



# The Seattle Garden Club

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June 2012



## ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS LUNCHEON

& Photography Show

Thursday, June 7, 2012

**Broadmoor Golf Club**

11:00am - Receiving Line for New Provisionals, Photography Show & Social

12:00pm - Annual Meeting, Awards and Luncheon

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED/FESTIVAL SEATING

***Please reply YES or NO by Friday, June 1***

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**Non-Subscribers to the Hostess Fund please mail a check for \$40.00  
to Charlee Reed, 308 - 36th Avenue E., Seattle, WA 98112**

### AT A GLANCE

events of note coming soon

- May 31 BOARD COCKTAIL PARTY**  
6:30pm @ Hope Stroble's - for  
those who signed up
- June 6 FLOWER ARRANGING  
WORKSHOP** @ Broadmoor Golf  
Club, 2:45pm - for those preregis-  
tered - *Bring clippers*
- June 7 ANNUAL AWARDS MEETING  
& LUNCHEON**  
**Club Photography Show**  
11:00am Broadmoor Golf Club  
*Members Only*
- June 11 HORT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
10:00am @ Jenny Wyatt's
- June 13 IN & OUT BOARD MEETING**  
10:00am @ The Sunset Club

### DUES NOTICE

Look for your dues notice in June. This will also be your opportunity to update or change your listing in the Yearbook as it relates to name, address, phone, cell phone and/or email address.

*Barbara Anderson, Treasurer*

### MEMBER SURVEY

If you have not already done so, please complete the Member Survey (emailed and included in the May newsletter). Return it to Laurie Ahern as soon as possible. This information is very useful for future planning. Questions? Please contact Laurie at 206-322-6723 or [lahern1681@gmail.com](mailto:lahern1681@gmail.com).



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

This newsletter marks the end of my term as President and a chance to say thank you for the wonderful opportunity I've had this year. It has been a pleasure to work with all of you on the many aspects of Garden Club life.

As I reflect on the year, I am particularly impressed with our Board. They have been dynamic, productive and very helpful and they have done their jobs well, making mine easier. Thanks to all of them!

Having attended the GCA Annual Meeting in Savannah and the Zone XII meeting in Portland, both in May, I have a feeling of great pride and gratitude for our club, up here in the northwestern corner. We accomplish so much in our four areas of interest and it is very evident when we are in the spectrum of many clubs. We are at the top and we should be proud!

The clubs of Zone VIII put on an outstanding Annual Meeting, "Southern Exposures" in Savannah. SGC was well represented by Diana Neely (Flower Shows), Pam Green and Iris Wagner (Visiting Gardens), Laurie Ahern and me. One of the best parts of the meeting for me was the opportunity to meet casually with GCA Members from far and wide and exchange ideas on everything from club projects to provisional programs to fundraising and speakers. Our club is a front-runner in all of these areas. Highlights were Senator Bob Graham of Florida who spoke on "The State of the Environment" and the announcement of the GCA Founders' Fund winner, "Growing Minds and Spirits", an educational landscape at the John T. Walker School For Boys in Washington, D.C.

A photograph of our members propagating plants for the East Montlake Park project was the first one flashed on the screen during the Zone XII report! Congratulations to Jo Anne Rosen and Susan Hilpert (non-resident member) who won awards in photography at the Annual Meeting flower show. Bravo, SGC!!!

On the homefront, we'll celebrate our year at the Annual Luncheon at Broadmoor on June 7. Thanks to Cathy Parker and the Floral Arts Committee (formerly Flower Arrangers!) for decking out the tables in floral finery. In addition to viewing what will surely be a fabulous Photography show, "Honoring Mother Nature's Creations", we'll meet four new provisionals, and welcome a group of seven talented new members who have completed their two-year provisional course. We will also congratulate the recipients of this year's awards. A big thank you to Trudy Baldwin and the Awards Committee for recognizing these worthy members. Our latest Garden History and Design Book will make its debut at the Annual Meeting, featuring 12 members' gardens. Be sure to check it out!

I am thrilled to pass the gavel to my capable friend, Laurie Ahern. It's time for me to return to my neglected garden!

