



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

Centennial Annual Business Meeting

February 16, 2017

CUH - 9:30 am Social, 10 am Meeting



Members Only

Hear Jason Morse of AHBL speak on the **Design of the Azalea Way Centennial Project**

Vote on the Founders Fund

Learn about our club's connections to the GCA

Experience our club's history with member Chris Davis

Review the 2016 Annual Business Meeting Minutes [here](#)

See you there at 9:30 am, and don't forget to bring your coffee mugs!

Events at a Glance

Please consult the calendar at the SGC website: seattlegardenclub.org

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| 2/2 | SGC Board meeting, 10:00 am - 11:30 am, Sunset Club |
| 2/3 | SGC Garden History and Design meeting, 10:00 am - 11:30 am, Mary Turner's home
915 11th Ave E, Capitol Hill |
| 2/6 | SGC Provisional meeting, 8:30 am - 9:30 am, CUH
SGC Hort meeting featuring speaker and florist Deborah Ritner, 9:15 am - 11:30 am, CUH
SGC Community Projects meeting following Hort, CUH |
| 2/7 | SGC Policy and Planning meeting, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Diana Neely's home |
| 2/9 | SGC Photography Workshop 'How to capture a good photo', 10:00 am - noon, CUH board room |
| 2/16 | SGC Centennial Annual Business Meeting, 9:30 am - 11:30 am, CUH (members only)
SGC Fragrance garden work party, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, CUH |

From the President



We've all heard of the "February Blues." The glow of the holidays has diminished. The days are short, and sunshine is in short supply. The seeping chill of winter seems interminable. How tempting it is to give in to lethargy. But we have "Business" to attend to, namely, our Annual February Business Meeting on February 16.

Our Annual Business Meeting is planned and run by our President-Elect Diana Neely, along with the Policy and Planning Committee, has put a great deal of thought into creating an informative and lively morning. You won't want to miss the latest news on the design of the Azalea Way Centennial Garden (our Centennial Community Project), a presentation on SGC history and a vote on the

Founders Fund. Details about the three Founders Fund finalists are now available in both the GCA Bulletin and on the GCA Website. Please take time to review the projects before our February meeting so you'll know how to cast your vote.

Look for a cure for February "Blahs" by attending the February 6 Hort Meeting, hosted by the Floral Design Committee. This meeting will feature Deborah Ritner, Co-Founder of Nicorah Floral. Check out this company's website and be inspired to attend and pick up some tips for creating fantastic floral arrangements. Photography has planned a fun event for us on Thursday February 9 (see calendar for details) when photographer Justin Reznick will speak on "How to Capture a Great Image."

Speaking of inspiration—I'm sure I wasn't the only person inspired by Sue Simmons' January Provisional talk on Mason Bees to try hosting this extraordinary beneficial. I can't wait to set up a house in my garden. And then there was the truly inspired Centennial Kick off luncheon at STC on January 19th. What a joyful celebratory event with so many members in attendance! Many thanks to Hope Stroble, Centennial Chair, BJ Anderson and Charlee Reed, Luncheon Chairs, and many others who contributed to our inaugural centennial event including Sue Ashmun, Jolie Roze, Deborah Cheadle, Kim Bishop, Peggy Paige Most, Jane Harder and the cast of the Centennial players. Thank you. We're off to a terrific start for the year!

My best to all,
Jenny



Barbee Crutcher, Sue Simmons and Suzette de Turenne following Sue's Provisional Talk on Mason Bees

Congratulations to SGC for 100 years!

January began the celebration of Seattle Garden Club's 100 years

The Centennial committee has worked tirelessly on creating an exciting 2017 celebration.

Our first event took place at a celebratory kick-off luncheon on January 19, at the Seattle Tennis Club. Many thanks go to Susan Ashmun for designing the invitation, BJ Anderson and Charlee Reed for sending out the invitations as well as planning and chairing the event, Jolie Roze for the day-of program, Chris Davis for her historical research, Deborah Cheadle and the cast of the terrific skit, Candace Lancaster for help with the fabulous table decorations and Kim Bishop for her invaluable tech support.

