

October 2017



# The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

**General Meeting  
October 19, 2015  
UWBG/CUH**

**9:30 am Social  
10:00 am Meeting  
10:15 am Program  
Guests Welcome!**

## "Friends of the Mukai"

Please join us to hear Cindy Sytockelt and Lynn Greiner of the Mukai Farm and Garden on Vashon Island. The Mukai Garden is a Japanese strolling garden bordered by many cherry trees. It was designed to be shared with family and friends and to provide a venue for social gatherings. In addition to its legacy of the immigrant experience, the garden is significant because, contrary to male-dominant Japanese tradition, it was created by a Japanese woman.

Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar  
October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 • 8:45AM - 9:45AM Prov. Mtg Seattle Golf Club • 10:00AM - 11:30AM Hort Meeting & Garden Tour @ Miller Garden 79 Olympic Dr. NW 98177	3 • 7PM - 8:30PM Photography Meeting at Suzy Titcomb's house. 3115 W Laurelhurst Dr. NE Seattle, WA	4 • 10:00AM - 11:30AM Policy and Planning Committee Meeting	5 • 10:00AM - 11:45AM SGC Board Meeting	6	7
8	9	10 • 10:00AM - 12:00PM SGC Judges and Candidates' Meeting	11	12	13 • 10:00AM - 11:30AM Ways & Means Meeting	14
15	16 • 10AM Conservation event: Loop Biosolids Tour, Woodinville	17	18	19 • Bring your favorite summer photo to the General Meeting • 9:30AM - 12:00PM SGC General Meeting	20	21
22	23	24 • 10:00AM - 12:00AM Bellevue Botanical Gardens-Bring your camera and we will take photos together of the gardens. • 1:00PM - 2:30AM Ways & Means Meeting	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



Acer japonicum 'O-isami'



Rosa X 'Flower Carpet Amber'

## From the President



### To Autumn

**“Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness!  
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun”**

### John Keats

We look forward to October 2, when we will hear provisional Sandy Hanower speak at the Miller Garden. How lucky we are to have had a member like Betty Miller. It will be fun to visit her garden this fall. She was a passionate plantswoman and was involved in our only runner up for the GCA Founder's Fund Award which funded planting the ship canal garden. Today our P4P Montlake Cut is nearby. Megan Smith is now the chair for this project and we look forward to her leadership.

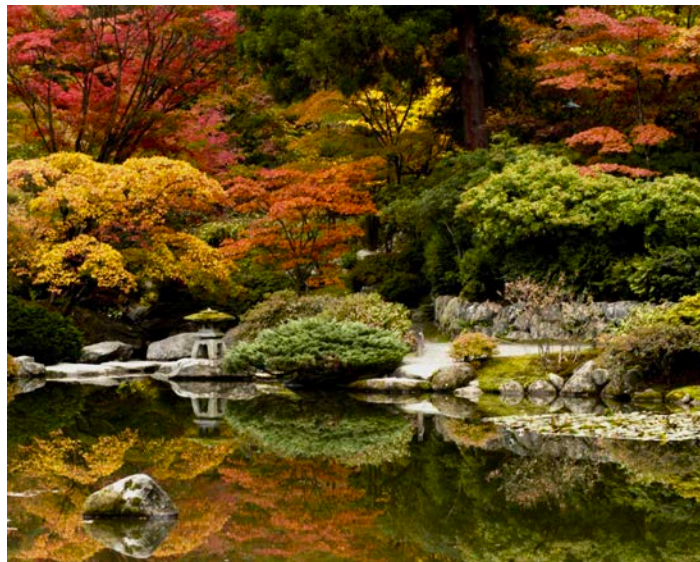
On October 19<sup>th</sup>, we will hear Cindy Sytockelt and Lynn Greiner on “Friends of Mukai” Carolyn Kitchell is in charge of our Programs this year. Our Social time begins at 9:30. Suzy Titcomb has asked you to please bring your favorite summer photo to the meeting.

Jolie Roze is ready for your sign up for the March Photography Show, if you haven't already! Charlee Reed and Dabney Rohrbach are planning our December 7<sup>th</sup> auction and are looking for support and ideas from all of you as well as auction items.

We are gardeners, ladies! On September 6<sup>th</sup> ten smiling ladies wielding shovels and hori horn knives helped Ray, Annie, Jason, David and others plant our Centennial Garden. Done in a Day as they say!!!

