



# The Seattle Garden Club

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June 2010



## ANNUAL MEETING & "MEDITERRANEAN MEDLEY" 2010 CLUB PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

**Broadmoor Golf Club**

**Thursday, June 3, 2010**

11:30am: Check-In, Receiving Line for New Provisionals,  
Photography Viewing and Refreshments

12:15pm: 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](mailto: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. 19<sup>th</sup> Place, Bellevue, WA 98004

### AT A GLANCE

events of note this month

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| May 26  | RSVP to BJ Anderson for the Annual Meeting                            |
| May 27  | Invasive Weed Pulling/Montlake Park                                   |
| June 1  | SGC 2011 Flower Show Meeting<br>10:30am Bell Harbor Conference Center |
| June 3  | Annual Meeting & Photography Show<br>Broadmoor Golf Club              |
| June 10 | In and Out Board Meeting/Sunset Club                                  |
| June 21 | Take your photo on the Summer<br>Solstice - 9pm                       |
| June 22 | Visiting Gardens "Open Garden Day"<br>Tour of northend home gardens   |

### Invasive Weed Pulling

**East Montlake Park**

**Thursday, May 27th, 9:30-Noon**

Let's pull the weeds while they are still small! Join Sue Blethen at the park. Volunteers will need gloves, appropriate clothes, and their favorite weeding tools to rout morning glory, clematis, ivy and a few blackberries from our park. I will bring a couple of shovels for the few blackberries that are poking through. Please call me, if you have any questions and so I know how many to expect, or just come and we can visit while we work!

Thanks so much!

Sue Blethen  
Cell (206)930-0129





## FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is my last newsletter and it marks the end of my term as your first one-year President. It has gone way too quickly and from my perspective it has been a very enriching year to work with all of you. My thanks to each of you for being such willing participants and for contributing to the wonderful programs, field trips and behind the scenes hard work.

We have recently reached a verbal agreement with CUH to renew our office lease for 10 more years. We have also agreed to renew our three-year maintenance agreement for the Fragrance Garden. We will vote on the Fragrance Garden agreement at the Annual Meeting.

I would like to give special thanks to Alex Morse and her Awards committee for their diligence in selecting many worthy award recipients. The winners will be announced at our Annual Meeting. Deborah Cheadle, Mary Turner, and the Garden History and Design committee, have worked hard to produce a wonderful garden book of some of our members and their gardens. The book will be available at the Annual Meeting. Many thanks to each of you for your efforts.

There is exciting news from the GCA Judging Committee. Dinah Hutchinson (Hort), Kathy Lea (Photography) and Iris Wagner (Flower Arranging) have been approved as GCA Judges. Marilee Ahalt (Flower Arranging), Suzette de Turenne (Hort) and Mary Turner (Photography) have been approved as prospective judges. And Barbara Feasey (Flower Arranging) and Suzette de Turenne (Photography) have been approved as candidates in the GCA Judging Program. Congratulations to all of these women!! Many thanks to Diana Neely for her role in facilitating the advancement of these women in the Judging Program.

And finally, thank you to Vicki Neumann and her committee for creating a beautiful flower show. Pam and Jay Green had the perfect venue for the event!

I am pleased to turn over the Presidency at our Annual Meeting to our very capable and articulate Catherine Roach. She is a gem!

*Hope Stroble, President*

## GARDEN HISTORY & DESIGN

### *Look for our new book at the Annual Meeting*

The Garden History and Design Committee will unveil its beautiful new book, **2010 Seattle Garden Club's Smithsonian Documented Gardens**, at the June 3rd Annual Meeting luncheon. The book is a collection of photographs of SGC members' gardens that have been accepted into the Smithsonian Institution's Archives of American Gardens. The photographs, taken by SGC photographers, capture the beauty and variety of eight gardens with portraits and short profiles of the owners.

Gardens are ephemeral creations - always changing, never static - and are reflections of their owners' creative vision and sustained effort. Several of the garden owners whose gardens are included in the book are no longer living, which illustrates how important it is to document beautiful gardens before they disappear or are altered by new owners with new visions. This book will be a chance to remember our friends and their magical gardens.

The book will be available for viewing at the luncheon. Members can then place an order for their own copy. Copies will be for sale at cost, which will be about \$50.

