

April 2018



The Seattle Garden Club

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TACOMA/SEATTLE GARDEN CLUBS' JOINT MEETING

"Five Remarkable Women, Four Remarkable Pacific NW Gardens"

Wednesday April 18th, 10:30 am Social, 11:15 am Presentation, 12:15 pm Luncheon

Tacoma Golf and Country Club, 13204 Country Club Drive SW

Lakewood, WA 98498

PLEASE RSVP-YES OR NO by Wednesday April 11th to Sheila Noonan

Sustaining Members who do not pay Meeting Arrangement Fees please confirm your reservation by sending a check for \$35 payable to SGC to

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Donald Olson, Author of The Pacific Northwest Garden Tour: The Sixty Best Gardens to visit in Oregon, Washington & British Columbia will introduce us to 5 remarkable women: Hulda Klager one of the world's leading lilac hybridizers, Eulalie Wagner who created one of the great estate gardens of Washington State, Lilla Leach an intrepid plant explorer and botanist who founded her own botanical garden and Elizabeth Lord & Edith Schryver who were the first female landscape designers in the Pacific Northwest.

Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar April 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 • 8:30AM - 9:30AM provisional meeting • 9:15AM - 11:30AM Hort Share / Hort Meeting @ CUH • 11:30AM - 1PM Finance Committee meeting	3	4 • 10:00AM - 11:30AM Policy and Planning Committee Meeting • 1:00PM - 3:00PM Membership Committee	5 • 10:00AM - 11:45AM SGC Board Meeting	6 • 6:00AM Auction Event-Birding with Burnley and Barbie	7
8	9 • 2PM - 3:30PM Hort Committee Meeting Spring 2018	10	11 • 9:00AM - 12:30PM Wetherill clean up and potluck	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 • 10:30AM - 1:30PM Joint General meeting with Tacoma	19	20 • 10:00AM - 2:00PM Auction Event-Stanwood Flower Farm	21
22	23	24 • Auction Event-Indian Point, Orcas Island	25	26	27	28
29 • 5:00PM Auction Event-Highlands Concert + Dinner	30					

From the President



Spring has arrived! The hyacinths are up in the Fragrance Garden, the Edgeworthia is in full bloom, the daphne, some daffodils, and more! Soon we will have an arbor! A garden is ever changing and growing. The shot weed has arrived as well. If you see that pest as you walk around inspecting, pluck one out and help eliminate it in our garden!

A big thank you to Diana Ackerley for arranging the Amazon Spheres visit. The pictures of plants and structures are amazing. What a special treat for so many lucky members!

Everyone had a terrific party in the library with SGC Photographs and reception hall with Floral Designs! Don Rosen was taking photos to send to JoAnne and Mary who were away on a trip...so news was spread far and wide of our event! The CUH staff plus Fred seemed to enjoy our event as well! A great "Collaboration"! Thank you Susie Titcomb for photographs, Sue Ashmun for Floral Design, and Charlee Reed for handling the food and wine which all gratefully donated and consumed! See photos of winners in the newsletter!

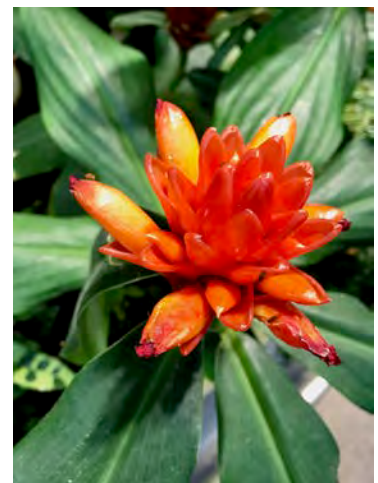
We look forward to our April 2 tour of CUH for Hort. Everyone loved March's tour and program. Come visit our garden friends in Tacoma on Wednesday, April 18th to hear Donald Olsen talk "5 Remarkable Women-4 PNW Gardens".