More than 100 Centennial thanks to Sheila Noonan and members of her Meeting Arrangements committee, Debby Smith and her Floral Design Committee, and Jenny Wyatt and her Centennial Committee for a lovely Celebration at the Arboretum Azalea Way Centennial Garden. Our club sponsored the Olmstead Design of the Arboretum and one hundred years later has sponsored a glorious garden with a magnificent curved stone bench. Thank you to all the Seattle Garden Club members who helped us celebrate!

Diana Neely, President



Leaves, by Juliet Romano

# SGC Celebrates at the Centennial Garden on Azalea Way in the Arboretum



# Photography Report

The Photography Committee has a very busy year ahead.

**September 11th** Registration for the March photography show opened. Sign up with Jolie Roze ([jsroze@comcast.net](mailto:jsroze@comcast.net)).

**October 3rd** at 7:00 PM-The first meeting will be held at Suzy Titcomb's house.

**October 19th** All members will be encouraged to bring their favorite summer photo to the General Meeting.

**November** - An opportunity to present a "practice" photo (as we did last year with practice judging). This year we will focus on the design elements that make up a good composition (Color, Line, Shape, Texture, Space, Form, Unity and Balance). Please submit a garden photo (color, printed on photo paper 8.5x11) emphasizing one or more of your favorite design elements.

**Nov. 10th-** Deadline for practice photos to be submitted to Juliet Romano.

**Dec. 4th** Review the photos with all participants and judges at CUH Isaacson classroom 10:00-12:00.

This gives everyone about a month (albeit a busy one) to fine tune their images for the March photo show. The deadline for the March show is Jan. 10th. **January and April** Field trips will be announced.

**February Photography Workshop in** Yosemite National Park. Eloise Carson ([eloisecarson@me.com](mailto:eloisecarson@me.com)) is taking sign-ups for the Interest List, which gives those on the list an opportunity to sign up for the workshop the day before it opens to the entire GCA. Registration for this workshop opened to the Interest List on September 5th. The price is \$1,900 per person for a single room or \$1,500 per person for a shared room.

**March 2018** - The Seattle Garden Club will be displaying a photography show in the Miller Library at CUH for the month of March 2018. Look at the Sept. newsletter for more details. We will be hosting an opening party on **March 1st** for friends, family and members. Floral will also be participating. For more information on classes and deadlines, go to the Seattle Garden Club website ([Seattle Garden Club](http://SeattleGardenClub.org)) .

Please check out the recent issue of the GCA Focus photography issue to read informative articles about photography, view winning images from GCA Flower Shows and so much more. Do it right now!!

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Suzy Titcomb, Photography Chair



Harvest, by Juliet Romano

# Centennial Garden Planting Party

Members of SGC joined the UWBG crew to help install over 400 plants in the Azalea Way Centennial Garden in the Arboretum. The day of planting took place on September 6, in anticipation of our fall picnic and ribbon cutting ceremony for the garden. The design plans for the garden, including a list of plants, is on SGC Website: [www.seattlegardenclub.org](http://www.seattlegardenclub.org).

Many thanks to the Centennial Diggers! Jenny Wyatt, Catherine Allan, Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey, Marianne Kitchell, Diana Neely, Laurie Riley, Catherine Mueller, Sis Woodside, Eve Rickenbaker, Lyn White, Megan Smith and Suzette de Turenne



Please enjoy reading the article about the Centennial Garden written by Jason Mores of the Arboretum Foundation.

[Jason Mores article](#)

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Arboretum Foundation? Click below for more information

[Arboretum Foundation Membership](#)

The Miller Foundation Anna Pavord Lecture acknowledged the membership of Betty Miller in our club. Thank you Richie Steffen from the Miller Garden.



## Longevity, Healing and Grace

Ginkgoaceae, GINKGO biloba, *The Golden Fossil Tree or Maidenhair Tree*, earth's most primitive tree

The Ginkgo tree is a living fossil that dates back 200 million years. Essentially unchanged since Pangaea, the age when the earth landmass broke into the worlds' continents, its limbs and fan- shaped leaves are similar to those trees alive then. Incredibly, the tree can live to be more than a thousand years old. Found first in China, Chinese herbalists used its leaves and fruits to relieve cough, allergies and asthma. Japanese monks cultivated the seeds for their medicinal properties as well, and planted its seeds near sanctuaries throughout the region where glorious gardens of ginkgos remain today. Ginkgo biloba was introduced into Europe and the United States in the 18th century as a landscape tree.