*Deborah Cheadle, Chair*





# HORTICULTURAL COMMITTEE

Provisional Kristi Ratzlaff presented a colorful and educational talk, "*Taste in the Garden*" at our final Monday Horticulture meeting. Each of our Provisionals has researched diligently in order to teach us more about the abundance of a garden's multi-sensory impact on animals, birds, insects and humans. Thank you to Gail, Carrie, Dabney and Kristi for your unique presentations and hard work.

With a hands-on demonstration, we worked to encourage our members to bring Horticulture exhibits to the *Mediterranean Medley Flower Show* on May 20. Laurie displayed a sample Baird Board; Catherine brought and groomed a Par entry; Suzette demonstrated how to wedge, cut and pose a specimen in the bottles; Debbi brought an example of a Pot-et-Fleur.

Several members adopted/ took the Amelanchier alnifolia cuttings offered at the meeting. Cut from Susan Pollock's shrubs by Cappy Rooks, Catherine Allan, Angel Clark and Jenny Wyatt, they are part of our propagation project for the 2013 Centennial Tree Project.

*Answer to last month's Quiz Question:* Since Medieval times, the seeds and roots have been used to flavor liqueurs, such as Benedictine and Chartreuse. d. **Angelica archangelica**

The Hort Committee has decided to purchase iris rhizomes for a Growing Contest that could be part of the 2011 Flower Show; the iris will be available in the fall to members who would like to grow them and participate in the Contest. More details will follow in the late summer.

*You love the roses - so do I. I wish the sky would rain down roses,  
As they rain from off the shaken bush. Why will it not?  
Then all the valley would be pink and white and soft to tread on.  
They would fall as light as feathers, smelling sweet: and it would be  
Like sleeping and yet waking, all at once. George Eliot*

Have a wonderful summer of working in, reading about or touring gardens.

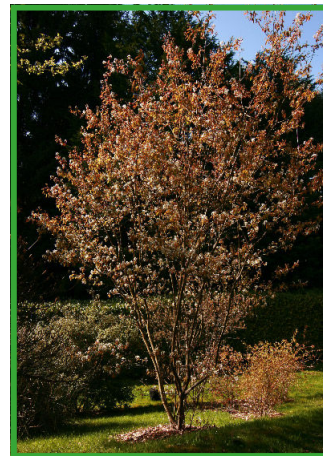
**Debbi Wilson, Chair**



Lyn White, Kristi Ratzlaff and Sally Nordstrom



Cappy Rooks, Angel Clark & Catherine Allan



Will your Amelanchier cutting live long enough to look like this?



**Barbara Hamachek and her award-winning arrangement:**  
"*Prairie winds bend man's fences embracing nature's beauty*" - just one of many awarded SGC entries.

## SGC SHINES! PORTLAND FLOWER SHOW

SGC can be proud of its many members who successfully exhibited at the recent Portland Flower Show. Portland expressed appreciation of SGC participation in photography, flower arranging and horticulture divisions. Exhibitors included Suzette de Turenne, Noreen Frink, Pam Green, Barbara Hamachek, Prudence Hammett, Dinah Hutchinson, Vicki Neumann, Laurie Riley, Juliet Romano, Jo Anne Rosen, Mary Turner and Debbi Wilson.

## EcoTips



### Saving energy while cooking:

Microwaves use 50% less energy than your oven; use your microwave when possible for small portions. And remember when you are using the oven, you lose 25 to 50 degrees or more every time you open your oven door. If you use glass baking dishes you can lower the oven temperature 25 degrees. Saving electric energy saves the environment.

**Cappy Rooks**

## 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 of Seattle. The hours are 10am-2pm. Thus far, those who will be opening their gardens are **Ann Wyckoff, Phoebe Andrew, Alison Andrews, Patsy Pattison, Kathy Lea, Burnley Snyder and Gayle Harris** . . . all in the Highlands or nearby.

**If you live in the north end and would be willing to add your garden to the list, please contact Laurie Riley at [laurieriley@msn.com](mailto: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.

*Laurie Riley, Chair*



*The Visiting Gardens trip to the Pasadena area this past month, was enjoyed by many SGC members.*

## DUES NOTICE COMING YOUR WAY.....

Dues notices will be going out the first week of June. Please note that the Meeting Arrangements fee has been raised \$20 to \$135 for 2010-2011 due to rising costs.

