



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

December 2010

www.seattlegardenclub.org



Where May I Drop Off My Auction Items?

For your convenience there are
several drop-off locations

Catherine Allan
7919 NE 28th St.
Medina 98039
425.454.1076

Barbara Anderson
2275 NE Country Club Rd.
Bainbridge 98110
206.842.0552

Judy Phillips
1216 38th Avenue E.
Seattle 98112
206.325.3838

Please Note: Due to the holiday,
please call ahead. If you have
any questions or are unable to
make connections for drop offs,
call **Sheila Noonan**
206.860.7662.

AT A GLANCE

events of note coming soon

Dec. 2 **Holiday Luncheon and
Auction**

Dec. 5 **Flower Arranging 101**
Pre-registration deadline
for SGC members.
Registration opens to
other garden clubs.

Dec.15 **New Member Proposal
Deadline**
Vicki Reed
(206)365-9376

Seattle Garden Club Holiday Luncheon & Auction

HO! HO! HO!



Thursday, December 2nd
Seattle Golf Club



10:30 Silent Auction and Social
12:00 Lunch

Invite your friends!

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

RSVP (YES or NO) by November 24th

All checks and reservations
should be sent & made payable to

The Seattle Garden Club

Carlyn Steiner, 613 - 33rd Avenue E., Seattle 98112
206-322-3435 or carlyn@e-steiner.com



Are You an Angel?



If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute
to our major fundraiser...**you can be an Angel!**

If you are attending but would like
to make a contribution *in addition to your luncheon fee...*
you can be an Angel!

Choose to be an Angel at the \$100 or \$250 level!

(send checks to Carlyn Steiner)



FROM THE PRESIDENT

For the third year in a row, our Holiday Luncheon and Auction on December 4 falls just one week after Thanksgiving. (Not until 2012 will our Ways and Means Committee be afforded the luxury of a two-week interval.) So when I tuck my knees under the groaning Thanksgiving table, I know for whom *my* heart will be unfeignedly thankful: Sheila Noonan, Suzette de Turenne, Judy Phillips, Charlee Reed, Dabney Rohrbach, Carey Abbott, Burnley Snyder and Hope Stroble. These spirited and hard-working women exhaust themselves planning, organizing and staging a party that packs into three hours the concentrated essence of Seattle Garden Club.

We will be gathering at the Seattle Golf Club. (There is a charming article in an April 1934 issue of *The Rotarian* written by a man forced by the recession to give up *golf* and take up *gardening* with his wife. But I digress.) As soon as you arrive, check in and set up express pay, then rapidly ascend to the second floor. The Silent Auction items will be arrayed under the soaring ceiling of the ballroom. I know you will immediately launch into a frenzy of bidding. There are lifetime-friendship-forging trips, outings and parties. Horticulture enthusiasts will vie for very special plants. Wreaths abound. Marvel at the talent and generosity on display. Watch grandmothers cast menacing looks at anyone who approaches the whimsical follies their granddaughters must have. Just bid again. Trump them. Overpay! You are investing in Our Community Projects.

Just when you think you cannot take the pressure of the marketplace any longer, the volunteers will draw the ribbons over the last section. It will be time for our luncheon downstairs. Yet again you will marvel at the repository of talent that is the Seattle Garden Club. Our provisional members, with a little help from our semi-pros, will have put their hearts into the floral centerpieces. Settle in, take a look around your table (you'll see, we clean up well) and enjoy one another's company. It is the holiday season and one of the happiest hours of the SGC year.

(This *is* a letter of sorts, and so like a chummy friend, I digress again. Just now I glanced out the window of my house in Washington Park and spied, quite close to me, a very large eagle in flight. He headed right on down the street as though he were merely cruising the neighborhood on a Sunday afternoon. My dachshund, Fred, turned to look at me with his blasé dachshund expression. "Did you see that eagle fly by?" he asked. He took his line straight from my favorite essay by E.B.White. Life imitates art.)