Why does this tree survive? Its longevity could be due to its immunity to pests and fungal diseases, drought, high temperatures and pollution. For example, in Hiroshima, one flourishes in spite in the 1945 atomic blast.

The male tree is preferred for landscapes and street plantings, because the fruit from the female has a fetid odor, released when the seed is crushed. However, its seeds, when properly processed, are tasty and nutritious.

Ginkgo is one of the most well researched herbs in the world. Most research is done in Europe, where the ginkgo leaf extract is a commonly prescribed drug. First used to clear lung congestion, it recently has shown promise in treatment of circulatory disorders and could improve brain functioning.

When the chilly autumn air turns the leaves of our deciduous trees into rainbows of soft cool colors, the ginkgo will, as if on cue, drop its golden fans to the ground creating a luminous blanket in the waning October light.

Debbi Wilson

### AZALEA WAY CENTENNIAL GARDEN

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Plant cut sheet for the Centennial Garden

## Conservation Report

Seattle Garden Club coordinates its conservation efforts with GCA Clubs around the country. The GCA Conservation Committee keeps us all current on national and global news and encourages clubs to identify and carry out conservation work locally. Among the many helpful tools available to all members is the online publication called CONWATCH. One of the articles I found most intriguing in the summer issue was a story about Wendy Paulson, a remarkable conservation advocate whom I first met while working at The Nature Conservancy.

Wendy was recently recognized by GCA with the prestigious *Margaret Douglas Medal*. Please click on [this link](#) to read a delightful story about Wendy's passion for birds and protecting the habitats they need to thrive. You'll find an inspiring story about her work and beautiful bird photographs.

Wendy Paulson is a lifelong educator in classrooms and the great outdoors. She built "The Nature Lady" program for elementary school students district-wide in Barrington, IL. She established the education program for Citizens for Conservation, which manages native prairie and savanna. At the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, she helped develop citizen science programs. I've experienced a program she helped start in NYC called "Birds in My Neighborhood". She's expanded a similar program in Chicago public schools.

As chairman of the Bobolink Foundation, Wendy has helped protect thousands of acres around the world, including Little St. Simons, an 11,000-acre wild barrier island on Georgia's coast. Whether leading bird walks in Illinois natural areas, helping inner city students identify birds in their neighborhoods or influencing world leaders and dignitaries, Wendy has dedicated her life to teaching others how to understand and care for the natural world. She's a great inspiration to me.

Shelley Rolfe, Conservation Chair



Garden Club members and guests took a weekend trip to Pyscht - a family lodge on the Olympic Peninsula and part of the Merrill and Ring timber holdings.



Pollination, by Kim Bishop

## GCA Report



The following information is from the Scholarship Committee's page on the GCA website:

Former Scholar Moves from U.S. Botanic Garden to the Leichtag Foundation in CA

August 25, 2017

Congratulations to Dr. Ari Novy, as he begins the position of Chief Scientist at The Leichtag Foundation in Encinitas, CA. In 2012, Novy received a PhD in Plant Biology at Rutgers University and began his career at the U.S. Botanic Garden as public programs manager and within a few years was appointed as the U.S. Botanic Garden's executive director. Novy received a Kissel Scholarship in 2007 and this past spring he was the Scholarship Committee's featured speaker at the GCA Annual Meeting hosted by Zone VI in Baltimore, Maryland.

Although Novy's leadership at the U.S. Botanic Garden was incredibly rewarding, he looks forward to working with The Leichtag Foundation to improve community cohesion and self-sufficiency through urban agriculture, a passion of Novy. He is excited for the hands-on opportunity to begin a research project. The Architect of the Capitol is conducting a national search for the position of Executive Director of the USBG.

In a recent letter to the GCA announcing his new career move, Novy stated, "As a recipient of a GCA graduate student scholarship, I feel the GCA has been with me my entire career, helping me to achieve all I can in the service of gardening and horticulture." Novy is eager to meet the local garden clubs in California and wants to keep the GCA in his life. "I know there are wonderful people and beautiful gardens out there, and I look forward to what the future brings," Novy said. We are proud of Ari Novy and wish him all the best!



