

January 2018



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of the Garden Club of America

General Meeting
January 18th
CUH
9:30 am social
10 am meeting



ASHLEY AHEARN is KUOW's award winning environment reporter and the host of a new national podcast on the environment. It's called *Terrestrial*. She will regale and discuss with you her most popular podcast at the General Meeting; Thursday January 18th, 2018. See why this particular podcast has been listened to by tens of thousands of listeners.

Calendar at a Glance

| Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar January 2018 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | 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 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 • <u>Auction Event-Southern Dinner</u> | 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 at Seattle Aquarium</u> | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

From the President



Thank you to Charlee Reed and Dabney Rohrbach for the best auction ever! Sheila Noonan handled the arrangements beautifully. Debby Smith provided the inspiration for the centerpieces. The Provisionals and other members did fabulous arrangements that sparkled with creativity and fostered a festive spirit! We enjoyed celebrating Bobbie Lenfesty, who is older than the club as well as having been a member for 66 years. Bobbie, who is Wade Garretson's aunt, is a GCA Emeritus Floral Design Judge. Bobbie still enjoys arranging flowers every day.

Co-chairs Barbie Snapp and Shelley Rolfe urge you to attend the Wagner Lecture, January 23rd at the Aquarium!

In December, the GCA Archive committee notified me that Mrs. John Carroll Perkins had won the GCA Emily D. Renwick Medal of Achievement in 1925. She was nominated by the Seattle Garden Club. In addition, she was a Seattle Garden Club Board Member! Her niece, Josephine Taber of Seattle, was mentioned in one of the newspaper articles about Mrs. Perkins. I wonder if anyone remembers anything about her? Her husband was the minister of the University Unitarian Church from 1914-1926. They lived in England and Boston after they left Seattle.

The GCA Admissions Chairman, Betsy Nottingham, announced at the Quarterly Business Meeting of the GCA that Dan Hinkley has been approved for Honorary Membership in the Garden Club of America. Seattle Garden Club members Iris Wagner, Jenny Wyatt and B.J. Anderson are responsible for Dan's GCA nomination. Dan will be invited to Annual Meetings and Zone XII Meetings. We will be welcoming him in San Francisco in April at our zone's Annual Meeting. Scot Medbury, President of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden wrote, "Dan embodies a truly unique assemblage of plant-related interest and skills, all of which combine to make him one of the most prominent and articulate gardeners active in the world today". Scot and Dan both got their masters from the University of Washington. I remember Scot telling me he lived in the little stone house by the road as you go through the Arboretum! They have known each other for thirty years and are now both Honorary Members of the Garden Club of America. Please congratulate Dan when you see him or drop him a note of congratulations and welcome!

Happy New Year to all,

Diana Neely, President



*Wade Garretson, Bobbie Lenfesty and
Diana Neely at the Holiday Luncheon*

Holiday Luncheon & Auction 2017!



Auction Co-chairs Charlee Reed (left) and Dabney Rohrbach (right)



Luncheon is served



Sheila Noonan greeting and registering guests



*Many thanks to our dedicated Ways & Means Committee!
(from upper left) Marnie Roozen, Sandy Hanower, Diana Ackerley,
Debby Smith, Barbie Snapp, Carlyn Steiner, Jeannie Gravenkemper,
Suzette de Turenne, Charlee Reed and Dabney Rohrbach.*



Kim Bishop (left), President Diana Neely and Hope Stroble (right) prepare the podium in the ballroom



Carlyn Steiner, Laurie Riley, Gayle Harris, and guest, Sue Nevler

Ways and Means Report

It was all SPARKLE at this year's fabulous Seattle Garden Club Auction and Luncheon! With the Sunset Club all decorated for the Holidays and our fabulous sparkle-themed centerpieces twinkling throughout, it was a beautiful event! The auction was a tremendous success exceeding last year's amount!



It takes all of us working together for a fun party and a successful fundraiser. A huge thank you to our Auction Angels for their donations, to those who created and will host our wonderful experiences, to those who donated the many great auction items and certificates, and to all the volunteers. Sheila Noonan did a tremendous job as Meeting Arrangements Chair, managing the reservations, assigning tables, planning the delicious lunch, and more! A big thank you to Patsy Pattison who organized all the banking and processing! Suzette de Turenne must be applauded for entering all the data! Kudos to Kim Bishop for coordinating the technology!

