



The Seattle Garden Club

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May 2010



SEATTLE GARDEN CLUB

presents

"MEDITERRANEAN MEDLEY"

2010 CLUB FLOWER SHOW

PREVIEW PARTY

MAY 20th - 5:30 to 7:30pm

At the home of Pam & Jay Green

Valet service; festive attire!

Angel - \$250.00/Patron - \$150.00/Individual - \$100.00

Space is limited!

RSVP & checks (made out to SGC) to
Charlee Reed: 308 36th Avenue E., Seattle 98112

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or phone 206-325-7033

AT A GLANCE

events of note this month

- May 1 Day trip to Portland Flower Show
Contact Hope Stroble or Laurie Riley
Member Surveys due to Catherine Roach
- May 3 Hort Meeting @ UWBG/CUH
9:30am Coffee, 10am Program
- May 17 Board Meeting
10am @ The Sunset Club
- May 20 "Mediterranean Medley" Flower Show
Pam Green's - Hort & Flower Arranging
& Preview Party

HORT MEETING

Monday, May 3rd - UWBG/CUH

9:30 Coffee/10:00 Program

Provisional Talk

Kristi Ratzlaff

"Taste in the Garden"

AND

"How to Put your Best Bloom Forward"
an abbreviated workshop on preparing your
flower show specimens



FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are definitely gearing up for our Club Flower Show (Horticulture and Flower Arranging) at Pam Green's lovely Mediterranean home on May 20th, and our Photography Show at the Annual Meeting. I encourage everyone to participate in some fashion. It is always a great event for creativity, education and camaraderie.

At our last General Meeting we voted for the GCA Founders Fund recipient. Our club voted to support The Urban Farm and Produce Stand in Wilmington, Delaware. The winner will be announced at the GCA Annual Meeting in May. The winner will receive \$25,000 and the other two finalists will receive \$7,500 each.

At our last Board Meeting several Board actions were approved:

- A Memorial policy stating guidelines for our Club in the event of a death of a member.
- A change to the Bylaws to include an Events Chair as a Board member
- A change to the Bylaws to include under the responsibilities of President-Elect to be Chair of the Policy and Planning Committee

We will vote on the bylaw changes at the Annual Meeting.

Many thanks to Trudy Baldwin for stepping in mid-year as Meeting Arrangements Chair for Pat Fitzgerald. She has made certain the remainder of this year goes smoothly and she has planned all the meeting venues for next year. Kudos also go to Traci Tenneson for maintaining and growing a wonderful website, Suzette de Turenne for an all-encompassing Newsletter and Jane Harder, who has proofread every newsletter this year. We have all benefitted from their efforts in keeping us abreast of all Flower Arranging, Horticulture, Conservation, Photography and Judging disciplines of our Club and elsewhere.

Hope Stroble, President

JUNE ANNUAL MEETING & PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

Broadmoor Golf Club

Thursday, June 3, 2010

**11:30 A.M.: Check-In, Receiving Line
for New Provisionals,
Photography Viewing and Refreshments
(theme: 'Mediterranean Medley')**

12:15 P.M.: Annual Meeting, Awards and Luncheon

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED/Festival Seating

**Please reply yes or no
by Wednesday, May 26th
to B.J. Anderson**

andersonbj@comcast.net or 425-54-4680

**Non-Subscribers to the Hostess Fund
please mail a check for \$40.00 to B.J. Anderson
8602 N.E. 19th Place, Bellevue, WA 98004**

GARDENER'S CORNER

Thoughts for May



- Fertilize and trim spring-blooming shrubs, rhododendron and azaleas, after bloom
- Remove spent bulb seed pods, but leave the foliage to mature
- Plant containers for summer color. Try mixing herbs with annuals. Remember, bees like yellow, hummingbirds like red
- Plant dahlias, calla lilies and other summer-blooming bulbs and tubers
- Transplant heat-loving tomatoes, peppers, squash and cucumbers
- Try espaliering tomatoes on a south or west wall or on a trellis
- Harden off tender plants, flowers and vegetables, before planting them outdoors.
- Renovate lawn if necessary. Aerate and topdress surface with ¼ inch sandy loam soil. Overseed bare spots. A mixture of perennial ryegrass/fine fescue grows well in light shade and can be maintained year round

Janet Footh

PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE

By the time you read this, I TRUST that Spring will be in full bloom with plenty of wonderful opportunities to go "shooting".



