



The Seattle Garden Club

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April 2012



AT A GLANCE

events of note coming soon

- 4/2 PROVISIONALS
@ CUH at 9:00am
HORT Meeting @ UWBG/CUH,
9:30am per info this page
- 4/3 FLOWER ARRANGING
COMMITTEE MEETING
@ Debby Smith's at 10:00am
- 4/5 BOARD MEETING - The Sunset Club
10:00am
- 4/18 GENERAL MEETING
**Please note this is on
Wednesday.**
See information this page
- 4/23 WETHERILL WORK PARTY
Details forthcoming

Tacoma/Seattle Joint Meeting

Wednesday
April 18, 2012

Tacoma Country & Golf Club

10:00 Social, 10:30 Program

From Seed to Skillet

Lunch Following

Please reply, YES or NO

by Sunday, April 15

to Charlee Reed - (206) 325-7033

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MEMBERS ONLY

April 2

Provisional

Susan Potts

presents

Beatrix Farrand

Landscape Architect

UWBG-CUH

9:30am Coffee,

10am Meeting

WAFA Presentation

In addition to the program on Beatrix Farrand, Jo Anne Rosen and Carol Henderson will share their experience at WAFA (World Association of Flower Arrangers), which met for the first time ever in the United States this past year.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

April already??? That must mean spring! You know what they say....
"April showers bring May flowers". We'll be plenty ready when the time comes.

I want to write, one more time, about Andrea Wulf's Founding Gardeners lecture. It was a memorable evening, attended by 170 who were spellbound by her presentation. Everyone I spoke to afterwards was so glad they attended. The wine reception gave everyone a chance to mingle, meet our very approachable guest and buy her books. Many thanks to Jay and Pam Green for this gift to our garden club and the community and thanks to Sheila Noonan for her tireless efforts in making this a successful event.

In April will have our joint meeting with the Tacoma Garden Club. It promises to be a stimulating program, "From Seeds to Skillet", at the Tacoma Golf and Country Club on April 18. **PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A WEDNESDAY.**

With the onset of Spring, we will all have gardening opportunities in the Fragrance Garden at CUH and East Montlake Park as well as the Wetherill Preserve. Watch for announcements of date and time and join in the fun.

Thank you to Carolyn Kitchell for her interesting and informative presentation on Gertrude Jekyll and Color in the Garden. We were all inspired by her comments and slides of colorful borders....another amazing woman in horticulture.

Looking ahead, our next provisional presentation will be April 2 when Susan Potts will report on early American Landscape Architect Beatrix Farrand, one of the founders of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Our Nominations Committee has completed its slate of Officers for 2012 –13. Thanks to Debbi Wilson and her committee and to those who have accepted positions.

Please be thinking about the year ahead and the SGC Committees and projects in which you might like to be involved. Our Annual Membership Survey will be distributed soon. Why not stretch yourself and give your talents to a new committee next year?

Laurie Riley, President

ATTENTION!

Requiring your immediate action!

- **RSVP to Charlee Reed for the WEDNESDAY, April 18, joint meeting with Tacoma Garden Club (206) 325-7033 cpreed@msn.com**
- **Mark your calendars for the meeting at Swansons Nursery and a field trip to The Dunn Gardens on May 7!**



Iris Wagner, Carolyn Kitchell and Peggy Wilton following Carolyn's Provisional presentation

Pamela Green Horticulture Lecture

Andrea Wulf, Founding Gardeners

We had a wonderful evening of horticulture and history wrapped together at this year's Green Lecture. Andrea Wulf was an engaging speaker and gave generously of her time before and after the lecture to meet and talk with us and our guests.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Pam and Jay Green for their gracious underwriting of the event.

