

December 2017



# The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America



## Holiday Luncheon & Auction

**HO! HO! HO!**

Thursday, December 7th

**Sunset Club**

10:30 am Silent Auction and Social  
12 Noon Lunch

1:10 pm Check-Out Begins



\$45 per guest and for members who have not paid the Meeting Arrangements fees.

Payable to "The Seattle Garden Club"

RSVP by December 1st to Sheila Noonan:

206 860 7662, [sbnoonan@gmail.com](mailto:sbnoonan@gmail.com) or

Mail checks to:

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Seattle, WA 98112

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**Support SGC's efforts to raise funds for Community Projects!**

# From the President

## January 2017 to December 2017 Our SGC Centennial Celebration!



Here is to Hope Stroble, our Centennial Chair and her committee for a glorious year of Celebration!

This year, we marveled at many things:

- 100 Years of Community Projects Map by Sue Blethen and Kim Bishop!
  - January 2017 Opening Luncheon organized by B.J. Anderson and Charlee Reed with over 94 members participating. An invitation with our Centennial Flower (*Erythronium oregonum*, below) was created by Sue Ashmun. A skit written and directed by Deborah Cheadle was performed by Eliza Davidson, Sue Blethen, Sue Ashmun, Laurie Riley, Suzette de Turenne, Susan Potts and Debby Smith
  - The Gala on the Skansonia was produced by Marilee Ahalt and Barbara Feasey
  - Centennial Tour of Founders Gardens planned by Eliza Davidson, Burnley Snyder, and Laurie Riley
  - June 2017 Annual Luncheon with Festive Hats and Birds in the Flower Arrangements by Debby Smith and Laurie Riley. Horticulture Show by Catherine Allan and Suzette de Turenne!
  - Legacy Boards created by Carolyn Kitchell
- Our early history was showcased in a presentation by Christine Davis and Kim Bishop. Kim also shared "100 Years of Flower Shows"
- The Centennial Garden Dedication with our partners at the UWBG and the September Picnic by Sheila Noonan and Debby Smith!
  - The Finale of the Centennial - Our Annual Holiday Auction, December 7, ably co-chaired by Charlee Reed and Dabney Rohrbach with Festive Flower Arrangements by our Provisionals, Marianne Mowat, Ann McCutchan, Carolyn Echelbarger, Cindy Bostwick, Mary Jo Bench and Kay Baxter and other members.

Congratulations to Bobbie Lenfesty on nearly 70 years of SGC Membership! (see page 6)

Thank you, Seattle Garden Club for a star filled year!  
Here is to the next 100 years!

Diana Neely, President

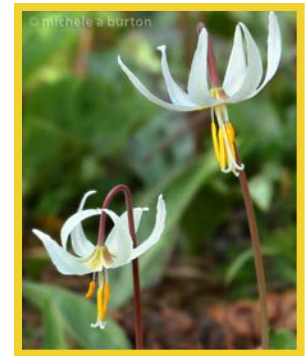


Photo by Michele Burton



Provisional Marnie Roozen (right) with her sponsor Kathy Lea after her talk in November

Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar December 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 • Submit Favorite Holiday Photo All Month	2
3	4 • 10:00AM - 12:00AM Review "Practice Photos" at CUH Isaacson Classroom	5 • 10:00AM Ways & Means Meeting	6	7 • 10:30AM - 1:30PM SGC Holiday Auction & Luncheon	8	9
10	11 • 10:05AM - 11:30AM Awards Committee	12	13	14	15	16
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## A few Summer Photos



