



The Seattle Garden Club

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November 2009



November General Meeting Thursday, November 19, 2009

CAROLYN BENNETT

SAVING OUR GARDENS, HONORING OUR PAST

Carolyn is on the GCA National Speakers List. She is a writer for *Garden Design Magazine*, and a landscape historian. Don't miss this meeting!!!

Arboretum Graham Visitors Center
9:30 coffee, 10:00 meeting, 10:30 speaker

GUESTS WELCOME

RSVP by Friday November 13th

Yes or No

to Mary Jane Anderson, 206-325-4520 or
mjanderson525@earthlink.net

AT A GLANCE events of note coming soon

- 10/29 **Scot Medbury**
@ UWBG/CUH
7:00 p.m. lecture/\$25
- 11/2 **Flower Arranging
Workshop @ UWBG/CUH**
9:30 a.m. coffee
10:00 a.m. meeting
- 11/19 **General Meeting**
@ Arboretum Graham
Visitors Center, 9:30 a.m.
Carolyn Bennett,
speaker - Guests welcome!

FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

Come & Be Inspired!

Monday, November 2nd



UWBG/CUH

**9:30 am
Coffee**

10:00 Workshop



WHERE WILL YOU BE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009???

**AT THE SGC HOLIDAY AUCTION
AND LUNCHEON, OF COURSE!**

Our major fundraiser is just around the corner!

Have you made a donation?

Have you invited your guests?

You can RSVP today!

See inside for details!





FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am always amazed at the stimulation I receive from all of the Garden Club activities. Debbi Wilson's first Hort meeting was full of interesting information about different foods to harvest and much more. "Thank you" to Debbi and her SGC panel for that program. And then there was the Charles Jencks lecture. It was unbelievable food for thought! Mr. Jencks delivered a most interesting lecture with a power point presentation of his garden in Scotland with many unusual cosmic land forms, sculptures and bridges. Many thanks to Phoebe and Lucius Andrew for bringing Mr. Jencks to Seattle, and to Charlee Reed and her committee for making all the arrangements.

We have partnered with the Arboretum for their 75th Anniversary to present Scot Medbury on October 29th. Scot is the President of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. I encourage all of you to attend as you may all remember he gave a lively lecture to our Club last November.

Carlyn Steiner and her Ways and Means committee are busy organizing a fun auction for our Holiday Luncheon, December 3rd. Please remember that this is our major fundraiser and we are all asked to support it in any way we can. All the proceeds from this auction will go to support our community projects. We hope everyone will participate. Invitations for our guests will be available at our Flower Arranging Workshop on November 2nd.

Enjoy the falling leaves, ghosts and goblins, and Happy Halloween!

Hope Stroble, President

Seattle Garden Club and
UW Botanic Gardens present

Scot Medbury

President of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden

"The Once and Future Arboretum"

October 29th, 2009

Mr. Medbury will reveal how the Washington Park Arboretum's past continues to shape its future, and will point to the ways all urban gardens can better fulfill their roles as places of learning, beauty and sanctuary.



Prior to the lecture, join us for an open house to see "behind-the-scenes" at UW Botanic Gardens. Learn about student research, get a tour of the greenhouse, talk with faculty in their labs, and more. Light refreshments.

Open house 5:30/Lecture 7:00pm

UWBG/CUH - \$25.00 per person

All proceeds will support the UW Botanic Gardens.

**For reservations call: 206-543-0540 or
sign up online at**

**[https://go.washington.edu/uwaa/
events/2009arboretum_medbury/details.tcl](https://go.washington.edu/uwaa/events/2009arboretum_medbury/details.tcl)**

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!



The GCA 2009 Fall Judging Selection Committee granted the following promotions:

Charlee Reed, SGC, new Photography Candidate

Noreen Frink, SGC, Photography Prospective
advanced to Approved Judge

Autumn Movement

I cried over beautiful things,
knowing no beautiful thing lasts.
The field of cornflower yellow is a scarf at the
neck of the copper sunburned woman,
the mother of the year,
the taker of seeds.

