



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of the Garden Club of America

General Meeting

March 16, 2017

UWBG/CUH

9:30 am Social

10 am Program

Guests Welcome!

Dr. Dennis Paulson – “Building a Garden Paradise for Birds... (and humans)”

Dennis has written or co-authored over 90 scientific papers and ten books, including *Birds of Puget Sound: Cascades to Coast*, *Shorebirds of the Pacific Northwest*, and *Shorebirds of North America: The Photographic Guide*, as well as the primary field guides to North American dragonflies. One of his goals as a biologist has been to blend the science of biology with the study and appreciation of nature.

Events at a Glance

Bring your coffee cups to all CUH meetings

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| 3/6 | Provisional Meeting, 9:00am - 9:30 am, CUH
Hort Meeting and Hort Share, 9:15 am - 11:30 am, CUH
Community Projects Meeting, 11:30 am, CUH Board Room |
| 3/7 | Policy and Planning Meeting, 1:00 - 2:30pm, Diana Neely's home |
| 3/9 | SGC Board Meeting, 10:00 am - 11:30 am, Sunset Club |
| 3/16 | SGC General Meeting, 9:30 am - 11:30 am, CUH |
| 3/20 | Photography Committee Meeting Favorite Photo Review, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, CUH |
| 3/22 | Floral Design Demo (auction item) by Maxine, 5:00 pm, Catherine Parker's |

From the President



The Garden Club of America's statement of Purpose cites "the advantages of association by means of educational meetings, conferences, correspondence and publications." That may sound like a mouth-full, but it's true! President-Elect Diana Neely and I experienced these advantages when we attended the Zone XII Presidents' Council Meeting in Santa Barbara the end of January.

Zone XII is the most diverse Zone in GCA, with 18 Clubs and 2200 members living in varied landscapes and climates. Despite our differences, gathered together, we explored our shared interests, activities and challenges. In a breakout session among Presidents, similar concerns about membership, accountability, leadership, technology and archiving emerged. We made many new friends and were treated to lovely and delicious dinners. Thank you, SGC, for sending Diana and me to this important meeting.

A beautiful though disruptive snowstorm threw a curve ball into our February 6 Horticulture meeting. Floral Design Chair Debby Smith moved nimbly to Plan B and rescheduled the meeting to my house two days later. About twenty members gathered in my living room for a fabulous demonstration and conversation with Floral Designer Extraordinaire Deborah Ritner. In a word, "Wow!" Thanks to everyone who scrambled to make this wonderful morning happen.

Our Annual Business meeting, orchestrated by President-Elect Diana Neely, provided us with a good deal of food for thought. Diana pulled together an array of presenters who provided an impressive amount of information on SGC, past, present and future. Thank you to the presenters and to Diana and the Policy and Planning Committee.

On Groundhog Day, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, predicting 6 more weeks of winter. Let's hope that Phil's vision is off, and our daffodils will soon be in sight. We have much to look forward to this spring. Our March 6 Hort Meeting features Eliza Davison on "Pollinator Plants and Garden Design." At our March 16 General Meeting, Dennis Paulson, Ph.D., and advisor to *Bird Note*, will speak on "Building a Garden Paradise for Birds and People." Guests welcome.

April 27th is our Centennial Gala Party on the MV Skansonia. Hope Stroble and event co-chairs Marilee Ahalt and Barbara Feasey are putting together a celebration of the century that you won't want to miss. Please make your reservations promptly, and I will see you there!

Jenny Wyatt, President



Presidents' Council Meeting for Zone XII In Santa Barbara attended by (left to right top row) Iris Wagner (Zone XII Representative, Nominations) Charlee Reed (Zone XII Representative, Photography), Diana Neely (SGC President-Elect), Mary Turner (Zone XII Representative, Garden History and Design), Jenny Wyatt (SGC President), and Pam Green (Zone XII Representative, Flower Show).

Annual Dues:*NEW PAYMENT DATE*

2017-2018 SGC Annual dues will be due on **June 1, 2017**

The SGC Governing Board is working to simplify collecting annual dues. Based on the experiences of several Zone XII and GCA chapters, we think by adopting June 1st as our dues payment deadline, we will avoid trying to collect dues during the summer months and will receive our income at the beginning of our fiscal year.

*Changing the dues payment date is subject to a by-law revision.

Centennial Report

Be on the look out for your very own map of all SGC's community projects over the last 100 years. At the March general meeting Sue Blethen will present on 100 years of community projects. A virtual map will accompany this presentation. Don't miss it!