Eve Rickenbaker

SGC Judges and Candidates' Meeting  
Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am  
Mary Turner's House  
915 11<sup>th</sup> avenue East  
206 920 1779  
mturner915@aol.com

## Ways and Means Report

### **Holiday Luncheon & Auction**

**December 7, 2017**

**Sunset Club**

**10:30 am - Auction & Social**

**12:00 Noon - Lunch**

**We welcome all ideas to support our  
Seattle Garden Club fundraising efforts!**

**How can you help? Do you have access to a special place or garden that members would enjoy seeing? Do you have a vacation condo or home you would like to donate for a weekend or longer? Do you have a special talent such as flower arranging, baking, garden design etc.? We are also looking for distinctive auction items such as antiques, artwork and jewelry.**

**The Ways & Means Committee is ready and willing to help facilitate the process for creating fun and interesting experiences for our members and guests.**

**Link to [Donation Form](#) on the SGC website.**

**Copies will also be available at various SGC gatherings.  
Completed forms and/or items may be dropped off at Hort meetings  
and General meetings or at the home of Dabney Rohrbach,  
3237 E. Morley Way, Seattle.**

Please contact us with any questions or ideas.

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**Dabney Rohrbach** [dmrohrbach@gmail.com](mailto:dmrohrbach@gmail.com) 206.399.7444

## Hort Report

Our first Hort meeting of the year will take place on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Elisabeth Carey Miller Botanical Garden located in the Highlands at 79 Olympic Dr, Shoreline, WA 98177. Parking is limited, so please carpool if possible. **Please NOTE: this Hort meeting will begin at 10:00 am** as the Miller Garden will not be ready for our group until that time. Provisional Sandy Hanower will present her Provisional Talk & Tour “A Look Inside the Miller Garden.”

The fall is an excellent time to divide many perennials when soil temperatures are still warm but nighttime air temperatures have begun to cool. The warm soils will allow the roots to grow before winter, while the cooler air temperatures will discourage the plant from putting too much valuable energy into growing stems and leaves before the roots can become established. It's best not to divide plants while they are blooming, so you may want to wait until early spring to divide your fall bloomers.

*Diana Ackerley, Horticulture Chair*

## Some Centennial Garden Picnic Floral Arrangements



Jo Anne Rosen



Jill Crutcher



Betty Paul



Catherine Mueller



Laurie Riley and Diana Neely



Debby Smith

For roster changes, please notify  
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206 349 6678

## Roster Updates

### New Member Applications December 15th Deadline

The Membership Proposal Form is available through the SGC website or from the Membership Chairman who should be advised of your prospective member to avoid duplication of candidate. Details of the proposal for Provisional Membership can be found under 'Membership Policies' on page P-8 of the Yearbook.

Remember to bring potential candidates to open meetings this Fall, as well as the Holiday Luncheon in December. It is important to acquaint candidates with Membership Committee Members, Board Members and other members.

Forms/letters must be emailed or postmarked no later than midnight on DECEMBER 15th and remember all of this is to be kept confidential. Please send these to Marilee.

Marilee Ahalt, Membership Chair  
[marilee.ahalt@gmail.com](mailto:marilee.ahalt@gmail.com), 206-790-2921

## Poetry from Delphine Stephens

### "October Dawn" by Ted Hughes

October is marigold, and yet  
A glass half full of wine left out

To the dark heaven all night, by dawn  
Has dreamed a premonition

Of ice across its eye as if  
The ice-age had begun to heave.

The lawn overtrodden and strewn  
From the night before, and the whistling  
green

Shrubbery are doomed. Ice  
Has got its spearhead into place.

First a skin, delicately here  
Restraining a ripple from the air;

Soon plate and rivet on pond and brook;  
Then tons of chain and massive lock

To hold rivers. Then, sound by sight  
Will Mammoth and Saber-tooth celebrate

Reunion while a fist of cold  
Squeezes the fire at the core of the  
world,

Squeezes the fire at the core of the  
heart,  
And now it is about to start.

Centennial floral arrangement by Debby Smith



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Susan Brickman, [Susanbrickman@msn.com](mailto:Susanbrickman@msn.com)

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