The success of the 2012 Pamela Green Horticulture Lecture was due to the efforts of many members. The Seattle Garden Club is a wonderful group of women! Laurie Riley worked tirelessly with Andrea to coordinate a date for her Seattle visit. Carol Eland sent out hundreds of announcements to the media, garden clubs, newsletters and blogs to get the word out that Andrea Wulf was coming to town. She also put out posters and flyers at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show. Susan Potts donated eight of her member announcement spots on KUOW for the four days before the lecture. Laurie Ahern, Marilee Ahalt, Barbara Anderson, Carlyn Steiner, Betty Paul, Debbi Wilson, Carey Davis and Diane Radloff were Angels for the event, helping raise money for our Community Projects. Charlee Reed, Patsy Pattison, Barbara Anderson, Suzette de Turenne, Marianne Kitchell, Jenny Wyatt, Laurie Riley, Ann Rogers, Jane Harder, Mary Jane Anderson, Shelley Rolfe, Trudy Baldwin, Jo Anne Rosen and Peggy-Paige Most were volunteers the night of the event to greet, take tickets, sell tickets and take donations for books. They helped make the night's reception run smoothly.

All the members worked through e-mail, telephone and conversations to spread the word to their friends and colleagues to help sell more tickets.

I am happy to report that we sold 169 tickets and distributed 91 books for donors. The proceeds of approximately \$3,000 will go to the Seattle Garden Club's Community Projects fund.

Thank you everyone for making this a wonderful and profitable evening.

Sheila Noonan, Ways & Means



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Dunn Gardens has submitted a grant proposal for \$4,500, for the reforestation strategy of the Heritage Tree Program. The Heritage Trees are the large over-story hardwoods and conifers that define the Olmsted vision for the structure of the garden.

The Program has several phases including inventory and mapping, assessment of condition (completed), and strategies for replacement. They received a \$2,500 grant from SGC in 2011 to conduct a scientific survey of the trees to better understand their health and cultural needs. With this information, this 2012 grant requests funding to engage professional expertise to develop a strategy for their future replacement and reforestation.

This request is being reviewed by the Community Projects Committee.

Please contact Eleanor for more information. The Point Person for Dunn Gardens is Judy Phillips.

All SGC members are invited to attend Community Projects Committee meetings. Meeting times will be posted on the calendar. Please peruse the Members proposal form as well.

Eleanor Nolan, Chair

When Daisies Pied and Violets Blue

BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

When daisies pied and violets blue
And lady-smocks all silver-white
And cuckoo-buds of yellow hue
Do paint the meadows with delight,
The cuckoo then, on every tree,
Mocks married men; for thus sings he,
Cuckoo;
Cuckoo, cuckoo: O, word of fear,
Unpleasing to a married ear!

QUOTE: "How I would love to be transported into a scented Elizabethan garden with herbs and Honeysuckles, a knot garden and Roses clambering over a simple
Arbour." *Rosemary Verey*

CONSERVATION REPORT

NAL...Heady business, this conservation stuff! More than two hundred ninety GCA women from around the USA spent two days (of the three day conference) listening and learning about current national conservation legislation. Topics included the Farm Bill, the Transportation Bill, National Geographic's Global Patterns, National Parks Conservation, the Pollinator Partnership, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and many more. Plus we learned about current bills from informed U.S. Senators and Representatives.



Filled with correct information as well as GCA 'talking points' and position papers, on the third day we GCA women met with our individual congressmen: Senators and Representatives. GCA is 16,000 women strong! GCA has a paid 'environmental' lobbyist: we women are knowledgeable and "care about living things - now and in the future".

In our club, we will continue to present the information and share more about what we learned. Carlyn Steiner and Hotie Hard were the lucky attendees this year.

WETHERILL...Clippers-Up on April 23! The Wetherill Nature Preserve is OPEN, despite the SR520 construction zone. Our SGC garden/parks-loving ladies each year in April around Earth Day help do some clean-up and share a potluck picnic at this lovely pocket of wildness on the Eastside. This year's outing will be Monday, April 23 (Earth Day is Sunday April 22). We will access the park through its new entrance. Directions and time will be sent in early April

Hotie Hard, Conservation Chair 206-524-1346 or hotieh@aol.com

Environmental Working Group *Shopper's Guide to Pesticides in Produce*

Would you knowingly buy food that contains endocrine-disrupting or carcinogenic chemicals? How do you know if the fresh fruit snack you've just set out for your grandchild will do more harm than good? One simple way to know is to keep a copy of the Environmental Working Group's Shopper's Guide handy when you are grocery shopping. The EWG has two lists: The *Dirty Dozen* and the *Clean 15*. When shopping for items on the *Dirty Dozen* list, the EWG suggests you buy organic. The *Clean 15* lists fruits and vegetables that are conventionally grown and yet safer to eat. Keep this list in your purse, or better yet, download the free app onto your smartphone.

