

The Seattle Garden Club

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January 2010



January General Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 2010

ANDY STOUT

Community Supported Agriculture

With a few acres, Andy Stout and his wife started Full Circle Farms twelve years ago with the desire to participate in the development of a healthy future for people, wildlife and the environment by growing, sourcing and providing food fostered with integrity, all while celebrating the flavors and shared joys of the table. Today they cultivate over 150 varieties of specialty fruits, vegetables, and herbs on 300 acres in Snoqualmie Valley. Their core values guide sustainable practices and allow them to partner with other growers and producers that share their vision.

Guests Welcome!

UW Botanic Gardens, Center for Urban Horticulture 9:30 coffee, 10:00 meeting, 10:30 program

Please RSVP by Friday, January 15 with a YES or NO to Jane Harder 206-361-7675 janeharder@comcast.net

AT A GLANCE

events of note coming soon

Jan. 7 **Annual Photography Committee Meeting**

Suzette de Turenne's home 9:30am Coffee; 10:00am Meeting

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GARDENER'S CORNER

Thoughts for January

- Gather branches of quince, forsythia and flowering cherries; bring inside to force early bloom
- Propagate split-leaf philodendrons and other leggy indoor plants by air-layering
- Sharpen mower blades and tune up needed garden equipment
- Indoors, lightly water and fertilize house plants
- Keep bird feeders filled food is scarce now
- Buy Northwest Flower and Garden Show tickets
- Browse catalogs, visit nurseries for bareroot fruit trees. raspberries, grapes currants and other fruit. Look for disease-resistant varieties; note if your choice is self-pollinating.
- To simplify pruning and harvesting, choose dwarfing root-stocks.

Janet Footh





FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year!

I hope all of you had a delightful holiday season. The Holiday Luncheon and Auction were a resounding success. Many thanks to Jeannie Gravenkemper and Laurie Ahern for making all the arrangements with the Seattle Golf Club, and to Carlyn Steiner and her hard working elves who organized the auction. It certainly was fun to be at a new venue, viewing enticing flower

arrangements headed up by the most creative Pru Hammett, and all of us singing Christmas carols! Proceeds in excess of \$25,000 from the Auction will enable us to reach out into the community with continuing support. We also collected over \$2,000 for Northwest Harvest.

In late November, Catherine Allan, Judy Phillips and I were the lucky ones to observe and learn from master pruner Massi at the Japanese Tea Garden in the Arboretum. What a meticulous process! We were also able to see our new meditation garden at the new entry gate. It is maturing into another serene vignette in the garden. Please take the time to see what our auction dollars are supporting.

We are now starting a New Year with many endeavors and projects. Deborah Cheadle will be attending the Garden History and Design Workshop in Pasadena in mid-January. She and her committee are diligently working on documenting several of our members' gardens. We can anticipate a wonderful finished product in May. In February, Juliet Romano, Pat Fitzgerald and I will be attending the National Affairs and Legislation Conference in Washington, D.C. Diana Neely will also be attending as the Vice Chair for the NAL Washington meeting. We will report on our experiences when we return.

Some of our special committees are busy at work. Ann Bohart, Archives chair, is preparing a history of our club for the 2013 GCA Centennial Celebration. Ann is also working with the UW to store all of our SGC archives in the UW Archival Library. Barbara Feasey, Scholarship Chair, has been dispersing information to local student populations informing them of the GCA Scholarship Program. And last, but not least, our Visiting Gardens Chair, Laurie Riley, has been planning field trips around the Puget Sound for our members. She has also taken visitors from Mississippi and Connecticut to visit local gardens, and she is planning a garden tour to Pasadena, California, in the spring.

Hope all of you have made some wonderful New Year's resolutions. My resolution is to spend more time in my garden with the intent of sharing garden knowledge with family, friends, and, of course, one another, more frequently.