SPRING PHOTO SESSIONS AT THE JAPANESE GARDEN will be on April 20th & 27th and May 4th, 11th, and 18th. Photo sessions are held before the garden is open to the public. The limit is 10 photographers per photo session. These are the only times that tripods are allowed in the garden. \$30 advance registration is required. These sessions take place rain or shine. (Information: 206-684-4725)

"MEDITERRANEAN MEDLEY" PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

There is one available entry remaining in Class 1: "The Mystique of the Market". If you would like to enter a photograph in that class, please notify Jane Harder ASAP! At this time, we are now allowing a photographer three (3) entries in the show.

NOTE: CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR ENTRIES TO BE DELIVERED!!

Photos are to be delivered to Mary Kay Fitzgerald
3319 E. Shore Drive, Seattle 98112, BY 3pm, May 17th ...
no exceptions!

Jane Harder, Chair

A little Madness in the Spring

A little Madness in the Spring
Is wholesome even for the Kind,
But God be with the Clown -

Who ponders this tremendous scene -
The whole Experiment of Green -
As if it were his own!

Emily Dickenson

Out of May's Shows Selected

Apple orchards, the trees
all cover'd with blossoms;
Wheat fields carpeted far and near
in vital emerald green;
The external, exhaustless freshness
of each early morning;
The yellow, golden, transparent haze
of the warm afternoon sun;
The aspiring lilac bushes
with profuse purple or white flowers.

Walt Whitman

HORTICULTURE COMMITTEE

We enjoyed a special treat on April 5: Chris Caviezel presented a thorough talk on "Attracting Hummingbirds" to our gardens. He brought all of the essential materials a birder may want for the care, feeding and maintenance of our garden visitors. In addition, members brought their colorful daffodil blooms for our tables.

Our final Monday Hort Meeting on May 3rd will have two features: Provisional Kristi Ratzlaff will speak on, "Taste in the Garden," and our own Hort Committee members will host a brief workshop, "How to Put Your Best Bloom Forward."

Remember to purchase your Centennial Daffodils soon; I am taking orders for a group discount.

Once again, I urge you to participate in our own May 20 Flower Show, *Mediterranean Medley*. It is a club effort that is a perfect opportunity for you to learn, interact, win a ribbon, and have fun. Don't miss out on the good times!

Answer to last month's Quiz Question:

What fruits are traditionally blended with ground meat, melted animal fat, kneaded into a paste and packed into sausage casings for as high energy snack?

- a. lingonberries b. jonathan apples C. SERVICEBERRIES d. plantain bananas

This month's Quiz Question:

Since Medieval times, the seeds and roots have been used to flavor liqueurs, such as Benedictine and Chartreuse.

- a. Silythum marianum b. Theobroma cacao c. Commiphora myrrha d. Angelica archangelica

Debbi Wilson, Hort Chair

CONSERVATION REPORT

Five conservation things to think about in May:

1) "Bee" an amateur scientist: check out The Great Sunflower Project!

[Four Easy Steps to Participate! | The Great Sunflower Project](#)

Sign up and grow a sunflower (or Bee balm, Cosmos, Rosemary, Tickseed, Purple coneflower or others), describe your garden, observe how long it takes five bees to visit your plant (no longer than 15 minutes), input your results online.



2) Toward a Healthy Puget Sound: One year later

Puget Sound Partnership has been hard at work cleaning up Puget Sound. Check out this page on their website to read about some of their successes. [Puget Sound Partnership](#) From Olympia: \$50 million for storm-water projects, and \$42 million to clean up toxic sights in Puget Sound! In D.C.: David Dicks, PSP Executive Director spoke to the Full Committee and Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife Joint Hearing entitled, "Joint Hearing on the Legislative Approaches to Protecting, Preserving, and Restoring Great Water Bodies." Things are happening!

And while we are on the subject of water...

3) The power of words: A quote from marine biologist Sylvia Earle

"When I served as chief scientist at NOAA, staff would say, 'Well, why don't people tell us what they think? We only hear from vested interests -- like commercial fishermen - who want to maintain their commercial rights.' If people express their concerns, policymakers will respond."

4) Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch list: Download and cut out a regional list to keep in your purse!

http://www.montereybayaquarium.org/cr/cr_seafoodwatch/content/media/

[MBA SeafoodWatch WestCoastGuide.pdf](#)

Or...get Seafood Watch recommendations on your iPhone with the free app!

[Seafood Watch Recommendations for Your iPhone | Monterey Bay Aquarium](#)

5) Check out Green Thumbs: The blog of the SGC[Green Thumbs](#).

Here are some of the past short entries on the blog that you can access by clicking on "[Go To Archive](#)":

- Guide to Safe Drinking Water
- Slow Death by Rubber Duck: The Secret Danger of Everyday Things
- The Great Sunflower Project
- Full Circle Farm: CSA
- Bluebird Grain Farms
- Edible Seattle: Celebrating the Seasonal Bounty of Puget Sound
- A Shop with a Cause: NuBe Green
- ...and several more!