In the meantime, we have Thanksgiving to celebrate. Thanksgiving, the favorite holiday of most men I know. "It's just a meal, no presents to buy." *Just* a meal? Who do they think buys the groceries and cooks the 25 dishes? So I know we will all be a little frenzied. It will be a sweet moment, though, when our family and guests are seated with heaping plates before them. Let's keep one another in mind as we express our gratitude for the bounty of harvests and friendships.

Catherine Roach, President



CHRISTMAS WREATH

REMINDER

Make your own beautiful and customized Christmas wreath with Judy Thomas!

Bassetti's Crooked Arbor Nursery

18512 NE 165th St. - Woodinville, WA 98072

Wednesday, December 8th

A light lunch will be included.

There are a few spots open!

Your \$45 check made out to Bassetti's and sent to Judy Thomas will be your reservation.

Send check to: Judy Thomas
17605 - 182nd N.E., Woodinville, WA 98072



ATTENTION!

PLEASE RSVP OR ACT NOW!!!

- **Send check NOW** for 12/8 wreath making to Judy Thomas
- **Make Holiday Auction & Luncheon plans...** donate...invite your guests; **RSVP to Carlyn Steiner NOW**
- **Contact Catherine Parker by December 5th** regarding your interest in the Flower Arranging 101 course offered February 18th

SGC Holiday Luncheon and Auction

Thursday, December 2, 2010 - Seattle Golf Club
- a sampling of Auction treasures -

- Cocktail Party for 40 at Vicki Reed's Home
Hosted by the SGC Board
- Spouses and Guests Welcome -
April 28, 2011 (individual sign-ups)
- Fish, Game & Games at Burnley Snyder's
featuring a Sumptuous Fish and Game Dinner
and Board and Card Games for Twelve
February 3, 2011 (individual sign-ups)
- Clamdigging at Mary Jane Anderson's
Hood Canal Home with Lunch for Ten
Thursday, July 14, 2011 (individual sign-ups)
- Two Nights at Pysht on the Olympic Peninsula
hosted by Hope Stroble at a Carl Gould 1920
Lodge with Dinners, Beachcombing, Exploring
for Twelve
September 26-28, 2011 (individual sign-ups)
- One Night/Two Days at Twin Islands in
Desolation Sound via Private Plane with Boating,
Photography and Hiking hosted by
Susan & Mark Torrance for Eight
July 13-14, 2011 (individual sign-ups)
- Birding Adventure to Gray's Harbor
via Private Plane with Lunch at famed
Lana's Hanger Café
hosted by Burnley Snyder for Six
April 29, 2011 (individual sign-ups)
- A Springtime visit to 'Little and Lewis' Display
Garden & Studio with Picnic Lunch hosted
with Laurie Riley at
Deborah Cheadle's for Ten
Spring 2011
- Pruning Workshop Conducted by Catherine
Allan and Lunch for Five hosted by Sheila Noonan
Winter 2011 (individual sign-ups)

Donation forms are available on our web site or call Sheila Noonan (206) 860-7662.

Offerings for our traditional Northwest Harvest collection will be gladly accepted at the Auction.



SGC members were mesmerized when Barbara Hamachek demonstrated a wide variety of Ikebana traditional and modern arrangements, sharing some fun and unique concepts and tricks of the trade.

SGC IN THE COMMUNITY

Did you know that the funds raised at our Holiday Auction are directly used to fund our grants to community projects?

Other than the Preview Parties preceding Flower Shows, this is our sole source of income for our community outreach. Take a moment to look at the Community Projects and Contributions section of your green book found on page 65 for a complete listing. You can take great pride in the contributions made to beautify and support gardens and parks in our community. Please share your enthusiasm with your guests as they check out the lovely auction items and experiences. The more we make the more we can give!

We count on our Members to be our eyes and ears in the community watching for worthwhile projects, which should be brought to our attention. **The next deadline for grant proposals is March 1.** Please contact Laurie Ahern for more information and a copy of the grant proposal form.

