



The Seattle Garden Club

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September 2010



September Picnic

IslandWood & Deborah Cheadle Garden Visit

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Plan a wonderful day, beginning with a stop at Deborah Cheadle's garden! Less than five minutes from IslandWood, be aboard the 8:45 or 9:35am Bainbridge ferry from Seattle, and you'll be able to visit Deborah's before arriving at IslandWood. *Deborah is also willing to allow visitors after the IslandWood picnic, if you prefer.*

Featured entertainment at IslandWood: Provisional Skit!

RSVP by Friday, September 10 ~ (YES or NO, please)

Charlee Reed: cpreed@msn.com (206) 325-7033

Non-subscribers to the Hostess Fund: Confirm your reservation by sending a check for \$25, payable to SGC, to Charlee at 4221 E. Lee St., Seattle, WA 98112

Please arrive at IslandWood no later than 11:15am

Carpools encouraged!

We suggest Seattle Tennis Club, Seattle Golf Club and St. Thomas parking lots as meeting points.

Please see INSERT (PAGE 5) of this Newsletter for driving directions.

AT A GLANCE

events of note coming soon
(please look for details throughout the Newsletter)

9/9 Bellevue Botanical Garden
Jim Olson, 6-8pm

9/15 Lake Union Park "SGC Planter Boat"
Planting - 9:30am

9/16 Annual Picnic as noted above

9/20 Flower Show Meeting, 10am-Noon
@ CUH/Isaacson Classroom

9/24-25 Lake Union Park Grand Opening

10/4 Hort Meeting @ UWBG/CUH
9:30am Coffee; 10am Program
"Earth on Our Hands"

1pm Burke Museum Guided Tour
Western Red Cedar artifacts



FROM THE PRESIDENT

At this writing, the summer of 2010 still sputters along, never settling into cruise control. It hardly matters now, this ornery weather, for my sights are set on fall.

How I look forward to our picnic at IslandWood! I think I shall never grow too old for the thrill of a new "school year." New shoes, sharp pencils, old friends to greet, new classmates to size up. Even now as my *grandchildren* get ready for school, I feel a childlike anticipation of new beginnings. When the Seattle Garden Club members come together on September 16, we will get new Yearbooks. We will welcome our eminently Seattle Garden Clubbable new provisional members: Barbara Snapp, Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey, Carolyn Kitchell, Marianne Kitchell, Susan Potts, Shelley Rolfe and Susan Torrance. The big girls in the class ahead of them will put on a school play. Our 2011 Flower Show chairs Marilee Ahalt and Barbara Feasey will recite "What We Did on our Summer Vacation." Vacation?

When you snap new pages into your green binders, take a moment to calendar the monthly meetings. Familiarize yourselves with our Governing Board and the Chairs of the Special Committees. Note that a number of dedicated workers are doing double duty. Our President-Elect, Laurie Riley, continues a labor of love as Visiting Gardens Chair. Marilee Ahalt, already Corresponding Secretary and producer of the Yearbook, is co-chairing the Flower Show with Barbara Feasey, our Scholarship Chair. Tracy Tenneson is both Recording Secretary and webmaster. Board member Suzette de Turenne publishes this Newsletter when she is not helping write the Rules of the Sea, otherwise known as the schedule for our Flower Show. It seems that when Marilee and Barbara's committee titled our Flower Show "Welcome Aboard", they meant it.

I hope you will continue to frequent our website, www.seattlegardenclub.org. On the Member Pages look for the Calendar, Yearbook Roster, current and archived Newsletters, news of committees, a link to the GCA website, an electronic suggestion box and a new Board section containing a roster, schedule and complete minutes.

As we near deadline, we have received word of the death of Marilyn Fite, one of our most dedicated Active Members. Look for a picture and remembrance of Marilyn on our website.

Catherine Roach, President

ATTENTION!

The following requires your immediate attention or response:

RSVP

- Charlee Reed for the 9/16 Picnic
cpreed@msn.com (206) 325-7033
- Laurie Ahern for planting the "planter boat" at Lake Union Park on 9/15
206-322-6723 or lahern1681@gmail.com

AND...

- Sign up to be part of the SGC 2011 Flower Show, "Welcome Aboard!"
Marilee Ahalt
marilee.ahalt@gmail.com, (206)230-9854
Barbara Feasey
barbarafeasey@yahoo.com, (206)523-8636
- Did you order *Seattle Garden Club 2010 Smithsonian Documented Garden* book? Bring your check to the picnic made out to Mary Turner in the amount of \$24.00

SUGGESTIONS???