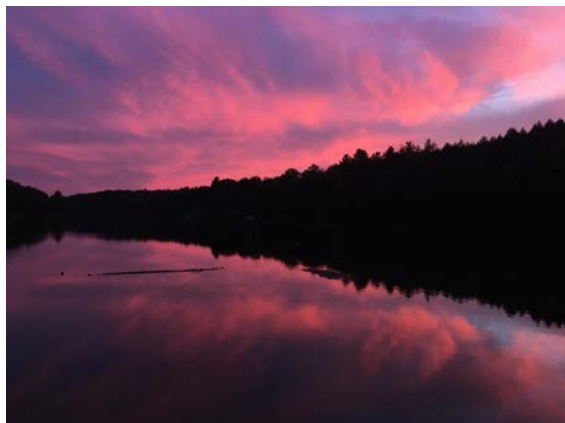
Kim Bishop



Juliet Romano



Suzy Titcomb



Kim Bishop



Mary Turner

# Conservation Report

**We have our auction item!** On May 4th, 2018, we venture out on an all day trip to the Wild Horse Wind and Solar Farm in eastern Ellensburg. We will have a private guide throughout the day. Our tour also includes a wildflower hike, an option Wild Horse provides for only two weeks of the spring. It will be a great photographic opportunity as well. I did this tour in October and *really* enjoyed the day. I hope you will consider signing up for this wonderful event! <https://www.pse.com/inyourcommunity/ToursandRecreation/WildHorse/Pages/default.aspx>

**Preparations for the Wagner Lecture**, which will be held at the Seattle Aquarium on January 23, 2018 are coming along well. Tickets are \$30.00 per person. We hope to have all our members participate and bring guests. Checks made out to SGC, should be sent to: Shelley Rolfe, 1626 NW 185th, Seattle, WA 98177. Shelley and I are working on securing a location for lodgings and another location for dinner honoring our guests Kathleen Biggins and Kathy Herring on Monday evening. Look for more detailed information included in this newsletter.

Just to remind you, **Shelley and I heard Kathleen Biggins speak to the whole of NAL last year.** She is a very dynamic speaker and we are lucky to have her here joining us here in Seattle.

**Tacoma Garden Club is also promoting Wagner Lecture to their members.** In order to encourage TGC's participation, Shelley and I also said we would be happy to provide "sleep over" homes for their TGC members so they didn't have to drive the 45-60 minutes home that evening.

Please let me know if you might be willing to host a TGC member on January 23rd. It will make a big difference in how many of the Tacoma members join us for this great event.

**Chair, Barbie Snapp, and Bev Martin will be your NAL delegates in Washington DC.** We will be joined by two very accomplished women from the Tacoma Garden Club. We will be quite a force in advocating for protecting and restoring our environment! We thank you all for the opportunity to represent our club in this important mission.

In preparation for this trip, we will be **meeting with Washington Environmental Council (WEC) in January.** All SGC members are welcome and encouraged to join us in this information gathering event regarding critical bills coming up in the next legislative session. The hope is that we will then contact our politicians via e-mail, phone calls and social media to promote critical environmental actions.

And lastly, **the date for the Loop Biosolids tour at the Brightwater Facility** will be held on Tuesday, March 20th, 10:00am in Woodinville. <http://www.kingcounty.gov/services/environment/brightwater-center/about>

Barbie Snapp - Conservation Chair



# Photography Report

Registration for the March photography show opened on Sept. 11th. We are pleased that all classes are filled. Participants are encouraged to check the guidelines on the Seattle Garden Club website for specific instructions on how to print as well as sizing. This information will also be emailed to each participant.

On October 24th ten members met Jolie Roze and Marianne Kitchell at the Bellevue Botanical Garden on a beautiful fall day to take photos. **PLEASE** post your photos from this outing and from your favorite summer photo on :

<https://digitalgarden.smugmug.com/share/tSpdvP>

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 will open March 1st at CUH with a party for family and friends. Details about a workshop will soon be posted.

Suzy Titcomb, Photography Chair



Debby Smith, Sue Ashmun and Ana Hergert at the Bellevue Botanical Garden photography outing.



Jolie Roze (left) and Marianne Kitchell at the Bellevue Botanical Garden photography outing.

# Membership Report

## 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 candidates. 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.



**Congratulations** to Barbara (Bobbie) Lenfesty for 70 years of membership in the Seattle Garden Club! Bobbie is an Emeritus Floral Design Judge and the aunt of member Wade Garretson!

Marilee Ahalt, Membership Chair  
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## SGC Yearbook Updates

For all roster changes  
please notify SGC's Corresponding Secretary,  
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# Community Projects Report

## **The Wagner Lecture will be January 23, 2018 at the Seattle Aquarium.**

Our speaker, Kathleen Biggins, looks forward to coming to Seattle and related this story to us:

When Kathleen returned home from the GCA National Affairs and Legislation (NAL) conference in Washington, DC in 2013, she was a changed woman – newly determined to make a difference.

