens, Center for Urban Horticulture
- Agenda:**
- 9:30 a.m. Check in & coffee
 - 10:00 a.m. *The Wild Within: Wetlands of the Washington Park Arboretum*
Lisa Anderson and Michele Burton will introduce the book which will be available for purchase and signing.
 - 10:20 a.m. Student Conservation Program
Speaker: Jay Satz, Regional Vice President
"Learning more about the enduring relationship between SCA and GCA"
 - 11:45 a.m. Fragrance Garden Dedication
Trudy Baldwin, SGC President
Sandra Lier, Interim Director UWBG
Bruce Bare, Dean of the College of Forest Resources
Diana Neely, SGC Fragrance Garden Committee
 - 12:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting & Dedication in the Fragrance Garden

We invite you to stay for lunch and celebrate our new garden!

Please R.S.V.P. (for lunch) by May 9th to Jane Harder, 206-361-7675 or
email: janeharder@comcast.net



78 PLANT SALES IN OUR AREA

Master Gardener Marty Wingate offers her annual list of great plant sales around this area.

Discover seventy-eight opportunities between now and June to get the plants you want for your gardens.

Read the full article at:

http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/nwgardens/355634_wingate20x.html



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring has arrived with bright pinks and yellows, fresh chartreuse leaves and fragrance to invite you into the garden. This is always a busy time of year as many of our committees put the finishing touches on their projects. Let me congratulate each of you for your commitment to our club.

Our Daffodil Show was a tremendous success. What a sight it was to walk in and see so many blossoms and wonderful photographs. Diana Neely did a masterful job of organization. We all learned so much about growing bulbs.

Our Joint Meeting with Tacoma Garden Club proved to be a real treat. The Bonsai Collection at Weyerhaeuser is outstanding. David deGroot and his volunteers gave us so much information on our tours. I know I will look at bonsai with new eyes from now on.

Fran Neumann, Zone XII Director, and Kay Klunder, Zone XII Chairman visited both clubs for the Joint Meeting and for touring and meeting many of our members. They enjoyed your friendship and contributions.

Sue Blethen, Deborah Cheadle and I will be representing you at the Zone XII Meeting in Pasadena starting April 20. We are proud to tell the story for SGC and to listen to the others for ideas we can use. Then, the first week of May, Patsy Pattison and I will go to Norfolk, VA for the GCA Annual Meeting. Thank you for supporting us at this meeting themed "Wave of the Future."

Thank you all who drove to Weyerhaeuser for the meeting, which included a vote on our grant of \$50,000 to Lake Union Park for a Planter Boat. There were enough of you for a quorum and the vote was in favor of this civic project. On April 30 there will be a special event at the park to recognize donors and you all are invited to attend.

In preparation for the June Luncheon, Flower Arrangers met on my deck for a Pot et Fleur workshop. There was a lot of energy and excitement. May 15 is when we celebrate the dedication of our The Fragrance Garden Gift to UWBG. Be sure to be at UWBG for this event.

Trudy Baldwin

EcoTips

April 22 is Earth Day around the world. People for Puget Sound and Earth Ministry are two of the local organizations that proclaim the whole month of April as Earth Month. Take an activist role and try to do one or more of the following simple things to help save our planet Earth:



- 1. Attend a restoration event.
- 2. Write a letter to the editor.
- 3. Attend a monthly mailing event.
- 4. Respond to an action alert by contacting your legislator or congressional representative.
- 5. Go to a community meeting.

Take advantage of Seattle Public Utilities "Spring Clean" from April 5th to May 31st and toss the things you no longer use but haven't yet gotten rid

of. For more information call 206-233-7187 or go to www.seattle.gov/util.

Northwest Natural Garden Days- from April 15th to May 15th- are back. Retailers offer discounts up to 25% on environmentally friendly yard care products from mulch mowers, organic fertilizers, soaker hoses, less toxic slug and moss control products to insecticidal soap and weed pullers. For information call 206-633-0224 or go to www.yarddays.com.

Your garden is part of the urban watershed and using environmentally friendly products helps Puget Sound as well as our creeks and lakes.

Congratulations to Catherine Allan, our provisional member, who has just earned the title Certified Professional Horticulturalist.

See the April issue of Pacific Horticulture for an article about moving camellias by Barbara Tuffli and an article about the Bellevue Botanical Garden's perennial border.



The best results with "perennializing" Narcissus have been with 'February Gold,' 'Pipitt,' 'Salome,' and standard trumpet daffodils 'Carlton,' Dutch Master,' N.obvallaris and 'Jenny.'

Conservation Report

The Student Conservation Association, a nonprofit organization founded in 1957, fosters lifelong stewardship of the environment and of communities by engaging young people in hands-on service to the land. With a nationwide volunteer workforce of high school and college students - more than 3,000 people each year in all 50 states - SCA leads the nation in providing outdoor skills and leadership training for conservation-minded young men and women. For more than 50 years, SCA's hands-on approach has helped to develop succeeding generations of conservation and community leaders, inspire in them lifelong stewardship, and save our planet.