The Archive work continues with Kim Bishop and Christine Davis ever thinking about the next category. Please give them any items of historical interest you may find in your homes! We still are working on storage in the basement of our office. The office I am glad to say has been organized. The meeting arrangements drawers are in the second drawers, left and right in the file cabinets. Many hands have made light work. However, the basement awaits...we will report next month!

Garden Trivia: May 3-5 The Center for Plant Conservation (now located at the San Diego Zoo!) is meeting in Fort Worth Texas. We contributed \$2500 in 2007 to the CPC for *Sidalcea oregano* var. *calva*.

With appreciation for every member in this club!
Diana

Can you name this plant? Hint: it was in the Amazon Sphere



Collaboration Floral and Photography Show



Thank you to all the participants and winners. We are a talented group!

Photography Report

Thank you to everyone who participated in the “Collaboration Floral and Photography Show” at CUH on March 1st. Twenty photos were on display in the Miller Library. These photos were judged by the Portland judges via mail. They will be exhibited for the entire month of March so please stop by and view your fellow members work. Twelve lovely floral arrangements were also judged and on display for the party.

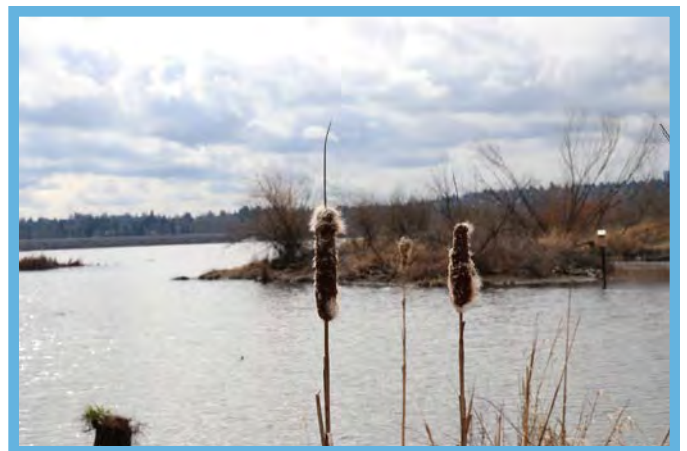
The party at the Miller library was a huge success. Over 70 friends, family and members came to view our work while sipping wine and munching on delicious homemade appetizers. Our members really know how to put on a party.

May 15th will be a photo auction outing to the Salty Dog to hear Tara Champion (environmental journalist and educator) talk about inspiring creativity with composition and lighting.

May 30th will be the wrap up photography committee meeting at Suzy Titcomb's home from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

Please upload any garden club photos to Photography Committee Smugmug Galleries at: <https://digitalgarden.smugmug.com/share/tSpdvP>

Suzy Titcomb, Photography Chair



Walking tour of the Yesler Swamp on March 5

Gardener's Corner by Debbi Wilson

ROSEMARY IS MORE THAN AN HERB

Rosemary officinalis, also called “Dew of the Sea, Mary’s Mantle and Compass Weed”, is a widely grown and popular plant used medicinally, for culinary purposes, and symbolically. A sun lover, it is hardiest in warm climates and can live 30 years. Its blue blooms are a beautiful pop of color in the garden that provide food for the bees.

Rosemary was beloved by the Ancient Greeks for its reputation for strengthening memory, and was used as an emblem of fidelity for lovers. Rosemary was used in weddings, funerals for the care of the dead, in incense for religious ceremonies and in magical spells.

Anne of Cleves, the fourth wife of Henry VIII, wore a rosemary wreath at her wedding, which perhaps, helped her outlive the other wives. Rosemary branches were presented to wedding guests, as a symbol of love and loyalty. Shakespeare used language of flowers in his plays, which included the phrase, “rosemary for remembrance.” Rosemary was used to flavor ale and wine.

Did you know that rosemary was believed to cure thievery and repel evil spirits? Sir Thomas More in his writings, adored the plant as an aesthetic feature in his garden. “As for rosemary, lette it runne all over my garden walls, not onlie because my bees love of it, but because it is the herb sacred to remembrance and to friendship, whence a spring of it hath a dumb language.” STM (1478-1535)

It has several medicinal uses, such as relieving stomach disorders, headaches, coughs, and as an additive to skin and hair care products. Its energizing fragrance, used in aromatherapy, is believed to increase memory. In a study of 150 older adults, it found that being in a room diffused with the smell of rosemary boosted memory test scores by 15%!

