

# The Seattle Garden Club

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# **General Meeting**

Please join us for the November 16th General Meeting (CUH) to welcome Maggie Walker, co-chair of Seattle's Central Waterfront Committee. She will regale us with the latest news, show us the plans and discuss the challenges.

UWBG/CUH

9:30 am Social
10 am Meeting

**Guests Welcome!** 





Left, Serracenias from the Miller Garden,



Left, Eucomis autumnalis From Diana Neely's garden. It is an herbaceous perennial and a hardy bulbous deciduous plant with medicinal uses.

## From the President



As November approaches, we remember our lovely October 3rd visit to the Miller Garden with the excellent introductory lecture from Sandy Hanower. Thank you Sandy and Diana Ackerly for arranging such a special treat for us all. The Halloween delectables served in Betty Miller's dining room were much appreciated!

The SGC Board is working hard to provide special experiences for us all. Please be thinking about a donation for Dabney and Charlee as they prepare for our traditional auction **December 7th**. I know they will have donation sheets at all of our meetings!

As the leaves fall, we look at our gardens with special interest to see what is still blooming. We think of planting bulbs, perhaps amaryllis or narcissus, to give to friends for the holidays. Marnie Roozen will speak to us about planting bulbs on **November 6th**. Perhaps tulips for spring, here we come!

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I am very thankful to Shelley Rolfe for being the SGC Chairman of Community Projects for the next two years and Barbie Snapp for continuing on for a third year as Chairman of the Conservation Committee! Thank you, Shelley and Barbie!

Keep alert for the notice of a fall clean up for the Fragrance Garden under Hotie Hard and Ana Hergert and the Montlake Park under the guidance of Megan Smith. These are our fabulous opportunities for gardening together this fall.

We will all look forward to an update from Maggie Walker about the Seattle Waterfront on **November 16th.** This was one of our Community Projects projects from last year under Margi Allison's leadership!

With warmest wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving! Diana Neely, President



Provisional Sandy
Hanower (center) after
her talk at the Miller
Garden with her sponsors
Burnley Snyder (left) and
Hope Stroble (right)

#### FOR MORE SGC CALENDAR OF EVENTS CLICK ON: SGC Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 -10:00AM - 11:30AM Policy and Planning Committee Meeting	- 10:00AM - 11:45AM SGC Board Meeting	3	4
5	6 -9:15AM - 11:30AM Hort Share / Hort Meeting @ CUH -11:30AM Ways & Means Meeting -11:30AM - 1:00PM Fragrance Garden Work Party	7	8 - 9AM - 11AM Floral Design Demonstration for Provisionals	9	• Deadline to submit "Practice photo" to Juliet Romano	11
12	13 - 1PM - 2:30PM Nominations Committee Meeting	14	15	16 - 8:45AM - 9:20AM Conservation Committee Meeting - 9:30AM - 12:00PM SGC General Meeting	17 - 10:00AM Ways & Means Meeting	18
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## **Conservation Report**

Hello Seattle Garden Club, Barbie Snapp here! With a little adjusting of our committees, I have agreed to be your Conservation Chairperson for one more year. Shelly Rolfe set us off on a great start before her to transfer over to Community Projects. These next months offer many opportunities for fun and education. One change for Conservation is that we will have a three to five minute presentation at most Horticulture meetings highlighting a specific environmental issue. The meeting subjects will start with the four elements: fire, water, air and land.

You are aware by now that our field trip to the **Loop Biosolids** plant in Woodinville has been postponed. We will reschedule this very interesting and unique experience for sometime in winter or spring. December 7th brings our holiday auction. We have a wonderful field trip planned for our auction item, so be on the lookout for an adventure with Conservation! January brings two items of note, **The Wagner Lecture** on January 23rd at the Seattle Aquarium (see separate article in this newsletter) and our annual meeting at the offices of the Washington Environmental Council where we will learn about the current environmental issues we want to support and promote for the upcoming legislative session. **February** brings the National Affairs and Legislation (NAL) conference in Washington DC where two SGC members spend an inspirational four days listening to incredible speakers and learning about protecting our environment with the week culminating in meetings with our Washington State politicians. Sometime in the Spring, we will have an **electronics recycle** event, so please start squirreling away your unused phones, computers, tablets and cords now. This is a wonderful way to prevent these toxin filled electronics from entering our landfills. April will have Sis Woodside leading us into the Wetherill Nature Preserve for our annual weeding, planting and potluck event. This is always such fun. Our morning of good works and laughs ends with a delicious potluck lunch that never disappoints.