A huge personal thank you goes out to the members of this year's Ways & Means Committee: Suzette de Turenne, Jeannie Gravenkemper, Candace Lancaster, Kathy Lea, Sheila Noonan, Barbara Peterson, Susan Potts, Laurie Riley, Carlyn Steiner, Debby Smith, Burnley Snyder, Hope Stroble, Edie Tenneson, Roxanne Wiley and Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey.

As is often the case we have amazing opportunities still available:

February 6th – Tour the set-up of the Arboretum Foundation garden plus others at the NW Flower & Garden Show \$50 – 7 spaces

March 16th - Greenhouse Tour at Washington Bulb Co \$75 - 3 spaces

April 20th - Everyday Flowers, Stanwood Flower Farm \$80 - 3 spaces

April 24th - Indian Point, Orcas Island \$120 - 2 spaces

April 29th - Highlands Chapel Concert & Wine Dinner \$150 - 3 spaces and many more.

Please contact us with any questions or ideas.

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Thank you Angels!

THANK YOU to the many donors, volunteers and luncheon guests who have helped support our **SGC Holiday Luncheon & Auction**. Apart from those names and people who are more visible, we would like to thank those **ANGELS** whose monetary donations to our Angel fund as of the writing of this Newsletter also contribute significantly to our Community Projects.

A big thank you to our wonderful 2017 Angels!

Barbara Anderson
Alison Andrews
Trudy Baldwin
Kim Bishop
Sue Brickman
Barbee Crutcher
Jill Crutcher
Carey Davis
Suzette de Turenne
Jeannine Foster
Hotie Hard
Mary Ellen Hughes
Charlotte Hutton
Janet Ketcham
Barbara Lenfesty
Diana Neely

Vicki Neumann
Nancy Parker
Patsy Pattison
Barbara Pringle
Kristie Ratzlaff
Victoria Reed
Dabney Rohrbach
Dorothy Strong
Edie Tenneson
Lyn White
Debbi Wilson
Peggy Wilton
Virginia Wright
Jenny Wyatt



Noreen Frink, guest Linda Wyman and Peggy Wilton



Fay Page and guest, Corrine Cowan

Fun times at the luncheon



Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey and Ann Wyckoff



Vicki Neumann and Carol Henderson



Eleanor Nolan, Catherine Roach and Jenny Wyatt



Provisional arrangement by Cindy Bostwick



Ana Hergert and Barbie Snapp



Provisional arrangement by Marianne Mowat

Special thanks to Kim Bishop, Peggy-Paige Most, and Suzy Titcomb for all their fabulous photos!



Provisional arrangement by Ann McCutchan



Alison Andrews and Nancy Bain



Carolyn Kitchell and Jolie Roze

GCA Did you Know?

The GCA By The Numbers: 2017-2018

Who We Are:

200 member clubs in 40 states & the District of Columbia~18,000 club members
79 honorary members - 8 international courtesy clubs

Your National Organization

President: Dede Petri, Georgetown GC, Zone VI

First Vice President: Debbie Edwards, GC of New Haven, Zone II

Chief Operating Officer: Jennifer Barnette and 9 HQ staff

11 officers & 1 zone director on the Executive Board

12 geographical zones and their zone leadership

400+ club members serving at the GCA national level

21 national and special committees providing programmatic resources

6 standing and supporting committees performing specific functions

\$2.3 mm operating budget: revenue sources are dues, investment income, and contributions

\$30 mm investment portfolio: includes 30+ designated funds

What We Do

27 merit-based scholarships and fellowships

\$335,000 awarded to 86 scholars in 2017

85 Founders Fund projects in communities across the country

\$50,000 awarded to 3 new projects in 2017

50 Partners for Plants projects conserving national, state & local public lands throughout the US; 470+ projects since 1992

58 Freeman Medal awards recognizing underutilized

North American native plants; 23 winners since 1995

Library with 3,300+ books on topics relating to the GCA's purpose

Archives with extensive GCA histories and materials

3 annual national conferences:

- Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference
- National Affairs & Legislation Meeting
- GCA Annual Meeting

~12 annual zone meetings

75+ sponsored flower shows

Educational workshops in floral design, horticulture, & photography

~20 national and ~400 zone and club awards presented annually

560+ approved judges in floral design, horticulture & photography

4,750 gardens documented to date for the Archives of American Gardens, Smithsonian Institution

Annual domestic & international Visiting Gardens trips

8 position papers on public policy issues: Clean Air; Clean Water; Climate Change; National Parks; National Public Lands; Native Plants; Sustainable Agriculture, Seed Diversity and Food Security; Transportation

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7 publications:

- **Bulletin**
- **By Design**
- **ConWatch**
- **The Real Dirt**
- **eNews**
- **Focus**
- **Legislative Update**

Eve Rickenbacker, GCA column

Gardener's Corner by Debbi Wilson

The Queen, the Landscape and the Author

Gardening for the homeowner has evolved for over two hundred years. A few examples of notable events helped shape what we know today.

