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Our Ways and Means committee is working hard to bring you a wonderful auction with some new and unique items. And some old favorites. We welcome you, your donations and your guests.

We will have EXPRESS CHECKOUT and will take credit cards for auction purchases

*Gumdrops, Gingerbread and Grandkids
A Christmas Gingerbread House Decorating Party*

A fun, festive party for lucky Grandmothers (or Mommies) to decorate Gingerbread Houses with their kiddies during this holiday season. Debby Smith shares her family's 30-year tradition of making centerpiece-sized houses covered with gumdrops, licorice strings and chocolate kisses.

Debby Smith will provide *four* Gingerbread Houses and lots of candies for decorating plus suggestions from her many years of experience. She will also provide Gingerbread boys and girls for the kids to eat. **The buyer to provide home, kitchen, snacks and drinks.** (Any day before December 22, except Tuesdays)

Flower Arranging Class for Four with Carol Henderson Fantastic!

Make a fabulous flower arrangement under the tutelage of our own Flower Arranger Extraordinaire! Learn tricks-of-the-trade to add a professional touch to your finished arrangement.

Carol will provide the flowers, containers and mechanics for four people to make an arrangement. [Alternately, four people could choose to bring their own problematic containers and Carol will help them create a great arrangement.]

Buyer provides – location – a home or Club, at mutually agreeable time.

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A Field Trip for Two to the Green River Watershed to Gather Plants for SAM's Vivarium 'Nurse Log'*

A fabulous field trip for two people to assist Vivarium specialist Jackie White collect plants and materials next spring in the Green River Watershed, only 1/2 hour from Seattle. Learn how to identify and collect plants while gaining a very personal affinity for the SGC-donated 'Nurse Log' at SAM's Sculpture Park. An amazing opportunity.

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MORE AUCTION PREVIEWS

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WOW!*

Be a part of a fun and activity-filled weekend in Sun Valley next summer. Lodging at SGC members' homes.

Individual sign-ups at \$400 each.

August 7-9, 2009. Check your calendars.

More details in next month's newsletter!

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in the Sherry Netherland
2-bedroom, 2-bath Co-op Overlooking Central Park

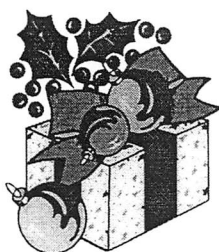
Painting by Cary Jurrianns

Yellow Island (back by Popular Demand)

Tour of Dan Hinckley's NEW Garden & Lunch

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Southern Barbeque for 12, prepared in your home by Juliet Romano



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings

We have enjoyed such a splendid fall with leaves in numerous shades of yellow, pumpkin, red and bronze. Moving into December and shorter days, we look forward to holiday decorations, twinkling lights and candles to brighten our spirits.

What an energetic group of volunteers has participated in the Montlake Cut Trail Renovation Project! Many thanks to all of you for cutting the ivy and blackberry plants close to the roots before covering them with cardboard and wood chips. Using goats who chomped and feasted on the leaves of the ivy and blackberry plants was an innovative and natural way to approach renovation. This was a collaborative effort, which also included Eagle Scouts and the Army Corps of Engineers. Thanks to Partners for Plants for selecting the Montlake Cut for an SGC project.

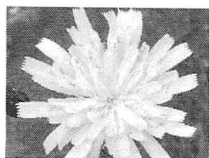
Our January General Meeting featuring Fergus Garrett from Great Dixter, the late Christopher Lloyd's garden, came as a special opportunity from several GCA clubs on the West Coast who are sharing his speaking tour. There will be a small fee of \$10 for his lecture the evening of January 15 at the Seattle Asian Art Museum. Please invite your gardening friends and neighbors to join us. It will be inspiring to see his slides of a colorful garden in the dark of winter.

Looking ahead, there will be an exchange of programs for February and April. Our Biennial Meeting will move to April to make February available for a photography presentation by JoAnne Rosen and Noreen Frink. Both meetings will be held at UWBG.

Our upcoming Holiday Luncheon and Auction is a special party we anticipate each year. Auction items from gardeners to gardeners are unique. Trips to our members' favorite vacation locations are generous offerings and opportunities you will find nowhere else. There will be numerous offerings open to individuals to sign up and become a part of group activities. We all look forward to greeting friends and sharing beautiful table decorations created by our talented members.

I send my warmest wishes to you and your families at this special time of year.

Trudy Baldwin



WEED of the Month: **European Hawkweed (*Hieracium sabaudum*)**

(www.kingcounty.gov/weeds)

European hawkweed is very much on our radar this fall. Although it closely resembles many other hawkweeds and other dandelion-like roadside weeds, it waits to flower until late in the season and tends to stand out this time of year. When European hawkweed was added to the state weed list, only a few locations of this plant were known in the state. Because of this limited distributions and the potential of impact shared by all the invasive hawkweeds, the state weed board added this hawkweed to the Class A list, the highest priority for control statewide, and asked all county weed boards to find and destroy all populations of European hawkweed. In general what you are looking for is a fairly tall, yellow-flowered perennial with multiple stems. It has quite a few small flowers near the upper part of the stem and they tend to form a loose, open, candelabra-shaped cluster. (This article is reprinted by permission from the King County Noxious Weed Control website.)