With the exception of NAL, all events are open to all members and guests. Because I can't help myself, I am sure there will be more offerings and opportunities to share with you throughout the year. We would love to have you join us on our fabulous journey to a better environment!



# The Seattle Garden Club Holiday Luncheon & Auction December 7th, 2017



Sunset Club

# **I 0:30 am Auction & Social - I 2:00 pm Luncheon**Invite your friends (consider bringing a prospective member)! Valet Parking Available - Carpooling Encouraged

#### Our Auction is fast approaching! This is our main fundraiser!

There are many ways for <u>every</u> member to contribute: get together with other SCG members and create a fun, fabulous event, themed party, or interesting excursion; procure gift certificates from your favorite store, restaurant, or venue; donate homemade goodies, festive items, unique plants, use of a vacation home, or a special something other members would just love. The <u>Procurement Form</u> is on the website, in this newsletter, and at all SGC meetings.

# You can make an Angel donation! Mail check payable to Seattle Garden Club to Sheila Noonan, 624-35th Ave, Seattle, 98122

Starting November 1<sup>st</sup> we will be using **Greater Giving** to make online lunch reservations, donations, prepayment and procurement forms. Here is the link to *Greater Giving*; it is also on the SGC website.

Luncheon Reservations should be made by December 1st. For guests and members not subscribing to Meeting Arrangements, the cost is \$45. Please RSVP to Sheila Noonan: <a href="mailto:sbnoonan@gmail.com">sbnoonan@gmail.com</a> or 206-860-7662.

Drop off your auction items and forms at the following locations: Dabney Rohrbach's, 3237 E. Morely Way, Seattle 98112, any SGC General or Hort meeting or call a committee member for pick up.

Please contact us with any questions or ideas.
Charlee Reed <a href="mailto:charleereed@gmail.com">charlee Reed <a href="mailto:charleereed@gmail.com">charleereed@gmail.com</a> 206.818.7585
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# SEATTLE GARDEN CLUB AUCTION PROCUREMENT FORM

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# **Garden History and Design Report**

This is the first in a series of newsletter entries featuring our past presidents. The Garden History and Design Committee has previously published four books featuring members and their gardens. These newsletter entries will replace the books. Jenny Wyatt is our immediate past president.



In 1983 Jenny and Scott Wyatt became the fifth owners of their 1907 home in Denny Blaine. Since the house spans over 110 years, the garden has been through several transformations, each reflecting the changing times and needs of the different families. After the Wyatt's purchase, Jenny hired Ann Groff-Smith, SGC member, to re-grade the front yard and transplant aging rhododendrons from the center of the yard to create hedges along the perimeter. The back garden became a kid-friendly space, including swing sets and imaginative play areas for their four growing children. Once the children outgrew the swing set, Jenny hired neighbor Carolyn Temple to create some structural "bones" for the garden.

In 2001 Jenny completed a degree in Horticulture and Landscape Design at Edmonds CC, resulting in a whole new era of updating, change and experimentation. From her office window on the third floor, Jenny can look out and see year-round color and interest due to her diligence in picking plants that "signal the seasons." It is an intimate and personal garden because of the years the Wyatts have lived there and the work that has been done in "layers of time." As a result, Jenny associates various plantings with "what was going on at that time with

my family." Currently, a place in the garden needs to be found for a new swing set and play area as grandchildren have arrived and love to come to "Nona's" house and garden. Asked what time of day she most enjoys in the garden, Jenny replies, "Who doesn't love to go out in their garden early morning with a hose and a cup of coffee?"

It was a lucky day for the SGC when Jenny agreed to become a member. As a Provisional she chaired the Centennial Tree Committee, proving that she was born to lead. Jenny has chaired the Hort, Communications, Meeting Arrangements and Policy and Planning Committees, leading up to her serving as our President during the Centennial Year. She co-chaired our 2015 Flower Show and is a Prospective in the GCA Horticulture Judging Program.



The Wyatt's latest project is replacing a rhododendron hedge in the front yard with plants from Jenny's years in upstate New York such as hybrid peonies.



In 1988 a Sargent Crabapple tree was planted in a featured spot in the front garden for the visual beauty and fragrant sweet scent of the blossoms.



The front porch is a fabulous vantage point to look at Lake Washington



Jenny loves fall colors and imaginative textural contrasts. The combination of emotion and scientific knowledge have shaped this beautiful garden.



Jenny has quite a sophisticated textural palette due to her training (left).