Laurie Ahern, Community Projects Chair

GARDENER'S CORNER

Thoughts for November:



- Keep watering newly planted trees and shrubs if necessary.
- Bring in clay pots and other fragile garden ornaments.
- Consider wrapping outdoor pots with bubble-wrap or other insulation in anticipation of freezing weather.
- Put chicken wire or mesh over outdoor pots and/or areas planted with daffodils and other bulbs to discourage squirrel or bird predators.
- Dust on indoor plants prevents them from making full use of the light they receive during the dark winter months. Clean leaves regularly with a damp cloth or sponge.
- Prune evergreens for wreaths, swags, and indoor decoration, enjoy the sweet smell of paperwhites, and have a relaxed and delightful holiday season!

Janet Footh

East Montlake Park is Going Green!

The last couple of weeks the planting has begun! SGC volunteers dug up over 80 Western Sword Ferns in Kingston and planted them in the park. Others brought plants from their gardens and tucked them in too! Even more came from plant salvage with King County. But, we can still use more so we will be propagating other plants in January. Check the Approved Plant List on our SGC web site and see if you might have something you'd like to add to the park. We can pick up donations OR you can take them to Juliet Romano or Jenny Wyatt in Seattle, or Sue Blethen in Bellevue - or bring them to a meeting!

We have already received: Vancouveria, Maidenhair Ferns, Salal, Snowberries, Amelanchier, Piggy-Back Plants, Woodland Strawberries, Low Oregon Grape, Beaked Hazelnut, and more. We need **evergreen native plants** like Oval-leafed or Evergreen Huckleberry that can take full or part sun. We also want special plants like Cornus X kousa 'Venus' (Venus dogwoods).

We really want everyone involved who wants to be! Please contact Sue Blethen if you would like to donate plants or get involved in any way! sueblethen@hotmail.com.



Sue Blethen has led the effort at East Montlake Park



GCA HAPPENINGS

GIFT GIVING It's that wonderful time of year when many of us indulge in gift giving. Garden Club of America has a few treasured items to tempt you, including acorn charms, garden books, a lovely Tiffany glass bowl and my favorite, the 2011 Annual Meeting Commemorative Scarf in a kaleidoscope of colors. Search in the Boutique section of GCA's website for prices and shipping information.

Carey Davis Abbott



FLOWER ARRANGING



FA101 (Flower Arranging 101) February 18, 2011

FA101 is a wonderful workshop being offered to our Garden Club taught by Susan Detjens, a talented flower arranger, GCA Judge, Zone III

Judging Chair and GCA designated FA101 instructor. The workshop is designed for novices (those who haven't won a blue ribbon in flower arranging) and provisionals.

It is a six-hour course which includes a flower arranging demonstration on how to make two types of arrangements; an instructional and informative flower arranging notebook; two containers; plant material and supervised time to practice making two arrangements that will be yours to take home. A light lunch will be provided.

This is a rare opportunity for members in our club to learn more about the art of flower arranging and work on honing their skills. It is a class that is being offered to GCA garden club members nationally and will get us up to speed in that arena.

The initial cost will be \$195, but every effort will be made to reduce costs without compromising the quality of the course, in which case everyone will receive a refund.

Please call Catherine Parker, 206-325-3278, by December 5th if you would like to take the course or if you have any questions. At that time you will be given more information regarding payment (to whom and where to send it). After Dec 5th, any spots not filled will be offered to Tacoma and Portland Garden Club novices and provisionals.

Catherine Parker, Flower Arranging Chair

DUST OF SNOW



The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree

Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
Of a day I had rued.

BY ROBERT FROST

IN MEMORIAM



Cappy McNutt Rooks

An active member since 1995, Cappy was an inspiring and enthusiastic participant in many SGC activities. As recently as two weeks ago, Cappy was wielding a shovel at East Montlake Park, planting salvaged ferns as part of an SGC project.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE

January 18th will be our annual Photography Committee meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00.

The location and speaker will be determined.



A big thank you to all of you who participated in our "Favorite Photo" exhibit at the November 18th General Meeting. We all learn by practicing for exhibits and shows. Outings such as the Discovery Park Photo Shoot with Michele Burton have helped us learn more about our cameras.

Watch the Mountaineers Website for upcoming classes as their Photography Committee is very active.

