

September General Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2008

Place: Fall Picnic Lunch at Diana Neely's
7887 Overlake Drive, Medina

Parking at entrance limited to Honorary Life Members & owners of "environmentally correct" vehicles. Please park legally on the road (school will be in session – watch for "No Parking" signs). Carpooling is encouraged.

Agenda: 10:30 am Social Hour / Bring your plant for the Plant Exchange
11:15 am Brief Meeting & Awards
FEATURED ENTERTAINMENT: PROVISIONAL SKIT!!!
12:00 pm Luncheon

Followed by: PLANT EXCHANGE & PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE GARDENS

Members are encouraged to bring their cameras for photographing the gardens after the luncheon
Photography Committee Members will be available for questions you might have.

Please see instructions for the Plant Exchange in this newsletter.

RSVP BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 (YES OR NO, PLEASE!)

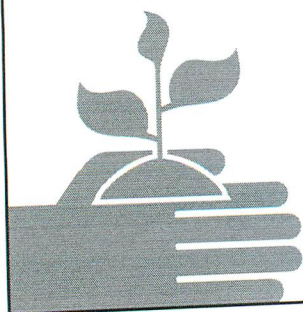
Pat Fitzgerald: (206) 329-8285 seattlefitz@comcast.net

Non-subscribers to the Hostess Fund:

Confirm your reservation by sending a check for \$25 payable to SGC

Pat Fitzgerald: 2018 Broadmoor Drive East, Seattle, WA 98112

(note: this is a NEW address)



MEMBERSHIP

Proposals for Provisional Membership are due by December 15. Now is a good time to start the process by contacting Peggy Wilton for an application. Guests are welcome at the October 16 General Meeting and the Holiday Luncheon and Auction. These are great opportunities to introduce your friends to SGC and for your candidates to look us over.

Peggy Wilton, Chairman (206) 323-6322 1717 Parkside Drive East Seattle, WA 98112

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Warm summer greetings, ladies. Welcome back to another exciting year of learning about our gardens, community gardens, flower arranging, conservation, horticulture, photography and much more. Three talented, enthusiastic provisionals join us as we work together and renew our friendships.

Over the summer Stephanie Fowler has been busy updating yearbook information which you will receive at the September Picnic at Diana Neely's. Be sure to pick up your packet. All committee meetings are open. If you are interested in a topic but have not signed up, feel free to call a chairman and attend.

Under Carlyn Steiner's experienced leadership, Ways and Means has laid plans for our Holiday Auction on December 4, and is supporting the planners for Fergus Garrett's Lecture January 15 as well as the Wagner Conservation Event in late spring.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the picnic. It's always a hoot to see what the provisionals come up with for entertainment. I hope all of you are grooming a plant for our club exchange at the picnic. Growing a shrub or perennial started by a friend is so meaningful. More awards will be presented at this time. Also, Diana's garden is so beautiful, you will want to have time to see her plantings and exquisite design. Bring your cameras for some late summer photographs.

For the October 16 General Meeting, guests are welcome. Dr. Linda Chalker-Smith will share information from her recent book, *The Informed Gardener*. Much of the gardening advice in the book is based on scientific research, which would interest a friend, relative and, especially, a potential new member.

Our new SGC Board meets before the picnic. Please feel free to call or email any of us with fresh ideas and questions you have anytime this year.

Trudy Baldwin

EcoTips

Start September by reducing water consumption at your house with these three easy ways:

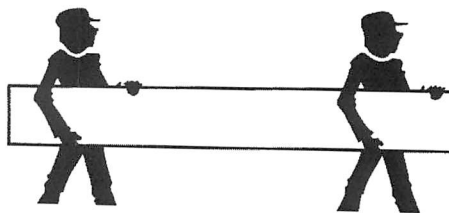
1. Repair leaky toilets. Put 10 drops of red, green or blue food coloring in your toilet tank, wait 15 minutes and see if any of the color got into the toilet bowl. If it did, replace that leaky flapper. Leaky toilets can waste hundreds of gallons of water.