The backyard terrace is a charming respite from the city.



Two amazing wisterias (purple and white) have graced the back yard since the 1940's.

## **Photography Report**

Registration for the March photography show opened on Sept. I Ith . Classes are filling quickly. Sign up **TODAY** with Jolie Roze (jsroze@comcast.net)

**October 19th** -Did you bring your favorite summer photo to the General Meeting? Please send one to smug mug to share. Simply copy and paste the address below: <a href="https://digitalgarden.smugmug.com/share/tSpdvP">https://digitalgarden.smugmug.com/share/tSpdvP</a>

**October 24th** — 10:00 photography outing at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Marianne Kitchell and Jolie Roze will be the organizers.

**November 1st-** Registration closes for the **March** show.

**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 **practice** photos with all participants and judges at CUH Isaacson classroom 10:00-12:00.

**Dec.** Post your favorite winter holiday photo to smug mug. https://digitalgarden.smugmug.com/share/tSpdvP

Jan. Field trip organized by Marianne and Jolie

**Jan. 2, 2018**- Registered photos can be delivered to Catherine Parker (Judging Chair).\*\*PLEASE note we need you to print a copy of your photo so we can send it to the Portland judges. One matted print and one print only.

**Jan. 10, 2018** - Deadline for registered photos to be delivered to Catherine Parker. Passers will approve all registered photos. Catherine will take photos of all passed photos and mail to floral.

**March** Photo show. Possibly a workshop at CUH to discuss the photos in the show (why did it receive a first or third prize?, how to enter a show, where to print your photo, where to take classes, etc.)

**April** Field trip

May Wrap up meeting

Suzy Titcomb, Photography Chair

# Fun Times at the Shirley Meniece Conference in Omaha attended by Catherine Mueller and Diana Ackerly



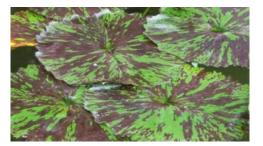
View of praise grasses.



From the Lotus family, Nelumbo nucifera



Floral specimen of Helianthus annuus L.



From the Tropical Water Lily family, Nymphaea sp



Catherine Mueller in front of the Lauritzan Gardens.

# 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 <u>important</u> 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, 206-790-2921

# **GCA Judging Report**

Three of the members of our judging program were promoted to approved judges in October:

Marilee Ahalt – Floral Design Catherine Allan – Horticulture Barbara Feasey – Floral Design

Please list Charlee Reed's name in the year book as an approved judge in Photography. She was promoted last spring.

Congratulations, ladies for your efforts in raising the standards of the GCA Judging program and for representing the Seattle Garden Club in a way that always makes us proud.

Mary Turner
All Over Judging Chair for SGC



Photo by Charlee Reed

### **Save the Date**

### Iris Wagner Conservation Lecture Series coming in January

Thanks to the generosity of Iris and Ted Wagner, Seattle Garden Club is collaborating with the Seattle Aquarium and C-Change Conversations based at the Princeton Garden Club to present an evening cocktail reception and talk. The event will take place at the Aquarium on **Tuesday, January 23rd**. Bob Davidson from the Aquarium will give us a brief overview of how climate change is impacting the health of Puget Sound and then Kathleen Biggins from the Princeton GC will present her research about the causes of our current climate disruptions and answer questions about how we can help.

The presentation is geared to our members and guests. We're encouraging everyone at SGC to attend and bring friends for this opportunity to better understand what we can do to abate climate change. The cost is \$30.00 per person for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and the talk. Please reserve your spots as soon as you can by sending your checks to Shelley Rolfe.

#### **2018 ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE**

#### "HOW THE WEST IS ONE"

HYATT REGENCY HOTEL - SAN FRANCISCO - APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> - 29<sup>TH</sup>

#### **OPEN VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION BEGINS NOVEMBER 1ST**

Each year, GCA holds an Annual Meeting somewhere in the United States, moving from Zone to Zone on a rotation basis. This year, Zone XII (including Clubs in Denver, California, Arizona, Hawaii, Oregon, New Mexico and Washington) will be hosting the huge gathering in San Francisco. Honorary Chairs are: Shirley Meneice/Carmel-by-the-Sea, Patti Schleuning/Portland and Emmy Seymour/Honolulu. Each Club within our Zone has a responsibility. SGC is responsible for Concierge Services – which is, as Sandy Scott, GCA Annual Meeting Co-Chair, described it, '...all things gracious.' At this time, a team of sixteen SGC members have committed to helping with our efforts.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING?** SGC members and all Zone XII Clubs, will be given the opportunity to sign up beginning November 1st. All committees needing helpers will be open for your participation. Watch for an email from SGC providing the appropriate links as the time nears. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Suzette de Turenne, Concierge Chair sdeturenne@comcast.net or 206-465-9317

# **Community Projects Report**

The Community Projects Committee applauds the efforts of our Auction team and the brilliant support everyone provides for our one fundraiser of the year! The proceeds from the Auction fund SGC's annual Community Projects budget. The Year Book describes SGC's long history of community projects and grants dating back to 1921.