Hope Stroble, Centennial Chair

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present its slate of officers for the Seattle Garden Club, 2017-2019 Board. Your current SGC Board approved this slate at its meeting on February 2, 2017. Approval will be sought from the General Membership at the SGC Annual Meeting on June 1, 2017, at the Seattle Tennis Club.

The following positions will serve from fall 2016 through spring 2019, with the exception of President Elect/Policy & Planning Chair, which is a one-year position. SGC President Elect serves for one year, followed by one year as President, and one year as Immediate Past President/Nominating Chair. Members are reminded that approximately half of the Board is replaced each year, on a rotating basis.

President Elect/Policy & Planning Chair: Catherine Allan

Treasurer/Finance: Barbara Feasey

Recording Secretary: Karen Simmonds

Corresponding Secretary: Peggy-Paige Most

Community Projects: Sue Blethen

Conservation: Shelley Rolfe

Membership: Marilee Ahalt

Programs: Carolyn Kitchell

Many thanks to each of these women, whose dedication to SGC resulted in their acceptance of the invitation to serve in these positions; and to my Nominating Committee members - B.J.Anderson, Diana Neely, Roxanne Wiley and Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey - whose thoughtfulness helped forge such a strong slate.

Suzette de Turenne, Chair

WAYS & MEANS

CHECK YOUR CALENDARS! There are still spaces for some of the auction events.

Here are the ones with space remaining:

- March 22- Floral Design Demonstration 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 23- Northern Corridor Tour- 7:30 am – 4:30 pm \$75.
- June 9- Old Goat Farm garden and nursery tour \$65 (Two spaces)
- Sept. 30- The SGC Board Cocktail Party at the Bloedel Reserve with guided tours. 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm \$75 (spouses welcome!).

Contact Edie Tenneson at EdieSS48@msn.com or 425-444-2149

Hort Report

Our March 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.

Hort Share: Please bring a specimen (in a vase) to share from your garden. Some ideas for Hort Share include: Epimediums, Pulmonarias, Sarcococca, Forsythia, Viburnum, Chaenomeles speciosa (Japanese quince), Barberry, Spirea, Daphne, Camellias and Rhodies. Thank you Betty Paul & Laurie Riley for organizing Hort Share!

Dividing Perennials

Divide fall-blooming perennials and bring starts to share at Hort.

The best time for dividing established summer- and fall-blooming perennials is in spring. The easiest way to divide your fall-blooming perennial is to dig the entire root ball, and then use a digging spade to cut the root mass into sections. If the root ball is too thick to cut with a spade, use an old pruning saw. If the roots are delicate and break up easily, a sharp knife is the best choice. Simply cut the sections into three or four smaller, well-rooted divisions. [dividing perennials](#)

Diana Ackerley, Horticulture Chair

Conservation Report

"Of all the questions which can come before this nation, short of the actual preservation of its existence in a great war, there is none which compares in importance with the great central task of leaving this land even a better land for our descendants than it is for us." Theodore Roosevelt

President Theodore Roosevelt brought the idea of environmental protection to the national platform in 1905 when he formally established the US Forest Service, and in 1906 when he championed the American Antiquities Act. These two pieces of legislation have provided a significant foundation for the protection of our lands and historical locations around our country.

When you receive this newsletter, Shelley Rolfe and I will be in the last stages of preparing for our National Affairs and Legislation (NAL) trip to Washington D. C., where we will join many other Conservation Chairs and club members from around the country. Our week will be filled with educational speakers and culminate in lobbying our Washington State politicians for the protection of our environment. With the current administration actively undermining existing environmental protections both nationally and internationally, this will be an extremely important week for the Garden Club of America to be heard.

It would be naive and unrealistic to say that we should have never cut any tree, mine any ore or dammed any river. Previous generations didn't know the full consequences of their actions from clear cutting, mining, or throwing waste into their waters. Our natural resources seemed endless and with the lower population, the earth's natural filtration systems were able to manage these changes fairly well...for a while. As horse and carriage gave way to cars, other discoveries were being made; wood preserving creosote was first discovered in 1832, the miracle material of 1907, plastic (Bakelite), the insecticide DDT (1873&1939), and the herbicide Casoron (1950s). All of these discoveries appeared to make crops more prolific, reduce pests and make life easier.

However, with time and increased population, we realized that our resources are finite and chemicals and plastics do have consequences. As a result, we have outlawed certain chemicals and put protections into place for our health and that of our environment.

Now, our administration is attempting to rapidly dismantle the great strides we have made towards protecting our land, oceans and air over these last 112 years. With the denial of climate change, this administration is even planning on pulling out of the the Paris Climate Agreement. This is not the direction in which we can allow ourselves to go. On the contrary, we need to be a unified, loud and persistent voice to retain and expand the protections of our environment.