Our 2nd event will be our Gala on April 27, 2017 on the MV Skansonian.

Our third event will be the Annual Luncheon celebration at the Seattle Tennis Club on June 1, 2017.

The final event will be our picnic, September 14, 2017, at the Arboretum where we will celebrate our \$100,000 Centennial Gift to the Arboretum. (This is a change of date. Originally the picnic was going to be a week later.)

In addition to these events, we will be capturing our history throughout the year via Power Point presentations at most general meetings.

Hope Stroble, Centennial Chair

Centennial Luncheon Photos



Ways and Means Update

CHECK YOUR CALENDARS! If you missed signing up for some of our wonderful, interesting, and fun events at the auction here are the ones with spaces remaining:

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| March 22 | Floral Design Demonstration by Maxine of Pickety Patch with drinks and hors d'oeuvres at Catherine Parker's home. Time: 5:00 pm
\$85 |
| May 10 | Trip to Bloedel with Tour, Lunch and Floral Design Demonstration.
8:45 am ferry to Bainbridge. \$100 |
| May 11 | Tour the spectacular Chase Garden with Lunch \$75 |
| May 16 | Bridge and Tea at Delphine Stevens' for 12 (not for beginners)
1:30-4:00 pm \$65 *just two spots left! |
| May 23 | Northern Corridor Tour- Take a scenic and informative tour of Hwy 2 highlights with transportation, drinks, snacks, beverages and lunch at an historic Inn included!
7:30 am – 4:30 pm \$75 |
| June 9- | Tour of the amazing Old Goat Farm garden and nursery near Orting, WA \$65 *Only two spaces left! |
| Sept. 30 | Our fabulous and fun Board Cocktail Party held this year at the Bloedel Reserve with guided tours available beforehand. 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm \$75 (spouses welcome!) |

Bring your checkbooks! Sign ups will be offered at the meetings or contact Edie Tenneson at EdieSS48@msn.com or 425-444-2149



photo by Mary Turner

(Untitled)

Nature's richness
lies in its power

to nourish all living
things;

its greatness lies in
its

power to give them
beauty

and splendor.

Thus it prospers all
that lives.

Lao Tzu

Conservation

As we snuggle in our cozy homes contemplating our spring gardens, I would like you to take a moment to consider the function and beauty of a Food Forest.

We have a real garden treasure in our own back yard with the Beacon Food Forest on Beacon Hill. This property is owned by Seattle Public Utilities under the umbrella of the Seattle P-Patch Garden program.

The Food Forest uses public land to create a landscape that emulates the seven layers of a natural forest from canopy to forest floor, using edible, medicinal and beneficial plantings. Steve Tracey, involved with much of the hardscape construction, and Glenn Hurlihy, one of the originators and proponents for this incredible garden program, led me on two separate tours of the Food Forest in September. Both men presented very different aspects about the garden. In addition to the wide array of actual plantings and layout, there was much to discover about their drip lines, wetland, beehive, bio char, rocket stoves, Huglekultur and Mycogrow, a natural fungi used for speeding the process of sheet mulching. I hope your curiosity leads you to Google a few of these words that are unfamiliar to you!

The design and development of these gardens had tremendous input from the local community to incorporate some unusual plantings used by their cultures. Many locals attend the monthly work parties to maintain these unique gardens, but they are not alone! Volunteers from over 21 different zip codes often come to work and harvest items for their own culinary delights. The real beauty of the Beacon Food Forest is that other than a few privately leased P-Patch gardens, the remaining larger and expanding gardens are **open to the public for harvest without restriction!**

If planning a new garden or redesigning an existing portion of an established garden, and a Food Forest interests you, this garden is worth a visit! beaconfoodforest.org

I am also hearing more about the creation of personal food forests, and have had the opportunity to see two of these residential gardens. The first personal food forest I visited, cultivated by a retired gentleman living in British Columbia, is so well established and prolific that I am absolutely astounded with how much food comes off of his 50' x 100' lot. With his wife holding her hands up to prevent even more food coming through her door, his friends become elated recipients of his excess bounty. I was treated to a spectacular lunch complete with home made crème de cassis from his currants! Yum!