Shelley Rolfe has taken over as chair of the committee and a fall meeting will take place soon to discuss our priorities for the year. After the meeting, we'll update the SGC public website to describe how community groups can apply for consideration. As of now, we've already received five inquiries from possible grant recipients. The Committee will begin evaluating the proposals in January.

Shelley Rolfe, Community Projects Chair

## From the Fragrance Garden

Join us for a bit of "aromatherapy" by helping prepare the Fragrance Garden for the winter.

Please bring your favorite garden tools, gloves and warm clothes.

November 6<sup>th</sup> 11:30 – 1:00 after the Hort Meeting We will provide snacks and drinks. Hotie Hard and Ana Hergert

# Poetry from Delphine Stevens

AUTUMN' by Emily
Dickinson

The morns are meeker than they were,
The nuts are getting brown;
The berry's cheek is plumper,
The rose is out of town.
The maple wears a gayer scarf,
The field a scarlet gown.
Lest I should be old-fashioned,

I'll put a trinket on.

#### The Miller Garden Tour



Alison Andrews arrives in style



Begonia with fall color



Abutilon dictum in pink and orange



Brugmansia



Blechnum chilense Chileanhard fern photo by Richie Steffen



Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola' Golden Japanese forest grass photo byRichie Steffen



Lysichiton camtschatcensis White skunk cabbage photo by Richie Steffen

#### The SGC Board Cocktail Party (auction event) at Bloedel Reserve in September



At the Bloedel Reserve Japanese Tea House Marilee Ahalt, Suzette de Turenne, Hope Stroble, Barbara Feasey, Susan Potts, and Sheila Dickey



Barbie Snapp (background), Hope Stroble and Jenny Wyatt in the Bloedel House.

## Gardener's Corner by Debbi Wilson

#### A Welcome to Wheat

Archaeological evidence suggests wheat was domesticated 10,000 years ago in the Fertile Crescent, now part of Turkey. Modern wheat has evolved (42 chromosome structure) from earliest variety (einkorn with 14 chromosomes) and perhaps may be the most important plant food.

In our state of Washington, farmers in Whitman county produce the most wheat in the US, and it is of exceptionally high quality. Wheat is the one of the largest earning crops, after apples, milk, and potatoes, earning \$ 1.3 billion in production value to the state's economy. 80-90% of Washington wheat is exported around the world, most of it traveling along the Columbia River. Soft White Winter wheat accounts for 80% of the state's crop, and is considered especially suited for baking, pastas, pizza dough, cereals, white breads and Asian style noodles.

80% of the total production of wheat is the winter variety. It needs 6-8 weeks of fall growth before the soil freezes. The drop in temperature helps the plants develop healthy roots and reproductive structures. In spring, the stems grow and the flag leaf emerges. The leaf shelters the swollen stem that produces the grain head. The wheat heads seem to emerge in a field simultaneously. A self-pollinator, the heads fill with maturing grain kernels for the next 3-4 weeks. Then the plant turns golden, and the kernel ripens, or dries to a seed. If moisture in the seed is less than 15%, it's harvest time.

Did you know sweets such as licorice, chocolates and chewing gum can contain wheat? Spices (curry powder, Cajun, pie and Thai) contain wheat agents to prevent clumping.

Welcome to Wheat Crop

Wheat crop arrives, Plenty of water in canal, Starvation disappears.

by Kishan Singh Negi (2016)

#### Judging Conference in Hawaii in September



Cathy Parker, Pam Green, Charlee Reed, Jolie Roze Catherine Allan, Marilee Ahalt, Gail Hutchinson (Honolulu GC) Jo Anne Rosen, Mary Turner, Suzy Titcomb, Suzette de Turenne

### **SGC Yearbook Updates**

Please make note of the following address changes:

Mary Jane Anderson - andersonmj525@gmail.com

For all roster changes please notify SGC's Corresponding Secretary, Peggy-Page Most mostp@msn.com
206 349 6678

# **Hort Report**

Our November Hort meeting will take place on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at CUH. **9:15 am Social & I0:00 am Program.** Provisional Marnie Roozen will present her presentation on bulbs "Turn your cold, dismal days into flower-filled winters of wonder." After Marnie's presentation Diana Ackerley and Catherine Mueller will give an update on the 2017 Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference "Jewels of the Plains" that took place in Omaha, Nebraska September 24-26, 2017.