The northwest wind comes
and the yellow is torn full of holes,
new beautiful things come in the first spit of
snow on the northwest wind,
and the old things go, not one lasts.

Carl Sandburg

ZONE XII JUDGING WORKSHOP IN SEATTLE

It takes a lot of time and effort to be deemed worthy to be a flower show judge. Fulfilling the many requirements can be a daunting task. Judges workshops help meet those needs but often require travel to other cities and/or states. This year, those in the program from SGC were lucky to have one in their own back yard.

Our own Diana Neely, GCA Zone XII Judging Rep, and her committee, organized and hosted the 2009 Judging Workshop, September 26th to 29th, at the Seattle Edgewater Hotel. The workshop provided ten hours of continuing education for GCA Approved Judges, Prospective Judges, Candidates, and Observers contemplating entering the program. This year's event attracted 146 participants from flower arranging, horticulture or photography.

Jo Anne Rosen and Noreen Frink were local chairs for the Photography judging program. From Texas, Gay Estes, an accomplished judge in all three disciplines, was the guest photography program presenter. All photography participants were invited to enter a photograph in one of three classes, incorporating plant material and water.

Prudence Hammett and Vicki Neumann were the local chairs for the Flower Arrangement participants. Gail Emmons, a very accomplished judge and flower arranger from our Zone, presented the Flower Arrangement program. Debbi Wilson and Dinah Hutchinson were the local chairs for the Horticulture participants. Arabella Dane, a truly inspirational three-discipline judge from Zone I, presented the horticulture workshop including judging roses, dahlias, cut specimens, pot-et-fleur, par, fruits and veggies. Entries were provided by members of Portland, Seattle, and Tacoma Garden clubs.

Marty Van Allen, from Zone IV, explained the changes in the new *GCA Flower Show and Judging Guide (the Yellow Book)* to all the participants. Diana Neely and Jo Anne Rosen, Zone Rep for the Flower Show Committee, rounded out the question and answer panel that included all the presenters as well as Sandy Patterson, the GCA Judging Committee Chair and Evie Cranston, the Judging Committee Vice Chair, both members of Zone XII.

Workshop participants were welcomed with a sunset dinner at the Edgewater and a power point presentation by photographer Charles Needle. The seas calmed enough on Monday night for a cruise of Elliott Bay on the Royal Argosy. All went smoothly with the help of Laurie Riley, Facilities Chair, BJ Anderson and Pam Green, Hospitality Chairs, and Mary Turner as Transportation Chair. Prudence Hammett, Carol Henderson, Vicki Neumann, and Judy Thomas kept the tables adorned with flower arrangements. Iris Wagner was the workshop treasurer extraordinaire.

A big round of thanks goes out to all the Seattle Committee members including those not already mentioned: Marilee Ahalt, Nancy Bain, Sue Blethen, Suzette de Turenne, Barbara Feasey, Barbara Hamachek, Kathy Lea, Catherine Parker, Judy Phillips, Charlotte Reed, Juliet Romano, Hope Stroble, Jane Harder and Peggy Wilton. Brains were stretched and beauty abounded. Old friendships were rekindled and new ones were made. We meet every two years and look forward to the next workshop!



**Diana Neely,
Workshop Mastermind**



**Mary Turner's photography entry -
hardscape reflection in water**



Iris Wagner's arrangement entry



Dinah Hutchinson's pot-et-fleur



**The "yellow book" inspired
Pru Hammet's centerpiece**



**Carol Henderson's centerpiece concept included a flower
sphere which did double duty on the Argosy cruise**



**Peggy Wilton, Carol Henderson and Nancy
Bain working to create flower spheres**

YOU ARE
INVITED

Seattle Garden Club's
annual
Holiday Luncheon



Thursday
December 3, 2009

10:30 Social &
Silent Auction

12:00 Luncheon

The Seattle Golf Club
Seattle, Washington

SGC Holiday Luncheon and Auction

HO! HO! HO!