**Laurie Riley, President**

### **ATTENTION!**

#### **Requiring your immediate action!**

- **RSVP to Charlee Reed by 6/1 for the Annual Meeting at Broadmoor**
- **RSVP to Laurie Riley for the Board meeting and lunch on 6/13 at The Sunset Club**

### **Special Committees**

Appointed by the SGC President,  
we are pleased to announce these changes for  
Special Committee Chairs:

**Archives: Ann Bohart**  
**Awards: Jeannie Gravenkemper**  
**Bylaws: Carlyn Steiner**  
**Garden History & Design: Jane Harder**  
**Historian: Judy Phillips**  
**Nominations: Laurie Riley**  
**Scholarship: Barbara Feasey**  
**School Gardens: Susan Potts**  
**Visiting Gardens: Burnley Snyder**

# MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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

**Marianne Kitchell**  
**Carolyn Kitchell**  
**Barbie Snapp**  
**Susan Potts**  
**Shelley Rolfe**  
**Susan Torrance**  
**Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey**

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

**Diana Ackerley** Diana, a Seattle native, is an avid gardener as she loves plants and learning about the horticultural world. She majored in environmental design at Colorado University, was previously employed at Microsoft from January 1992 – March 1998 and chaired the Madison Park Restoration Project in 2008. She is a “great leader and very organized”.

**Lindsay Price** Lindsay grew up in Spokane and moved to Seattle in 1985. Lindsay is the daughter-in-law of Marianna Price, sister-in-law of Deborah Cheadle, niece-in-law of Ginny Kitchell as well as cousin-in-law of Marianne and Carolyn Kitchell. For the past several years she has been in charge of the garden and planters at the shared family home on Bainbridge Island. She previously worked for Marriott Foods, Physio Control and is very active in the Westminster Chapel in Bellevue. She is also an avid tennis player at the Central Park Tennis Club in Kirkland. “She has been fully committed to activities she has participated in with great organizational skills, the ability to learn with good humor and work in groups”.

**Candace Lancaster** Candace grew up in Grosse Point, Michigan, and has lived in Seattle for the last 38 years. Until recently, Candace was the West Coast Representative for Tommy Bahama. She has recently retired and is ready to learn and participate in gardening activities. “She has great organizational skills, tact, patience, high standards, congeniality and enthusiasm”. Candace gardens in her own garden and seeks quality when choosing her plants.

**Megan Smith** Megan grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and has lived in Seattle since 1988. Megan is a member of Unit #1 of the Lake Washington Garden Club, active in NHS and the CUH Library. Among many volunteer activities she redesigned the new driveway garden and jacuzzi enclosure at the Seattle Tennis Club. Megan also designed the Triangle outside Bings in Madison Park. “She has taken leadership positions in the neighborhood and is a good student of horticulture and garden design and is an excellent writer”.

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

## VISITING GARDENS ENTERTAINS DALLAS LADIES

In May, SGC Visiting Gardens hosted 22 members of the Founders Garden Club from Dallas. Organized by Burnley Snyder and her good friend, Anne Logan from the Dallas Club, the group toured gardens in Seattle and Bellevue, and traveled to Bainbridge Island to the Bloedel Reserve. An additional treat was a tour of Dale Chihuly's Boathouse on Lake Union and the grand finale was a farewell crab feed at Burnley's home. Everyone had a fabulous time! Visiting Gardens at its finest!!!

**Laurie Riley**





# HORT STARTS

**A Community Project Grant provides funds for seasonal plantings of the containers at CUH's Fragrance Garden. Planted mid-May, the containers feature 'Wilma Goldcrest' Cypress, scented Pelargoniums and Petunias, Verbena, Million Bells, Tangerine and Lemon Gem Marigolds, and aromatic Thyme and Sage. Many thanks to our May work party participants: Janet Footh, Marilee Ahalt, Barbara Feasy, Jenny Wyatt and Marianne Kitchell.**



**The May Hort meeting was abuzz with activity! After a presentation on honey bees at Swansons Nursery by Corky Luster, founder of The Ballard Bee Company (pictured left), members gathered at the Dunn Gardens, where SGC was thanked for our 2011 support of the Dunn Garden's Heritage Tree project, and given a grand tour of the Gardens.**



## A Tree is Reborn

One of the Seattle Garden Club's prominent projects in the early days was the 1921 planting of 25 Elm trees along Des Moines Memorial Drive, a major thoroughfare between Seattle and Tacoma, also known as the Road of Remembrance. These trees were planted by white-gloved members in a ceremony honoring WWI soldiers. Eventually 1,100 Elms were planted, representing the number of Washington State soldiers killed in the war. Now most have succumbed to Dutch Elm Disease, age, road expansion and bad pruning. Trees have been replaced by an 84 foot memorial wall with the names of 1,428 dead.

When Susie Ragen and her husband, Brooks, moved into their newly remodeled home, they ordered a lovely console table from Meyer Wells, a local company that creates furniture from reclaimed urban trees. When they asked the origin of the wood for their table, they discovered that it had been one of those Memorial Drive Elms, rescued and given a new life in their home. How's that for serendipity?