Juliet Romano, Conservation Chair

EcoTips



Its Spring!! (or so the calendar tells us despite the cold winds outside still) so I'm sure that you all are anxious to get outside to work in your gardens.

One of the first things to do is to take advantage of the free compost and free compostable bags and kitchen collectors offered by Seattle Public Utilities during Compost Days plus big discounts on compost in many nurseries from April 15th until the end of May. Composting means stronger healthier plants in your flower and vegetable gardens. You can even eat green in "green scene" restaurants.

Call 1-877- 764-5748 or go to www.cgcompost.com for more info.
Happy Spring Gardening!

Cappy Rooks

SGC IN THE COMMUNITY

Community Projects Committee and Board Approve Seattle Children's PlayGarden Grant Proposal

The Seattle Children's PlayGarden is Seattle's newest public garden, and is for children of all physical and mental capabilities. A group of SGC members met with the Executive Director, Liz Bullard, and the garden designer, Wendy Welsh, in early April. The proposal is for \$10,000 to help with the final phase of construction of a living fence, butterfly border, turf, shade trees, planters and a wild-zone garden. We learned that special needs children and their siblings will participate in the growing of vegetables, harvesting and cooking in their handicap-friendly kitchen. There is a large physical therapy room, indoor craft space, washer and dryers, chicken coop and rabbit hutch.

Children come from as far away as Monroe and Carnation to participate in summer programs. Indeed, this type of garden is unique and a model for the rest of the country. They rely heavily on volunteers and would love to have our members involved. This will become a must-see for grandchildren!

The PlayGarden is having an auction on May 22, 2010, at CUH from 5-9. Go to www.childrensplaygarden.org for more information.

At its April meeting the Community Projects Committee approved the grant proposal submitted by the Seattle Children's PlayGarden. It was then approved by the SGC Board. The next step is to have the general membership vote at the June Annual Meeting. Please feel free to contact Laurie Ahern with any questions: 206-322-6723 or lahern1681@gmail.com.

Laurie Ahern



SGC members visited the PlayGarden: (left to right) Laurie Ahern, Debby Smith, Barbee Crutcher, Susan Pollock, Jeannie Gravenkemper and Janet Footh, with PlayGarden Executive Director, Liz Bullard.

FRAGRANCE GARDEN UPDATE

TREE REMOVAL...The photos tell all! Now we have room for more plants!! The tree came down in minutes, the stump was ground out, all courtesy of Davey Tree, as a donation to the University.



After the removal, Dave Zuckerman (right) our UWBG Fragrance Garden connection, imagines the potential for the new space.

SGC SHINES!



Marilee Ahalt entered the Challenge Class in flower arranging at the Piedmont-Orinda "In Concert" Flower Show, and was awarded 2nd place for her arrangement. Congratulations to Marilee and all our exhibitors who continue to bring distinction to SGC!



GCA HAPPENINGS

The Billboard Brigade

The Garden Club of America became famous (or infamous, depending upon your point of view) back in 1919 when members took off for Washington D.C. to protest the proliferation of billboards. That was just six years after the founding of GCA. It must have been a quite spectacle on the streets of our nation's capitol as garden loving women marched prior to women having the right to vote! But they must have been somewhat successful as here in Washington State there are current regulations about signage along the highways.

Due to these rules, fewer new billboards have been installed. Although there are still problems, our roadways throughout the country have much less signage and advertisements than they did 30 years ago. Yet the issue still exists. An interesting website to find out more about this is found at www.scenic.org. This organization, and many others of interest to gardeners, are listed on GCA's own website: www.gcamerica.org.

Carey Davis Abbott

Currently Showing in a Garden Near You!



Wade Garretson sent this photo of a plant in her garden, *Leptinella squalida*, Platt's Black, aka brass buttons.

Wade shares, "I've had them for years but only now am really looking at this diminutive groundcover with the oh-so-tiny blooms. It's a relative of the sunflower, of all things." Like many of us, Wade has discovered that being a member of the Seattle Garden Club helps bring a new awareness even to one's own garden.

Share your photos - they are appreciated!