Thursday, December 3, 2009

Seattle Golf Club

10:30 Auction and Social Hour

12:00 Lunch

Our Ways and Means Committee is hard at work
to bring you a wonderful auction with fabulous items
for your holiday gifting and personal enjoyment!

A few treasures just to whet your appetite...

Garden Tour and Cooking Class Brunch with
Sur la Table's Renee Behnke

Fall Foliage Trip to the Methow Valley for Six

Tour of a Private Garden with Glenn Withey and Charles Price,
followed by Dinner at Alison Andrews' home
in the Highlands with Crush Chef Jason Wilson

Group Day Trip to Orcas Island for a Garden Tour at
Maple Point, followed by a Gourmet Picnic Lunch

A Home and Garden Tour for eight at Edgewood Gardens
overlooking the Auburn/Kent Valley followed by a
Five-Course Gourmet Luncheon in the Garden

**WE WILL HAVE EXPRESS CHECKOUT AND WILL
ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS FOR AUCTION PURCHASES.**

Any more ideas??? Excursions, tickets, parties, classes, holiday
décor treasures, unique toys...be creative!!!

We would love to have your contributions!!

Please send your donation forms to Carlyn Steiner
or call her at (206) 322-3435 with any questions.

WHERE MAY I DROP OFF MY AUCTION ITEMS?

For your convenience, we have identified
several locations for donation drop-off

Laurie Ahern

1100 38th Avenue E., Seattle 98112
206.322.6723

Catherine Allan

7919 NE 28th St., Medina 98039
425.454.1076

Barbara Anderson

12275 NE Country Club Rd, Bainbridge
98110; 206.842.0552

Patsy Pattison/Invisible Fence Office

2827 80th Ave. SE, Mercer Island 98040
206.940.9901

Judy Phillips

1216 38th Avenue E., Seattle 98112
206.325.3838

RSVP & ANGELS



Mark your calendars and invite your guests!!
You may arrange your own tables.

PLEASE RSVP (YES or NO) BY NOVEMBER 26TH

For guests and members not subscribing to the Hostess Fund,
the luncheon cost is \$40.

ARE YOU AN ANGEL?

If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute to our
fundraiser...you can be an Angel!

If you are attending but would like to make a contribution in
addition to your luncheon fee...you can be an Angel!

Choose to be an Angel at the \$100 or \$250 level!

All checks and reservations should be sent & made payable to
The Seattle Garden Club

Laurie Ahern - 1100 38th Avenue E., Seattle 98112
206.322.6723 or lahern1681@gmail.com

**SEATTLE GARDEN CLUB
AUCTION PROCUREMENT FORM**

2009

*DONOR(S) - Name, address & contact info for ALL donors involved.

*VALUE: (Please estimate value of each item/service)

*MINIMUM BID REQUESTED:

ITEM:

ITEM DESCRIPTION (Details, limitations, dates, etc...):

NOTE: Please provide display materials/photographs, if available, for non-tangible items.

DONOR SIGNATURE:

DATE:

PROCURER:

PHONE:

Does item need to be picked up? Yes No

CONSERVATION REPORT

Since time spent in the garden is winding down for the season, the Conservation Committee encourages everyone to do a little online work this month to help nourish the great garden that is our world by visiting a couple of websites and sending a few emails.

The Great Sunflower Project: <http://www.greatsunflower.org/en>

I encourage everyone to take just a few minutes to sign up online to participate in this program which is conducting research into the plight of bees in urban areas...by planting the free sunflower seeds that will be sent out next spring thus making your garden more attractive to all kinds of pollinators.