At our October Hort meeting provisional Sandy Hanower gave a wonderful talk "A Look Inside the Miller Garden" and arranged for garden tours afterwards. At this meeting members were encouraged to share perennial divisions that they may have at the November meeting.

**Hort Share:** Please bring a specimen (in a vase) to share from your garden. Baird Boards are a great idea if you have 5 cuttings to display. When we share plants from our gardens it expands our collective knowledge and provides inspiration for our own gardens.

Diana Ackerley, Horticulture Chair

### **GCA Report**

Exciting things are happening at Harvard's Arnold Arboretum:

"BOSTON, MA: If a picture is worth a thousand words, then the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University is preparing to share more details than ever before about its 15,000 collected plants. The best part—you can help make it happen! This fall, the Arboretum launches "Treeversity," a citizen science project designed to collect information on some 20,000 images of the trees, shrubs, and vines growing across its Olmsted-designed landscape.

Since its founding in 1872, Arboretum staff have utilized photography to help document the living plants the institution collects, grows, and preserves for scientific study and horticultural display. Thousands of historical images— captured by famed explorers like Ernest Henry Wilson, Joseph Rock, and Frank Meyer—have long been available for viewing and downloading through the online Image Archive of the Harvard University Libraries. Recently, the Arboretum made thousands of contemporary images of its plants—from Abelia chinensis (Chinese abelia) to Zenobia pulverulenta (honeycup)—available on its own website (www.arboretum.harvard.edu). This extensive Plant Image Database serves everyone from botanists to armchair plant explorers as a free online tool to aid plant identification, connect plant images and plant information, and promote the study and appreciation of biodiversity.

To make this resource more useful to scientists, teachers, students, gardeners, and anyone interested in learning more about plants, the Arboretum has teamed with Zooniverse (www.zooniverse.org), the world's largest online platform for people-powered research. Zooniverse crowd-sources data collection for scientific studies, utilizing the help of hundreds of thousands of volunteers who log on to assist professional researchers. On October 3, Zooniverse will begin hosting Treeversity, a project the Arboretum hopes will inspire plant enthusiasts and biodiversity champions to contribute descriptive metadata for the plant images it shares. By selecting appropriate subject categories—flower, leaf, fruit, cone, thorn, bark—Treeversity volunteers will expand essential browsing and searching functions of the Arboretum's Plant Image Database.

Treeversity will launch on Zooniverse with approximately 10,000 images in need of categorization by volunteers. Once the project is completed, the Arboretum's Plant Image Database will have improved functionality as an educational resource—and another important layer of documentation on the Arboretum's renowned living collections. As a constantly developing resource for reference and discovery, the Plant Image Database will continue to develop as additional digital archives become available. "Our goal," according to Arboretum Director William (Ned) Friedman, "is to share these images in classrooms, with garden clubs, and with all manner of plant lovers around the world to help advance a cure for the preventable human disease known as plant blindness."

On another note related to our GCA scholarship program, Michael Dosmann is the Keeper of the Living Collections at the Arnold Arboretum, and was the RHS and GCA Interchange Fellowship recipient in 1998-1999. Many of Michael's images are part of Treeversity.

Terry Huang will start a two-year fellowship as the Living Collections Fellow this month at the Arnold Arboretum, and was the RHS and GCA Interchange Fellowship recipient in 2013-14.

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The Living Collections Fellowship develops and prepares future leaders of botanic gardens by providing them with living collections management experience by supporting significant

initiatives in Horticulture, Curation, and Plant Production at the Arnold Arboretum. The fellow's focus will be supporting the acquisition of desired specimens by auditing the arboretum's desiderata, and by planning and executing plant collection expeditions.

Terry (right) is pictured at the UW Botany Greenhouse in October 2017 while collecting plant specimens for the UW Botanic Garden Hyde Herbarium.



Eve Rickenbaker, GCA News



Nest, by Karen Simmonds

# Нарру Thanksgiving

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# 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.

SusanBrickman@msn.com, Communications Chair

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