“Before the 2013 GCA conference, I knew climate change was an issue. But what I learned in Washington helped me to understand the urgency of the situation. I finally realized that the quality of our children’s future is in peril on a profound level unless we act decisively now,” says Kathleen. Kathleen immersed herself in the topic, learning about the opportunities and limitations of wind, solar and hydropower, the pros and cons of natural gas and nuclear power and the economic theories behind the carbon tax. She also read about why it’s so hard to move people on the issue and how much misinformation there is among the general public.

As Kathleen researched climate change, she discovered, “Not all of the news out there is doom and gloom! There are tremendous economic opportunities to be found in tackling climate change.”

Armed with her passion and new knowledge – she looked around for ways to convey the information to her community. “People are most likely to have their minds changed on an issue by someone they know, someone they think is like them – a member of their *tribe*,” says Biggins, a former journalist and a current member of the Garden Club of Princeton. “Many members of my ‘tribe’ are conservative, well-educated, affluent professionals, and I had to think carefully about how to reach out to them, since this was such a politically charged issue.”

Please come, enjoy a cocktail reception, and hear Kathleen’s powerful talk. Order your tickets now. The cost is \$30/person. Mail your check to:

Shelley Rolfe  
1626 NW 185th  
Seattle, WA 98177

Shelley Rolfe, Community Projects Chair

## 2018 ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE “HOW THE WEST IS ONE”

HYATT REGENCY HOTEL - SAN FRANCISCO – APRIL 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### GENERAL VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

As mentioned in our last SGC newsletter, 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. Each Club within our Zone has a responsibility. SGC is responsible for Concierge Services. At this time, a team of sixteen SGC members have committed to helping with our efforts – but there's room for more!

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING?** You should have received an email from me on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, forwarding the Annual Meeting newsletter explaining the process for adding your name to the volunteer list for any committee still in need of volunteers. Opportunities could still exist from April 25<sup>th</sup> through April 29<sup>th</sup>. If you find yourself in the San Francisco area, or want to make a special trip just for this, feel welcomed to sign up for an hour, two, or twenty! If you have any questions, please contact me.

Suzette de Turenne, Concierge Chair  
[sdeturenne@comcast.net](mailto:sdeturenne@comcast.net) or 206-465-9317

## Award Announcement

The Seattle Garden Club Awards are listed in the Year Book on pages 51-60.

The particular Award we would like your input on is **The SGC Commendation for Non-Members**, which is listed on pages 59-60.

This Award is given to an individual, community organization or a group of individuals:

“For dedicated service to the community in the fields of Horticulture,  
Conservation, Civic Achievement or Photography which reflect the  
purposes of the Seattle Garden Club”

We would love to have your ideas on who in our community is deserving of this Award. Please include your reasons for bringing the person(s) or organization to the committee for consideration.

The committee also gives Awards to our members and we love doing this. Again, we welcome your input for these Awards. Please look over the Awards on pages 51-56 and let us know if you have any ideas for these Awards.

Note that the Award for non-members on pages 57 and 58 is no longer being given out. Since 2008 SGC gives out only one award for non-members.

Thank you in advance for your input!

Sheila Noonan and Burnley Snyder, Awards Committee Co-Chairs



## From the Fragrance Garden

The sun came out for our Fragrance Garden work party along with a wonderful group of weeders.

Mark your calendars for **March 5<sup>th</sup>** for our next gathering!

Hotie Hard and Ana Hergert, Fragrance Garden Co-chairs



Thank you to Megan Smith, Hotie Hard, Marnie Roozen, Ana Hergert, Marianne Kitchell, Betty Paul and Catherine Allan for their enthusiasm and helping hands!

## Poetry from Delphine Stevens

### “Winter Song” by Wilfred Owen

The browns, the olives, and the yellows died,  
And were swept up to heaven; where they glowed  
Each dawn and set of sun till Christmastide,  
And when the land lay pale for them, pale-snowed,  
Fell back, and down the snow-drifts flamed and flowed.

From off your face, into the winds of winter,  
The sun-brown and the summer-gold are blowing;  
But they shall gleam with spiritual glinter,  
When paler beauty on your brows falls snowing,  
And through those snows my looks shall be soft-going.