The second garden was designed by Jackie Cramer of Beacon Food Forest, and was recently installed at the home of Dr. Aaron Clark of 12,000 Rain Gardens and Stewardship Partners and his wife, filmmaker Evan Briggs. This home has also incorporated two large cisterns to capture and hold roof water for drip lines and general watering, as well as a beautiful rain garden for filtering impurities out of their storm water run off. Even in its infancy, their beautiful landscape is full of edibles and beneficial plantings with items ready to harvest. Espaliered apples, pears, blueberries, strawberries, raspberries, tomatoes, beans on the arbor to provide shade over the patio, an olive tree and cherry bushes all make it is easy to see the future feasts coming from this small and delightful garden!

Please feel free to contact me for further information.

Barbie Snapp - Conservation Chair

In Memoriam:

We regret the passing of

Mrs. James McCurdy (Betty)
Betty was a member since 1972 and SGC
President from 1989-91

SGC received a wonderful donation in
honor of Gretchen Hull from member
Lannie Hoglund.
Our deepest appreciation goes to Lannie.

SGC Yearbook Updates

Please notify SGC's Corresponding
Secretary, Jolie Roze of any roster changes:
jsroze@comcast.net, 206-236-2218

Important Announcement Regarding Dues

SGC dues for the 2017-2018 year will be sent by **email** on

June 1, 2017

Dues and Fees are due on June 30, 2017

Please contact Carlyn Steiner with questions at carlyn@e-steiner.com

Floral Design at Hort

February 6, 2017

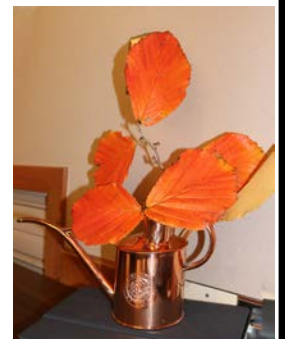
CUH - 9:15 am Social, 10:00 am Meeting

Hosted by the Floral Design Committee

Deborah Ritner of Nicorah Floral Design



*Commemorate SGC's Centennial by purchasing a
coffee mug or travel cup for \$5, a watering can
for \$125 or a bowl for \$65.80.*



Scholarship Feature: The Zeller Summer Scholarship in Medicinal Botany

Purpose: To encourage US undergraduate students to expand their knowledge of medicinal botany by pursuing summer study in various projects, courses, and/or internship with supervision and structure.

Brionna James is a senior at Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL, pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies and a minor in Urban and Regional Planning. She will work with a nonprofit organization called Natural Doctors International (NDI) and conduct a field research study to investigate the naturopathic approach to medicine. Her research will require a combination of survey techniques, such as face-to-face interviews, questionnaires, and field research to observe and study the social behavior of local residents to determine whether naturopathic medicine can lead to a more sustainable and competent healthcare system in the rural communities of Ometepe, Nicaragua.



Amna Jamshad is an undergraduate in the Biology Department with a concentration in neuroscience at University of Georgia. Her research will focus on the evolution of the production of salicylic acid (the active metabolite of Aspirin) across a cross-section of 29 diverse wild willow (*Salix*) species. At low doses, Aspirin has multiple beneficial health effects and is one of the most widely used medications in the world. She will be analyzing leaf and bark extracts to examine the diversity of secondary compounds in these species. She will also examine the evolution of salicylate production and the biogeographical and environmental factors underlying phytochemical variation among species.

Kimberly D. Giulvezan is an undergraduate in the Biology Department with a concentration in Botany at the University of Central Florida. She will travel to the Amazonian regions of Ecuador and Peru where she will work with the Runa Foundation. Her research will focus on ethnobotany, the scientific study of the relationship between people and plants, and medicinal plants, specifically the native (*Ilex guayusa*) guayusa tea plant sold by many local farmers.