Hope Stroble, President

SGC HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & AUCTION

The Holiday Luncheon and Auction was a huge success, raising in excess of \$25,000 for our Community Project efforts! The Ways and Means Committee, led fearlessly by Carlyn Steiner, thanks every member who participated to any degree in achieving our goals. It would be impossible to list all those whose efforts, large and small, were contributing factors. Donors, procurers, attendees, bidders and volunteers who helped before, during and after the event - all played an important part in its success. Less obvious, but contributing almost 20% of proceeds, are those members who became "Angels" by making a cash donation in support of our fundraiser. A complete list of those donors follows:



Announcer, Sharon Friel & Carlyn Steiner

BJ Anderson Alison Andrews Phoebe Andrews Nancy Bain Ann Bohart Diggs Docter Jeannine Foster Bobby Fowler Betty Gates Jeannie Gravenkemper Barbara Hamachek Mike Hayes Linda Helsell Barbara Himmelman Lannie Hoglund Julie Hooker Gretchen Hull Ann Hunter Janet Ketcham Helen King Beverly Martin Anne McKay Betsy Minor Diana Neely Eleanor Nolan Betty Paul Connie Phelps

Barbara Pringle
Juliet Romano
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Mary Smith
Burnley Snyder
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Deb Wilson



A new component this year, Burnley Snyder accompanied Cathy Parker and Deborah Cheadle, who led a selection of Christmas carols



The Steering Committee: Barbara Anderson, Suzette de Turenne, Debby Smith, Patsy Pattison, Burnley Snyder, Charlee Reed, Sheila Noonan, and Chair, Carlyn Steiner

A sampling of the creative centerpieces from SGC members.....



Dabney Rohrbach & Gayle Harris



Hotie Hard



Eleanor Nolan & Sherrill Elliott



Cary Jurriaans, her painting & Trudy Baldwin



Fay Page, Peggy Wilton, Barbie Snapp & Marilyn Fite check in for the day's festivities



Wade Garretson

VISIT THE SGC WEB SITE FOR MANY MORE PHOTOS! Photos contributed by Jane Harder, Catherine Allan and Suzette de Turenne are available for viewing at www.seattlegardenclub.org (username: sgcwebsite; password: rhodies).

VISITING GARDENS

SGC VISITING GARDENS PRESENTS...

THE FABULOUS GARDENS OF PASADENA and HANCOCK PARK

Note new dates: MAY 3 - 6, 2010

Mark your calendars!

Our trip will begin with a late afternoon flight on Monday, May 3rd to Burbank, transferring by bus to the Westin Hotel in Pasadena where we will spend 3 nights. Tuesday and Wednesday will be spent touring gardens in the Pasadena area and Thursday we will visit three or four special gardens in the Hancock Park "village" in L.A. before returning to Seattle on Thursday evening the 6th.

We are still finalizing plans and have had great interest.

Please call or e-mail Laurie Riley 206-325-2514 or laurieariley@msn.com to add your name to the list! Watch for the final itinerary in the February newsletter.

Laurie Riley, Visiting Gardens Chair

PHOTOGRAPHY NEWS

Did you get a new camera for Christmas? Here is that perfect opportunity to try it out!!

All SGC members are invited to participate in our upcoming photo exhibit on March 1st at the HORT meeting which will be held at UWBG.

Our theme will be:

VISIONS OF A WINTER GARDEN and WINTER LANDSCAPES

Photos may be color or monochromatic.

Details for the exhibit will be available at the General Meeting in January.

Call Jane Harder (206-361-7675) or Sis Woodside (206-324-1928) to register.

Currently Showing in a Garden Near You!

There is little doubt that if you strolled through your garden anytime after December 13th, following our string of freezing days, there were some sad sights to behold. But, wait! There too, were some surprises! **What survived surprisingly well in your garden?** Here are a few things that looked amazingly unscathed in mine.



'Kentucky Colonel' Spearmint



Hardy Gardenia 'Frost Proof'



Photinia davidiana



Sedums 'Jenny' & 'Angelina'

While hunting amongst the carnage for "survivors", I was greeted with a lovely fragrance, and lo and behold, a first year planting of 'Kentucky Colonel' spearmint, not only looked relatively usable, but the sunshine served to release its fabulous minty aroma, which heretofore, had gone unnoticed; the 'Frost Proof' gardenia, planted directly into the garden, lived up to its name; the red berries of Photinia davidiana (formerly Stranvaesia davidiana) were a welcome sight against the vivid blue sky; the sedum combo of silvery sedum montanum 'Jenny' and chartreuse 'Angelina' were surprisingly perky, as well.

You needn't be part of the Photography Committee to submit a photo. If you send a photo, please identify material and include the date taken.