Send an email (I did!) or telephone our Senators, and thank them for showing support for the recently proposed **Boxer/Kerry Senate Climate Bill** (for more info: <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/30/us/politics/30climate.html?scp=1&sq=boxer%20kerry%20climate%20b%20ill&st=cse>)

Patty Murray: (202) 224-2621

Web Form: <http://murray.senate.gov/email/index.cfm>

Maria Cantwell: (202) 224-3441

Web Form: <http://cantwell.senate.gov/contact/>

Read the last edition of ConWatch for informative articles on: "The Smart Grid - What Is It?", "Your Cosmetics - Are They Safe", and "Is Your Village Green", etc To access ConWatch go to www.gcamerica.org, click on "members only" (login: gcamember password: compost), then look for "ConWatch" in the small, upper bar under the photos.

Keep an eye on our website for links to informative conservation articles and links to invaluable websites that will help you to live a greener and cleaner life!

The GCA Position Paper on global warming states:

GCA SUPPORTS STRATEGIES TO SLOW GLOBAL WARMING

"The Garden Club of America recognizes the serious reality of global warming. GCA is committed to preserving the worldwide system of plant diversity, which is increasingly threatened by climate change. Global warming compels GCA to educate its members and the public about the causes and consequences as well as ways in which to respond. Plants form the basis for human life as the producers of oxygen and as the basis of the food chain; without plants, life on earth is not possible."

Recently, I received an email from our Zone XII Conservation Rep, Heidi Ho Conjugacion. In it she says, "...the time is NOW to pass the Climate Bill – and it can be done in this session! Please urge EACH of your members to contact your Senators and encourage them to take a leadership role in the passage of this bill." Her message was timely, as the third GCA Position Paper that I want to highlight concerns global warming and climate change.

It begins with a very strong statement: "The Garden Club of America recognizes the serious reality of global warming." Serious indeed. During the third week of September, the news headlines were all about the U.N. Summit on Climate Change which was aimed at galvanizing governments into action in anticipation of the U.N. Climate Conference in Copenhagen in early December. The goal of the "COP 15", as it is called, will be to "...negotiate a framework on cutting greenhouse gas emissions that will steer the world away from its reliance on fossil fuels." (Financial Times 9/21/09). According to an article in the Financial Times by Fiona Harvey, "Negotiations will be at a national level but the consequences will be implemented largely by sub-national governments. Regional authorities in most nations have control over key issues such as energy generation, transport and enforcement of industrial regulation. The UN Development Program estimates sub-national governments influence 50% to 80% of projects to cut greenhouse gas emissions, rendering meaningless any deal at Copenhagen unless governments put in place necessary structures to ensure commitments are translated into actions at a local level. In other words... it's what we do as individuals in terms of being proactive with our elected officials at the local and state level that really matters. With less going on in the garden at this time of year, I urge you to think of the world as your garden, and the best thing you can do to ensure its health can be as simple as sending an email or making a phone call to your Senators and Congressman.

Juliet Romano, Conservation Chair

Is There a Seat in the House?

Try as we might there are occasions when there are not enough chairs set out for our monthly meetings. There are times when you told the Chairman you will be attending, but upon arriving a bit late, you find all the lunches were taken and you, the Chairman and other understanding souls are getting leftovers from the kitchen. This really did happen.

These awkward moments need never occur if everyone would RSVP a "yes" or a "no". The "no" response helps as we won't be wondering whether you are coming or are not in town.

We will be putting out more chairs than we expect to need, as we do not want to take away from meeting time by getting the chairs out of the storage if someone shows up unannounced. However, it could be rather awkward to have a speaker come and only half the seats are taken. Will they wonder if SGC members did not want to hear them speak?

We thank all of you who are always prompt with your RSVP. There are very interesting meetings on the program this year; coffee, tea and yummy treats will be waiting for you.

If you find that at the last minute you can attend a meeting, please know we do want you to come. Call or email the monthly chairman. We will do our very best to have a "seat in the house". Your friends look forward to seeing you!

SGC Photographers in the Field...