Eve Rickenbaker, GCA News

GCA Founders Fund 2017

The 2017 Founders Fund finalists are featured in the Winter issue of the *Bulletin* and also online at the GCA website. There are three finalists:

Moon Terrace Learning Laboratory at the Santa Fe Botanical Garden, Proposed by Santa Fe Garden Club, Zone XII and Seconded by The Portland Garden Club, Zone XII

Project Dogwood: Staunton's Tradition Reborn, Proposed by The August Garden Club, Zone VII and Seconded by Albermarle Garden Club, Zone VII

Bee Healthy Garden at Greater Milwaukee's Camp Whitcomb Mason, Proposed by Kettle Moraine Garden Club, Zone XI and Seconded by Lake Geneva Garden Club, Zone XI

The winner will receive \$30,000 and the runners-up \$10,000 each. We will vote at the February 16 Business meeting so please review the projects and come prepared to vote.

Barbara Anderson, Founders Fund Chairman

Photography

Did you make New Year resolutions? Maybe one of them is to take more photos. Read on and you will have many opportunities to do so. Check out this link [Member Photos](#) to view the Winter Solstice Photos. It is a fun and easy way to share photos. Please consider

submitting a photo when we offer it again.

Feb. 9th -CUH Board Room 10:00 am -12:00 pm hear renowned Photographer Justin Reznick speak on how to capture a great photo. Many garden club members have been on his photo workshops and heard his lectures. We will have the opportunity to buy some of his work as he will be doing his last art show this summer.

*Bring your favorite photo to this lecture (see below). Or bring your favorite photo to the Feb. 16th General Meeting.

March 20th -Have you wanted to enter a photo show but you were not sure if your photo met the criteria? Or maybe you love one of your photos but are not sure what the photo judges might say? Here is an opportunity to submit a photo or two and hear what the judges comments might be. Here is how it will work:

1. Bring either a landscape, seascape or cityscape, a close up or your favorite photo (8x10 color print) on Feb. 9th to the Justin Reznick workshop (see details in this newsletter) or to the Feb. 16th General meeting.
2. The SGC photography judges will make comments as they would in a GCA show.
3. On March 20th from 10:00 am-noon we will meet at CUH to review the photos and comments.

Lastly, please take a minute to view the GCA winter 2017 Focus, (a publication of the GCA photography committee) which presents a wonderful assortment of award-winning images:

[GCA Photography](#)

Suzy Titcomb, Photography Chair

Hort

The February 6 Horticulture Meeting will be run by the Floral Design Committee.

Our next Hort meeting will take place on Monday March 6, 2017 at CUH. **9:15 am Social & Hort Share & 10:00 am Program.** Provisional Eliza Davidson will give a presentation on Pollinator Plants & Garden Design.

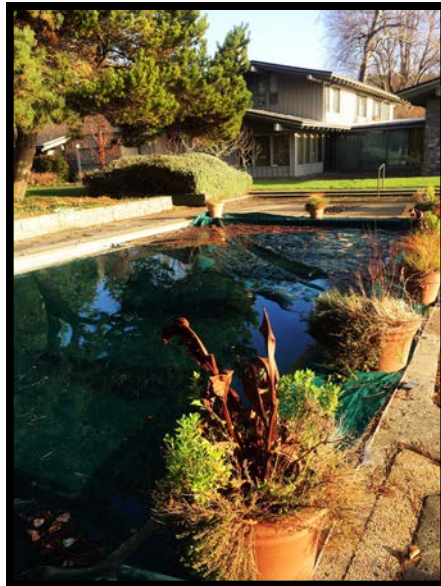
Provisional Sue Simmons gave a wonderful talk about Mason Bees on January 9th. If you have fruit trees in your garden and you are interested in mason bee cocoons and/or a kit for this Spring, please email Sue at ssimmons330@gmail.com and she can send information.