Included in your dues notice will be a request for your cell phone number, for easier communication. Only include if you carry it on a regular basis. You will also be asked to make a \$25 donation to GCA 100th Anniversary Fund, if you did not do so last year.

*Patsy Pattison, Treasurer*

*In the spring, at the  
end of the day, you  
should smell like dirt.*

*~ Margaret Atwood,  
1939—present  
poet, essayist & author*

## CHECK OUT WHAT'S NEW ON OUR SGC WEBSITE!

On the public page: [http://www.seattlegardenclub.org/Garden\\_Club\\_Public/Public\\_Home\\_Page.html](http://www.seattlegardenclub.org/Garden_Club_Public/Public_Home_Page.html)

- Catherine Allan's report from her Potsdam, Germany garden tour
- Juliet Romano's latest Green Thumbs entry: Olympia's Environmental Report Card 2010

And on the Member's Page: [http://members.seattlegardenclub.org/Garden\\_Club\\_Members/Members\\_Home\\_Page.html](http://members.seattlegardenclub.org/Garden_Club_Members/Members_Home_Page.html) (YOU WILL NEED TO SIGN IN)

- The newsletter archive and yearbook links are active again! Thanks for your patience!



## SGC MEMBERS SERVE IN GCA POSITIONS

At this time, SGC can be proud that we have three members serving GCA.

Diana Neely will be the GCA Judging Chairman for 2010-2012. There are 18 women on her committee from every zone. There are four chair meetings a year, two committee meetings a year, the annual meeting and an annual meeting flower show. Diana supplies special panels for major flower shows. She will go to our Zone meeting and others as required. According to Diana, "In two years I will be able to tell you more! I would like to say that I have enjoyed being the Zone XII Judging rep. I have travelled our zone and met wonderful, talented, special women. Thank you to everyone in our club who helped with the Zone XII Judging Workshop we held in the fall. I could not have done it without you!"



*Diana Neely*

Pam Green and Iris Wagner will be serving on the Visiting Gardens Committee. Beginning July 1, 2010 Pam Green will take over the National Committee Chair position along side Iris Wagner who will be serving as a Vice Chairman for the next two years. Iris is responsible for managing the Interest List for those who sign up early. The committee is made up of representatives from each zone, three vice-chairmen and advisors. Our purpose is to plan three trips a year; two within the United States and one internationally. These trips, while providing interesting and scenic destinations both public and private, raise funds for the Garden Club of America through charitable contributions made from the participants of each trip. On the business side of the committee we hold one required meeting a year in October at the GCA Headquarters in New York City, and have a spring meeting at a location chosen by the National Chair and her committee.



*Iris Wagner & Pam Green*

Pam is looking forward to her position: "Visiting Gardens Committee jobs are the best! We get to plan and take trips to some of the most beautiful gardens in the world while working with many members of the Garden Club of America."



## GCA HAPPENINGS

**Invasive Species** About this time of year, many of our fingers ache from pulling dandelions, buttercup and dockweed. However, our fingers would be much sorer had it not been for The Garden Club of America's nearly century old campaign against invasive species. The first rally occurred in 1920 to attempt to eradicate gardens and towns of poison ivy. Since then, clubs have taken on such irritants as ragweed, honeysuckle, purple loosestrife. There was even a movement to rid areas of mosquitoes! What's next? Check out GCA's website for more information. GCA's own website: [www.gcamerica.org](http://www.gcamerica.org).

*Carey Davis Abbott*

## PHOTOGRAPHY...

### "A MOMENT IN TIME"

The Photography Committee is excited to undertake capturing a "Moment in Time" on the Summer Solstice.

**We encourage ALL Seattle Garden Club members to bring out your cameras and take a photo**

**WHERE EVER you are at 9:00pm on June 21st**

and then submit your photo to our website for all to enjoy!

Don't forget to let us know where the photo was taken!!

A reminder email will be sent closer to the time.



# DESTINATION: THE CENTER FOR URBAN HORTICULTURE

Monday, May 3, 2010: The last Hort Class. Kristi's "Hort talk" on "Taste." Then advice from the pros for our Flower Show at Pam Green's house. Amazing. Pam was the third Mrs. Joshua Green to preside over the Seattle Garden Club. Well, not so surprising. SGC, after all, will not see 90 again. I usually dash out the door, on autopilot for the drive to CUH. Today, though, I am in a contemplative mood. Let's carpool.