And, perhaps what if rosemary is the secret to preservation of youth? “Make thee a box of the wood of rosemary and smell to it and it shall preserve thy youth.” Baucks, Herball, 1523.

“Spring Bouquet”

An earthen vase
held a bouquet
simple crocuses
at the street corner
in the downtown
of the city, around
the corner, down the block
on the way to school
a bit of color
shining through
the urban tableau
reminding us of beauty
amidst the clutter
of daily life
-Raymond A. Foss



Vicki Reed's Baird Board at Hort Share

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present its slate of new officers for the Seattle Garden Club 2018-2019 Board. The current SGC Board approved this slate at its meeting on March 1, 2018. Approval will be sought from the General Membership at the SGC Annual Meeting on June 7, 2017, at the Seattle Tennis Club.

The following positions will serve from fall 2018 through spring 2020, with the exception of the one-year rotation of the President Elect (also Policy and Planning Chair); the President; and the Immediate Past President (also Nominations Chair). At our upcoming June 7, 2018 Annual Meeting, Catherine Allan, our current President Elect, who was voted into office last year, will become President. Diana Neely, our current President, will become Immediate Past President. Jenny Wyatt, our current Immediate Past President, will complete her term.

Please note that approximately half of the Board is replaced each year on a rotating basis. The Horticulture Co-Chairs listed below will each serve two years. Current Ways and Means Co-Chair, Charlee Reed, will remain in this position for the second of her two-year term, to be joined by a new Co-Chair, serving two years.

President Elect/Policy & Planning Chair: Diana Ackerley
Communications: Caroline Goedhart
Conservation: Bev Martin
Floral Design: Sue Ashmun
Horticulture, Co-Chairs: Roxanne Wiley and Susan Potts
Meeting Arrangements: Wade Garretson
Photography: Jolie Roze
Ways & Means Co-Chair, joining Charlee Reed: Catherine Mueller

Many thanks to each of these women, whose dedication to SGC resulted in their acceptance of the invitation to serve; and to my Nominating Committee members – Catherine Allan, B. J. Anderson, Hotie Hard, and Roxanne Wiley- whose thoughtfulness helped forge our strong slate.

Jenny Wyatt, Nominations Committee Chair

Ways and Means Report

AUCTION EXPERIENCES WITH AVAILABLE SPOTS! SIGN UP!

SPRING WILDFLOWER TOUR & GOURMET LUNCH AT INDIAN POINT ON ORCAS ISLAND

APRIL 24 \$120

Three spaces available. An exciting, full day of exploring. Gourmet luncheon with guest speaker Joe Gaydos of SeaDoc Society regarding the health of Salish Sea and its flora and fauna. Afternoon hike of meadow or several trail options. Hosted by Lee Rolfe.

HIGHLANDS CHAPEL CONCERT & PRIVATE SEATTLE GOLF CLUB WINE PAIRING DINNER

APRIL 29 \$150

Three spaces available. Thrilling program to include the Haydn Lark Quartet, Schubert String Trio 471. Wine pairing dinner immediately following in the private wine room of the Seattle Golf Club. Hosted by Burnley Snyder, Sheila Noonan, Phoebe Andrews, Barbara Peterson, Sue Ashmun & Sandy Hanower!

WILD HORSE SOLAR & WIND FARM TOUR & WILDFLOWER WALK

MAY 4 \$75

Four spaces available. Amazing day trip to Ellensburg area to visit the Horse Wind Farm and have lunch. Besides being a spectacular setting, they will teach us about renewable energy (past, present & future), wildlife habitat and interactions around wind and solar farms of course. Cameras strongly suggested as scenery is stunning. Hosted by the Conservation Committee.

SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP & LUNCH

MAY 10 \$90

One space available. Join Tara Champion, environmental photojournalist and educator from PCNW, for a morning of learning composition and lighting. Workshop held at Salty Dog artist studio in Ballard. Hosted by the Photography Committee.

SGC BOARD SPRING COCKTAIL PARTY

MAY 22 \$75

Many spaces available. A special event at the beautiful home of Delphine Stevens. Bring friends, guests and spouses! Hosted by the SGC Board.

Interested? Contact us.

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In case you missed the email from GCA during the winter holidays, here is recent information from the GCA Communications Committee:

A New Way to Read

[Receive GCA publications right in your inbox!](#)

The Garden Club of America offers four publications online exclusively for club members like you: *Bulletin*, *focus*, *ConWatch*, and *The Real Dirt*. These flip-through digital magazines are chock-full of inspiring content, award-winning photographs, and the very best of what's happening across the GCA.



How will this work?

Sign on to the GCA website: gcamerica.org, log in, and then check the *Notify Me box* to add your name to the distribution list for a particular publication. Each digital publication has its own distribution list, and you can turn these notification settings on or off at any time by editing your member profile or clicking the button above.

Do I have to log on?

If you aren't sure of your GCA website login information, tell us what publications you'd like to receive, and GCA staff will turn on those settings for you.

When will I get my first notification?

When a new issue is available, you will receive an email in your inbox. It will look much like this one, but with a single issue at a time. First up will be the new winter *Bulletin* in January 2017, *The Real Dirt* and *ConWatch* will follow in February, then *focus* in March... and on and on!

What if I still have questions?

Headquarters is here for you! Email your questions to websupport@gcamerica.org or reach out to your Communications Committee zone rep for other questions about the website. We look forward to helping.

Also, if you are interested to learn more about the website, check out the [GCA website tutorial](#). This thorough and informative tutorial was recently created by the GCA Communications Committee.

Eve Rickenbaker, GCA for SGC Chair

Visiting Gardens News

Spring is on it's way and the Visiting Gardens Committee is planning some public garden visits that will appeal to everyone!

The first is a visit to **Lakewold Gardens** in south Tacoma following our joint luncheon meeting with the Tacoma Garden Club at the Tacoma Country Club on Wednesday, **April 18**. Lakewold is a 10 acre historic garden estate featuring formal and natural settings on the shores of Gravelly Lake. It is a short drive from the Country Club.

In **May**, on a date to be announced, we will visit **Heronswood Garden** and nursery on the Kitsap Peninsula. Please watch for the date and more information as plans evolve.

These activities are welcome to all SGC members!



The GCA has a fabulous trip planned for Santa Fe in mid-July. Santa Fe is a magical town, and this trip will take its participants to some truly memorable places and has some equally memorable experiences on the itinerary. Please contact Laurie for details.

Laurie Riley, Visiting Gardens Chair

Wetherill Nature Preserve Annual Work Party

Please join us for a work party and potluck lunch on **April 11** from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Contact Sis Woodside for details.

February Business Meeting Report



The 2018 annual business meeting began with a timely video of Alison Andrews. Patsy Pattison spoke about her mother's life following this special interview by Burnley Snyder, Mary Turner filming and Noreen Frink's still photos.

Sandy Hanower opened with a quiz, ten questions and answers. Each person who answered the question correctly received a special fern, *Polystichum setiferum rotundatum* 'Leach' from Richie Steffen at the Miller Garden. The incentive was high!

Following the lively quiz, Barbara Feasey presented the Finance Report with graphs and charts to outline our financial well-being and projections for 2018-19. We are in great shape!

Eliza Davidson recapped the GCA Founder's Fund projects that were sent ahead of time. The Seattle Garden Club voted for the Dunbar Outdoor Kitchen, proposed by the Little Rock G.C. in Arkansas. She then presented three projects that the SGC is investigating for a future Founder's Fund proposal hopefully in 2019. They are the Duwamish Environmental Clean-Up, the Rainier Beach Urban Farm and the Arboretum Habitat Restoration.