Are you concerned, pleased or feeling the need to express your creativity? Please e-mail our SGC President, Catherine Roach, if you have any questions or suggestions
tcroach@comcast.net

IS YOUR "YELLOW BOOK" UP TO DATE???

***More formally known as the
"Flower Show and Judging Guide"***

- Many aspects of the book were revised in 2009. In this year of our GCA Flower Show, it is very important that you have access to the latest and greatest information. Please check your copy to see if you need to get an update. This can be accomplished at the judging website: <http://zonexijudging.info/> - user: zone12; password: judge

PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE

We hope you have made use of your cameras over the summer months! Look over the SGC Photography Flower Show Schedule, which you will receive by e-mail in the near future, and take advantage of the decent weather to take some appropriate photos for your areas of interest.



Mark your calendars! The Photography Committee has planned a busy schedule this fall!

October 6 Photo Shoot

Place: West Point Beach at Discovery Park
Time: 9:30am-12:30pm
Limit: 10 photographers

October 18 Committee Meeting

Mediterranean Medley Photo Critique
by Dave Johanson
Place: Frink Residence
Time: 10am-Noon

Sis Woodside, Photography Chair

Photographers in the Field . . .



Sheila Noonan shares her photos of a bald eagle.



HORTICULTURE COMMITTEE

I am looking forward to my new position as SGC's Horticulture Chair, realizing I have big shoes to fill!

Every season brings changes. Last spring, the Board voted to modify the Provisionals' talks in two significant ways. The talks will now be open to all four of our areas - flower arranging, conservation, photography, and horticulture. Secondly, we will be transitioning the talks to the Provisionals' second year. To that end, in February, March and April of 2011, three of our class of seven terrific women will present, while the remaining four will speak in their second year, 2012.

Borrowing from a well-loved coffee table book on women and their gardens, the Horticulture Committee selected a theme for the talks: "Earth on her Hands: Women of note in the fields of horticulture, flower arranging, conservation and photography." The focus of the Provisionals' talks will be on the accomplishment of a woman in her field—new ground broken, a trend established or an original contribution.

To launch the idea, our first Hort meeting on Monday, October 4th, will showcase the "earth" on some of our own members' hands. The meeting format will be a panel presentation and moderated discussion. Bring your questions for our panelists, as well as a "show and tell" from your own garden!

Also on Monday, October 4th, in conjunction with the Centennial Tree Project, is a special guided tour at the Burke Museum on the uses of Western Red Cedar (one of our Centennial trees) by the indigenous people of the Northwest. Please join us for the tour, which starts at the Burke at 1:00.

QUIZ QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

Who is generally considered to be the first female botanist working in America?

a. Lucretia Mott b. Jane Colden c. Sally Rand d. Ada Lovelace

Jenny Wyatt, Hort Chair

CONSERVATION REPORT

Conservation Committee Fall Agenda: Water, Soil, and Olympia!

This fall the SGC Conservation Committee will begin the 2010-2011 year by focusing on water and soil conservation as well as learning how to be active environmental stewards in Olympia when the state legislature convenes in January.



Water Carol Eland has agreed to chair the Conservation Exhibit for the SGC Flower Show in May "Welcome Aboard". The theme for the exhibit will be a focus on water conservation through capturing and using rainwater to water our gardens more efficiently in order to lessen the drain on our local rivers and streams...and all the flora and fauna that rely upon them. We will all lend a hand in bringing the exhibit to fruition.

GCA Position Paper on Clean Water: http://www.gcamerica.org/membersonly/docs/comm_consna1/docs/pp_cleanwater_10.pdf

Soil Another focus in the fall will be 'soil', as we prepare to hear Anne Bikle, the conservation speaker for this year, on November 18th. Anne will discuss the book that she is writing with her husband (David Montgomery, UW professor and author of *Soil: The Erosion of Civilizations*) which, in her words, "does indeed speak to the topic of gardens and soil as well as the changes we've brought about in our own garden through soil stewardship."

Check out this website from Seattle Public Utilities: [Seattle Public Utilities -- Growing Healthy Soil](#)
And...this article by GCA member Colles Larkin: http://www.gcamerica.org/membersonly/cons_NAL/past/2009_09/cons_larkin_Sep2009.pdf

Lobby Day 2011 This past spring, the committee decided to create our own mini version of the NAL conference. So, this fall we will choose an environmental priority to study and support in January when the state legislature convenes in Olympia for Lobby Day...which is when about 500 dedicated citizens show up at the state capitol to lobby their representative to pass strong environmental legislation.