Candid photograph request! Jane Harder would love to have any of your BEST photos of SGC members in action to store in our photography files. You may email them to her at highest quality and original size, or you may mail her a CD. (Questions? Call Jane: 206-361-7675)

Sis Woodside, Photography Chair

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Happy Holidays from the Conservation Committee.

With the holidays upon us, I thought it might be a good time to **REVISIT** the three R's:

REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE!

When it comes to shopping for friends and family, remember that **RECYCLE** is the last 'R' word for a very good reason. It is a means of **LAST RESORT**...when all other efforts to **REDUCE** and **REUSE** have failed.

As Annie Leonard, author of The Story of Stuff ([Story of Stuff, Full Ve#110321E](#)) says, "There is a reason that recycling comes last in the oft-repeated mantra of "reduce, reuse, recycle." That is where it should be: a last resort. Recycling is what we do with something when our back is against the wall, when we have exhausted all opportunities to redesign the product to be more durable, to reuse or repair it, or to simply do without it altogether. As a last resort, recycling is better than landfill or incineration for sure. And hats off to those dedicated people who have built and voraciously defended the recycling infrastructure that does exist in this country. But let's be clear about what recycling is... While we've been agonizing over whether our plastic yogurt lids can be recycled, have we been missing the big picture? Is recycling giving us a false sense that we're solving our waste problem?" Changing habits can be hard, but not impossible. What's a person to do? **PRECYCLE!** How?

- 1) **Buy items that will last**
- 2) **Avoid excess packaging**
- 3) **Reuse as much as possible**

Other precycling, eco-habits you can adopt are remembering your reusable water bottle, bag, mug, and to-go ware to replace those pesky one-time use items like plastic water bottles, shopping bags, and Styrofoam cups and to-go boxes. Together, we can kick the single use habit and reduce unneeded and unwanted waste!

National Facts

- **Recycling creates six times as many jobs as landfilling.**
- **Recycling a three-foot high stack of newspaper saves a 32 foot tree.**
- **If only 10% of Americans bought products with less plastic packaging just 10% of the time, approximately 144 million pounds of plastic could be eliminated from our landfills.**
- **50% of landfills, on average, are filled with paper, most of which could have been recycled.**
- **The average American creates 3.5 pounds of trash each day!**

Looking Ahead:

- Great News: Debby Smith and Carlyn Steiner will be representing SGC at the NAL this year.

- Learn how to lobby Olympia in 2011, and then join us for Lobby Day on February 15!

Juliet Romano, Conservation Chair julietromano@comcast.net

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

Please have your membership proposals and letters to Vicki Reed's house by 6:00 p.m. December 15. Ladies, since our Proposal Blanks are so accessible...I do not know what proposals may be in the works. If you are intending to submit a proposal, could you please call me and leave a message: 206-588-0363. Or tell me when you see me. Thank you.

Vicki Reed

WELCOME ABOARD!

SGC FLOWER SHOW REMINDERS



Flower Show Preview Party!

May 19, 2011 - 6:30-9pm, Maritime Event Center, Bell Harbor International Conference Center

Please submit names and addresses for invitations to Charlee Reed, 308 36th Avenue E., Seattle, WA 98112, cpreed@msn.com 206-325-7033

- **Photography Registration is currently open to SGC members only.** Registration opens to all Zone XII members on November 29th.

GCA 2010 SHIRLEY MENEICE HORTICULTURE CONFERENCE

GCA members from all over the country gathered in Birmingham, Alabama, on a glorious autumn weekend, October 24-26, to expand their knowledge and share their dedication to the world of plants. We were delighted and honored to participate in this enriching experience.



*Jenny Wyatt, Shirley Meneice and
Traci Tenneson*

Each morning, we hopped on a bus at 8:00 sharp (no tardiness tolerated!) to travel to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens for a full day of talks, tours and workshops, followed by a dinner presentation. The quality of the speakers and the enthusiasm they conveyed was outstanding. Among the many highlights was our first speaker, Fred Spicer, the director of BBG and a "Damn Yankee" transplant, whose talk was entitled "Why I live in Alabama." By the time he finished, we had a new appreciation for the State and its complex geology and biodiversity (the most biodiverse State east of the Mississippi). Imagine 38 species of Oaks and 17 of Magnolias!

