

SGC Annual Meeting, Flower Show and Photography Exhibition

Date: Thursday, June 5, 2008

Place: Broadmoor Golf Club

Agenda: 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Reception
Receiving Line for new Provisional Members
Pot et Fleurs Table Arrangements Photography Exhibition
Refreshments
GCA Annual Meeting Photos

11:45 a.m. Business Meeting and Awards

12:15 p.m. Luncheon and Photo Review of our SGC Year

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Non-subscribers to the Hostess Fund only:
Please mail a check for \$30 payable to the Seattle Garden Club to Mary Kay Fitzgerald
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Stop the Presses!



photographers who continue to bring distinction to the Seattle Garden Club.

Jane Harder has just received word that Susan Hilpert won her class and Best in Show with her entry into the Photography Division of the Carmel Garden Club Flower Show. Congratulations to Susan and to all our



Among the wildflowers on Yellow Island

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Ladies... spring is a busy time for all of us as the days become longer and as we seek to increase our productivity of garden club activities and enjoy our time outdoors in the garden. On June 5, we will wind up another year's events. Let's celebrate at the Annual Meeting and Luncheon when we will welcome three new Provisional Members with their sponsors in a receiving line near the entrance to Broadmoor Golf Club. There will also be community guests and members receiving special awards. A new style of flower arrangements for SGC will be the Pot et Fleurs at each table. Photographers will participate with images for you to see.

Norfolk, Virginia was the site of the GCA Annual Meeting in early May. We all caught the "Wave" as 600 of us washed up on the shore of Virginia. There were many opportunities to network with other club members and be inspired by awards to GCA Clubs and individuals. From Zone XII, Carmel nominated *Garrya elliptica*, which won the award for the 2008 best plant. As we toured the local gardens, we were stunned by the lovely Fringe Trees in full bloom.

Pasadena was the site of the Zone XII Meeting the end of April. A small club, The Diggers put on a hugely successful meeting. Everywhere there were amazing roses, for which Pasadena is so famous. Meetings at the Huntington were matched with tours of the Chinese, Japanese and African Gardens there.

As we look forward to 2008-2009, it is time to sign up for committees. Please plan to serve on two committees. Choose one area of your passion, then, choose an interest that is new to you. Learning about the community, photography or horticulture will reward you with shared commitment and new friendships.

Across the board, our expenses continue to rise. Facilities are charging more for our meeting places and, as you know, the cost of food is rising. When you receive your notice for annual dues with lunches, the increase will average \$50 per person.

It has been a pleasure working with each one of you this year. You are an amazing group of talented ladies who care deeply about our environment, our parks and creating beauty with plants and flowers. After attending the above meetings, it is clear SGC is a strong club. Our Provisional Training is exceptional. Our dedication to community parks is outstanding and our photography program is in the forefront of GCA Clubs.

Have a great summer!
Trudy Baldwin

EcoTips

We all know that our cars are one of the biggest threats to our environment and that carpooling, combining our errands and walking when possible are a few ways to reduce that impact. Here are a few other ways when we do need to drive that will also help.

1. Go easy on the gas pedal – jack rabbit driving burns much unnecessary gas.
2. Avoid long idles – idling burns more gas than restarting your engine.
3. Remove unnecessary "junk" from your trunk and elsewhere in your car – added weight adds to your gas consumption.
4. Drive the speed limit – the higher the speed the more gas you are using
5. Reduce your air conditioning use – Open your windows. ACs use more gas.
6. Use cruise control and overdrive.
7. Keep tires inflated and aligned.
8. Keep your car serviced as recommended in your owner's manual.
9. Here's one that you may not have heard – try driving to your destination using as many right-hand turns as possible. (this avoids idling for while waiting for a left hand turn)
10. If your freeway speed limit is 60 mph, try driving just under 60 – the difference in gas consumption between 59mph and 62 or 63mph is significant.



Happy environmentally-conscious driving!

Conservation Report

Madrona Creek Daylighting Project

Recently I joined Gretchen Hull, Lyn White and a couple of SGC husbands, Bartow Fite and Charles Nolan, as we toured the Madrona Creek Daylighting Project with landscape designer Peggy Gayner. The goal is to return all the natural water that percolates out of the sides of the ravine to a meandering stream bed with numerous small resting ponds for fish and other wildlife. Native plants, an observation path, and small walking bridges across the creek are under construction.