Check out this website supported by 25 of the area's best environmental groups - most of which we support through memberships and contributions: [Washington's Environmental Priorities - Environmental Priorities Coalition](#)

Fall/Winter Field Trips:

- A guided tour of the Mercer Slough with a ranger who will focus on the importance of water and soil conservation to the slough and to the watershed in general. Date: TBD
- A field trip to Olympia in mid-January to lobby for environmental legislation.
- Ongoing work at the P4P project at the East Montlake Park.

Other possibilities, depending on interest:

- Revisit Seattle Academy to witness their annual fall honey harvest.
- Take another guided tour of the Montlake Fill with birder and author Connie Sidles.
- Don't forget to check out GREEN THUMBS, the SGC Conservation Blog ("web log"): [Green Thumbs](#).

Juliet Romano, Conservation Chair

GARDEN HISTORY & DESIGN

Have you seen our new book? The Garden History and Design Committee's new book, *Seattle Garden Club 2010 Smithsonian Documented Gardens* is available for pick up at the Fall Picnic for those members who placed their orders earlier this summer. The cost per book is \$24.00. Please make checks out to Mary Turner.

Additional orders will likely cost more per book as the price relates to the quantity ordered. Let Mary Turner know if you'd like to order a copy.

Deborah Cheadle, Chair/Garden History and Design Committee



DIRECTIONS FOR PICNIC

TO ISLANDWOOD from the Bainbridge Ferry:

(Approximately a 10-minute drive)

- Drive up the hill from the ferry to the second stoplight, turn left onto Winslow Way.
- At the next four-way stop, turn right onto Madison Avenue and continue to the next four-way stop at Wyatt Way.
- Turn left onto Wyatt Way.
- Continue on Wyatt, rounding the back of Eagle Harbor (water will be to your left).
- The road will fork; take the right fork up the hill, following the signs to Port Blakely. You are now on Blakely Avenue.
- Continue straight on Blakely Avenue. In approximately one mile you'll see Blakely Elementary on your left.
- IslandWood is at the first driveway on your left after Blakely Elementary School. Turn left into IslandWood driveway. Continue on the wooded driveway up the hill. Bear left to the parking area. Follow pathway and signs to the Welcome Center.

TO THE CHEADLE HOUSE from the Bainbridge Ferry:

- Take a left at the 2nd stoplight. Drive through Winslow.
- At the first stop sign, take a right onto Madison Ave.
- At the next stop sign, take a left, onto Wyatt Way.
- Stay on Wyatt, which goes down a steep hill and makes a sharp left-hand turn.
- Soon after that turn there is a "y" intersection. Stay to the left, getting into a left-turn lane, and turn left onto Eagle Harbor Drive.
- Stay on Eagle Harbor Drive for about 1 1/2 miles.
- At Taylor Ave., turn right.
- The house is up the hill a little ways, the third driveway on the right. It's a red house with cedar gates. Park in the driveway, or along the road. 5369 Taylor Ave. 98110 206-842-4085

TO ISLANDWOOD FROM THE CHEADLES':

- Take a right out of the driveway onto Taylor Ave.
- Stay on Taylor for 1 mile (it takes several sharp turns)
- Taylor becomes Blakely Hill, a steep, one-lane decline.
- At the stop sign at the bottom of the hill, take a very sharp right onto Blakely Ave.
- Stay on Blakely Ave. for about 1-1/2 miles (first the road is straight and then curves to the right.)
- When the road straightens out again, look to the right for the carved, wooden IslandWood sign.

Ferries from Seattle	Ferries back to Seattle
8:45	1:10
9:35	2:05
10:40	2:55
	3:50

SGC 2010 ANNUAL MEETING



Awards Committee Chair, Alex Morse, enjoys the best part of her job after presenting awards to members Eleanor Nolan, Nancy Bain, Peggy Wilton, Sue Blethen, and Non-member, Michele Burton, who is joined by Jo Anne Rosen in the photo.