If the Seattle Garden Club has a collective memory, the drive from Madison Park to the Center for Urban Horticulture is a trip down Memory Lane. Enter the Arboretum: in 1934, SGC paid for an architect from Olmsted Brothers to develop its plan. Glance right at the *future*, then eyes left to the Japanese Garden and its new Entry Garden, partially funded by SGC. Now go slow, it is a beautiful day in early May and you are approaching Azalea Way. If we need an example of SGC's persistence, Azalea Way serves us well. In 1935 SGC paid Olmsted Brothers to draw up a planting plan. In typical Seattle fashion, the plan was mired in controversy and never implemented. Undeterred, we brought Olmsted back in 1938 for another go at it. We stayed the course through the 20<sup>th</sup> century, investing in Azalea Way's expansion and maintenance. Did you by chance drive by Azalea Way this Mothers Day and see all the families? I hope you permitted yourself a frisson of pride.

We leave the Arboretum and cross the Montlake Cut, accelerate past UW's athletic complex and ease around the curve to the east. We are navigating the physical link between the two halves of the University of Washington Botanic Gardens. Turn right and right again into the parking lot at CUH. Time check: Still early.

UWBG was established in 2005 to unite the gardens and programs of the Arboretum and the Center for Urban Horticulture. CUH was founded in 1983, and SGC members were present at the creation. We have made CUH our institutional home for 25 years. Let's stroll into the SGC Fragrance Garden. On this early May morning, *Rhododendron occidentale* is in bloom, its sweet scent perfuming the air. Look for the fragrant Yellow Honey-suckle Azalea, *Rhododendron luteum*, but beware, Kristi may tell us, its nectar is poisonous.

The SGC Fragrance Garden is a renewal of the Entry Shade Garden that SGC funded at CUH in 1985. The total makeover in 2007 was underwritten by funds from our treasury, a grant from the Miller Foundation, substantial in-kind donations and -- reviving an old custom -- by individual donations from our members. Don't miss the handsome bronze casting of the SGC seal. Mounted on a boulder, it gives an air of permanence and stability to our presence at the front door of CUH.

From the Fragrance Garden we enter McVay Courtyard, a gift from the late Mrs. John P. McVay, an SGC member. Spin around. Isaacson Hall is named in honor of our late Martha Lindberg Isaacson and her husband, Henry. Merrill Hall is named for R.D. Merrill. *Mrs.* R.D. Merrill, our Eula Lee Merrill, was a founder of SGC and an early president. Merrill Hall houses the Elisabeth C. Miller Library, named for the late Betty Miller, a renowned horticulturist active in SGC and GCA and the driving force for the creation of CUH. Oh, it's almost 10:00. Memory Lane intersects Now. We turn right into NHS Hall, and here in the center of "everything horticultural" we settle in for our own "Hort."

Of course CUH is foremost an academic center, the first in the U.S. devoted to growing plants in cities. Our involvement there allows us to rub shoulders with scholars engaged in groundbreaking research in plant biology and in the academic and pragmatic aspects of managing public botanical gardens. Dr. Sarah Reichard, Associate Director of UWBG and a full professor at UW, is an expert on conserving rare plant species. In 2006 she received a GCA Club Award, a Conservation Commendation, in recognition of her work. CUH alumnus Scot Medbury wrote a masters thesis on the Olmsteds and the Arboretum. He is currently the President and CEO of the Brooklyn Botanical Garden. They, and other CUH luminaries, are good and valuable friends to SGC.

Since 1985, SGC has had a small office in Isaacson Hall, leased to us rent-free by UW in recognition of our support of CUH and our service to Seattle and the State of Washington. The close ties between SGC and CUH afford both organizations many advantages. May this mutually beneficial relationship flourish for years to come.

Catherine Roach

# MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee is pleased to welcome into active status those who have successfully completed their requirements as Provisional Members:

Ms. Wade B. Garretson  
Mrs. Lawrence E. Hard (Hylton 'Hotie')  
Mrs. Scott W. Wyatt (Jennifer)

Additionally, we are pleased to announce that the following women have accepted our invitation to join the Seattle Garden Club:

**Mrs. Philip Chapman** - Barbara has been an enthusiastic gardener for many years and is particularly interested in conservation and wildlife issues. She has been involved with the Mercer Island Women's Club, Book Clubs, National Charity League and for the last four years has been a full time volunteer at Bush School. Her two multi-talented children are now in college. Barbara maintains wonderful gardens at her homes on Mercer Island and in Hansville. Her husband is Dr. Philip Chapman.