GO TO THE SGC CONSERVATION BLOG for more info, a link to the EWG website, a link to the Dirty Dozen App for your smartphone, and a short video about using the list by Dr. Andrew Weil. Click on the link "**Pesticides in Produce: A Shopper's Guide**" http://web.me.com/julietromano/SGC_Conservation_Blog/Green_Thumbs.../Green_Thumbs....html

Juliet Romano

Dirty Dozen (buy these organic)

Apples	Potatoes
Sweet bell peppers	Lettuce
Strawberries	Grapes
Kale/collard greens	Spinach
Blueberries – domestic	Peaches
Nectarines (imported)	Celery

The Clean 15 (lowest in pesticides)

Onions	Kiwi
Cabbage	Sweet Corn
Watermelon	Pineapple
Sweet potatoes	Avocado
Grapefruit	Asparagus
Mushrooms	Sweet peas
Cantaloupe – domestic	Mangoes
Eggplant	

HORTICULTURE STARTS

Our April 2nd Horticulture Meeting promises to be doubly engaging with not one but two presentations! Provisional Susan Potts will speak on Landscape Architect Beatrix Farrand. Farrand was the only woman to be among the eleven founding members of the American Society of Landscape Architects. Fittingly, this accomplished woman is the last to be featured in our theme for provisional talks that has run for two years: Earth on Her Hands: Women of Note in the Fields of Horticulture, Flower Arranging, Conservation and Photography.

We also look forward at our next Hort meeting to the WAFA (World Association of Flower Arrangers) slide show, presented by Jo Anne Rosen and Carol Henderson.

The April 2nd meeting will be held at UWBG/CUH, 9:30 social, 10:00 program.

New plans are in the works for our May 7th meeting. We will meet at Swansons Nursery for presentations by Corky Luster of Ballard Bee Company, and Horticulturalist Robin Haglund, who will speak on plants for pollinators.

After this meeting, there will be a field trip to The Dunn Gardens, with a guided tour of their Heritage Tree Program, a project we funded last year with a Community Projects Grant. The Curators and other experts will be on hand for this tour. More details will be forthcoming.

HORT QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Mycotrophic wildflowers a) are sometimes known as “fungus flowers”; b) spend most of their lives underground but are not fungi; c) come in red, yellow, white, pink and brown and are found under thick layers of leaf litter on the forest floor; d) all of the above.

Answer to February’s question: The common Dandelion (*Taraxacum Officinale*) derives its name from the Old French “Dent-de-lion,” meaning lion’s tooth.

Jenny Wyatt, Hort Chair

Tacoma Garden Club’s Website is a GCA Award Winner

April brings the Seattle and Tacoma Garden Clubs together once again. This year we are traveling south to hear a talk on “From Seed to Skillet.” Before heading out, Seattleites might want to check out Tacoma’s website at www.tacomagardenclub.org. Garden Club of America awarded them the National Public Relations Award for creating the first website used to improve and protect the environment. While we have good reason to be proud of our own website, Tacoma’s does indeed have educational material on native plant conservation and environmental improvements. It also has a link to the Northwest Native Plant Garden in Pt. Defiance Park, a nice side trip for those of us heading that way on April 18.

Carey Davis



PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE



The Photography Committee is pleased to announce a Club photography show to be held at our Annual Awards Luncheon on June 7 at Broadmoor Golf Club. Please refer to the schedule below for details.

A spring photography field trip is also in the planning stages. Information will be forthcoming.

Sis Woodside, Chair
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VISITING GARDENS

GCA has recently published information about three Visiting Garden trips for 2013:

- **Palm Beach, Florida** - March 1-5, 2013
- **Island of Sicily** - April 4-17, 2013
- **The Southern Highlands and the Gardens of Cashiers and Highlands**, North Carolina - July 15-19, 2013

GCA is accepting names for the interest lists at this time.

Please visit the GCA web site for more details and/or contact Burnley Snyder at lottie7@aol.com or 206-364-2720.