Legacies abound in the new Provisional group as Ann Wyckoff welcomes her daughter, Sheila Wyckoff Dickey, (left) and Ginny Kitchell welcomes her two daughters-in-law, Carolyn and Marianne (above), as new members



Peggy Wilton reacts to her award



Catherine Roach becomes SGC's new President & "thanks" Hope Stroble for a wonderful year at the helm



Sis Woodside and Jane Harder lend their expertise to the Photography Show

SGC ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

SGC's June Annual Meeting was a great success! The "Mediterranean Medley" Photography Show provided a wonderful backdrop for meeting and luncheon; annual awards were inspiring; and the video, courtesy of the dedicated Jane Harder, was a wonderful review of the year.

Seattle Garden Club Awards 2010

Peggy Wilton - Bronze Medal for meritorious service to SGC; for willingness to share her talents; for frequent and inspiring participation in SGC activities.

Nancy Bain - Bronze Medal for meritorious service to SGC; for willingness to share her talents; for frequent and inspiring participation in SGC activities.

Eleanor Nolan - Commendation of Appreciation for dedicated and sustained participation in SGC activities

Sue Blethen - Certificate of Merit for Members, for outstanding service to the community in the field of Conservation to further the aims of SGC; for significant contribution to SGC projects.

Michele Burton - Community Leadership Award for Non-Members for dedicated service to SGC in the field of photography.

WELCOME PROVISIONALS!



New Provisionals: Carolyn Kitchell, Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey, Susan Potts, Marianne Kitchell, Shelley Rolfe, Barbara Snapp (not pictured: Susan Torrance)



GCA HAPPENINGS What's New?

GCA Visiting Gardens: TALLY HO! The Gardens of the Virginia Hunt Country, May 22-26, 2011

May is the peak time for Virginia's green hills and dales, and its English style perennial gardens. As you stroll the brick paths of magnificent gardens of boxwood, peonies, roses and perennials of every description, you will pinch yourself because it will all seem too gorgeous to be real. More details on the GCA web site! www.gcamerica.org

IN MEMORIAM

**We regret the passing
of three SGC members.**

Charlotte Rigdon Hutchinson, Inactive,
a member since 1965, died May 23, 2010.

Anne Torbert White,
Honorary Life Member,
a member since 1952, died June 15, 2010.

Marilyn Low Fite, Active Member
since 1993, died August 7, 2010.



Marilyn Fite, was an enthusiastic participant in many SGC events, pictured here at the December 2009 Holiday Auction and Luncheon

SGC IN THE COMMUNITY

There is exciting news in the Seattle Parks community this September! The Lake Union Park is celebrating its Grand Opening September 24th and 25th. The SGC contributed to one of the planter boats in 2009 with a three-year pledge of \$50,000. On September 24 an inaugural Green Tie Gala fundraiser will take place under a big tent in the park. September 25th a daylong celebration will kick off with a Family Fun Run and Sunrise Yoga. Music, boat races and history tours will continue all day. Check out the following website for more information:

www.seattleparksfoundation.org

In preparation for the Grand Opening at Lake Union the Seattle Park's Department has asked members of the SGC to be part of the planting team at our beautiful new planter boat on Wednesday, September 15. We will gather at the site at 9:30am with members of the Parks Department, the selected plant material and tools to plant the boat. Dress for the weather, bring your own gloves and the rest will be provided. Please RSVP to Laurie Ahern: 206-322-6723 or lahern1681@gmail.com.

The evening of September 9, 2010, SGC members are invited to attend an exclusive presentation by Jim Olson, architect and designer of two new buildings and a reconfigured entry for the Bellevue Botanical Garden. The Garden has enjoyed tremendous growth in recent years, and the need for indoor space has consistently been one of the Garden's biggest challenges. Hors d'oeuvres and a sampling of wines will be provided.

Date: September 9, 2010
Time: 6 – 8pm
Place: BBG Visitors Center
12001 Main Street,
Bellevue, Washington

Laurie Ahern, Committee Chair

NEW MEMBERSHIP

Proposals for Provisional Membership are due by December 15th

The Membership Proposal Form will be available through the SGC website in the Fall. If you would like a copy to consider in the meantime, please contact Vicki Reed, and she will send you a copy: vreed@simpson.com or (425)454-6409. Keep in mind your potential candidates when considering guests to invite to the Christmas Luncheon. The event handily occurs close to the proposal form deadline and is an excellent way of acquainting candidates with Membership Committee members or Board members.

