



# The Seattle Garden Club

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December 2009



## Seattle Garden Club Holiday Luncheon & Auction

HO! HO! HO!



Thursday, December 3rd  
**Seattle Golf Club**

**10:30 Silent Auction and Social**  
**12:00 Lunch**



**Invite your friends!**

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

**RSVP (YES or NO) by November 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Laurie Ahern - 1100 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, Seattle 98112**  
**206-322-6723 or [lahern1681@gmail.com](mailto:lahern1681@gmail.com)**

### AT A GLANCE

events of note coming soon

- 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**  
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Laurie Ahern (206)322-6723  
[lahern1681@gmail.com](mailto:lahern1681@gmail.com)
- Dec. 15 **Provisional Membership  
Proposals due!**  
Dinah Hutchinson  
(206) 365-9376

### 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



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are now about to enter our busiest time of year with the holidays quickly approaching! There will be decorations to be created and celebrations with family and friends. Remember all the wonderful leaves, branches and berries in our fall gardens outside which are wonderful for decorating our homes inside!

I recently visited the GCA Headquarter in NYC. It is easily accessible right off of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue on east 60<sup>th</sup> street. It is quite a facility with board rooms, meeting rooms, a library, offices, dining rooms, a kitchen and archival rooms. It is decorated with lovely antiques and beautiful floral prints, some original. The staff will welcome you with open arms if you should venture in that direction.

Traci Tenneson has been quite busy with Juliet Romano, Catherine Roach and several members creating not one, but three, new features on our website. Juliet's conservation blog is fabulous, as well as our new creative writing section on gardening. Deborah Cheadle wrote an entertaining article about root washing! Another new addition to our Website is the book review. Debbi Wilson wrote about a local favorite, "The Highest Tide".

There is an enthusiastic group of members under the great leadership of Vicki Neumann planning our Club Flower Show on May 20 at Pam Green's lovely home. Please anticipate the announcement of the theme and classes!

I wish all of you and your families a blessed holiday season. Ho! Ho! Ho!

**Hope Stroble, President**



*Deborah Ritner, Seattle area artist and designer, known nationally for her creative and masterful work in the professional area of floral design, was the guest speaker at November's Flower Arranging Workshop. SGC members, among them Anne Rogers, Gayle Harris, and Fay Page (shown above, center), were treated to a wonderful slide presentation as Deborah shared anecdotes on her recent adventure at The White House, where she enjoyed the thrill of being selected as one of the "final three" applicants as White House staff flower arranger. After the slide show, Deborah then demonstrated her technique for SGC by creating a stunning centerpiece. Those who attend the Holiday Luncheon and Auction will see more of Deborah's creations at the Seattle Golf Club, one of several Seattle area private clubs that are lucky enough to benefit from her skills.*

## NEW MEMBERSHIP

**Proposals for Provisional Membership are due by December 15th**



**The time is now!** 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. The Holiday Luncheon and Auction is your last opportunity to bring your friends to an SGC event before the due date!

## EcoTips

How "green" can you make your holiday season this year? Buy gifts from natural (made without chemicals), sustainable and reusable (energy efficient and have the least impact on the environment) materials. Wrap without a tree having had to be cut down for its paper. Try useful wrappings (such as dish towels, table cloths, pillow cases, etc.) or give presents that don't have to be wrapped, such as theater tickets, restaurant gift certificates, a breakfast out, a day of help in the garden, CDs or your favorite book of the year.



Happy "green" holidays to all of you.

**Cappy Rooks**

# SGC Holiday Luncheon and Auction

Thursday, December 3, 2009  
Seattle Golf Club

*A sampling of Auction treasures for you to ponder...*

- **Berry Picking, Nature Walk and Lunch at Graysmarsh Farm in Sequim**  
July 10, 2010 (individual sign-ups)
- **A Fabulous Week in a Beach Cottage on Makena Beach, Maui**  
2 bedrooms, 2 baths
  - **Fun-filled Fall Weekend in the Methow Valley for Eight**  
Golf, hiking, fabulous meals and relaxing  
October 1-3, 2010 (individual sign-ups)
- **Mushroom Foraging Trip with Gourmet Dinner for Six**  
September 2010 (individual sign-ups)
- **Five Course Luncheon and Garden Tour for Eight at Edgewood Garden**  
July 18, 2010 (individual sign-ups)
- **Garden Tour for Ten with Glenn Withey and Charles Price followed by Dinner at Alison Andrews' Home...Catered by Crush**  
(individual sign-ups)
- **Garden Tour and Cooking Class/Brunch for Eight with Renee Behnke**  
June 24, 2010 (individual sign-ups)
- **Tricoter Knitting Class & Brunch for Twelve**  
Varying abilities accommodated  
January 31, 2010 (individual sign-ups)