POLICY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

BYLAW CHANGE RECOMMENDATION

After having been approved by our SGC Board, and as required prior to **voting at our Annual Meeting**, please note and review the following recommended changes to our by-laws ("Events" has been added as a Standing Committee in Section 1. Governance; and the President Elect has been made Chair of the Policy and Planning Committee in Section 2. Officers - 2.2 President Elect):

ARTICLE IV GOVERNING BOARD, OFFICERS, AND COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. **Governance** All affairs of SGC shall be managed by the Governing Board consisting of the Officers and the Chairmen of the following Standing Committees:

Club Communications	Meeting Arrangements
Community Projects	Membership
Conservation	Photography
Events	Policy and Planning
Finance	Program
Flower Arrangers	Ways and Means
Horticulture	

SECTION 2. **Officers**

2.2 **President-Elect** The President-Elect shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. She shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President and shall assist as requested by the President. **The President-Elect shall Chair the Policy and Planning Committee.**

VISITING GARDENS

SGC OPEN GARDENS DAY - TUESDAY, JUNE 22

The Visiting Gardens Committee is pleased to announce an event which we hope will become a tradition in our club.....Open Gardens Day! The Open Gardens event will be a day, once every spring or fall, when members open their gardens to other members. It will be a complimentary, casual, four-hour event, centered in one neighborhood, when SGC members can visit other members' gardens. There will be no formal tours, no refreshments, just a casual visit.

This year's day will be Tuesday, June 22, and we will visit gardens in the north end. The hours are 10am-2pm. A complete list of open gardens will be published in the June newsletter.

If you live in the north end and would be willing to show your garden, please contact Laurie Riley @laurieriley@msn.com (or we will contact you).

We are all interested in viewing gardens...all over the country and world...so now we have an opportunity to enjoy those right in our own back yard. Please watch for sign-ups at meetings or contact Laurie Riley.

SGC PHOTOGRAPHERS IN THE FIELD....



MEMORIAL POLICY

The Policy and Planning Committee has established the following memorial policy:

- Memorial announcements will be made in the newsletter and at the Annual Meeting
- The Corresponding Secretary will send a note to the family
- Individual members may make a contribution to the SGC Endowment Fund in memory of the deceased



Jane Harder gets down to earth while photographing tiny wildflowers on an outing with other SGC members on Orcas Island: White Fawn Lilly, Erythronium oregonum (upper left) and Fairy Slipper, Calypso bulbosa, (bottom, right).

SGC MEMBERSHIP SURVEY 2010

Please return this survey by May 1, 2010, to: Catherine Roach, 463 - 39th Ave. E., Seattle, WA 98112
or tcroach@comcast.net

Although many of you have indicated Committee preferences on the circulated sign-up sheets at various meetings, this form addresses more specific and varied information and should be returned by all members.

NAME:

Suggestions for

- General Meeting
- Hort Class
- Flower Arranging
- Field Trip

Would you be willing to give a presentation at a Hort Meeting? If so, on what topic?

Would you be willing to share your home and/or garden for:

Hort Class @ 50-70 persons September Picnic @ 80-100 persons

All Active Members are encouraged to serve on the SGC Board or to chair a committee.

Which SGC Board position interests you?

Which Committee would you like to chair?

On which committees would you like to participate for 2010-2011?

Do you have an interest in serving on **Awards?** On **Nominations?**

Would you be willing to help with the **Newsletter?** Or **Website?**

Would you like to be considered for a **Zone XII position?** Is there one that interests you most?

If you are interested in the **Judging Program**, please contact the current advisors:

Flower Arranging: Prudence Hammett 425-455-9841, prudence54@msn.com

Horticulture: Noreen Frink 206-325-6399, nfrink@comcast.net

Photography: Jo Anne Rosen 206-322-1910, joannerosen@hotmail.com

Suggestions for a **Founders Fund** award in our area:

Ideas, suggestions, comments on any subject?

Yearbook Changes? Name, address, area code, cell phone, email, etc.

Membership Status

If you are considering a change, please write to the Membership Chair by June 1, 2010.

Dinah Hutchinson, 89 Olympic Drive NW, The Highlands, Seattle, WA 98177

Looking Ahead...

June 3 Annual Meeting &
"Mediterranean Medley"
Photography Show
11:00am @ Broadmoor Golf Club
RSVP BY MAY 26TH TO B.J. ANDERSON

June 10 Annual "In and Out"
Board Meeting
10:00am - Sunset Club
Bring your Committee reports!

June 22 Visiting Gardens
"Open Gardens Day"
10am to 2pm

Sept 16 Annual Fall Picnic
A return to Bainbridge!
Plan ahead for your outing
to Islandwood!



ARE YOU READY TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL?

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE CHANGED TO E-MAIL THIS YEAR! If you are currently receiving this newsletter via U.S. Mail, and are ready to receive it via e-mail, just let me know. We are always happy to reduce expenses/waste, which is in keeping with GCA policies!

Suzette de Turenne, Communications Committee Chair



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