2. Wash only full loads in your washing machine and in your dishwasher and reduce the amount of detergent. This could save up to 2000 gallons of water a year. (Plus save energy.)

3. Take shorter showers. By limiting showers to 5 minutes or less the average household could save thousands of gallons of water plus take off up to 100 KWh per month from your electric bill.



CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON THE JAPANESE GARDEN ENTRY VILLAGE PROJECT



The construction fences are up at the south end of the Japanese Garden and the north gate is now open as the temporary entrance! Check out the site as you drive by on Lake Washington Blvd and we'll keep you posted with news of the Gatehouse Village and especially of the Demonstration Terrace Garden for which we pledged funds in February.

Conservation Report

Madrona Creek Daylighting Project

I hope everyone has had a glorious summer and is ready for the beauty of Fall in her gardens. Here are some Fall reminders:

- Remember to recycle and conserve in all that you do!
- Cut back on your Fall watering to allow the garden to harden off before winter, AND CONSERVE WATER!!
- Take notes as to the plants in your garden that need moving or dividing. Which ones held up best in the hot, dry weather? Are some too close to sprinkler heads to allow good effective coverage?
- NOTE: WSU is teaming with the Umatilla Tribe to grow Eastern Washington native plants for re-vegetating and restoring burn areas and disturbed areas. They hope to learn more about growing native plants and help the natural ecosystem return. EPA fines from Hanford are paying for the greenhouse and research!
- Nationally, your GCA has information on the legislature regarding: Budget and Appropriations, the Farm Bill, Beach Protection, Agriculture Conservation, Raw Sewage, National Landscape Conservation, National Parks Centennial Fund, Oceans, Polar Bears, Transportation, Wildlife Refuges, Renewable Energy and Fuels and much more! Go to the GCA website at www.gcamerica.org under the National Affairs and Legislation Committee (NAL) to read all about it!
- KEEP CONSERVING AND WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC!!!



Sue Blethen

Conservation Chair

JOINT PHOTO EXHIBIT WITH TACOMA GARDEN CLUB

ATTENTION: SGC PHOTOGRAPHERS

The photography committee is planning a joint photo exhibit at the joint meeting we are having with Tacoma Garden Club at the Seattle Golf Club on November 20, 2008.

The theme of the exhibit will be:

THE WONDERS OF AUTUMN

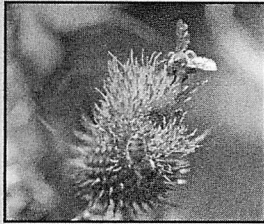
All SGC members are invited to participate!

Details will be sent to those who register to enter.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31

Questions? OR to register: Jane Harder (206) 361-7675 or Sis Woodside (206) 324-1928





HUM

by Mary Oliver

What is this dark hum among the roses?

*The bees have gone simple, sipping,
that's all. What did you expect? Sophistication?*

*They're small creatures and they are
Filling their bodies with sweetness, how could they not
moan in happiness? The little
worker bee lives, I have read, about three weeks.*

*Is that long? Long enough, I suppose, to understand
that life is a blessing. I have found them--haven't you?—
stopped in the very cups of flowers, their wings
a little tattered—so much flying about, to the hive,
then out into the world, then back, and perhaps dancing,
should the task be to be a scout—sweet, dancing bee.*

*I think there is't anything in this world I don't
admire. If there is, I don't know what it is. I*

*haven't met it yet. Nor expect to. The bee is small,
and since I wear glasses, so I can see the traffic and*

*Read books, I have to
take them off and bend close to study and*

*understand what is happening. It's not hard, it's in fact
as instructive as anything I have ever studied. Plus, too,*

*it's love almost too fierce to endure, the bee
muzzling like that into the blouse*

*of the rose. And the fragrance, and the honey, and of
course*

*the sun, the purely pure sun, shining, all the while, over
all of us.*



Ann Bohart and Barbie Crutcher



Betty Bottler with granddaughter
Holly Rohrbach



Juliet Romano with Boy Scout Troop

HORT STARTS

HORT COMMITTEE FALL NEWS:

Our committee has chosen the topics for our meetings this year: **HEALTHY GARDENS**. There will be three Provisional talks that will elaborate on our theme.