*We will have Express Checkout and will accept credit cards for Auction purchases.  
Offerings for our traditional Northwest Harvest collection will be gladly accepted.*



## Are You an Angel?



**If you are unable to attend  
but would like to contribute  
to our major 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!**

(send checks to Laurie Ahern)

## You ARE an Angel!

We appreciate the support of the  
following SGC members who are "Angels"  
as of November 17th

Alison Andrews  
Ann Bohart  
Bobby Fowler  
Betty Gates  
Jeannie Gravenkemper  
Linda Helsell  
Barbara Himmelman  
Lannie Hoglund  
Ann Hunter  
Janet Ketchum  
Helen King  
Betty Minor  
Betty Paul  
Connie Phelps  
Barbara Pringle  
Patsy Sangster  
Burnley Snyder  
Glen Youell



**Haven't made your personal donation?** Donation forms are available at SGC Meetings or can be downloaded from our web site. Forms should be given or sent to Carlyn Steiner (206) 322-3435.

# CONSERVATION REPORT

Some great reads!

THE NEW CONWATCH: Special Edition "The Oregon Way: Lessons for All of America"

To find it, go to the GCA website: <http://www.gcamerica.org/>

Username: gcamember

Password: compost

OR.....here is a direct link to ConWatch:

<http://www.gcamerica.org/membersonly/conwatch-newsletter/conwatch-special-oregon-edition-Oct-09.pdf>

(Also - check out the article about the edition in the SGC Blog. For info, see below.)



## A WINTER/CONSERVATION READING LIST

This summer, while on a drive to Sun Valley with my canine companions in the car, I listened to a great book called, "The Omnivore's Dilemma" by Michael Pollan. It truly changed the way I think about the food that I buy and prepare for my family. A snippet of the review in the Seattle Times read as follows:

"Michael Pollan is a magician...He turns corn and cows, pigs and chickens into a brilliant, eye-opening account of how we produce, market and agonize over what we eat. If you ever thought 'what's for dinner' was a simple question, you'll change your mind after reading Pollan's searing indictment of today's food industry -- and his glimpse of some inspiring alternatives...I just loved this book so much I didn't want it to end."

I couldn't have said it better. And, since the shorter days and longer, colder nights of winter are upon us, it is a good time to stock up on your personal pile of reading books, or gather a few books for gift giving. Below is a list of books that I am donating to the SGC Holiday Luncheon. Hopefully, one or two might strike your fancy!

Eat Where You Live by Lou Bendrick

Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life by Barbara Kingsolver

Slow Food Nation: Why Our Food Should Be Good, Clean, & Fair by Carlo Petrini

The Botany of Desire: A Plant's Eye View of the World by Michael Pollan

In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto by Michael Pollan

The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals by Michael Pollan

(For viewing: Rent or record the PBS special on The Botany of Desire, or the movies

'King Corn' or 'Food, Inc' -- you can't help but learn something fascinating and informative!)

## THE BLOG

And speaking of reading, I hope you will all check out Green Thumbs: The Conservation Blog of The Seattle Garden Club. If you haven't been to the blog yet, it is easy to find on our fabulous website.

Here is the link to the website: [SEATTLE GARDEN CLUB](http://www.seattlegardenclub.org/)

Username: member

Password: rhodies

or try this link: [Green Thumbs.](http://www.seattlegardenclub.org/)

Click on the box in the upper right hand corner that says: FOR MEMBERS

Click on the large box at the bottom of the page that says: Green Thumbs

This will take you to the current blog article. From here, you can make a comment, or click on "previous" to see earlier articles. There are several great photos, links to other websites, and valuable information. Topics range from information about The Great Sunflower Project and our visit to see the honey harvest at Seattle Academy, to a link to a valuable website that has analyzed all of the toxic chemicals in most of the products that we use on our faces and bodies. I have also posted a link to the latest ConWatch which is all about our neighboring state, Oregon. Please check it out! Add information of your own by making a comment. Send me suggestions about topics that you would like to explore, I'd love to hear from you.