Eve Rickenbaker presented twenty-one GCA Scholars in their areas of studies for us to appreciate: Native Bird Habitat, Garden History & Design, Pollinator Research, Urban Forestry, Desert Studies and Coastal Wetland studies to name a few.

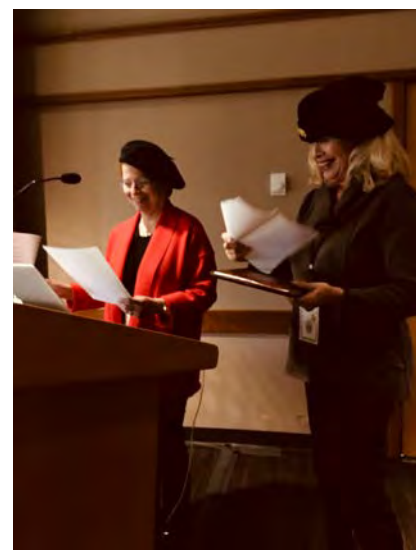
Shelley Rolfe explained the work of her committee, Community Projects and the three grants that it recommended to the Board. The membership approved an internal grant for \$7,000 towards an arbor in the Fragrance Garden. *Rosa* 'Colette', a fragrant climbing rose has been procured and set aside to plant when the arbor is in place. A grant for \$5,000 was approved towards the publication of a second edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest, at the UW Press and \$12,000 was approved towards a total of \$30,000 to the new Burke Museum Garden over three years.

Jenny Wyatt and Suzette de Turenne recited a delightful poem to encourage participation in the 2019 GCA Flower Show. If anyone would like to volunteer, Suzette and Jenny are hoping to fill a few more spots to complete the list of tasks towards this club endeavor.

Last, but not least, were the table discussions lead by Charlee Reed. She is the Co-Chair for the Ways and Means Committee that organizes and executes our Christmas auction. Excellent ideas were discussed and suggested to help her and her committee for future planning.

All in all, it was a highly productive meeting, one where we learned about those 'behind the scenes' committees, voted on a few proposals and discussed productive solutions for the auction. Best of all, ten lucky ladies left with special prizes in 'Richie's Ferns'! How much better can it be?

Catherine Allan, President-Elect



Jenny Wyatt (left) and Suzette de Turenne in 'poets' hats promote the 2019 flower show "Nature's Poetry"

Community Projects Report

Over the years, one of SGC's highest priorities has been civic beautification and the on-going maintenance of the gardens SGC is most engaged with. Addressing that need, last year the Board tasked the Finance Committee with developing a plan for membership approval that would ensure that SGC sustained the resources to carry out these important functions long into the future.

In May 2018, the membership will be asked to vote on a proposal recommended by the Board, the Finance Committee, and the Community Projects Committee. The proposed motion states, "The Seattle Garden Club will establish a Community Garden Fund for the on-going maintenance of our community garden, currently the CUH Fragrance Garden. As a part of the announcement of the creation of this fund, the Community Projects Committee will allocate \$5,000 of its budget as Seed Money for the establishment of this fund, which once fully funded at \$100,000, will become an endowment much like the Green, Wagner, and General Endowments of the Seattle Garden Club."

The rationale behind this motion is that on-going maintenance is essential to the long-term evolution of any garden. And, having an endowed fund to ensure SGC can care for and enhance its primary public garden is a core function of our organization. Many members have expressed interest in contributing to such a fund, but up until now, there hasn't been a designated place to accept contributions specifically for a Community Garden. A fundraising campaign is not part of this proposal. The Community Garden account may take some time to be fully funded, but this motion would provide the first \$5,000 to be directed to the Community Garden Fund.

Once this motion is approved, members may wish to consider gifts to the Fund as a means of honoring the accomplishments and/or memory of family and friends. If approved in May, the establishment of the Community Garden Fund would be announced at the June Luncheon. Gifts to the Fund would be listed in the Green Book and would be recognized at the June Luncheon in succeeding years.

Shelley Rolfe, Community Projects Chair

Conservation Report

URGENCY: When it comes to our planet, that is the word we truly need to incorporate into our actions NOW, to provide a stable future for our children and grandchildren.