SCA has been supported by 240 Garden Club of America member clubs over the past 51 years. Working in concert, the two organizations have created a legacy of public land conservation as they care for our national parks and forests, historic and cultural resources, and urban green spaces like the Washington Park Arboretum, celebrated on Earth Day, April 19th, 2008.

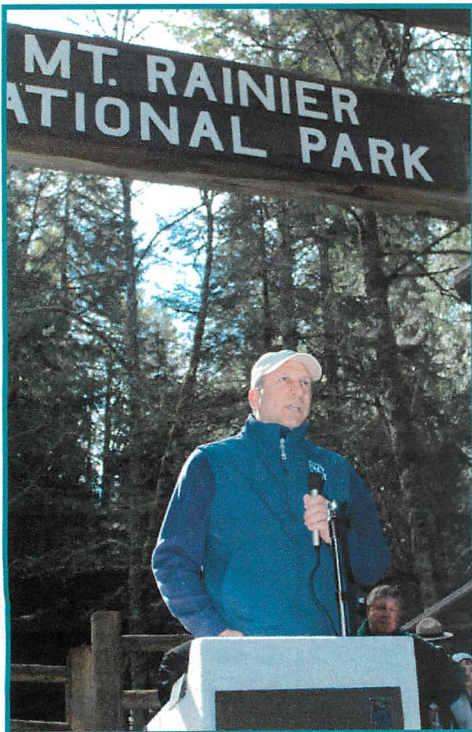
Jay Satz of the Student Conservation Association will be our speaker at the May 15, 2008 General Meeting. As the SCA Vice President of Western Initiatives, Jay develops programs and builds partnerships in the northwest region. A prime example is SCA's Mount Rainier Recovery Initiative. After devastating flooding in November 2006, the SCA responded by fielding 80 young people to help rebuild washed-out trails, repair damaged campgrounds and restore valuable habitats - all the while supervising over 700 other volunteers. This came at a critical time when major funding for parks had been cut and Mount Rainier was a big mess.

In this current year SCA will continue engaging as many volunteers as possible in restoration work at Mount Rainier. In May, volunteers will coordinate and lead projects in the areas of trail construction, meadow restoration, greenhouse management, interpretation, natural resource monitoring, cultural resource restoration and maintenance. The work will continue through the summer. The park and SCA work along with the Northwest Storm Recovery Coalition, National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA), Washington Trails Association (WTA) and Washington's National Park Fund for year two of the Mount Rainier Recovery Initiative.

Don't miss Jay Satz's talk at the UWBG on May 15th!

Sue Blethen
Conservation Chair

May Speaker: Jay A. Satz SCA Vice President of Western Initiatives



Jay first worked with SCA by serving as an inner city recruiter and crew leader for SCA's Seattle Urban High School Program in 1986. Jay has led three high school aged crews and two specialized crews for adult volunteers, in the North Cascade Mountains and in Yellowstone National Park. He was a key team member in the creation and implementation of SCA's award winning Greater Yellowstone Recovery Corps in 1989, where he served as a trainer for incoming crew leaders and co-led a backcountry crew in the remote Snake River District of the park.

For the past decade Jay served as SCA's Vice President for Programs where he was responsible for oversight of all field programming. He supervised all of the program staff, and focused on assuring program quality and safety while SCA grew an average of 10% per year during that time. As a standing member of the National Wilderness Risk Managers Committee since 1995, he is an often-published expert in this field, and presents annually at the Wilderness Risk Managers Symposium.

In Jay's new role as Vice President of Western Initiatives, he is responsible for development of SCA program activity and building partnerships with funders and agencies in SCA's northwest region, which includes Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. He led the development and implementation of SCA's Mount Rainier Recovery initiative in response to massive flood damage in western Washington national parks and forests in 2006.

CAPTURING THE CURVES

The Photography Committee invites all SGC members to participate in an "unjuried photo show" at our Annual Meeting in June.

There will be a special section for "point and shoot" photos for novice photographers along with an additional section for those photographers with more experience in exhibiting photos or with more advanced cameras.

OUR SINGLE "THEME" WILL BE "CAPTURING THE CURVES IN NATURE"

Details:

Any SGC member may exhibit

Entries will be limited to one photograph per member

The entry must be botanical in nature

The photograph should be unmounted in matte finish

The photograph should be at least 8x10, but no larger than 9x12

This is a wonderful excuse to "get up close & personal" with nature AND your camera!

We hope you will join us!

Further details? Jane Harder (206-361-7675) or janeharder@comcast.net

"THE BUTTERFLY WOOS THE BLOSSOMS"

Li Ch'ing-chao (1081-1149)

Long placid evening

my diversions few

I

vacantly dreaming of Ch'ang-an

How the road

goes up
to the old capital

Please tell them:

spring
is fine
this year



Flower glow

set each other off

moon shadow

Pleasant to take wine

food:

without picking and choosing

Excellent wine

A tart plum

---just right for my mood

Tipsy

I put a flower in my hair

O flower! flower!

don't make fun of me

Have pity!