**Juliet Romano, Conservation Chair**



# VISITING GARDENS

## Héronswood Revisited

Eleven enthusiastic Garden Club members experienced a rare opportunity to visit Heronswood, Dan Hinkley's former garden in Kingston. The garden, which is currently for sale (at a bargain price we are told!), is owned by Burpee's Seed Company. It has been well maintained by one full time gardener and a few occasional volunteers. The grounds and plant material are much the same as in the "Hinkley days" with only the green houses missing. Burpee's opens the gardens twice a year for tours and plant sales. Highlights of our field trip were the fabulous vegetable garden and the hornbeam "sculpture garden". Our group enjoyed a fun fall field trip with lunch at the Molly Ward Garden restaurant in Poulsbo.

Laurie Riley, Visiting Gardens Chair



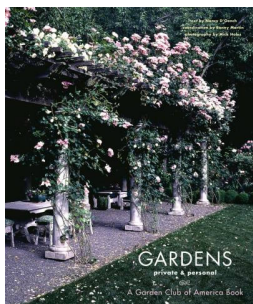
SGC members enjoyed their visit to Heronswood.  
(Back, left to right): Deborah Cheadle, Charlee Reed, Wade Garretson,  
Anne McKay, Debby Wilson, Susan Pollock, Jenny Wyatt; (Front, left to  
right): Catherine Roach, Laurie Riley, Debby Smith, Diana Neely



## GCA HAPPENINGS

### Looking for a Gift for a Gardening Friend?

The Garden Club of America recently published the gorgeous: *Gardens Private and Personal*. There are over 200 pictures of member gardens to dream through. Text by Nancy D'Oench accompanies each featured garden. Part of the proceeds supports GCA programs. The website has shipping and price information [www.gcamerica.org](http://www.gcamerica.org)



Carey Davis Abbott

### *Save the Dates!*

**SGC VISITING GARDENS PRESENTS**

### **THE FABULOUS GARDENS OF PASADENA and HANCOCK PARK**

**May 10-13, 2010**

**Details to follow in the  
January Newsletter**

**Questions? Call or e-mail Laurie Riley  
(206)325-2514 or [laurieriley@msn.com](mailto:laurieriley@msn.com)**



### Squirrel

He carries his horse-chestnut like a thief  
With a sack of gold in a fairy tale,  
Looking for somewhere safe enough  
To bury the good life.

He stops to stare, wondering whether  
I can be trusted to know his hiding place  
or whether, like Ali Baba eavesdropping,  
I'll learn his secret and rob him later.

Thinking of winter too, I outwait  
The attention he pays to us  
Unreliable paymasters and keepers,  
Past-masters of the empty handout.

He gives me, at long last, the benefit  
Of his doubt: in the loam  
By a rosebush, digging as knowingly  
As a gardener, he either stores

(In case he lives to remember)  
Or plants (if he forgets or dies)  
A small feast - or a tree that will bear proof  
Against winter longer than almost any story.

David Wagoner



# PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE

**PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE MEETING - January 7th - 9:30 am**

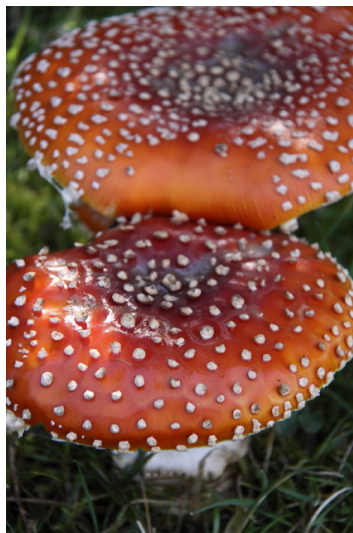
The Photography Committee will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Suzette de Turenne. We will discuss and announce the schedule for our juried Photography Show to be held at our Annual Meeting in June, make plans for an outing to Lopez Island as guests of Kathy Lea, and explore the possibility of other "Photo Shoots".

After the business meeting, we will be our own "judges" of the photos from our recent photography exhibit which will be displayed at Suzette's.

*Jane Harder, Committee Chair*



## SGC Photographers in the Field...



*Fall foliage & mushrooms  
Catherine Allan at Bloedel Preserve*



*Enkianthus (top) and an unidentified nasturtium  
Charlee Reed at Bloedel Preserve*

## Currently Showing in a Garden Near You!

**You needn't be part of the Photography Committee to submit a photo.** Whether it be fabulous bark, great foliage, a plant that holds up well given the weather, winter blooms, your success in keeping a tender plant alive, fragrance, or maybe a combination of plantings that you are especially pleased with... **Share what you enjoy...** others are certain to enjoy it too! **I would like to dedicate this article to plants that are performing well or looking good at the time of the newsletter.** I have started this off with plants from my garden that look great now, in mid-November. If you send a photo, please identify material and include the date taken.