Diana Ackerley, Horticulture Chair

Winter Solstice Photos



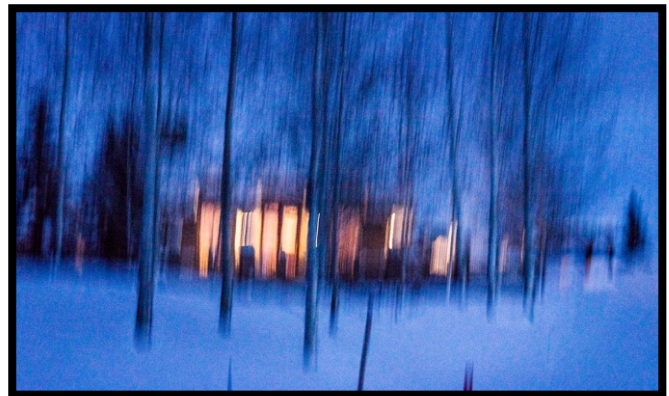
by Jenny Wyatt



by Faye Page



by Debbi Wilson



by Mary Turner



by Edie Tenneson



by Jeannie Gravenkemper



by Debby Smith

Gardener's Corner

Color Me Small Easy and New
by Megan Smith

Drum roll please...the new plants for 2017 are on the runway! As there are trends in everything from fashion to diets to the latest gadget, there are trends in the horticulture industry. Nursery growers introduce their newest plants to garden centers intended to dazzle you to buy, buy, buy. And I, my friends, no longer fall prey to the allure of trendy new plant introductions just because they may be, say, slightly different in color or texture. I now steer toward "new" plants that really are new (or improved) and offer ease of maintenance, limited size, and big garden 'pop.' I want my new plant to actually be quite different from something I might have seen years ago. I feel the same way about fashion. Do we really need to see version 2.0 of bell bottoms or shoulder padded jackets thrust back into our psyche? I think not. To that end, here are some powerful new plants that meet my criteria for your garden.

If you haven't been touched by a physocarpus (ninebark) yet, it's time to introduce one into those sunny parts of your garden. Bring 'Little Angel' into your life with it's summertime orange/ red palmate (think vine maple) foliage darkening to burgundy in summer. Exfoliating bark draws attention in the winter and it's compact 2-foot by 1-foot size is great for massing in the garden or drawing attention to a pot. Heavenly!

Boom, pow, wham!!! That's what you'll feel when you brush up against the soft blades of Hakonechloa macra 'Sunflare'. Perhaps the most eye catching plant of 2017, this Japanese forest grass packs a wallop of color with it's bright yellow blades and burgundy highlights. In fall, sprinkle in some burnt orange and you'll feel like you're being whisked away to the tropics! This compact 12 to 18-inch tall grass can handle semi-shade as well as sun. You'll need your sunglasses for close inspection.

How often are we pulling out one lavender to replace it with another that's grown too straggly and overgrown? Can I see a show of hands here? The solution is the 10-inch tall Lavandula angustifolia 'Wee One'. With it's impressive display of blue flower spikes and dark blue calyxes, you'll be entertained all summer long. Sayonara 'Hidcote'!

Last but surely not least, is Weigela 'Date Night Strobelight'. Who doesn't like a plant that has a whirlwind of dramatic color changes throughout the seasons? This 3-foot sun-loving shrub sports pink flowers with green and bronze foliage in the spring changing to orange in the summer and finally transforming to crimson in the fall. What a little chameleon she is!

Compact color for the garden that doesn't have to be divided, pampered and fawned over is a real plus in my book. 'Little Angel', Hakonechloa macra, 'Sunflare', 'Wee One', and 'Date Night Strobelight' will be weighing heavy on my mind as I start planning my garden this month. Dang...those nursery growers have done it again, they've wielded their magic over me but wait...this is an "investment in the future!" These plants are forever! (Until something newer comes out... oops!)

Happy Valentines Day

Looking Ahead

- 3/6 SGC Provisional Meeting, 8:30 am - 9:30 am CUH
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- 3/16 SGC General Meeting, 9:30 am - 11:30 am, CUH (bring your own cup)
- 3/22 SGC Floral Design Demo, 5:00 pm, location TBD

GCA Encourages Use of Email

If you receive this newsletter via U.S. Mail and would like to receive it via email, please contact me. Please help us reduce waste and expenses.

Thank you!

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