ANNUAL MEETING CLUB SHOW JUNE 7, 2012 Broadmoor Golf Club PHOTOGRAPHY SCHEDULE

“HONORING MOTHER NATURE’S CREATIONS”

CLASS 1	CELEBRATE THE LIGHT A photo emphasizing special light conditions found in nature. Class Consultant: Mary Turner	6 entries - color 206-325-0270 mturner915@aol.com
CLASS 2	CAPTURING ALL THINGS WILD AND FREE Find the wildness in nature. Plant material optional. Class Consultant: Sis Woodside	6 entries - color 206-324-1928 sischet@comcast.net
CLASS 3	VISITING NATURE’S GARDEN OF FLOWERS A close-up of a plant. Class Consultant: Suzette de Turenne	6 entries - color 206-524-904 sdeturenne@comcast.net

Registration opens at 8am: March 20, 2012 – SGC Photography Committee
March 31, 2012 – SGC members at large

Registration closes: May 1, 2012

Photos due to Jo Anne Rosen: May 21, 2012

Register by email to Charlee Reed: cpreed@msn.com

Photos are to be mounted and over-matted in off-white with a total perimeter dimension no larger than 50 inches.

FLOWER ARRANGERS COMMITTEE

The Flower Arrangers Committee will be offering a free workshop on Wednesday, June 6, 2012, the day before the June Annual Luncheon. Time and location to be determined.

The Committee will design an arrangement that will complement the theme of the photography club show. We will demonstrate and guide the workshop participants in how to put the design together giving them practice in flower arranging mechanics in a fun and non-threatening way. The containers, mechanics and plant material will be provided.

Participants may take their own arrangements home after the luncheon the following day.

Signs-ups: email Catherine Parker @ chparker3@gmail.com

The WAFA (World Association of Flower Arrangers held last summer in Boston) slide show which Jo Anne Rosen and Carol Henderson were to present on February 6 will be given at the April 2 Monday Hort meeting.

WAFA is a not-for-profit non-partisan organization of international floral societies in 30 member countries. The WAFA flower show moves from country to country every three years where the host stages a world flower show and organizes and holds other educational events.

Catherine Parker, Chair

East Montlake Park

The Ribes sanguineum (flowering red currant) and Mahonia aquifolium (Oregon grape) are already in full bloom and many other leaf buds are about to explode. The native bleeding hearts (Dicentra formosa) are emerging and the 'Venus' dogwood buds (Cornus kousa x nuttallii 'Venus') are swelling. Spring is really coming! Don't let the weather get you down! Go visit the park and enjoy the growing landscape beside the Cut.

Just remember that newly planted plants SLEEP their first year, CREEP the second year and LEAP the third. We have plants in all stages this year with this truly a "LEAP YEAR" for the plantings from two years ago!

Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered to get the EMP beautiful!!

Sue Blethen

GARDENER'S CORNER

Thoughts for April:



- Check and ready soaker hoses and irrigation systems.
- Mow and leave clippings on the lawn. Fertilize late in the month using a 3-1-2 ratio slow-release or a natural organic formulation.
- A pruning tip: do not prune trees or shrubs when growth has started and buds are swelling. Prune before growth starts in spring or wait until plants have leafed out.
- Direct seed cool season vegetables and flowers: cosmos, asters, foxglove, carrots, beets, lettuce, beans, onions, and snapdragons.
- Keep vigilant: remove sprouting weeds and don't let your guard down in the fight for a slug free garden.

Janet Footh

Looking Ahead...

May 4 BOARD MEETING - The Sunset Club
10:00am (please note change of usual day & date)

May 7 PROVISIONALS @ CUH at 9:00am
HORT MEETING @ SWANSON'S
NURSERY - 9:30 am - Corky Luster of
Ballard Bee Company followed by a boxed
lunch and tour of Dunn Gardens

May 17 SEATTLE GENERAL MEETING @
UWBG/CUH
9:30am Social; 10:00 Meeting;
10:30 Program: Conservationist Eric
Beckert's Documentary on the Preservation
of Puget Sound

June 6 Flower Arranging Workshop

June 7 Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon
Club Photography Show

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Suzette de Turenne, Communications Chair



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