**Mrs. Charles Wyckoff-Dickey** - Sheila is the daughter of Ann Wyckoff. She is very involved in the Seattle community. She is on the board of Cascade Land Conservancy, the Arboretum Foundation, the Woodland Park Zoo, Little Bit Riding Academy and the Green Seattle Partnership. She is an active member of the Seattle Art Museum, the Museum of Flight and was very active at her son's school Seattle Academy of Arts and Sciences. Her 'Eagle Scout' boys helped SGC remove invasives from the Montlake Cut area. Sheila completely renovated her garden in Denny Blaine to create a lovely "green belt" feel for the neighborhood.

**Mrs. Robert Kitchell** - Carolyn's husband is Dr. Robert Kitchell, son of member Virginia Kitchell. Carolyn has worked professionally as a pathologist. She has a fabulous vegetable garden and also spends time in the family garden on Bainbridge Island. Carolyn has been involved with the YWCA where she was a compassionate, active member of a women's committee that provided shelter for abused and transient women. She was, also, a highly competent past member of the Epiphany School Board.

**Mrs. Wiley Kitchell** - Marianne is, also, a legacy-in-law. She is a remarkable gardener and horticulturalist. For the last few years she has studied Environmental Science and Horticulture at Edmonds and South Seattle Community Colleges. Some of her containers were displayed at a local Nursery. She and Wiley took over his childhood home with a garden which Ginny had developed over 30 years. Marianne learned about the plants, how to care for them and then made the garden her own while respecting what it was. She is a chemistry graduate of Duke University.

**Mrs. William Potts** - Susan was President of ARCS the past two years. In 1995 she founded the Twigs Garden Club, Unit 95 of the Arboretum. She served on the Medina City Council, where she rose to Mayor in 1997 and served as Board Chair for the Intiman Theater and Seattle Arts and Lectures. Susan has a garden in Medina and on San Juan's Dinner Island. She is very interested in conservation, especially the work of Alice Waters and her work with schools and children.

**Mrs. David Rolfe** - Shelley has a large and wild garden with her family in Innis Arden. She has worked at Lakeside School in development, the Nature Conservancy as a field representative and fund raiser, and currently at Seattle University in development. Her keen interest in gardening and "wonders of nature" have given Shelley valuable knowledge of plant material (especially wild flowers and native plants) and birds. She has contributed outdoor experiences to our Garden Club auction for the past 3 years - Yellow Island, Turtle Mountain and Maple Point on Orcas Island.

**Mrs. Mark Torrance** - Susan's interest in gardening began because of her love of cooking, hiking and a book by Enell Gibbons "Stalking the Wild Asparagus." Her interest in food, the soil and plants helped her begin a new career in wines in the 80's. In the 90's Susan studied medicinal herbs at Highline Community College. She became a certified herbalist and was a founder of the Washington Chapter of the American Herbalist Guild. At Twin Islands near Desolation Sound, Susan manages a working one acre organic food production and cutting garden and about 7 acres of fruit trees. She helps oversee 760 acres of protected lands on Twin Islands. Susan is presently enrolled at an advanced oil painting program at Cage Academy. She has, also, helped develop a new program "Science through Art" that is now part of the curriculum at Highland Terrace public school. She and her husband Mark live in the Highlands.