The agenda for each meeting will include Garden/Plant Share and a report from the Fragrance Garden. Watch for our **MOTHER EARTH** tips coming soon...

HORTICULTURE FALL SCHEDULE:

PLANT EXCHANGE AT THE GENERAL MEETING

***Please use an index card (4x6 or 4x7) on which to place the information about your plant: List the botanical, common name; culture; bloom color, time; size at maturity; tips/personal anecdotes that you have about the plant.

-No invasive plants, please

-Pest and critter-free

Remember, that if you **BRING** a plant, you may **TAKE** a plant. If there are extras, we will distribute the rest to members

PROPAGATION WORKSHOP AT SWANSON'S, OCTOBER 6, 2008

Demonstrations and workshop will be hosted by our own expert members! Think about what you would like to propagate; more information to follow. Our goal is to

encourage you to nurture your specimens for entry in the 2010 Flower Show.

ALERT: CALLING ALL BAIRD BOARDS!

If any of you are no longer using your Board, would you kindly let me know so I can recycle it among our members? As you know, we use them in our Flower Shows; our Baird Board class has become unique among the Flower Show Horticulture classes.

If you **NEED** a Baird Board, please let me know as well. FYI, remember that you should purchase your little glass bottles for the Board at the Washington State Liquor Store soon, because the glass containers may be converted to plastic.

Roses

You love the roses-so do I.

*I wish the sky would rain down roses, as they rain
from off the shaken bush. Why will it not?*

*Then, all the valley would be pink and white and soft to tread on.
They would fall as light as feathers, smelling sweet; and it would
be like sleeping and yet waking, all at once.*

by George Eliot

- Debbi Wilson, Horticulture Committee Chair

Holiday Luncheon & Auction: Fast Approaching!!!!

Mark your calendars: **December 4, 2008**, is the date of our December Holiday Luncheon and luckily, we won't disappoint you - the Holiday Luncheon will include our famous, eagerly-anticipated Auction.

We hope each of you will think about a zany, worthy or delicious item to donate! The Auction is our biggest annual fundraising event. Proceeds are dedicated to supporting Club projects and grants to community organizations. We hope that many of you will come forth with an Auction item...with your support we can ensure another fabulous success! We welcome your food items, books, trips, tickets, art work, Christmas decorations, jewelry, vacation spots and any other creative ideas. If there is something you are particularly interested in that you would like us to procure, please contact us. This is such a fabulous event!!

Call: Carlyn Steiner (206) 322-3435

Email to: carlyn@e-steiner.com

Provisionals



Wade Garretson, Hotie Hard & Jenny Wyatt

Looking Ahead...

Sept. 18 Fall Picnic
Members Only
10:30 am Social, 12:00 pm Lunch
Diana Neely's Garden
RSVP: Pat Fitzgerald
seattlefitz@comcast.net (206) 329-8285

Oct. 16 Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott, author of "The
Informed Gardener"
Guests Welcome
9:30 am Coffee, 10:00 am Program
UWBG/CUH
RSVP: Laurie Ahern
lahern1681@gmail.com (206) 322-6723

Nov. 20 Joint Meeting with Tacoma
Scot Medbury, Director of the
Brooklyn Botanical Garden
Members Only
10:30 am Coffee, 11:00 am Program
followed by lunch
Seattle Golf Club
RSVP: Jeannie Gravenkemper
jgraccoon@comcast.net (206) 322-6639

Dec. 4 Holiday Luncheon and Auction
Guests Welcome
10:30 am Auction
12:15 pm Luncheon
Sunset Club
RSVP: Jane Harder
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