**Suzette de Turenne** [sdeturenne@comcast.net](mailto:sdeturenne@comcast.net)



*Fuchsia 'Celia Smedley'*



*Brunnera 'Jack Frost'*



*Liriope muscari variegata*



# SGC AT WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

In 2008 Seattle Garden Club made a three year pledge to the Lake Union Park project for the construction of one of five planter boats in the park. The planter boat was built and partially planted in 2008, with full planting expected by the September 23, 2010 grand opening. The planter is well maintained by the Parks Department maintenance staff, which added colorful annuals during the summer months. Additional trees, shrubs and plants will be planted in the spring of 2010 presenting an opportunity for garden club members to assist in



the planting. Stay tuned for date and time.

The Parks Foundation Staff would be more than happy to arrange tours of the new park in the summer of 2010, prior to the dedication, please contact Barbara Feasey for more information. Both Barbara and Barbee Crutcher are members of the Seattle Parks Foundation Board of Directors and would be happy to answer questions about the planter boat or Lake Union Park.

**Laurie S. Ahern, Community Projects Chair**

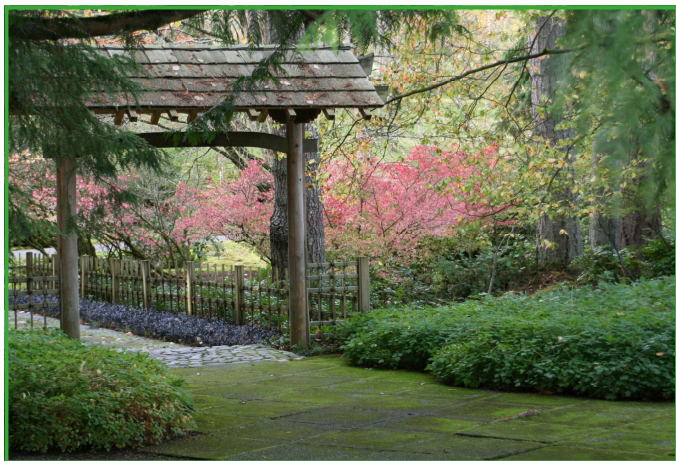


A summer day, sprinklers, and the planter boats create some impromptu fun for children at the park

**In an effort to keep well informed, Community Project Committee members periodically visit SGC supported gardens and projects. . . .**



*Barbara Anderson, Lyn White & Hope Stroble were among those to visit the Bloedel Preserve.*



*The Bloedel Preserve presents a visual feast any time of year.  
Photo by Laurie Ahern*

## 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](mailto:adfmorse@aol.com) or contact any Awards Committee member with questions.

## GARDENER'S CORNER

Thoughts for December:

- Prune evergreens for holiday decorations
- Finish planting bulbs
- Use dormant sprays of lime sulfur or copper fungicide on fruit trees and roses for general disease control
- Keep street drains clear by raking and disposing fallen leaves into your Yard Waste bin
- Plan garden changes. Remove pest-plagued plants, add low-water-use plants
- Transplant trees and shrubs now
- Enjoy family festivities and the sweet scent of paperwhites and holiday greens



**Janet Footh**

## Looking Ahead...

- Nov. 20-22 Friday 9-4; Saturday 9-4, Sunday 10-4  
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- Jan. 7 **Annual Photography Committee Meeting**  
Suzette de Turenne's home  
9:30am Coffee  
10:00am Meeting

- Jan. 11 **Hort Meeting**  
Provisional Talk: Kristi Ratzlaff  
"Taste" in the Garden  
UWBG/CUH  
9:30am Coffee  
10:00 Meeting
- Jan. 18 **Board Meeting**  
**Hope Stroble's home**  
10:00am
- Jan. 21 **SGC General Meeting**  
**Guests Welcome!**  
Speaker Andy Stout, Full Circle Farms  
9:30 Coffee; 10:00 Meeting;  
10:30 Speaker  
RSVP to Jane Harder  
(206) 361-7675 or [janeharder@comcast.net](mailto:janeharder@comcast.net)



### 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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