

Elisabeth C Miller

List of Awards

Garden Club of America

The Natalie Peters Webster Medal (1981)

Awarded to members and member clubs for finding unusual plant material, encouraging its creative use, and assuring its availability.

Amy Angell Collier Montague Medal (1967)

Awarded for outstanding civic achievement

Award of Merit (June 19, 1962)

Seattle Garden Club

Silver Medal (1971)

For horticultural and civic achievements

Bronze Medal (June 1960)

For Leadership of the Lake Washington Ship Canal Planting Project

Massachusetts Horticultural Society

Silver Medal (1974)

For noteworthy service to horticulture

American Horticulture Society

Liberty Hyde Bailey Medal (1988)

Given to an individual who has made significant lifetime contributions to at least three of the following horticultural fields: teaching, research, communications, plant exploration, administration, art, business, and leadership. The most prestigious award given by the AHS.

Elisabeth Carey Miller

Born: November 29, 1914
Education: University of Washington
College of Arts - 3 years
Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority

GOVERNING BOARDS: Current

The Northwest Ornamental Horticultural Society, Advisor
(founder)
The Chinese Garden Association (founder) 1989

Former

American Horticultural Society, 9 years executive board
American Rhododendron Society - Seattle Chapter, 4 years
Arbor Fund (Bloedel Reserve), Advisor, 10 years
Citizens Planning Council, Inc., 4 years
Discovery Park, 8 years (Seattle Park Department)
Evergreen Trails, Inc., 4 years
Junior League of Seattle, 6 years
N.O.H.S. (President 3 terms, Executive Board 3 terms)
Pacific Science Center Foundation Trustee
Pacific Science Center, Executive Board member, 9 years
Rhododendron Species Foundation Board of Directors, 13
years (founder)
Rhododendron Species Foundation, Executive Board, 9 years
(founder)
Seattle Art Museum, 2 years
Seattle Beautiful, Inc., 4 years
Seattle Children's Home, 4 years
Seattle Garden Club, 7 years
University of Washington Arboretum Foundation, 2 terms Vice
President
University of Washington Regents - appointed by the
Washington State Gov., 1980
Washington State Roadside Council (founder), 10 years

COMMITTEES: Current

American Horticultural Society President's Council (Charter
Member)
American Horticultural Society 45th Annual Congress,
Co-chairman - 1990
City Council of Seattle Citizens Committee for Park
Development - 1987
City of Seattle City Arborist Search Committee - 1987
Garden Club of America - Horticultural Judge
Garden Club of America Rare Plant Group - (founder 1960?)
Garden Conservation, Inc.

N.O.H.S. - Chairman, Environmental Horticultural Fund
Chairman, Special Projects Committee, Advisor
"Pacific Horticulture" Council
Pacific Science Center Associate
City of Seattle Parks Department Chinese Garden Advisory
Committee 1989
Washington Park Arboretum Japanese Garden

Former

American Association Botanical Gardens and Arboreta,
Nominating Committee 1971
American Horticultural Society, Inc. - Environmental
Horticulture Chairman 4 years, Chairman Nominations
Committee 1974
American Horticultural Society, Inc.:
Williamsburg Symposium Comm., 1968-1969
Clara B. Ford Garden forum Comm., 1968-1969
26th Annual Congress Chairman, 1972
45th Annual Congress Chairman, June 1990
American Society of Planning Officials - Women's Division
Chairman, for Annual Meeting, 1963
Edmonds School District Horticultural Advisory Committee
The Garden Club of America, Inc., - Horticultural Vice
Chairman; National Forum Chairman 1967; Zone XII Bulletin
Chairman, 1962-1967; Endangered Species Chairman,
1977-1979; Horticultural Comm. Advisor, U.S. National
Affairs and Legislation Comm.
The Garden Club of America, Inc., Zone XII, zone meeting
Horticultural Program Chairman
The Garden Club of America, Inc. - U.S. National Affairs
and Legislation Committee
The Garden Club of America Rare Plant Group Annual Meeting
Co-chairman, April 1990
Mayor's Commission: Dedication of Commodore Park, 1978
N.O.H.S. Chairman: Bicentennial Horticultural Festival
Plant Sale, 1968; Plant Sale Comm., 1968-1977
N.O.H.S. Lecture Series Chairman, 1979, 1980, 1981
Pacific Horticulture Advisory Committee
"Pacific Horticulture" Editorial Committee
Pacific Science Center - Initiated Festival of Fountains -
Chaired for several years
Pacific Science Center - Plant Science Project Chairman
Seattle Center Association - Co-Sponsor for North American
Urban Study Tour
Seattle Chamber of Commerce - Operation Triangle's
Horticultural Advisory Board Chairman
The Seattle Garden Club - Chairman, Lake Washington Ship
Canal Beautification Project