***Please arrive early for the Annual Meeting to meet and greet our new class of Provisional Members.***

# CONSERVATION REPORT

## Ten things to do over the summer:

- 1) Read an issue of ConWatch: [http://www.gcamerica.org/membersonly/conwatch-newsletter/conwatch\\_spring\\_10.pdf](http://www.gcamerica.org/membersonly/conwatch-newsletter/conwatch_spring_10.pdf)
- 2) Watch your sunflower (and report on your 'pollinator guests'):  
<http://www.greatsunflower.org/en/four-easy-steps-participate>
- 3) Check out this video about Cedar Grove: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OaiRKS6n3sQ>
- 4) Take a gardening class through Seattle Tilth: <http://seattletilth.org/>
- 5) Read **Food Rules** by Michael Pollan: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/michael-pollan/food-rules-a-completely-d\\_b\\_410173.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/michael-pollan/food-rules-a-completely-d_b_410173.html)
- 6) Visit a farmer's market: <http://www.seattlefarmersmarkets.org/>
- 7) Check out an issue of Edible Seattle and become a locovore! <http://www.ediblecommunities.com/seattle/>
- 8) Preserve the summer: Freeze organic tomatoes and fruit so that you can have a healthy taste of summer all year long. <http://www.tomatocausal.com/2007/08/09/freezing-raw-tomatoes-how-to-make-a-good-thing-last/>
- 9) Clean up, clear out, and recycle! Don't know where to recycle something? Ask "Evelyn" at Seattle Public Utilities: <http://www.cityofseattle.net/util/Services/Recycling/LookupTool/index.htm> or check out this list from Goods For The Planet: <http://www.goodsfortheplanet.com/>
- 10) Shop "Green"! For a list of Eco-Friendly Stores in Seattle, check out this website: <http://www.ecovian.com/s/seattle/all>

Have a great summer in your garden!

*Juliet Romano, Conservation Chair*



## For a Root-bound Rosebush

They grew where they could, the roots  
Of this yellow rose, recircling  
The shut circumference of a world  
Made out of clay, all interweaving  
Till they could find and hold  
Only themselves, and again themselves.  
And again I move their intricate mass  
Into a slightly larger darkness  
Where they will search once more  
For the ends of their earth  
While the buds above them in the sun  
Open and close the eyes of summer.

*David Wagoner*



## GARDENER'S CORNER

### Thoughts for June



- Prune lilacs, forsythia, rhododendrons, and azaleas after blooming.
- Fertilize vegetable garden 1 month after plants emerge by side-dressing along rows.
- Control aphids by hosing off with water spray.
- Keep baiting for slugs. Apply mulch to retain water and control weeds. Plant groundcovers in bare areas.
- Plant sunflowers, cosmos; stake taller perennials.
- During warm weather, water slowly and deeply, especially new plantings, containers, and vegetables.
- Cover blueberry bushes with netting so birds don't harvest berries before you do.
- Harvest extra produce for a food bank during summer.

*Janet Footh*



We are ready to have our first  
**Flower Show 2011 Meeting!**

**Tuesday, June 1, 2010 - 10:30 a.m.  
Bell Harbor Conference Center**

(front desk)  
2223 Alaskan Way  
(Above the Maritime Event Center, north of Anthony's)

**Parking:** In the parking lot across Alaskan Way on Wall Street – use the overpass to cross over Alaskan way from the parking garage to Bell Harbor Conference Center (Pier 66).

**We would like to show you the space for the show (The Maritime Event Center) and brainstorm a theme for the flower show! If you cannot join us, please email your theme ideas to us before the meeting.**

**Theme thoughts:** Maritime, 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the Port of Seattle, Cruise Ships, boats, Nautical, Fishing, Sea life.....

**RSVP to [Marilee.ahalt@gmail.com](mailto:Marilee.ahalt@gmail.com)**

**Your Co-Chairs, Barbara and Marilee**

## SGC IN THE COMMUNITY

The Seattle Garden Club has had an exciting year in our greater Seattle community. This fall saw a grant request from The Bloedel Reserve to remodel and improve their Japanese Garden. The SGC members wholeheartedly approved their request and work has begun. This spring saw the grant proposal from the Seattle Children's Playgarden, which the Community Projects Committee and SGC Board have both approved and the general membership will vote on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Annual Meeting.

I encourage members to visit these two wonderful gardens this summer along with the many other projects the Seattle Garden Club has supported. A reminder that the next deadline for grant requests is October 31, 2010. Please contact Laurie Ahern, [lahern1681@gmail.com](mailto:lahern1681@gmail.com) or 206-322-6723 with any questions.