Bearing all this in mind, this year we go to NAL with the strongest demand for environmental protections with more conviction than we ever thought we would need.

We look to you for your support as we promote this message from the Garden Club of America for the environmental protections of our country.

Barbie Snapp, Conservation Chair

Photography Report

Jan. 20th, Fourteen women gathered at the Henry Gallery to view the Chuck Close exhibit. It was a retrospective on his career and there was an excellent video. After the exhibit 10 stayed for a no-host lunch in the cafe.

Feb. 9th -Photographer Justin Reznick spoke on how to capture a great photo.

Upcoming event: March 20th 10:00-12:00 meet at CUH to review your **PRACTICE** photos that will be looked at and commented on by the judges.

WHAT IS A PRACTICE PHOTO?

Many of you have expressed interest in learning more about how to take and print a photo for a GCA photo show. Practice makes perfect!

Plan to spend a few hours just taking a PRACTICE photo of :

1. A landscape, a seascape or a cityscape. If you need some guidance then read the TIPS below. OR take a photo of a close up of a plant OR just submit one of your favorite photos. Maybe this is a photo you took a while ago or something you just worked on.
2. Print your photo on 8 1/2 x 11 photo paper. If you need help on how to do this, you can email or call Suzy Titcomb, Mary Turner or JoAnne Rosen. You can print your photo a variety of ways: Bartell's, Costco, Panda lab (<http://www.pandalab.com>) or send it to mpix (<https://www.mpix.com>) just to name a few ideas.
3. If you would still like to participate and have not yet submitted a photo then please contact Suzy Titcomb (stitcomb2@gmail.com).
4. JoAnne, Mary, Jolie, Catherine Parker, and Suzy (photography judges) will make comments as they would in a GCA show.
5. On **March 20th** from 10-12 we will meet at CUH to review the photos and comments.

For your reading pleasure:

[Going Beyond a Snapshot](#)

[photojojo](#)

Suzy Titcomb, Photography Chair



Club members
enjoying the Chuck
Close exhibit at the
Henry Art Gallery.



CENTENNIAL TOUR OF FOUNDERS' GARDENS

SAVE THE DATE!
THURSDAY, MAY 25TH, 10 AM - 2PM

The Centennial and Visiting Gardens Committees are organizing an open garden day, May 25th for Garden Club members and their guests. Four gardens will be featured. Three in the Highlands and one on Capitol Hill. All are gardens of original founding members.

Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for additional details.
Questions? contact Burnley Snyder, Laurie Riley or Eliza Davidson



Burnley Snyder



Valentine's Day Arrangements

SGC members got into the Valentine's Day spirit and made small arrangements for several of our long time valentines. Burnley Snyder, Debby Smith and Candace Lancaster representing Floral Design and Membership got busy and just did it! (above)

Deborah Ritner of Nicorah Floral presented a demonstration of colorful floral arrangements at Jenny Wyatt's house. For those that could make it after the snow, it was a cozy morning. Deborah's charm and interesting stories made it a special occasion for learning about structure, color and texture in Floral Design (below)



Deborah Ritner's Extraordinary
Floral Design



Debby Smith, Jenny Wyatt, and Deborah
Ritner

Special Trip Opportunity

The Santa Fe Garden Club is pleased to present its 2017 *Behind Adobe Walls* Home and Garden Tours

Tuesday, July 18 & Tuesday, July 25

Guests will visit 8 different locations – four each week – by hosted bus on Santa Fe's oldest and most prestigious Home & Garden Tour.

Buses depart from the Hotel Santa Fe located at 1501 Paseo de Peralta & Cerrillos Road at 12:10 pm and return to the hotel at 4:45 pm

Tour Cost is \$75 per person per tour

Lunch reservations are available at Hotel Santa Fe by calling 505-955-7805

Tour Reservations and Parking Information contact: Westwind Travel 800-283-0122, 505-984-0022 or email terry@westwindtravel.net

Proceeds from the tours benefit local Santa Fe Garden Club Education, Beautification and Conservation Projects including the newly renovated New Mexico Museum of Art Courtyard Garden and the Santa Fe Botanical Garden.

The members of the Santa Fe Garden Club would love to welcome you to our beautiful city and share some unusual and historic homes and gardens with you during your visit.

Please contact Barbara Templeman at 505-660-2393 if you would like additional information about the tours.