Re- routing the River Westbourne in London in order to create a large pond in the middle of Hyde Park, Queen Caroline of Anspach, wife of King George II, designed the first man-made pond to look *natural*. It was named the Serpentine, and it remains today.

Capability Brown a genius in natural and creatively built landscapes designed gardens to largely maintain themselves. Sir John Vanbrugh placed the home on the property so that the occupants could view the landscape, rather than the house itself being the view for others. He designed the Folly- a building designed to complete the view and provide a happy spot for the onlooker. During this time, botanists and plant explorers were roaming the world for specimens to bring home. From approximately 1,000 known plant specimens in 1750 to 20,000 specimens in 1850. English nurserymen, with plenty of material, were enjoying a surge in gardening interest from the middle class.

The game changer for ladies, happened when Jane Webb Loudon, published her blockbuster, Practical Instructions in Gardening for Ladies, in 1841. It encouraged women to get their hands dirty and "take on a glow of perspiration." Women could, indeed, manage gardening independent of male supervision.

Follow the simple rules:

Work steadily, not too vigorously

Use light tools

Stand on dry ground, as damp ground unhealthful emanations could rise through the skirts.

The author carefully explains what a spade does: "The operation of digging, as performed by a gardener, consists of thrusting the iron part of the spade, which acts as a wedge, perpendicularly into the ground by the application of the foot, and then using the long handle as a lever, to raise up the loosened earth and turn it over."

Today, the garden for women can become a profession, or a hobby, a laboratory, or a demonstration of personal style. Ideally, it is a peaceful place for reflection and enjoyment.

Notes taken from At Home. Bill Bryson

Floral Design Committee

Collaboration: A Club Flower Show

March 1st, 2018, 5 to 7 p.m.

Floral Design Classes

Attention floral designers! We will be participating in the Collaborations flower show in March. Classes are listed here and more details regarding the schedule, scale of points and timeline will be out soon. Please be thinking about what class you might like to enter!

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| Class 1: | "In Concert" | 4 entries |
| A Pot-et-fleur design | | |

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| Class 2: | "Intrigue" | 4 entries |
| An Abstract design | | |

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| Class 3: | "Kinship" | 4 entries |
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An interpretive design of one of an entered photograph

Sue Ashmun, Floral Design



Sue Ashmun with her arrangement



Catherine Mueller with her arrangement



Arrangement by Debby Smith

Visiting Gardens Committee

Happy New Year from the Visiting Gardens Committee

Visiting Gardens is one of the big perks of GCA membership and we invite you to attend our first committee meeting on Monday, February 5th following the Hort Meeting, in the CUH Boardroom.

We will be discussing procedures for showing SGC Gardens to GCA visitors, how you can plan a garden visit when you are visiting other cities, ideas for garden field trips for our members...as well as possibly, out of town garden tours in the future.

Come one, come all!

Delphine Stevens and Laurie Riley, Co-Chairs Visiting Gardens

Announcement from the Lake Forest Garden Club

Lake Forest Garden Club House and Garden Walk, Planting with Purpose, June 20 & 21.

Lake Forest sits upon the shore of Lake Michigan, 30 miles north of Chicago.

The event will feature tours of first floors of four magnificent estates and their beautiful gardens and landscapes, all owned by LFGC members. Our walk, boutique, transportation to houses and optional luncheon each day are headquartered at Onwentsia Club.

Tickets (\$125) will be available on our website, www.lakeforestgca.org, beginning January 8. Please visit the website today for information regarding local hotels, restaurants, other attractions and projects Planting with Purpose will support. Please consider a Visiting Gardens trip to Lake Forest! We look forward to welcoming you.