Susie and her granddaughter, Carly are pictured with the table. **Laurie Riley**



# CONSERVATION REPORT



*Attending the People for Puget Sound luncheon: Barbie Snapp, Hotie Hard and Marianne Kitchell; not pictured, Carolyn Kitchell and Gretchen Hull*

On April 4, five members of the Conservation Committee attended the annual luncheon for People for Puget Sound at the Convention Center. The featured speaker was Charles Fishman. One 'fact' in his talk was that we in the USA spent \$29 billion on water treatment. We American individuals also spend \$21 billion on bottled water per year (that is the equal of four bottles of water per day per person in the USA). We learned a lot and crossed paths with other conservationists. The most proud we were was in the presentation of the "Lobby Day" video that was also shown as part of the program at the SGC May general meeting. For those who may have missed it, the 'star' of that video is the well-spoken, articulate Juliet Romano joined by her SGC cohorts, Sis Woodside and Catherine Roach, as they attended Lobby Day in Olympia in 2011.



On April 30, a wonderful dozen SGC women tackled the ivy at the Wetherill Nature Preserve. We stepped nimbly through the wetlands where we vigorously tugged and pried that invasive ivy from the tree trunks. The wind tossed the pretty spring green above our heads, but the preserve, as it nestles in the tuck of Yarrow Bay, was a pleasant work place. A "teddy bear indoor picnic" ('...if you go out in the woods today..') offered a warm, dry shelter from the onset of rain as well as delicious salads and desserts. We wrapped up with each of us taking a turn telling about our most recent garden/conservation activities.

**Hotie Hard, Conservation Chair**



*Wetherill clippers: (top) Barbara Peterson, Carolyn Kitchell, Roxanne Wiley, Debby Smith, Hotie Hard, Betty Paul, (bottom) Sue Blethen, Sis Woodside, Barbie Snapp, Suzette de Turenne, Eve Rickenbaker, Gretchen Hull (Jane Harder manned the camera)*



## GCA HAPPENINGS

### The Garden Conservancy Awarded Medal for Historic Preservation



At GCA's annual meeting in April, The Garden Conservancy was awarded the Medal for Historic Preservation. For over 20 years The Conservancy's endeavor has been to preserve exceptional American gardens. Launched by the horticulturist Frank Cabot, this wonderful organization has assisted over 90 gardens. The Chase Garden in Orting, Washington, is one of The Conservancy's selected preservation projects. This garden which quietly overlooks Mt. Rainier is thought to exemplify a traditional Pacific Northwest style of the mid-twentieth century. In addition, there is a local adjunct, The Garden Conservancy Northwest Network (GCNN), which supports many well known gardens here in the Northwest.

Patti McGee of The Conservancy was also chosen to become an honorary member of The Garden Club. This category in GCA has only been awarded three other times. Patti was recognized for her tremendous support and enthusiasm for gardens, most recently her work at the serene southern garden and laboratory of Elizabeth Lawrence in North Carolina.

**Carey Davis**

### From The Gardener's Year by Karel Capek, 1929

"I find that a real gardener is not a man who cultivates flowers; he is a man who cultivates the soil....Great Scott! There are soils as fat as bacon, light as feathers, crumbly like a cake, blond or black. Dry or inflated with damp; all these are diverse and noble kinds of beauty; while all that is greasy, cloddy, wet, tough, cold, and sterile is ugly and rotten, unredeemed matter, given to man for a curse; and it is as ugly as the coldness, callousness, and malice of human souls."



# Zone XII Meeting in Portland, Oregon, May 1-3, 2012

## Wild About Wildflowers

The SGC was well represented at the Zone XII meeting in Portland earlier this month. Laurie Riley attended as President of SGC, Laurie Ahern as President Elect, Charlee Reed as Delegate, and Diana Neely as National Judging Chair. Portland Garden Club has one of the largest memberships in GCA. They have a beautiful clubhouse and meticulously attended gardens in the heart of the Portland Hills. Wild about Wildflowers was the theme, which extended to all material, meals, talks, slideshows and garden visits. GCA President, Marian Hill, attended all the meetings and particularly enjoyed the member's garden tours. Laurie Riley, as our President, gave a scripted 250-word report or "bragging rights" telling of our club's activities in the last year. We thought you would be interested in reading her report:

***The Seattle Garden Club, established in 1917, is a club of 156 members strong, all of whom share the love of gardening, the environment, civic beautification and education. To this end, we are involved in many activities, both inside our club and in the community.***

***We hold one major fundraising event each year...our Holiday Luncheon and Auction, which enables us to grant funds to gardens and parks in the Seattle area. We are passionate about giving back to the community.***