FREQUENT FLYER MILES

Our Programs Committee is hoping to defray SGC guest speaker travel expenses with your surplus frequent flyer miles. If you are able and willing to help, or to get more specific details, please contact Catherine Allan:
gardensroyal@yahoo.com
(425)454-1076

"WELCOME ABOARD"

SGC Flower Show 2011

Organization Meeting - September 20th

All SGC members are invited to join us for the next Flower Show 2011 organization meeting on September 20 in the Isaacson Classroom at CUH. Note new time 10am to Noon. We still have committee openings for those who would like to be involved. Contact either Marilee, marilee.ahalt@gmail.com, 206.230.9854 or Barbara, barbarafeasey@yahoo.com, 206.523.8636 if you are interested and can't attend the meeting.

Co Chairs: Marilee Ahalt & Barbara Feasey,



Some of the Flower Show Committee members hard at work on site over the summer.

Falltime

Gold of a ripe oat straw, gold of a southwest moon,
Canada-thistle blue and glimmering larkspur blue,
Tomatoes shining in the October sun with red hearts,
Shining five and six in a row on a wooden fence,
Why do you keep wishes on your faces all day long,
Wishes like women with half-forgotten lovers going to
new cities?

What is there for you in the birds, the birds, the birds,
Crying down on the north wind in September

— acres of birds spotting the air going south?

Is there something finished?

And some new beginning on the way?

Carl Sandburg

World Federation of Flower Arrangers THE 10TH WORLD FLOWER SHOW

June 15-19th, 2011 — Boston



Hosted in a collaborative effort by
The National Garden Clubs, Inc. and
**The Garden Club of America's
design study groups**, the Show will
premiere over 600 flower arrange-
ments, demonstrations and special
events for the first time in the U.S.

Visit the web site at <http://www.wafaflowers.org/>
for more details and to find out how you can
become eligible for a chance to win a trip to the
2011 World Flower Show!

Currently Showing in a Garden Near You!

Sticky Weed (*Galium aparine*)

When my children were young they
made lovely crowns with this weed.
Wreathing it back on itself and
weaving in a few field daisies
created an afternoon of imagination.
But growing up got in the way and
the crowns fell forgotten in the
garden. Until a few years ago when I noticed my
century old peony and beloved bee balm were being
choked by it!



While trying to tackle it, I have wondered if it has any
redeeming qualities and helpful history. It DOES have
storybook names such as: catchweed, bedstraw, sticky
willie, beggarstick, cleavers and goosegrass. The latter
name comes from the fact that it was once chopped up
and fed to goslings. My chickens, however, were not
impressed with my sticky weed offers. Its square stem
IS unique enough to produce several articles by UBC
botanists. I could find little else to recommend it.

Fortunately it is an annual, and unlike its tough Australian
brother that grows to 60 feet, it is easy to pull out. But it
does self seed itself and cleverly germinates from
March through October. The key to eradication is trite:
vigilance and keep pulling before the seed heads arrive.

Carey Davis

GARDENER'S CORNER

Thoughts for September:

- Start thinking about ordering spring-blooming bulbs
- Glad you kept baiting for slugs? Hostas and other tender greens looked better this year didn't they? Don't give up the fight! Controlling slugs now, during their breeding season, should result in fewer next year.
- Consider a soil test. Ask a Master Gardener where to send samples.
- Harvest and preserve herbs. Strip thyme, oregano, and rosemary from stems, air-dry in cool place, and store in jars.
- Shop for woody plants and winter bloomers: rhodies, azaleas, hellebores, sasanqua camellias, the smaller kalmias.
- Avoid deadheading roses after fall blooming. By letting them produce hips, you prepare them for winter dormancy.
- Sunset Magazine recommends scratching in one handful of lime around each hellebore plant.
- Old lawns can be dethatched, aerified, and over-seeded now.
- Photograph container pots and garden areas now to record and help plan for future.



Janet Footh

Looking Ahead...

Oct 4 **HORT Meeting**, 9:30am Coffee, 10am Meeting
1:00 Burke Museum Tour

Oct 6 **Photography Committee Photo Shoot**
at West Point Beach for those registered

Oct 7 **Board Meeting**, 10am, Sunset Club

Oct 18 **Photography Committee Meeting**
10am - Noon @ Frink Residence

Oct 21 **General Meeting, *Graham's Visitors Center***, Dr. Jesse Hiraoka with tour of Japanese Garden following presentation
9:30 Coffee; 10:00 Meeting; 10:30 Program



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

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE CHANGED TO E-MAIL THIS YEAR!

We have had ten more members convert to e-mail since spring; 20 since this time last 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 waste and expenses, in keeping with GCA policies!

Suzette de Turenne, Communications Committee Chair



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