Fall mountain photo by Catharine Allan



Ginkgo Biloba in fall by Debbi Wilson



Arboretum fall color by Suzette de Turenne

'Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile'

William Cullen Bryant

GCA HAPPENINGS

Scholarship Opportunities from Garden Club of America

As autumn gets into full swing, some of us feel that scratch on the back that tells us college and school applications will soon be consuming many households. Those thoughts led me to the scholarship section of GCA's web-site. I was pleased to learn of the many opportunities offered. There's a program for graduate students to study winter and summer habitats for native birds. In Missouri a fellowship is offered to study medicinal plant uses. Garden Club of America also set up a scholarship for graduate studies in wetlands. There are GCA awards given for studies in preservation of tropical forests as well as fellowships for studies in rare and endangered flora and other horticultural phenomena. Check it out at www.gcaamerica.org/scholarships.

From the Awards Committee...

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

Please refer to your 2009-2010 Yearbook beginning on page 33.

Call or email Alex Morse, (206) 329-7853 or adfmorse@aol.com or contact any Awards Committee member with questions.

Photos from the SGC 2009 Annual Meeting



Gaye & James Pigott, recipients of the 2009 Community Leadership Award "for their leadership in the Methow Valley in the fields of civic achievement, preservation and conservation."



SGC Member Alex Morse with Earth Corps Representative Pipo Bui. Earth Corps received the 2009 Community Leadership Award "for dedicated service in the field of conservation."

NEW MEMBERSHIP

Proposals for Provisional Membership are due by December 15th



2008 Provisionals, Hotie Hard, Wade Garretson and Jenny Wyatt, entertain members with their skit at the Annual Picnic

The forms are available on our web site, or if you prefer that they be mailed to you, contact Dinah Hutchinson at (206) 365-9376. Guests are welcome at various gatherings throughout the year, including the upcoming Holiday Luncheon and Auction. These are great opportunities to introduce your friends to SGC and other members.

EcoTips

Every day Seattle's garbage is put on a train and sent to a landfill in Oregon where it will sit forever - 400,000 tons of it, equal to 7,000 train cars each year. Food scraps account for 1/3 of the residential garbage. If you put all your food scraps, coffee grounds and filters, paper towels, napkins and plates into your food and yard waste containers instead of your garbage can, it will be made into compost for our parks and gardens - a small but important step to help save our planet.



HORT STARTS

On October 5th, our talented Horticulture committee panel presented bountiful edible examples and growing information about the autumn garden, plus, Garden Club members added their wonderful harvest vegetables for Show and Tell. Our meeting was jam-packed with luscious fruits from the orchard (apples, pears, etc...); farmers' market produce in many surprising colors (merlot lettuce, multicolored radishes and beans, etc...); an in-depth look at our native blackberry and invasive species; anecdotes about our beneficial insects and garden pests; a photographic journey to the Ballard Farmers' Market via the SGC website; and delectable descriptions of some of the finest Harvest cookbooks available. Don't forget to check out our website for harvest recipes!

Our goal for the meeting was to pique members' interest in the many varieties of fresh food offerings from our farmers' markets and emphasize the importance of the beneficial insects that are integral to our food supply. Beginning in January, our Provisional topics will discuss *Sensuous Sustenance: Feeding the Five Senses*. We look forward to seeing you at the UWBG for our first Monday meetings from January through May.

Thank you to our presenters for sharing their expertise and humor: Catherine Allan, Suzette de Turenne, Wade Garretson, Peggy Wilton, Sylvia Duryee, Traci Tenneson and Angel Clark.

November's Quiz Question: What food was prized for its value to British sailors and was the center of the mutiny on the *Bounty*, the ship sent by Sir Joseph Banks to search for inexpensive plant/animal food sources?

A. sunflower nuts B. salt cod C. breadfruit D. dried jerky

Answer to last month's Quiz Question: What have you been nurturing, measuring, watering this summer for future exhibit?
C. your cedar seedlings!