As some of us experienced last month, weed control with goats and sheep can be a fun fall activity for the whole family or the Seattle Garden Club because these animals will munch quite happily on a wide variety of weeds.

Horticulture Committee News

The highlight for the year was the three-day Shirley Meneice Workshop held in Rye, NY. Catherine Allan joined me for an intriguing experience with horticulture experts and enthusiasts.

Because of the depth of material that we would like to share with the club, we have chosen to divide the information into segments for the next few editions of the newsletter.

Our first session, led by Courtney Marsters, the Zone XII Horticulture Representative, was an update of GCA business. Did you know that on the GCA website you can find **Information Manuals** pertinent to horticulture? *Basic Plant Propagation Handbook*, *Chores for Gardeners*, *Good Gardening Practices* are just a few of the titles.

We are encouraged to look up current and past editions of the **Real Dirt**, edited by Diana Fish from Carmel GC.

Shirley Meneice, who attended our session, shared her involvement with the **Seed Exchange** and "helpful hints" for those who save seeds. She emphasized the importance of careful documentation of your work: all pertinent information that another member would need in order to properly duplicate the plant.

Courtney emphasized the importance of each club's participation in the **GCA Centennial Project, 2013: Preserving the Past, Growing the Future**. A potential fit for our club could be our **Partners for Plants** project, the *Montlake Cut Trail Renovation Project* that our club has recently undertaken. Our project attracted attention and kudos from other clubs in our zone.

Answer to November's Quiz Question:

What is the only food that doesn't spoil? **HONEY.**

What is Xylem? **D) the plumbing system of a plant**

Quiz Question of the month: **What is kiku?**

- (a) baby whale in captivity (b) chrysanthemum
- (c) beneficial insect (d) singing bird clock

See January newsletter for answers. Next month, Catherine and I will share highlights of our day at the NY Botanical Gardens.



Gardening Corner

Thoughts for December

- Prune evergreens for holiday decoration.
- Force pots of fragrant paperwhites.
- Transplant trees and shrubs now.
- Winter fertilize lawns if not done last month. Rake leaves off lawn.
- Review the past year's garden, considering water use, plant health and aesthetics.
- Plan garden changes. Remove plants continually plagued with pests, add low-water-use plants and group those plants that need summer watering.



Board Briefs

It was MSP to approve B.J. Anderson, Dinah Hutchinson, Jane Harder and Cathy Parker as members of the Nominating Committee.

General Meeting programs in February and April were exchanged.

EcoTips

A few ideas to
"green up" your
Christmas giving:



- Tickets are always a welcome gift- concerts, theater, ballet, sports events, childrens' theater or puppet shows (usually dates are exchangeable)
- A plant for their garden or Zoo Doo
- A gift certificate to a green store such as Goods For the Planet
- A year's membership to the Burke Museum or SAM, Woodland Park Zoo, the Aquarium, the Pacific Science Center, World Affairs Council or Town Hall
- A dinner for the family or other "Goodies" from you kitchen- jams, chutney, baked goods, soup, etc.
- A basket of your favorite wine with crackers and cheese
- A breakfast basket with muffin mix (your own or bought), homemade jams and coffee and/or tea.
- A planned hike with a picnic lunch
- Contact Seattle Parks and dedicate a park bench or a swing, or plant a tree, give a flock of chickens to change the life of a family through Gifts for Life, or a heifer from Heifer International, or drill a well through World Vision

I'm sure you can think of dozens of other "green gifts" on your own so happy holiday "shopping" while saving your planet.

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Prudence Hammett, Decorator Extraordinaire, in counsel

"I prefer winter and fall, when you feel the bone structure of the landscape – the loneliness of it, the dead feeling of winter. Something waits beneath it, the whole story doesn't show."

– Andrew Wyeth

MEMBERSHIP

Ladies! It is now the Eleventh Hour. Please submit your proposal forms for new provisional members. They must be postmarked or hand delivered to Peggy Wilton by December 15, 2008. Remember that Board members may also be proposers. Our Holiday Luncheon on December 4th is your last opportunity to bring guests before the proposal due date. Call Peggy at (206) 323-6322 if you need a form or further information.

Focusing on Photography

- A great big Thank You to all of our photographers who are participating in the "Wonders of Autumn" Photo Exhibit at our meeting at the Seattle Golf Club on Thursday, November 20.

SGC members, make sure and go to our very own SGC photography blog at <http://sgcphoto.blogspot.com/> created by Michele Burton. You will see photos from our latest Photo Shoot and photography hints from Michele.