**Save the Date
for the Centennial Gala
April 27, 2017**

Look for your invitation via email in early March

Marilee Ahalt and Barbara Feasey, Gala Co-chairs

Gardener's Corner

Don't Sing the Blues, Plant Them!

by Megan Smith

If you asked me what my favorite color was on a summer day, I'd probably say blue. If you asked me right now, on this cold, gray and sodden February day, I'd probably say chartreuse or orange. The truth is, I love all color. Color really affects my mood and yes, science has proven that it can affect your behavior and stress levels too. So, one color I choose for its calming effect in the garden is blue. Another reason I use blue foliated plants is because it acts as a perfect foil for other colorful foliage making them "pop."

We use the term glaucous originating from the Greek "glaucos" or bluish green to describe the leaf of a bluish or grayish green foliated plant. This "blue" comes from cutin which is a wax like material which acts as a water repellent in the wall of some plant cells. Think 'Halcyon' hosta. The more glaucous coating a leaf has, the bluer the appearance. Some plants start out blue only to green out later in the summer. There is no actual true blue pigment in plants, but through cutin, light wave absorption and reflection, blue foliage becomes a possibility.

One fantastic plant to consider to lift the "blues" is the spectacular perennial *Crambe maritima*. With dramatic curly edged blue foliage, the drought tolerant Blue Sea Kale sports white flowers and sings with a blue flowering agapanthus at its side or a 'Happy Returns' daylily. I give it a cut-back the beginning of the second week in June when I cut back a lot of my perennial plants to spur on fresh new foliage to last the whole summer through. Another perennial with handsome blue leaves and semi woody stems is the *Parahebe perfoliata* or Digger's Speedwell. I can't sing the praises of this plant enough....so dependable, so drought tolerant and lovingly odd in an indescribable way. The leaf reminds you of an eucalyptus, but the charming flower is reminiscent of a Veronica. Delicate yet quirky. With a quick cut-back in mid spring I can be assured of fresh new arching stems within weeks. I've combined this little lovely with my favorite orange foliated grass *Carex testacea* along with lavenders and *Phygelius 'Passionate'* – a lust worthy 24-inch black-leaved perennial with orange red flowers in summer. Yum...serious eye candy.

There are lots of bluish foliated plants to grace your garden adding that sense of calm...conifers, shrubs, perennials and more. Conversely, if you want that visual explosion just combine your blues with purple, yellow and deep salmon toned plants. Blue is like that little black dress in your closet, it makes everything else look good.

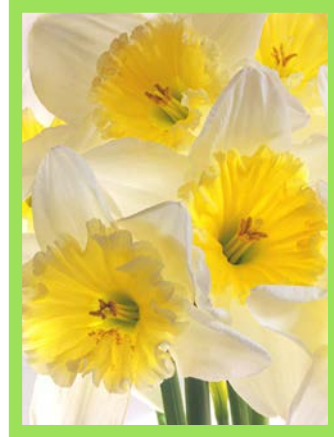
Policy and Planning

Please see the 2017 SGC Member survey on the following two pages of this Newsletter. You may print the form, fill out by April 1 and return to Diana. The survey is also available on the Member's area of the SGC website.

Directions:

- 1) download and open survey on your device
- 2) fill out on your computer
- 3) save again
- 4) email to Diana Neely at Diana_Neely@msn.com

Diana Neely
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Freshen the Flowers, She Said

So I put them in the sink, for the cool porcelain
was tender,
and took out the tattered and cut each stem
on a slant,
trimmed the black and raggy leaves, and set them all –
roses, delphiniums, daisies, iris, lilies,
and more whose names I don't know, in bright new
water –
gave them
a bounce upward at the end to let them take
their own choice of position the wheels, the spurs,
the little sheds of the buds. It took, to do this,
perhaps fifteen minutes.
Fifteen minutes of music
with nothing playing.
~ Mary Oliver

SGC MEMBERSHIP SURVEY 2017

This is your opportunity to give input regarding your club and your participation. Please take the time to fill out both pages. Questions? Contact Diana at 406-559-0112; or Diana_neely@msn.com

YOUR NAME: _____

Suggestions for speakers, field trips and/or programs:

General Meetings: Photography:

Horticulture Meetings: Conservation:

Floral Design:

Can you suggest a speaker for the Wagner Conservation Lecture?

Would you be willing to share your home for a meeting?

☐ Horticulture Meeting @ 50-60 persons ☐ September Picnic @ 80 persons

Are you interested in serving on the SGC Board or chairing a committee? Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe ☐

If so, which Board position(s) interest you? See pages 31-36 of our Yearbook.

Is there a Special Committee you would consider chairing? See pages 37-40 of our Yearbook.