Peggy is overseeing the rehabilitation of the ravine with a largely volunteer crew and has utilized our SGC donation of \$5000 well. Our contribution has allowed native plantings to extend the project another 100 feet along the waterfront to include a very small but natural cove previously hidden by 8 foot high blackberries. The water there is naturally protected by an overhanging tree which should provide shade and cooler water for very small fish and other creatures. Already a heron has been seen enjoying the shade.

After the removal of invasive ivy, new native plantings are being added over the entire ravine. Plants along the waterfront are being kept low to preserve the view of the lake from the road and on pathways throughout the project. A few larger trees have been planted to naturalize the landscape more fully.

Digging out the main 'cove' area where the stream enters the lake was a huge project. Many yards of fill dirt and concrete pieces had been tossed onto the shore from the old road. Old dock pilings were exposed and left in place as a reminder of the shoreline's past. For years the water percolating from the ravine had been forced into underground pipes and sent into the Metro Storm Water System. Although currently the stream is receiving only one-third of that water, the volume will be allowed to increase as the new stream bed solidifies in the next few months. There is a beautiful pool just above the road before the water enters a large culvert to go under Lake Washington Boulevard. Natural clay, rocks and other natural materials are helping firm up the stream bed to hold the water within its banks.

Peggy estimates the cost of the entire project at approximately \$800,000. If this project had been commercially hired out, without all the many volunteers (including husbands volunteered by their wives to build all the handsome trail railings), this project's cost would have exceeded \$3,000,000.

As we left in a torrential downpour and hailstorm, Peggy was seen donning her raincoat to head back to the ravine to place flags to indicate new plant locations for the next round of volunteers! Lupine seeds had just been planted and it was time for more native ferns. What a great team they have assembled for this wonderful project, and, how very appreciative they are of our donation! I only wish you all could have been there. Do visit on your own – the paths are now accessible

Sue Blethen
Conservation Chair



**Looking for a new
washing machine –
want to make the right
choice, and don't
know where to turn??**

EVO.com is the largest directory of genuine green products on the web. EVO.com has filtered more than 2 million products for their green attributes and assigns a one to five leaf green rating for each published product. From organic gardening supplies, natural outdoor furniture, appliances and more, EVO.com offers thousands of simple ways for Garden Club members to make greener choices everyday. Check it out and tell your family and friends!

A great tip... to help a new plant survive your summer vacation: Recycle a 1 gallon plastic jug from juice, milk, etc. Put one small hole in the bottom with an ice pick. Fill the container with water and carry it to the garden with your finger over the hole. Set this just above the plant that needs extra water. It will SLOWLY seep out to deeply water your plant until you return. Try it before you go. You can even snuggle one into a large pot that needs extra water.



Seattle Garden Club Membership

June 2008

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

Wade Becker Garretson – Proposed by Deborah Cheadle and co-sponsored by Betty Gates.

Wadie is a young woman of great energy and enthusiasm with gracious manners “fit for a king,” and in fact, during the eighteen years she was with Thai Airlines she was in fact very special to Queen Sirikit of Thailand! Her artistic talents are clear in every aspect of her life – her dress, paintings, notecards, home décor and garden design – which she redid herself when she retired and bought her home on Bainbridge Island. Wadie has excellent organizational skills, even years ago hosting her annual “Wadiethon” swim across Lake Washington with her creatively designed ‘T’ shirts for the competing participants! Wadie is a member of a large old Seattle family; her great grandparents built a home on the hill with an Olmstead designed garden. Her Aunt, Mrs. Robert Lenfesty is an Honorary Life SGC member and an emeritus GCA Flower Arranging Judge, and a cousin, Mrs. Lyman Black is a Sustaining Member. Wadie is active in the Lillian McEwan Arboretum Unit on the Island and is a great contributor to the group – all done with her typical care and thoughtfulness.

Hylton (Hotie) Bravo Hand (Mrs. Lawrence E. Hand) – Proposed by Debbie Wilson, and co-sponsored by Gretchen Hull.

Hotie is recently retired after teaching history of architecture, textiles and design at Cornish. Since graduating from Smith College, they raised three children, now all college graduates, and are proud grandparents of Lincoln, giving her cause to visit Maine as often as possible. Her mother, Lucie Bravo has been active in the Garden Club of Dayton, Ohio (Zone X) for years and has had a strong commitment in conservation on both the Zone and national levels with GCA. Hotie has planned, organized and led garden tours to Charleston, Victoria, Palo Alto and San Francisco and has shared her love and enthusiasm of horticulture with the group. At home in Laurelhurst, she tends to a classic garden to enhance the Georgian architecture of her home – with bright and colorful containers for her courtyard. Hotie is also active with the Washington Women’s Foundation and was a member of the Madison Park Garden Club. Hotie has a sunny disposition and has good organizational skills and strong interests in horticulture and conservation.