SGC Yearbook Changes

Please notify SGC's Corresponding Secretary Peggy Paige Most with any changes of information at mostp@msn.com or 206 349 6678

For the New Year

Mend a quarrel.
Seek out a forgotten friend.
Write a love letter.
Share some treasure.
Give a soft answer.
Encourage youth.
Keep a promise.
Find the time.
Forgive an enemy.
Listen.
Apologize if you are wrong.
Think first of someone else.
Be kind and gentle.
Laugh a little. Laugh a little more.
Express your gratitude.
Gladden the heart of a child.
Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth.
Speak your love. Speak it again.
Speak it still once again.
~ anonymous

Sign up for the Wagner Lecture on Tuesday, January 23, at the Seattle Aquarium!

This stimulating event will start at 5:45pm. Your \$30.00 per person ticket provides you with full access to the Aquarium, one drink (then no host bar), hors d'oeuvres, a short talk by aquarium staff on the health of Puget Sound, and a presentation by featured guest speaker, Kathleen Biggins of C-Change Conversations (right) based in Princeton, New Jersey.



Shelley and Barbie had the pleasure of hearing Kathleen speak at NAL last February. We felt her riveting discussion addressing climate change made Kathleen the perfect speaker for our 2018 Wagner Lecture.

"What We Need to Know About Our Changing Climate," is a concise, non-partisan, science-based presentation addressing five questions which the *Yale Program on Climate Change Communication* indicates are asked by Americans across the political spectrum. Those questions include:

- How do we know it is real?
- How do we know it is us?
- What do scientists think?
- What are the dangers?
- Is there hope that we can address it?

To make this a successful event, we count on you, our members, to participate in this special evening and to bring guests! Checks at \$30.00 per person made out to SGC, should be sent to: Shelley Rolfe, 1626 NW 185th, Seattle, WA 98177.

While we prefer SGC members to purchase through Shelley, tickets may also be purchased through Brown Paper Tickets which will have an added service fee of \$2.50 per ticket. Brown Paper Tickets may be found under: Iris Wagner Conservation Lecture, <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3196930>

We ask that our members encourage friends of all ages and positions on climate change, including our future leaders, our teens and young adults, to attend this *non-partisan* educational evening.

Shelley and I are working on securing lodgings for Kathleen Biggins and Kathy Herring from January 20 - 24, as well as another location for dinner honoring our two guests on Monday evening, January 22nd.

Tacoma Garden Club is also promoting the Wagner Lecture to their members. In order to encourage TGC's participation, Shelley and I are looking for "sleep over" homes for the TGC members so they won'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.**

We look forward to seeing you and your guests on January 23, at the Seattle Aquarium!

Barbie Snapp and Shelley Rolfe

Hort Report

No Hort Meeting in January 2018 (January is the Floral Design meeting).

Our next Hort meeting will take place on Monday February 5, 2018 at CUH. **9:15 am Social & Hort Share & 10:00 am Program.**

At our last Hort meeting in November, Provisional Marnie Roozen gave a wonderful talk on bulbs. In addition, Laurie Riley & Vicki Reed organized a fantastic autumn Hort Share for our club. It will be fun to see what is blooming in our gardens come February.

Happy New Year!

Diana Ackerley, Horticulture Chair

Photography Committee

Mark your calendars for some exciting events coming up for everyone.

Jan. 2 - Registered photos for the March club show can be delivered to Catherine Parker (Judging Chair). The deadline for delivery of your photos is Jan. 10th.

January 25th - Field trip at the Photographic Center NW (900 12th Ave, Seattle, WA 98122) from 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm. It stretches us to look at different kinds of art. This exhibit of Ahn Jun (a South Korean artist working in photography) are self portraits taken at the top of tall buildings which speak to the strength, ambition and fragility of women in the 21st century. Contact Jolie Roze or Marianne Kitchell for more information.

January 31st - SAM lecture - Jun Ahn will be appearing at the Seattle Art Museum at a joint SAM-PCNW event from 7-8 pm. Please plan to join us for a glass of wine before her talk at SAM's Taste restaurant. The entry fee is \$10 (\$5 for SAM and PCNW members).

March 1st - Party for Friends and Family of SGC members to view our club show photos and floral arrangements at CUH Miller Library from 5-7 PM. We will be serving wine and light hors d'oeuvres. This is our opportunity to share what we do with others.

Take a minute to go to the GCA website and look at all the photo shows you can enter in 2018. While you are there, be sure to look at the Focus publication. You will see some great photos from our club members.

PLEASE post your your favorite holiday photos and any other club outing to:
<https://digitalgarden.smugmug.com/share/tSpdvP>

Suzy Titcomb, Photography Chair

Looking Ahead

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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!

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