Suzette de Turenne <u>sdeturenne@comcast.net</u>

CONSERVATION REPORT

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: UPDATE YOURSELF AND GET ACTIVE!

At Town Hall last month, Al Gore said something along the lines of this: turning off your lights and using less water is great however, what is really needed is for the laws to change to reflect the conservation priorities that we need to act on as a nation if we are going to continue to be able to live comfortably upon this planet. It was a call to action (again!). The best thing we can do is to be in constant contact with the people in government who represent us. Make it your New Years Resolution to copy off the contact information below and use it a few times in 2010. You'll be so glad (and proud) that you did.



NAL CONFERENCE UPDATE: In my next newsletter, I will write more about the GCA's NAL (National Affairs and Legislation) conference that occurs every February in the nation's capital. For now, I am excited to announce that the SGC will have four members attending the conference. Diana Neely, Pat Fitzgerald, Hope Stroble, and I will have lots to report upon our return! There is additional information in this issue from Diana Neely regarding NAL.

EAST MONTLAKE PARK UPDATE: On November 21st and 22nd, many SGC members and Boy Scouts again attacked the invasive plants that threaten to take over the East Montlake Park. Please see the separate update in this newsletter submitted by our Partner for Plants Project Manager for the park, Sue Blethen.

<u>CONWATCH UPDATE</u>: The newest ConWatch (the conservation publication of the GCA) is on line. It is filled with fascinating articles that explore everything from the Centennial Tree Project, to an article that explains exactly what a GMO (genetically modified organisms) is and why should we be concerned about it. Other articles included are an update on six bills that the GCA's NAL and Conservation Committeess are following in Congress, as well as an article describing the new publication from the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) called "Climate Change & National Parks Wildlife: A Survival Guide for a Warming World," and an article entitled "The Truth about Bottled Water", Follow this link for an informative few minutes of reading: http://www.gcamerica.org/membersonly/conwatch-newsletter/conwatch_fall_09.pdf

PORTLAND GC AND 'THE GORGE' UPDATE: For all of the members who contacted representatives and Federal agencies in D.C., I wanted to share with you a snippet from an email sent to Diana Neely from Pat Wall in Oregon.

"Word has it that all the letters, emails, faxes and calls have stopped the decision making process until January! Hip, hip hooray for the committee's responses! We may have to do anther blitz at the start of the year... Thank you, thank you to all!!!! Please let everyone know the positive impact they have made toward the preservation of The Gorge. We're all so grateful."

This is great news – because it shows that activism and getting involved works. However, it is just a start.

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For the other Representatives, 'google' their name and click on each website for all of their contact information.

Juliet Romano, Conservation Chair

NAL - What is it and What's Happening?

The National Affairs & Legislation Committee (NAL) (of the Garden Club of America) was created in June 1969 to, in the words of Mrs. Thomas M. Waller, a primary founder and former GCA president "bring to the attention of the membership important legislative proposals in Washington which fall within the fields of our endeavor." The work of the committee enhances the stated GCA purpose "to restore, improve, and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the fields of conservation and civic improvement."

The NAL Committee and the Conservation Committee are joined at the hip. The Chairs are partners. They each have a First Vice Chair who serves as a secretary, among other functions. There are partners within the committees. The ten vice chairs on each committee are in charge of reporting on ten areas of concern. They are alphabetically: Agriculture, Climate Change, Endangered Species, Forests/Redwoods, Energy Sources, National Parks/Public Lands, Oceans, Legislative Update, Transportation Corridors/Billboards, and Water/Wetlands. On the Conservation Committee there is a Vice Chair in charge of Endangered Species/Environmental Restoration and Air Quality/Toxic Substances. Three additional vice chairs serve on the NAL Committee and they are in charge of the Washington, D.C. Meeting. There are twelve Zone Representatives who serve both committees. Most positions are two year terms.

The NAL/Conservation Committees meet twice a year, have a fall conservation trip, and a 300 member February meeting in Washington, DC. I have been on both committees for a total of six years - four years as the Vice Chair for Partners for Plants (there is a PFP vice chair on the Horticulture committee who is the partner of the Conservation PFP vice chair!) and two years (in June 2010) on the Washington meeting. My job for the Washington meeting is to update the invitation, work with the NAL chair on organizational details of the meeting. The registrations, the money, the folders/pens handed out to each person, the name tags, the Congressional Directory, logistics at the meeting including the field trip, the Monday night dinner, the Capitol Steps dinner, questions from 300 delegates and anything else that needs attention. We have one day of education at the hotel and one day of education on the hill followed most importantly by visits to the delegates senators and representatives. The chair of the NAL is in charge of finding the speakers for the meeting. We have a paid lobbyist in Washington. He is paid from the Sadie Blackburn Fund should you wish to give to conservation!