**Chair, Laurie Ahern**

### ***Annual Wetherill work party:***



**SGC members joined forces to help eradicate ivy and blackberry along Wetherill paths.**



**Cappy Rooks, Sue Blethen and Janet Footh attempt to tame and eliminate invasive ivy.**

# "MEDITERRANEAN MEDLEY"

## SGC 2010 FLOWER SHOW IN REVIEW



*In appreciation, our gracious hosts, Pam and Jay Green, accept the original painting by Prudence Hammett of her Mediterranean Medley artwork*

Many thanks to Vicki Neumann and her Committee for a beautiful flower show! The horticulture and flower arranging divisions of the SGC 2010 Flower Show, *Mediterranean Medley*, was held on Thursday, May 20th, at the home of Pam and Jay Green. The architecture and feel of their home and gardens inspired the Mediterranean theme for the event. One can only imagine the effort they put forth to move and rearrange furniture and furnishings to make room for the exhibits.

In spite of the dramatic weather over the days prior to the show, SGC members rose to the occasion, dazzling all with an array of fabulous pot-et-fleurs, Baird Boards, par entries, flower arrangements and cut specimens. Judges from outside SGC were impressed at the effort put forth for our Club show. SGC can be very proud of the result.

*Thank you* to everyone who participated at any level: Planning, set-up, passing, clerking, judging, exhibiting, Preview Party attendees, viewers and clean-up.

Special thanks, too, for the added support from Angels and Patrons:

**ANGELS:** Phoebe Andrew, Barbara Himmelman, Kathy Lea, Susan Moseley, Sally Nordstrom, Vicki Reed

**PATRONS:** BJ Anderson, Alison Andrews, Ann Bohart, Deborah Cheadle, Suzette de Turenne, Barbara Feasey, Mary Ellen Hughes, Gretchen Hull, Janet Ketchum, Vicki Neumann, Catherine Roach, Jo Anne Rosen, Ty Scheumann, Hope Stroble, Iris Wagner, Debbi Wilson, Peggy Wilton

The morning was humming with activity. SGC members made it all happen.



*Vicki Neumann, Show Chair, places a specimen*



*Sherrill Elliott inspects a specimen before passing*



*Nancy Bain checks entries and assists with passing*



*Barbara Feasey puts finishing touches on her entry*



*Diana Neely grooms her Baird Board for display*



*Dabney Rohrbach arrives with her arrangement*



*Debbi Wilson & Debby Smith examine an entry for unwanted "guests"*



*Jenny Wyatt lends her expertise in horticulture*



*Iris Wagner and her award-winning arrangement.*



The Preview Party, also held at Pam and Jay's, was as much fun as it was spectacular. After a long day for many, (and in some cases, several long days!), members and guests enjoy the gathering.



**Sis Woodside & Catherine Roach**



**Charlee Reed & Pam Green**



**Carol Henderson**



**Glen Youell**



**Janet Warford & Peggy Wilton**



**Leon & Suzette de Turenne,  
Debbi Wilson and Catherine Allan**



**A lovely buffet table**



**Trudy Baldwin, Laurie Riley,  
Patsy Dehn and Stew Riley**



**Tom & Lyn White and Susan Moseley**

An added bonus the following day was an educational critiquing of many of the entries for exhibitors. SGC Judges and exhibitors openly discussed the pros and cons of the entries, including mechanics, design and presentation - a wonderful incentive to encourage participation in shows and to work together as a group of women. Afterwards, SGC members joined forces to put the show to bed...UNTIL NEXT YEAR!



**Members were entertained and educated by Prudence Hammett's discussion of line and presentation (left), as well as Marilee Ahalt's (middle) and Hotie Hard's (right) self-critiques.**



**Crutches did not keep our  
President, Hope Stroble, from  
attending - pictured with visiting  
judge, Happy Hieronimus**



**Jo Anne Rosen expresses delight at  
having successfully used her  
Mother's Day gift, the green scarf,  
in her award-winning arrangement**



**Jane Harder takes home her  
award-winning pot-et-fleur,  
which also garnered  
"Best in Show"**



**Loading the final box after a whirlwind  
clean-up effort, is Cappy Rooks and Angel  
Clark, assisted by Prudence Hammett,  
Jo Anne Rosen and Bob Stickrod**

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## Looking Ahead...

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



**HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!**

## Gardening Tip: Save those blooms!

Linda Helsell shares her success with lengthening the staying power of cut flowers. She smashes the ends of the stems (soft or woody) and adds a little (perhaps a pinch or two) of sugar to the water and then holds them in a cool spot until ready to use. She has had success with tulips, peonies, cyclamen and others.

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