Debbi Wilson, Horticulture Committee Chair



Queen Bee Debbi Wilson presided and educated on bees



Catherine Allan shared information, as well as samples of farm fresh fruit



Sylvia Duryee exhibited her own harvest & gave advice on garden pests



Peggy Wilton defended the oft disdained spider & unattractive ladybug larva

SGC AT WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

In 2006 the SGC gave \$15,000 to the Woodland Park Rose Garden towards building a pergola at the south end of the 2½ acre garden. On September 22nd, members of the SGC and the Committee of 33 (who also made a donation for construction) were invited to help celebrate the completion of the pergola. It frames the south end of the garden with its strong, graceful design made with metal and recycled beams from another Zoo exhibit. The garden itself is in meticulous shape, having had no pesticides for three years and benefitting from one mile of buried drip irrigation. E. J. Hook of the WPZ says of the Rose Garden, it is intended to "...set an example for others to recognize and follow." It does all that and more. Go to the WPZ, stroll through the Rose Garden and you can see one of the best examples of the SGC's work in our community.

Laurie S. Ahern, Community Projects Chair



SGC members mingle around the pergola after the formal presentation

SGC Volunteers lend a hand at the Partners for Plants project at East Montlake Park...



Marilyn Fite



Jenny Wyatt and Eleanor Nolan



Cappy Rooks & Susan Pollock



Sue Blethen



Juliet Romano

GARDENER'S CORNER



Thoughts for November

- Finish planting bulbs, adding bone meal or bulb fertilizer into the planting hole as you prepare the soil. They need water until they bloom. They go dormant in summer. Jonquils are all fragrant!
- Prune and transplant trees and shrubs this month; new roots grow during winter. Dig planting holes just as deep as the root ball, but two to three times as wide. Settle plants just at soil level, not deeper.
- Use mulches to prevent erosion and compaction from rain.
- Take cuttings of rhodies and camellias for propagation; propagate begonias from leaf cuttings.
- Trim chrysanthemums to 4 to 6 inches after they finish blooming.
- Protect built-in sprinkler systems; drain the system, insulate the valve mechanisms.
- Fertilize your lawn with slow-release 3-1-2 ratio fertilizer

Looking Ahead...

- Oct. 29 Washington Park Arboretum's
75th Anniversary Event - \$25
5:30 - 7:00 p.m. CUH Open House
7 - 9:00 p.m. **Scot Medbury** lecture
The Once and Future Arboretum
Reservations: (206) 543-0540
- Nov. 2 **Flower Arranging Workshop**
UWBG/CUH
9:30 a.m. coffee/10:00 a.m. meeting
- Nov. 6 **Ways & Means Committee Meeting**
Home of Carlyn Steiner
10 a.m. to Noon
- Nov. 16 **SGC Board Meeting**
Sunset Club
10 a.m. to Noon
Lunch optional, but encouraged

- Nov. 18 **Community Projects Committee Meeting**
UWBG/CUH Issacson Board Room
10 a.m.
- Nov. 19 **General Meeting @ Arboretum**
Graham Visitors Center - Guests welcome!
9:30 a.m. **Carolyn Bennett**, speaker
- Nov. 20-22 Friday 9-4; Saturday 9-4, Sunday 10-4
East Montlake Park weeding/cover & smother
- Dec. 3 **Holiday Luncheon and Auction**
Guests welcome!
Seattle Golf Club
RSVP by November 26th: Laurie Ahern
(206) 322-6723 or lahern1681@gmail.com
- Dec. 15 **Provisional Membership**
Proposals due!
Dinah Hutchinson
(206) 365-9376



IF YOU RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL

Remember, Blue Can Work For You!

A reminder that any of the **BLUE** e-mail or internet links contained in this newsletter provide you the instant opportunity to make replies or get additional information. Give it a try! Are you a little hesitant or unsure? Feel free to call Suzette at (206) 524-9042 for some guidance.

Suzette de Turenne, Communications Committee Chair



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