NAL online!! Martha Phillips writes the legislative update. You can read it on the GCA website. She is fabulous. Elva Busch is the editor of Conservation Watch. Read it online as well. Buy a print out at our auction! All the reports of the individual vice chairs are online for your perusal. Connect with these wonderful ladies through their reports. You could even email them guestions!

I would encourage anyone who is interested in these two committees to contact me with questions. There is so much information and work that is accomplished. The committee wants to share its work. It is a treasure house of intelligent, vital women who passionately care about our earth. I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of serving on both committees and would encourage anyone if asked, to accept the challenge!

Diana Neely

There are a few openings for the NAL meeting in February. If you are interested, please contact Diana Neely at 206-605-4446.



Cathy Parker, Iris Wagoner, Sherrill Elliott, Pat Fitzgerald, Judy Thomas and Laurie Riley with their magnificent wreaths!

WREATH CREATIONS IN THE COLD

In early December, six hearty Garden Club wreath makers gathered at Crooked Arbor Gardens in Woodinville to create a beautiful array of natural wreaths for the holidays.

The weather was cold, crisp and beautiful and with guidance of wreath teacher extraordinaire, Judy Thomas, the end results were fantastic! Everyone had a fabulous time and it was a great way to really feel that Holiday Spirit!

Laurie Riley

HORTICULTURE COMMITTEE

The New Year brings our first Provisional speaker, Gayle Harris, who will present *Sight in the Garden,* Monday, January 11. Please note that this meeting will be held on the SECOND Monday this month at 9:30 for coffee, and 10:00 program.

Remember to bring your "show and tell" items: Favorite garden book, tool, idea, indoor plant or other horticultural gem. Please join us at UW Botanical Gardens (CUH) for an informative and fun morning.

Answer to 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?

sunflower nuts b. salt cod c. **breadfruit** d. dried jerky answer.....C. *Arctocarpus altilis*, is a tropical evergreen tree bearing edible seedless fruit which can be roasted, turning soft like bread

Quiz Question for the month:

What is a definition of ranunculus?

a. fast-moving and undulating

b. related to the ancient Roman twins

c. from the frog's place

d. weather-beaten yet hardy

The Horticulture Committee members will meet at Debbi's house on Tuesday, January 26, at 10:00. Please refer to the website calendar for details.

Debbi Wilson, Chair

PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE

REMINDER: PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE MEETING January 7th - 9:30 am - Suzette de Turenne's

The Photography Committee will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, January 7th, 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...



Winter wood pile by Kathy Lea



Winter stream by Laurie Riley

SGC AT WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

In 2008 the Seattle Garden Club approved the proposal made by the Arboretum Foundation for \$35,000 to fund the Entry Gatehouse Project at the Japanese Garden in the Washington Park Arboretum.

In particular, the proposal addressed construction of the Demonstration Terrace Garden outside of the meeting room in the collection of small entry buildings reminiscent of a Japanese village. The terrace expands the view from the meeting room into the garden itself. It is a type of contemplation garden, which is a miniature landscape that contrasts and complements the larger stroll garden beyond. This project makes a statement at the entry of the garden, preparing the visitor entering one of the finest example of a Japanese garden outside of Japan.



A donor sign has been placed inside the demonstration garden to honor the donation by the Seattle Garden Club. Plan to stop by next spring when the garden reopens and visit our project.

Laurie Ahern

JAPANESE GARDEN -VOLUNTEER GUIDE TRAINING!

Training classes for new Japanese Garden volunteer guides are offered on March 9, 16, 23, and 30th from 10am to 3pm in the Garden's Tateuchi Meeting Room in the new courtyard area. Guides share their knowledge while leading 45-minute tours of the Garden. From February to November, guides host groups of tourists, seniors, children, garden clubs, and other visitors, explaining the significance of Japanese Garden design and special elements found in Seattle's authentic stroll-garden style. During the tour season, a schedule of tour reservations is e-mailed to the volunteer guides, enabling them to select which dates and times best fit their schedules. Designed by designer and builder Juki lida, the garden is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

There is a \$30 fee for the 20 hours of training, including manual. Registration is due by February 1.