Seattle Garden Club (member Garden Club of America) -
 Arboretum Chairman; Public Relations Chairman; Civic
 Activities Chairman
 United States Urban Mass Transportation Agency - Chairman,
 Horticultural Advisory Commission
 University of Washington Center for Urban Horticulture -
 Chairman, Official Opening, 1984 Preview
 University of Washington Arboretum - Lecture Series Chairman
 University of Washington Arboretum - Advisory Board
 University of Washington Arboretum - Horticulture Exhibit
 Chairman for duration Century 21 Exposition (initiated
 project)
 U.S. Corps of Engineers: Dedication of Government Fish
 Ladder, 1977
 XI International Botanical Congress - Citizens Comm.
 Chairman

HONORS AND AWARDS: 1960 - Seattle Garden Club (member GCA) Bronze Award of
 Merit Medal
 1962 - The Garden Club of America - Bronze Award of Merit
 Medal
 1966 - Theta Sigma Phi, Seattle Chapter - Matrix Honors
 Medal
 1969 - Seattle Beautiful, Inc. - Citizen of the Year and
 Award of Merit Plaque
 1967 - The Garden Club of America - Amy Angell Collier
 Montague Gold Medal Award for Civic Achievement
 1969 - XI International Botanical Congress - Gold Medal
 Service Award
 1971 - Seattle Garden Club - Civic & Horticultural
 Achievement Silver Medal Award
 1972 - American Horticultural Society - Service Citation
 1975 - Massachusetts Horticultural Society - Horticultural
 Silver Medal Award, March 1975
 1976 - Citation from Mayor/Seattle City Council covering
 various civic projects over a period of 20 years
 1977 - Garden Club of America Zone XII Horticultural Award
 1980 - American Horticultural Society first awarded citation
 for horticultural contributions as a member of the Board
 of Directors
 1981 - Garden Club of America Natalie Peters Webster Gold
 Medal Award
 1983 - Seattle Garden Club Gold Medal Award
 1983 - The American Horticultural Society Amateur
 Horticultural Award
 1988 - The American Horticultural Society: Liberty Hyde
 Bailey Gold Medal Award
 1989 - American Rhododendron Society: Citation
 1990 - American Horticultural Society Horticultural
 Award 1990

PUBLICATIONS:

American Forests: October 1979, "Seattle's Freeway Park"
American Horticulturalist: April 1990, "Betty's Garden",
co-author with Dr. R.A. Howard
The Garden Club of America Bulletin:
"Urban Planting Problems"
"Vines"
"Ground Covers"
"Horticulturally Speaking"
"Horticulture Transforms Ladies," December 1980
"Legend of Lake Washington Ship Canal Beautification
Project"
"Communications"
"Plant Tolerance of Environmental Stress," 1980
Plus Three Articles on Endangered Species, 1979
Horticulturist (American Horticultural Society Magazine):
"Why Does Green Turn Brown"
University of Washington Arboretum Bulletin:
"Challenges to Maintain the Green Scene," 1977
"Horticulture \$\$ Saves Maintenance \$\$," 1978
"Investment in Environmental Horticulture Provides Plant
Survival and Low Maintenance", 1978
Puget Soundings (Jr. League Publication) Spring 1982,
"There is Always a Garden"
N.O.H.S. Quarterly Bulletin, Summer 1982 - "The Roots of
NOHS"
N.O.H.S. Quarterly Bulletin, Fall 1982 - "Horticultural
Research in China"
N.O.H.S. Quarterly Bulletin, Spring 1984 - "What is a
Species - What is a Hybrid"
American Horticultural Society - "Environmentally
Tolerant Trees, Shrubs & Ground Covers", 1976
The Atlanta Botanical Garden Bulletin, December 1983,
March 1984, and June 1984 - "What is a Species - What
is a Hybrid"

**SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC
PROJECTS:**

Lake Washington Ship Canal

Under sponsorship of Garden Club of Seattle, raised
\$40,000 by private solicitation for initiation of compre-
hensive plan involving the Lake Washington Ship Canal.
Enlisted support of United States Army Corps of Engineers,
City of Seattle and other governmental agencies, resulting
in the plantings and horticultural development of a number
of miles of the Lake Washington Ship Canal connecting Lake
Washington with Puget Sound.

Operation Triangle

Acted as a principal horticultural advisor for Operation Triangle, which developed plans resulting in the planting of traffic islands of various sizes throughout the City of Seattle.

Billboard Legislation

Founder of the Washington State Roadside Council, which was primarily responsible for initiating legislation to control the use of billboards on or near city streets, county roads and state highways. The Council's efforts resulted in the adoption by the Washington State Legislature of a model act relating to the control of billboards.

Elisabeth C. Miller Horticultural Library at the University of Washington

Contributed the expansion and further endowment of the library in 1988 which was initially given and endowed by Pen Miller in 1984. Currently the only known ornamental plant horticultural library west of Chicago or north of San Francisco.

Northwest Horticultural Society

Founder of this organization which initiated and supported the development of the Center for Urban Horticulture at the University of Washington.

Seattle Park Department

Horticultural consultant for landscape design of Freeway Park by Lawrence Halprin and Assoc. in 1974, 1975, and 1976.

Horticultural Advisor for Chinese Classical Garden.

Other Projects

Seattle Engineering Department development of Gerber Park, 1960.

N.O.H.S. Horticultural Festival, Seattle Metropolitan Area, Bicentennial Event, Chairman, 1975 (initiated project).

Honorary Sponsor: Mass. Horticultural Society 150th Anniversary, October 1979.

Garden Club of America

In 1979, as a member of GCA Horticultural Committee, initiated a long-range project on environmentally tolerant plants as a national horticultural survey program for two years, to be followed by a two-year program in 1981 on environmentally tolerant plants not readily available in nurseries. Continued to pilot this project as GCA Horticultural Committee Advisor progressing to "Plants that Merit Attention" in 1982. Under this title, the Garden Club of America is sponsoring a 1984 publication on environmentally tolerant plants.

LECTURES:

University of Washington Landscape Architectural Symposium
International Shade Tree Conference (Western Chapter)
Williamsburg Garden Forum
Sunset Club
Lake Washington Garden Club Units (12 lectures spanning 6 years)
University of Washington Arboretum Units
American Association Garden Writers Congress 1978
NOHS '80 Lecture Series "Plantscape 1800-2000"
Friends of the University of Washington Arboretum Lecture Series, 1967, 1968, 1970, 1973
Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs Annual Meeting 1968 and 1975
Pasadena Garden Club
University of Washington - Department of Zoology
Everett Arboretum Annual Meeting
Seattle Garden Club
American Rock Garden Society, Seattle Chapter
Edmonds Community College, 1974 and 1975
Williamsburg Symposium, 1969
American Horticultural Society Annual Congress, 1969, 1970, 1973, and 1974
University of Washington Landscape Architecture, Winter and Spring Quarters of 1977
International Society Arboriculture, Western Chapter, April 1977
Garden Club of American Horticulture/Conservation Meeting, New York, "Endangered Species," April 1977
International Society of Arboriculture at University of Washington, 1979
Seattle Garden Club, "What is a Species," November 1979
Garden Club of America Regional Meeting, Pasadena, "What is a Species-What is a Hybrid," 1983