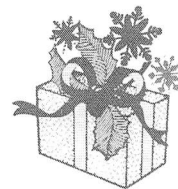
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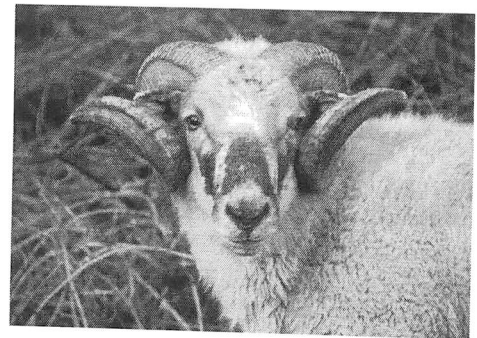
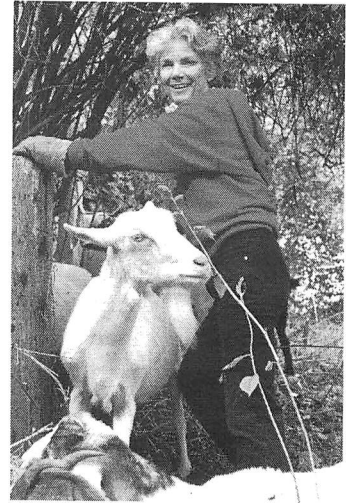
A joint effort of the Seattle Garden Club, Army Corps of Engineers, City of Seattle Parks Department, Boy Scouts Troop #15 and some very hungry goats!

This fall, over 100 volunteers, age 10-77, shared four great days together making a difference on a unique piece of property along the Lake Washington Ship Canal in the Montlake Cut. We made many new friends, visiting as we worked, and were entertained by a herd of goats, boats, rowing crews, the Husky Band and even a local regatta while family and friends rooted them on from "our" little park!

Members of the Seattle Garden Club and Scout Troop 15 joined professionals from Seattle Parks and Army Corps of Engineers in partnership to remove invasive plants from the park. This park began as a partnership of the SGC and Army Corps 1968-1971, with Betty Miller, Allison Andrews and many others involved. Since that time it had become overrun with invasive ivy, blackberry and clematis.

Aided by seed money from the GCA Partners for Plants program, we hired a herd of goats for 3 days to help us begin. What a fun, environmentally sensitive way to eliminate invasives from the site! Our goats LIKED eating ivy, blackberries and clematis with SGC members cutting and pulling down high debris they couldn't reach. They were quite an attraction for the Husky game!

The upper area is on Seattle City Park property. Park personnel worked with us and provided wheelbarrows, rakes, pitchforks, clippers, loppers and more. Volunteers found new favorite tools and methods to get the job done while sharing gardening tips as we worked. We recycled cardboard to cover half an acre and the City dumped 50 cubic yards of wood chips to cover it 4"-6" deep! It all had to be moved by wheelbarrow and muscle!



Over 100 volunteers joined SGC team leaders Sue Blethen, Diana Neely, and Juliet Romano, while Will Romano organized the Boy Scout Troop 15. The Romanos brought a tent and we provided coffee, treats, sandwiches, and drinks. The City also helped every day, not just supervising but pushing wheelbarrows and cutting dead debris. WOW, were we impressed! Our method was to cut down, chop, top with cardboard and smother with wood chips! MUCH easier on our backs than ripping out all the roots! We will let Mother Nature smother them over a year's time.

I was so proud of all our dedicated members, some of whom returned several days to pitch in. The task was huge! Boy Scout Will Romano helped supervise the volunteers, motivating younger members to pick up trash, while their dads and SGC's Juliet, Dinah, and others wheeled loads of wood chips. Our backs thank them immensely!

Renovation Project

Photo Credits: Jane Harder and JoAnne Rosen



We are 95% complete at this writing, as we ran out of cardboard and chips. More is coming for the final "dressing" of the area! Spirits were high as everyone had to leave. It was so much fun, so close to home, working with an amazing group of volunteers. Thank you one and all! Now, come see and enjoy all we have accomplished! Mother Nature was kind with the weather. Now time and our efforts will smother those nasty invasives! Come enjoy the water view at this special park that bears our name. The restored sign will be up soon. You are a great group and made us all proud!

The fabulous SGC members who helped Sue, Diana and Juliet include: Laurie Ahern, Catherine Allen, BJ Anderson, Christine Davis, Marilyn Fite, Pat Fitzgerald, Janet Footh, Barbara Hamachek, Hylton Hard, Jane Harder, Dinah Hutchinson, Eleanor Nolan, Betty Paul, Judy Phillips, Susan Pollock, Charlee Reed, Laurie Riley, Cappy Rooks, JoAnne Rosen, Burnley Snyder, Hope Stroble, Suzette de Turenne, Mary Turner, Lyn White, Debbi Wilson, Peggy Wilton, Sis Woodside. Plus husbands, children, even grandchildren! I just hope I didn't leave anyone off!

Sue Blethen, Your Conservation Chair and Partner for Plants Manager





Looking Ahead...

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Walking Beside a Creek

Walking beside a creek
in December, the black ice
windy with leaves,
you can feel the great joy
of the trees, their coats
thrown open like drunken men,
the lifeblood thudding
in their tight, wet boots.

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