For more information and registration application, please contact gardensignup@gmail.com

"You can spot real gardeners as easily in January as in July.

Bright seed catalogs cover their tables.

A couple of catalogs lie on the kitchen table beside the toast and jam.

There are a few on the bedside table in case of insomnia."

Ruth Page

DID YOU KNOW that Deborah Cheadle provides poems and quotations for your newsletter? "Thank you" Deborah!

East Montlake Park Update!

We have great news! Two Fall Weeding Days at the park followed by 32 Scouts on Saturday, November 21st, shovel-pruned blackberries, clematis the size of my arm, and masses of ivy runners! How could there still be so many left after last year's massive effort? I now have a new appreciation of the dilemma of stubborn invasives!!

The non-NW intruders are, once again, subdued and now lie under cardboard and wood chips!! We hope in their weakened state they rot away this winter! We do need to be more diligent to keep them from returning so we can replant with healthy NW Native Plants NEXT FALL!

Thank you so much for all of your support and to everyone who was able to help out at the park. I want you to know that we are a great team and are making a huge difference on the Lake Washington Waterside Trail at the Montlake Cut!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Sue Blethen

GCA 2013 Centennial Tree Project

Over the last several months, SGC members have been tending cedar seedlings as part of our chapter's tree project. Our project, called The Cedar and the Saskatoon, focuses on this diverse pair of northwest Natives—Western Red Cedar (Thuja plicata) and Saskatoon Berry (Amelanchier alnifolia)—both highly valued in northwest Native American culture.

We're making good progress. An initial group of 46 cedars is currently being planted at Magnuson Park in conjunction with the Park's 43-acre development plan. Under the direction of Seattle Parks and Recreation, the plan includes the restoration of natural habitat and construction of new wetlands.

We are delighted that our cedars will contribute to returning sections of Seattle's second largest park to a more natural state. Our cedars will be located in the new wetlands and in the north woodland, along both sides of the trail. Those already planted are marked with red flags so that we can monitor their growth.

In the meantime, we are continuing to grow another group of cedars, to be shown at our Annual Meeting, as well as cuttings of Amelanchier for future planting. Our tree project culminates in 2013 when similar projects from around the country will be showcased at the GCA Centennial Celebration in Philadelphia.

Many thanks to all our growers! If you'd like to join the Tree Project Committee, please contact Jenny Wyatt.



Western Red Cedar sapling planted at newly planted at the north forest at Magnuson Park



Miriam Preus (Magnuson Park Wetlands Gardener) and Sharon Blevins (Magnuson Park Senior Gardener) help prepare the 46 donated cedars for planting

GCA HAPPENINGS



Are you a golfer?

Will 2010 take you on a golfing holiday? Garden Club of America has joined forces with golfing communities to promote healthy environments for wildlife, plants and humans on golf courses. GCA's pamphlet entitled "New American Golf Course" describes the goals of the garden and golfing relationship. The hope is to conserve water and other natural resources, utilize native plants and reduce waste without jeopardizing the game. Several courses that have successfully implemented these measures include Disney's Golf Club in Florida, Palo Verdes' Ocean Trails in California, and The Paradise Valley Country Club in Arizona. All sunny spots! There are others in Oregon, Wisconsin, Montana and Massachusetts. Look for the information on the GCA Website. Happy golfing!

http://www.gcamerica.org/pamphlets/pamphlet_golf_course.html

Carey Davis Abbott

EcoTips

When making your New Year's resolutions please add "think green"!

For starters:

- Drive your car less by combining your errands, carpooling, walking if possible
- Eat "green" eat less beef, more Alaska fish, and shop the local farmers' market near you.

Happy New Year to all.

Cappy Rooks

Looking Ahead...

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Debbi Wilson's - 10:00am

Feb. 1 Hort Meeting

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9:30am Coffee;10:00 Meeting

Feb. 8 Board Meeeting

Sunset Club; 10:00am

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Speaker Jana Dilly

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Suzette de Turenne, Communications Committee Chair



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