***One club activity which stands alone without funds from within our club so far is the restoration of East Montlake Park, a tiny park established by the Garden Club and the Army Corps of Engineers in 1959, located along the Montlake Cut...a canal connecting Lake Washington with Lake Union. The park fell into disrepair in later years and was rejuvenated in 2007 with the help of a Partners for Plants grant and countless hours of gardening by club members, plus involvement from several outside groups. Many of the native plants for the park have been propagated by members in workshops and the project continues to be a fun and bonding experience for all.***

***Our enthusiastic conservation group made its annual trip to the state capitol in Olympia for Lobby Day... a club favorite. There they participated in discussions with state legislators on Clean Puget Sound, Clean Energy and Toxic-Free Kids. Everyone came back energized and determined to make a difference in our world!***

***The Seattle Garden Club is 95 years young this year...alive and well and looking forward to our Centennial Celebration in 2017.***

Attending zone and national meetings is a wonderful way to learn more about our national organization and to meet members from across the country. It is truly an honor to represent SGC. Thank you for the opportunity.

**Laurie Ahern**



**Charlee Reed, Laurie Riley,  
Diana Neely and Laurie Ahern**

## Local Happenings

### in the Good Old Summertime:

*(Carlyn Steiner shares this information)*

**Floral Arts:** Fiori Floral Design is offering pave workshops. Take home a beautiful arrangement!  
\$150 requiring preregistration.

**June 5 or June 19** Peonies

**July 31** Dahlias

Call 206-329-3944 or visit their web site at  
[www.fiorifloraldesign.com](http://www.fiorifloraldesign.com)

**Conservation:** Conservation Remix, a fusion of science, technology, policy and design for a new kind of green, is being held on **June 2** at Seattle's Town Hall. Register today at [www.conservationremix.org](http://www.conservationremix.org)

## PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE

We invite anyone who would like to participate in another "favorite photo exhibit" to be held in the Fall of 2012 at a SGC General Meeting. Pick any one favorite photo you have taken over the summer and enlarge it to a 8x10 size or similar. It does not need to be mounted. You will receive an email at the end of the summer with info of where and when to deliver your photograph. We suggest printing on matte paper for better viewing. Remember, this is just for fun!

**Sis Woodside, Chair**  
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# COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Every Seattle Garden Club member has contributed in some way through the years to the “civic beautification” of our community. Reviewing the history of SGC and its contributions to the quality of life since 1921 (reviewed on page 65 of the Green Book) illuminates a remarkable history of involvement in our community.

Defining our “Community” and describing our endeavors that are “Projects” has been a charge this year. The objects and purposes of the SGC are stated clearly, and all projects must be consistent with those. Questions from Provisionals and members have illuminated areas of our community involvement needing further clarification. We have made the public portion of our website more accessible.

With the work of the members and fundraising efforts, we welcome requests for funding and are proud of the SGC grants to Bloedel Reserve and Dunn Gardens, both of which sustain all that the SGC purposes define.

It is gratifying to review the Community Project involvement of the SGC in the green book and be reminded of how it has added to the rich fabric of our community. The committee is very grateful for your suggestions for involvement in the SGC community.

*Eleanor Nolan, Chair*

## GARDEN HISTORY & DESIGN



### HOT OFF THE PRESS!!!

The “Seattle Garden Club 2012” publication, featuring the gardens of twelve of our members, can be viewed at the Annual Meeting. You will then have the opportunity to place an order for your own copy.

## GARDENER'S CORNER

Thoughts for June:



- Move houseplants outdoors for cleaning, grooming, repotting, and summer growth.
- Prune lilacs, forsythia, rhododendrons, and azaleas after blooming.
- Fertilize vegetable garden one month after plants emerge by side dressing alongside the rows.
- Mulch! Applying organic mulch (Cedar Grove Compost is one choice) around plants can cut watering and weeding time. (Some weeds can set more than 300,000 seeds per plant.) Get weeds out before they set seed.
- Oh joy, slugs and snails can lay up to 500 eggs per year in the soil. Snails have been known to live for as long as 12 years while slugs generally live 2 years or less. Bait!
- You can plant basil starts late in the month. Remember to pinch them back so they fill out.
- Water lawn deeply, or let lawn go dormant and water just once a month. Avoid using fertilizers in hot dry weather.
- Remind thy spouse to sharpen the mower blades.
- Keep hummingbird feeders filled. Wash thoroughly before each refill to prevent mold.
- Enjoy the summer months and the fruits of your labor! You deserve it!

*Janet Footh*

## Looking Ahead...

Sept 20    Annual Fall Picnic  
             Burnley Snyder's Home  
             11:00 social; 11:30 meeting  
             12:00 lunch

**HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!**



## **CHOOSE TO CONSERVE! RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL!**

**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 Chair*



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