Does serving as Club President interest you? Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe ☐

Does serving as Club Treasurer interest you? Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe ☐

GCA Zone XII Positions: The GCA has its own process for nominations and selecting committee members. Is there a Zone XII position that interests you? Positions can be reviewed on the GCA website at gcamerica.org. Your interest will be passed on to GCA for their records and consideration.

If you are interested in the Judging Program, please contact the current advisors:

SGC Judging Chairman:	Mary Turner, 206-325-0270, mturner915@aol.com
Floral Design Judging:	Jo Anne Rosen, 206-387-3530, joannerosen@hotmail.com
Horticulture Judging:	Suzette de Turenne, 206-465-9317, sdeturenne@comcast.net
Photography Judging:	Juliet Romano, 206-679-8757, julietromano@comcast.net

The GCA Founders Fund provides a substantial monetary award for an exceptional community project. Do you have any suggestion(s) for a GCA Founders Fund award proposal in our regional area?

Any additional comments or suggestions?

Please review your personal contact information in the Yearbook and note any changes below.

Please direct any change of membership status to Burnley Snyder, 206-364-2720, lottie7@aol.com

Standing and Special Committee Signups

Please consult pages 31-41 of our SGC Yearbook for a better understanding of these committees.

Active Members & Provisionals are encouraged to serve on two or more committees.

Your Name: _____

STANDING COMMITTEES: The chair of each Standing Committee serves on the SGC Board.

- ☐ **Club Communications:** This committee oversees the monthly newsletter, the SGC website, and public relations.
- ☐ **Community Projects:** This committee evaluates and funds grant requests from the community at large.
- ☐ **Conservation:** This committee educates the SGC on local, regional and national conservation issues.
- ☐ **Finance:** This committee prepares the annual SGC budget and oversees financial issues.
- ☐ **Floral Design:** This committee provides workshops and practice in all aspects of Floral Design.
- ☐ **Horticulture:** This committee studies horticulture topics and plans our monthly Hort Meetings.
- ☐ **Meeting Arrangements:** This committee oversees all meeting arrangements and locations.
- ☐ **Membership:** This committee considers candidates for SGC membership. Indicate interest only. Committee members will be selected by the President & Membership Chair according to our Bylaws, IV. 3.3, 1.
- ☐ **Nominations:** This committee nominates SGC officers and committee chairs for Board approval. Indicate interest only. Committee members will be selected by the President according to our Bylaws, IV. 3.3, 1.
- ☐ **Photography:** This committee photographs all SGC events and provides workshops to educate members.
- ☐ **Policy and Planning:** This committee reviews the Bylaws and enacts policy changes as needed.
- ☐ **Program:** This committee procures speakers and plans content for SGC General Meetings.
- ☐ **Ways and Means:** This committee oversees the annual Holiday Auction and facilitates fundraising for the SGC.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

- ☐ **Archives:** This committee oversees the storage of all SGC records.
- ☐ **Awards:** This committee researches and selects recipients for annual SGC and GCA awards.
- ☐ **Fragrance Garden:** This committee helps design and maintain the Fragrance Garden at CUH.
- ☐ **Garden History & Design:** This committee documents the gardens of SGC Members.
- ☐ **Historian:** The SGC Historian maintains and updates the Club's history published in the annual Yearbook.
- ☐ **Scholarship:** This committee provides a link between local universities and the GCA Scholarship Program.
- ☐ **Speaker Endowment Fund:** Iris Wagner 2018 Conservation Lecture. See reference on page P-6 of Yearbook.
- ☐ **Speaker Endowment Fund:** Pam Green 2020 Horticulture Lecture. See reference on page P-5 of Yearbook.
- ☐ **Technology:** This committee maintains the SGC website and advises the club on technical matters.
- ☐ **Visiting Gardens:** This committee hosts visiting GCA members who wish to tour notable gardens in Seattle.

PLEASE FILL out this form and submit it to Diana Neely at diana_neely@msn.com by April 1.

Looking Ahead

4/2	Highlands Chapel and Dinner (auction item), 5:00 pm
4/3	Provisional Meeting, 9:00 am, CUH Hort Meeting/Hort Share, 9:15 am - 11:30, CUH Fragrance Garden Work Party, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, CUH
4/4	Policy and Planning Meeting, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm, location TBD
4/5	Bunco Party (auction item), 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Susan Ragen's
4/6	SGC Board Meeting, 10:00 am - 11:30 am, Sunset Club
4/10	Photography Committee (photos of cherry blossoms), 10:00 am -noon, UW campus.
4/20	SGC Tacoma Joint General Meeting, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Federal Way
4/27	Centennial Gala, time TBD, North Lake Union

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!

Susan Brickman, Communications Chair
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