Spring

like all men living

will soon
grow old



The Daffodil Show Photos



JoAnne Rosen preparing her daffodils for show



Marilee Ahalt and Debbi Wilson conferring at the daffodil show

HORT STARTS

MEETING LOCATION CHANGE! The May 5th Hort Meeting has been moved to Alison Andrews' home in the Highlands. Provisional Sheila Noonan will be presenting "Four Seasons of Fragrance including fragrant plants found in the SGC Fragrance Garden." Remember May 15th is the dedication of your (SGC) garden!

Congrats to all our Daffodil Show exhibitors! Thanks to our members, 31 exhibitors produced 156 exhibits and a total of 196 show-worthy daffodil blooms. Suzette de Turenne won the gold ribbon for Best Standard Daffodil in Show with N. Silent Valley. Laurie Ahern won the white ribbon for Best Set of 3 Stems with N. Cheerfulness. B.J. Anderson won the mini gold ribbon for Best Miniature Bloom in Show with N. Pacific Coast. Carlyn Steiner won the mini white ribbon for Best Miniature Set of 3 stems with Segovia. Diana Neely won the purple ribbon for Best Collection of 5 Stems featuring white daffodils Princess Zaide, Thalia, Stainless, Ice Wings & Mount Hood. Burnley Snyder won the silver ribbon for the most blue ribbons, a total of 6.

We had two American Daffodil Society judges, Margaret Pansegrau and Dona Townsend from Oregon and a student ADS judge, Jane Moore from Pennsylvania. They were all surprised at how well SGC put on a first ADS

show. Laura Baxter, an ADS judge from Zillah, Washington, got up at 3:00am to drive her blooms to the Graham Visitors Center. She showed a total of 18 blooms in 16 entries. We thank all of our visitors for their help with the show.

We had fabulous photography. There were 25 entries.

Winners for Daffodils in the Landscape were: 1st Jane Harder, 2nd Suzette de Turenne, 3rd JoAnne Rosen.

Winners for Daffodils with all Creatures Great and Small were: 1st Jane Harder, 2nd Juliet Romano, 3rd JoAnne Rosen.

Juliet Romano's photo received the Judges Choice Ribbon and Diana Neely's photo received Best of Show.

Noreen Frink and Burnley Snyder took the daffodils from the show to Park Shore and Cancer Lifeline. Alice Jean Lewis and Bobbie Lenfesty passed them out one by one at the annual meeting of Park Shore. Our daffodils had a second life and gave pleasure beyond the show.

Thanks to all the SGC members who participated in and helped with the show.

May Gardening Tips

- Fertilize rhododendrons after bloom and remove spent flowers to keep plants tidy.
- Apply fertilizer and lime to your lawn (if you didn't last fall).
- Apply mycorrhizae to improve the root growth of your lawn, trees, and shrubs.
- Prune spring flowering shrubs after bloom.
- Remove spent flowers from spring flowering bulbs; remove foliage when it has withered and yellowed.
- Fertilize roses; watch for aphids on new growth (use ladybugs to control).
- Plant tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, corn, squash, and other warm-season vegetables.
- Fertilize heavy blooming annuals such as fuchsias, begonias, and geraniums every two weeks.
- Plant all herbs except basil.
- Plant containers with blooming annuals for color all summer.
- Water plants coming in now.

Spring Tonic for Roses

Apply to roses early in spring after pulling mulch away and pruning. This fertilizer doesn't need warmer soil temps to activate. You can apply once a month and also in combination with your regular rose fertilizer after it warms up.

*Rate: approximately one gallon per large bush.
Use less for smaller roses.*

Alfalfa Tea:

*10 to 12 cups alfalfa meal
32 gallons water (large garbage can)
Steep for 4 - 5 days then add:
2 cups Epsom salts
1/2 cup chelated iron*





REMINDER

...the wonderful opportunity you have as a GCA member.

As gardening season and summer travel season both arrive, don't forget **Visiting Gardens**. If you are traveling to any part of the U.S. where there is a GCA Club, contact the Club's Visiting Gardens Chairman and you will have the privilege and opportunity to be taken to some fabulous private gardens.

For the name of a particular club's Visiting Gardens Chair contact Jane Yerkes at (206) 366-1166 or cjanehy@msn.com.

Also, be aware that GCA is now notifying directly – by email – the ENTIRE GCA membership when GCA-sponsored trips are announced. Each and every member will hear of the trip itinerary at the same "moment" and will have "equal opportunity" to sign up.

The email will come as [GCA VisitingGardensTrips@gcamerica.org](mailto:GCAVisitingGardensTrips@gcamerica.org). Please enter this address into your email so it will not be deleted as "junk mail." The trips are also posted on the GCA website – www.gcamerica.org.

Important Dates in May

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| May 1 | SGC Board Meeting
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Sunset Club |
| May 5 | SGC Horticulture Meeting
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Home of Alison Andrews
Program: 10:00 a.m. "Fragrant Shrubs"
Speaker: Sheila B. Noonan, Provisional |
| May 8 | Wetherill Nature Preserve Work Party
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. + Picnic Lunch
Contact Sis Woodside or Sue Blethen
to sign up |
| May 14 | Holiday Auction Trip to Yellow Island
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. |
| May 15 | SGC General Meeting
Student Conservation Corps
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. followed by
dedication of Fragrance Garden UWBG |



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