**HORTICULTURAL
JUDGING:**

(Garden Club of America)
Washington State federation of Garden Clubs, 1972
Diggers Garden Club, 1973
Pasadena Garden Club, 1974
Piedmont Garden Club, 1976
Philadelphia Spring Flower Show, 1978
Oakland Flower Show (awarded G.C.A. Bulkley Medal), 1975
Greenwich, Conn. Spring Flower Show (awarded G.C.A.
Horticultural Medal), 1977
Tacoma Garden Club Flower Show, 1978, 1975
Seattle Garden Club, periodically from 1965-1980
Hillsborough Garden Club Flower Show, 1982
Philadelphia Flower Show, March, 1984
Portland Garden Club Flower Show, 1988

GARDEN TOURS FOR: California Horticultural Society
New York Botanic Garden
Brooklyn Botanic Garden
Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
American Horticultural Society Annual Congress
International Botanical Congress
American Rhododendron Society
Sunset Club
The Barnes Foundation
Garden Club of America Annual Zone Meeting
Lake Washington Garden Club Units
Seattle Garden Club
Tacoma Garden Club
Northwest Ornamental Horticultural Society, periodically
1967-1980
Arboretum Units
University of Washington Classes
Community College Classes
Garden Club of America Annual Meeting, 1977
American Association Garden Writers Annual Congress, 1979
University of Minnesota Landscape Arb., 1979
N.O.H.S., June and October 1980
Seattle Garden Club, May 1982
Tacoma Garden Club, May 1982
South Seattle Community College, May 1982
The American Horticultural Society Northwest Garden Tours,
May 1984
The American Rhododendron Society Annual Meeting, May 1985
The International Rhododendron Society Symposium, May 1985
Garden Club of America Horticultural Committee 1987
American Association Landscape Architects, 1988
Horticulture VI from Portland, Oregon
Innis Arden Garden Club, October 1988
Hortus VI, Portland, October 1988

Garden Club of America, Rare Plant Group, April 1990
Innis Arden Garden Club, May 1990
Horticulture VIII, Portland, April 1990
American Horticultural Society, 1990, June 1990
American Association Botanical Garden and Arboretum,
June 1990
Washington Park Arboretum Horticultural Study Group,
June 1990

Description of Pendleton Miller garden in America's Great
Private Gardens by Stanley Schulyer, 1967
Time Life Books - "The Shade Garden," 1979
"The American Women's Garden," Little & Brown, 1984 by
Rosemary Verey
"Betty's Garden," American Horticulturalist, by Richard A.
Howard, April 1990

Other Horticulturally Oriented Affiliations and Memberships:

The Garden Club of America
The American Association of Botanic Garden and Arboretum
The American Rock Garden Society
The American Rock Garden Society, Seattle Chapter
The American Rhododendron Society
The American Rhododendron Society, Seattle Chapter
The Royal Horticultural Society, England
The Alpine Rock Garden Society, England
The Scottish Rock Garden Society, Scotland
The Botanical Society of South Africa
The New York Horticultural Society
New York Botanic Garden
The California Horticultural Society
The Massachusetts Horticultural Society
The Pacific Tropical Botanic Gardens
Arnold Arboretum
Atlanta Botanical Garden
Brooklyn Botanic Garden
Holden Arboretum
Strybing Arboretum
The Plantsman, England
The Berry Botanic Garden
Pacific Horticulture
Colonial Dames - Colonial Massachusetts
resident State of Washington

OMITTED:

Trophies and awards for competitive sports: golf, skiing
and sailing; and for competitive horticultural exhibits.

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