Also of note was a talk by Paul Cappiello on "Good Citizen Plants," a concept we would like to bring to one of our Hort meetings. A slide presentation by photographer Beth Young and geologist John Hall on the old rivers of Alabama took our breaths away, with images of the native Alabama crotons and Cahaba Lilies along the shores of the Cahaba River.

One of the breakout sessions was a meeting with other Zone XII horticulture chairs and enthusiasts. We realized what a wealth of ideas and expertise we have at our fingertips from within GCA. Perhaps above all, we truly enjoyed meeting so many intelligent, like-minded women.

Jenny Wyatt and Traci Tenneson

PROPAGATION WORKSHOPS

MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2011



Many members have expressed an interest in learning more about plant propagation. Here's the opportunity! The East Montlake Park Project, under the able direction of Sue Blethen, was successful in a grant request to GCA's Partners For Plants program. We have the funds to purchase supplies and to hire an educator to direct us in propagating natives for the park.

Our educator, Jeff Erickson, will lead two workshops on January 27th: 9:30am-Noon and 12:30pm-3:00pm. Workshops will be held at the greenhouses at the Carl English Botanical Gardens at the Chittenden Locks in Ballard, where we'll also house the cuttings (directions to follow in the January newsletter). As the saying goes, many hands will make short work of the over 1000 hardwood cuttings we hope to take for the park.

Please mark your calendars and join in! Sign-ups will be handled by Angel Clark, angel@realfolks.org.

Other questions, please contact:
Jenny Wyatt, wyattjen@comcast.net or
Sue Blethen, sueblethen@hotmail.com.

GCA VISITING GARDENS

The GCA Visiting Gardens Committee has four wonderful trips planned for 2011:

Argentina's Old World Grandeur
Tally Ho! Gardens of the Virginia Hunt Country
Wonderful, Waterful Italy
Wilderness Wonders of Alaska

March 14-26
May 22-26
June 19-30
July 16-23



If you are interested in being part of any of these fabulous trips, please e-mail gcainterestlists@gmail.com requesting that you be added to the Interest List. When the trip itinerary is released you will be among the first to receive the information and will have a week to respond before that trip is made available to the general GCA membership.

If you have any questions about this procedure or these wonderful tours, please contact Iris Wagner/V. Chair, Interest Lists, igarden@comcast.net; Laurie Riley, SGC Visiting Gardens Chair, laurieariley@msn.com; or Pam Green, GCA Visiting Gardens Chair, pam.green@comcast.net.

The GCA Visiting Gardens Tours are trips of a lifetime!!!

Looking Ahead...

- Jan. 6 **BOARD MEETING** @ The Sunset Club
10:00am
- Jan. 7 **FLOWER ARRANGING COMMITTEE MEETING** 11:00am
- Jan. 10 **HORT MEETING** @ UWBG/CUH
9:30 Coffee; 10:00 Program
Speaker: Heidi Bohan, Ethnobotany of
Western Washington
- Jan. 13 **HORT COMMITTEE MEETING**
@ Jenny Wyatt's 10am to Noon
- Jan. 18 **ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY MEETING**
10am to Noon

- Jan. 20 **BIENNIAL MEETING - Members Only**
UWBG/CUH @ 9:30 Social;
10:00 Meeting
- Jan. 24 **SGC PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING**
@ Catherine Allan's, 10am to Noon
- Jan. 27 **PROPAGATION WORKSHOPS**
Carl English Botanical Gardens
9:30am-Noon & 12:30 - 3pm
- Feb. 18 **FLOWER ARRANGING 101**
Pre-Register by December 5, 2010!
Registration opens to other garden
clubs after 12/5/10.



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 able and willing to receive it via e-mail, please let me know.

Suzette de Turenne, Communications Committee Chair



Seattle Garden Club

University of Washington Botanic Gardens
Box 354115
Seattle, Washington 98195-4115