Jennifer Fugett Wyatt (Mrs. Scott W.) – Proposed by Laurie Riley, co-sponsored by Lannie Hoglund

Jennie Wyatt is a perfectionist in all walks of life – including her garden, where she spends hours hands-on and also advises others in her newly established design business. She recently completed Associate Degrees in Horticulture and Landscape Design at Edmonds Community College, which add to her Masters Degree and Ph.D. in English Literature from the University of Washington. She and her husband Scott have four grown children – having assisted at Bush School during their young years. She has co-authored two books on child development and is finishing a third to be published next year. Jenny has recently joined the Board of Trustees of the E.B. Dunn Garden and is chairing their docents program. What a well organized, multi-talented young woman, who also enjoys tennis, hiking, biking and skiing with her family.



Sheila Noonan and her sponsor Barbara Anderson



Wetherill Workshop



Alison Andrews and Ann Rogers

HORT STARTS

Thank you for a wonderful two years as your Hort Chair. The Hort Committee has already met with Debbi Wilson, your new Hort Chair. Her theme for next year will be "Healthy Gardens." She has arranged the first meeting at Swanson's Nursery.

When you sign up for the Horticulture Committee please indicate if you are interested in serving for a season –

summer, spring, winter, or fall – for the Fragrance Garden. We will create a list "Four Seasons of Fragrance for the Northwest Garden." We can have a guide for our club and the UWBG website. If fragrance is not on your horizon please sign up for the Hort Committee anyway! There is much fun to be had... Enjoy your gardens and the summer!

SCENT AND THE GARDENER

Stephen Lacey

Scent is the most potent and bewitching substance in the gardener's repertory and yet it is the most neglected and least understood. Few of us treat it at all seriously. The faintest waft is sometimes enough to induce feelings of hunger or anticipation, or to transport you back through time and space to a long-forgotten moment in your childhood. It can overwhelm you in an instant or simply tease you, creeping into your consciousness slowly and evaporating almost the moment it is detected. Each fragrance, whether sweet or spicy, light or heavy, comes upon you in its own way and evokes its own wonderful emotional response.

Fragrance Garden Dedication *May 15, 2008*

Thank you to B.J. Anderson for our fabulous dedication of the SGC Fragrance Garden at UWBG. Thank you to Jane Harder for a wonderful photo board of the Fragrance Garden, from its infancy to dedication! We began with a beautiful slideshow by Lisa P. Anderson, Gaye Pigott's daughter, and Michele Burton to promote their book 'The Wild Within: Wetlands of the Washington Park Arboretum' which sales benefit the Arboretum Foundation. Next, we heard from Jay Satz, Student Conservation Association Regional Vice President of Western Initiatives. The SCA puts on Earth Day for the Arboretum among other things. A Garfield High School Student, Laura Bogar, spoke passionately about her four-year involvement and growth through the SCA.

At 11:45am, Trudy began the dedication. The UW awarded the Seattle Garden Club with Benefactor Status which signifies over \$100,000 has been given to the UWBG by SGC. Bruce Bare, the Dean of the School of Forest Resources spoke of SGC's long history with UWBG. The Fragrance Garden continues our history and involvement with UWBG. We look forward to our future partnership. Bagpipes led us, with Mayde Anderson, Joey Hazen and Sylvia Duryee, in the lead, into the garden for the ribbon cutting by Sandra Lier & Trudy Baldwin. The sun shone just in time to envelope us in fragrance. A delicious lunch and festive mood prevailed to conclude a memorable day.

Thanks to the human heart by which we live,
Thanks to its tenderness, its joys, and fears,
To me the meanest flower that blows can give
Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears.

– William Wordsworth
Ode: Intimations of Immortality



June Gardening Tips

- Groom and fertilize perennials to encourage continued blooms.
- Water deeply and you won't have to water as often.
- Fertilize bedding plants and annuals regularly.
- Basil can be planted outdoors.
- Mulch for weed control and water retention.
- Pull, pull, pull those weeds!

Important Dates in June

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| June 5 | Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon
Members Only
11:00 a.m.
Broadmoor Golf Club |
| June 12 | Old Board/New Board
Meeting and Luncheon
10:30 a.m.
Sunset Club Library |

Remember: "Recycling will not actually put the carbon genie back in the bottle. Drinking filtered water from the tap might do it!"

– Grace Gruzol

Zone II Conservation/NAL Representative



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