It has been another year of record breaking events both nationally and globally with stronger storms, longer droughts, warmer temperatures, more fires, changing habitat and decreasing arable land... the list goes on. We are reaching tipping points and feedback loops that may not be able to be slowed in the foreseeable future. For example, the Arctic has experienced the warmest winter on record, which has occurred during a La Nina year, a year what typically brings a cooling effect to our weather pattern. La Nina and El Nino are natural occurrences, however, the overall rising ocean temperatures caused by the burning of fossil fuels exacerbates or prolongs the impacts of extreme world wide weather patterns.

The global effects created by humanity are enormous. Nearly, if not everything we touch is affected by our changing climate from water usage, transportation, all sources and types of food, to insurance rates, health care and national security... again, the list goes on. These increasing changes and the powers in WA DC, including the EPA and the Department of the Interior are racing head long towards rolling back the necessary environmental progress and protections of the last 115 years. Plans remain for the US to step back from the globally significant and beneficial Paris Climate Agreement. We are fortunate to have state and business leaders that understand the *urgency* of moving us forward towards a healthier world.

OUR treasured parks are suffering the potential of significant entrance fee increases. **OUR** public lands are at great risk of development and **OUR** coastlines are possibly going to be opened up to offshore drilling. Think about those awe inspiring vistas, forests and streams that could truly be impacted by the elimination of both our long standing *and* recent protections.

The goal is basic and necessary for a healthy planet...clean air, clean water and arable land. Period. No politics, just fact, we need these three elements to exist on this beautiful planet, and NOW is the time to act.

Next month, I will provide many opportunities and and suggestions on how WE can make a difference on protecting and repairing our beautiful world for future generations to enjoy.

As always, I welcome and encourage you to call or e-mail me with any questions. I will do my best to provide or find the answer.

Want to learn more? Check out these links:

How Global Warming affects us: <https://www.nrdc.org/stories/are-effects-global-warming-really-bad>

Impact of the Warming Arctic: <https://theconversation.com/is-warming-in-the-arctic-behind-this-years-crazy-winter-weather-89740>

Come join us and see some positive changes we CAN make! I believe we have a few more spots left for our wonderful day long adventure to the **Wild Horse Wind and Solar Farm** in Ellensburg on May 4th, cost \$75.00pp. Please contact Barbie if you are interested in joining us!

To read more about this year's NAL attended by Barbie Snapp and Bev Martin please visit:

[NAL 2018 Report Here](#)

Barbie Snapp, Conservation Chair

Hort Report

Our April Hort Meeting will take place on Monday April 2, 2018 at CUH. 9:15 am Social & Hort Share & 10:00 am Program. We will have speakers from CUH talking to us about the UW Farm and future of that area, conservation for rare and endangered plants at CUH, and the Soest Herbaceous Display Garden. There will be a walking tour following this meeting, so please come prepared with appropriate attire in case the weather does not cooperate. In addition, for any members who have not toured the Herbarium, there will be an opportunity for a tour.

Hort Share. Spring has Sprung! What do you have blooming in your garden this April? Please bring a specimen (in a vase) to share from your garden. Baird Boards are always a great idea if you have 5 cuttings to display. Thank you Laurie Riley & Vicki Reed for organizing Hort Share for our club!

40 Seattle Garden Club members toured the Amazon Spheres on Monday, March 12th with Ron Gagliardo (Amazon Sr Manager of Horticultural Services) and his team. To quote Ana Hergert "stepping into that balmy environment with all the lush tropical plants. What a treat to learn about the development of the project and seeing how it all came to fruition. It's an amazing oasis in the middle of our city, and how fortunate for all those Amazonians!"



Diana Ackerly, Hort Chair

Looking Ahead

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20	21	22 Auction Event-Board Cocktail Party	23	24 7:00PM - 8:30PM Photography Wrap Up Meeting Suzy Titcomb's house 3115 W Laurelhurst Dr NE Please RSVP sttitcomb2@gmail.com	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Auction Event-Leavenworth Getaway		

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