## E. Montlake Park Clean up



Megan Smith, Sue Blethen, Candice Lancaster and Diana Neely



Sigma Chi Fraternity helped spread chips

## Gardener's Corner by Debbi Wilson

### WINTER SOLSTICE AND THE TRADITIONAL BEACONS OF SPRING

*Winter Solstice*: also known as Midwinter, marks the onset of winter at the time of the shortest period of daylight and longest night of the year, about December 22, in the Northern Hemisphere.

The day may shorten and the night lengthen, but cultures around the world for centuries have found their remedies to deal with this yearly astrological period.

Pagans, "People of the Country," brought boughs and holly indoors to celebrate nature. To the Romans, the Winter Solstice meant the imminent return of spring and fresh crops. They brought boughs indoors for the Feast of Saturnalia, in honor of Saturn, the God of Agriculture.

The ancient Egyptians believed that winter was brought on by Ra, the Sun God. At the solstice, they filled their homes with green date palm leaves to symbolize Ra's triumph over death. Vikings put wreaths on their front doors believing that evil spirits arose during the darkest days. In addition, they brought in entire trees to protect themselves!

The Celtic Druids believed that evergreens were sacred symbols of eternal birth. They hung holly and mistletoe around their homes, a tradition that endures today. Although we inhale the fragrance of the evergreen boughs brought indoors this winter, and enjoy the beauty of holiday decorations, we will relish the longer days of spring coming soon.

## **GCA Report** by Eve Rickenbaker



Kevin Jeffery was recently featured in the GCA newsletter as the recipient **of The Douglas Dockery Thomas Fellowship in Garden History and Design** in 2017.

Kevin Jeffery is a master's student in landscape architecture at the University of Texas at Austin. His objective is to develop a "blue index" project in the City of Austin, which will rank and categorize water areas of all types for the amount of relaxation they induce as well as their perceived human value. He will install 25 photo stations throughout the city for participants to rank an area for how much it contributes to their level of calmness as well as submit a photograph capturing the water scene with their smart device.

### **Additional information about The Douglas Dockery Thomas Fellowship in Garden History and Design from the GCA website:**

**Purpose:** To further the study of history and design in the American garden and to look to the future of gardens and their unique place in our environment.

**History:** The GCA Garden History and Design Committee had a particular interest in starting a scholarship to provide assistance at the graduate level toward study of American garden and landscape history and/or contemporary American garden and landscape design. After a meeting at which such a fellowship was proposed, Douglas Dockery Thomas came forward and said she and her husband, Wilmer, would be interested in funding it. Mrs. Thomas is a member of the Millbrook (New York) Garden Club and has long been interested in garden history and design as well as in land and nature conservancy. Mrs. Thomas is also an accomplished flower arranger. Established in 2000, the Thomas Fellowship is distinct from and is not connected to the Garden History and Design Internship offering.

**Provisions:** Funds one graduate student annually at \$4000. A student may propose a project of wide scope to assist with study and research at an institution in the United States.



Kevin Jeffery



**Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar  
January 2018**

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	1	2 • Registered photos for the March show can be delivered to Catherine Parker in bubble wrap and foam core.	3	4 • 10:00AM - 11:45AM <u>SGC Board Meeting</u> • 12PM - 2PM <u>Community Projects Meeting</u>	5	6
7	8 • 9:15AM - 11:30AM <u>Floral Design Meeting, CUH</u> • 11:30AM - 1PM <u>Hort Committee Meeting</u> <u>Winter 2018 at CUH</u>	9	10 • Deadline for registered photos for the March show to be delivered to Catherine Parker. • 10:00AM - 11:30AM <u>Policy and Planning Committee Meeting</u> • 12:30PM - 2:00PM <u>Membership Committee Mtg</u>	11 • 9AM - 10:30AM <u>Auction Event- Wyeth Exhibit</u>	12	13
14	15 • Auction Event-Southern Dinner	16	17	18 • 9:30AM - 12:00PM <u>SGC General Meeting</u> • 12PM - 2PM <u>Community Projects Meeting</u>	19	20
21	22	23 • 5:45PM - 9:30PM <u>Wagner Conservation Lecture</u> <u>at Seattle Aquarium</u>	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## 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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