

The Seattle Garden Club

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General Meeting May 17, 2018 UWBG/CUH

9:30 am Social, 10 am Meeting 10:30 Program Guests Welcome!



"Gardening Myths" will be Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott's topic. Linda is an award winning urban horticulturist and associate professor at Puyallup Research and Extension Center, Washington State University. She is a prolific writer for magazines, blogs and has authored several books.

Events at a Glance

Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar May 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 - 10:00AM - 11:45AM SGC Board Meeting	4 -7:30AM - 5:00PM Auction Event-Wild Horse Farm Conservation Field Trip -10:00AM -12:00PM Auction Event-Miller Garden Propagation	5
В	7 - 8:30AM - 9:30AM provisional meeting		9	10	11	12
	- 9:15AM - 11:30AM Hort Share / Hort Meeting @ CUH					
	 -11:30AM - 12:00PM Propagation Workshop following May Hort meeting at CUH. Bring a sack lunch. 					
3	14	15 -9:00AM - 12:00PM Auction Event Photography Workshop	16	17 - 9:30AM - 12:00PM SGC General Meeting	9:00AM - 4:00PM Visiting Gardens Trip to Heronswood Gardens in Kingston	19
0	21	-6:00PM - 8:00PM Auction Event-Board Cocktail Party	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30) -7:00PM -8:30PM Photography Wrap up Meeting Suzy Titcomb's home 3115 W Laurelhurst Dr NE Seattle, WA 98105	31 - Auction Event-Leavenworth Getaway		

From the President



May brings all the rhodies and azaleas for which we have waited so long! We've enjoyed the cherry blossoms, magnolias, and daffodils. If only last year's work had eliminated the shotweed and buttercup forever?! Now we have boxwood blight in Seattle! Please click <u>Boxwood Blight</u> for more information.

Some suggested alternatives to boxwood are: Euonymus japonicas (common name-Japanese Euonymus), Cultivars: 'Microphyllus', 'Green Spire', Ilex glabra (common name- Inkberry holly), Cultivars: 'Compacta', 'Shamrock', and 'Gem Box' Ilex crenata can be attractive but can be susceptible to black root rot which can be as devastating as Boxwood blight!

To try to avoid the boxwood blight, buy your own shears to clip your hedges. Do not let a gardener use their shears that he has used in other gardens on your hedges!

I asked Davey Tree what they recommended. They said they would buy gas powered Stihl shears or for electric shears they would buy Little Wonders. In my experience gas shears can be tricky for the user and sometimes leaves burn circles on the hedge. To sharpen your shears he recommended Goodsells in Kirkland.

Anne Kennedy recommended Sawdust Supply for top dressing to use Beauti Gro dark bark. For amending the soil, use cedar grove compost. Would love to know what you are doing? Some of us have compost ourselves. Please write me if you have other suggestions! I will share them next month! Another hint: Do you want to turn your pink hydrangeas blue? Give them Aluminum sulfate twice a month!

Thank you to Ana Hergert and Hotie Hard for leading a lovely cleanup of the Fragrance Garden. JP then mulched it for us and it looks marvelous. There are a few bare spots for new opportunities. Watch the cardiocrinum grow planted next to the miniato ake bono camellia. The rose arbor is coming soon!

News from GCA is the establishment of a Floral Design Committee as separate from Flower Show Committee. GCA will now have a committee for each discipline. Photography and Horticulture complete the picture. Conservation and NAL remain the same.

The Seattle Garden Club made the quarterly Zone XII report in that our Photography group has judged Columbine photos for their show and will judge the photos from Portland in the fall.

The Portland Show is the only Major Show we have where we can enter Horticulture. Hawaii is the other Major Show in our Zone but we can not take hort to Hawaii! Photographers and Floral Designs can be entered in Hawaii and Portland.

Major Flower Shows offer different awards than GCA Flower Shows. The difference between a Major Show and a GCA Show is the number of entries. I encourage all of you to look at the Portland Show Schedule found online/GCA and enter their show! There is a saying, Grow and Show, it's fun! And I might add you learn by exhibiting and looking at the entries others have brought to the show. As we get ready for our show in the spring of 2019 we should all practice with exhibiting at Portland as well as at our own annual meeting June 7th! Come hear all about it at the May 7th Hort Meeting!

Happiest of springs to you all, Diana

Gardener's Corner by Debbi Wilson

THE TINY LADYBUG

The insect, ladybug, Coccinellidae –"sheath-winged", is omnivorous and lives two to three years in the wild. There are 5,00 species in the world, of different colors and patterns. They range from red, yellow and pink with 0-20 black spots. The most familiar ladybug in North America is the seven spotted red and black bug. In the spring, the female lays 20-50 yellow pod-like eggs in the aphid and insect colony, on the underside of the leaves, so that when the larvae emerge, they begin feeding immediately on the pests. The larvae look like mini black alligators that begin gorging on the pests. One larva can consume 400 aphids weekly! They continue their feasting all summer until the cool temperatures urge them to seek shelter for the winter under dead leaves, logs and eaves of light colored houses with southern exposure. They will hibernate until warm weather returns.

Legends from the Middle Ages in Europe, claim that swarms of insects destroyed the farmers' crops. They prayed to the Virgin Mary for help. Soon after, ladybugs came, devoured the plant -destroying pests and saved the harvest. The grateful farmers named the little bugs, "Beetles of Our Lady," which became "lady beetle." Our culture has named the same insect, the Lady Bug.

Most cultures today believe that the ladybug is lucky. It can bring good weather, bountiful crops, wealth, romance, children and good fortune.

Its unique adaptations include the black spots, unappealing to predators; the hard outer shell (elytra); foul smelling scent that they will secrete from the legs when pursued; and strong wings for a quick escape.

When a ladybug next lands on you, make a wish. The tiny creature might bring you good luck.



The Centennial Garden Bench in early spring by Charlee Reed



Fragrant Camellias in the CUH Fragrance Garden by Mary Turner

Fragrance Garden Report

The sun came out for our Fragrance Garden Clean Up Party and we all got a great workout by microweeding and scrubbing the teak benches. The Osmanthus Delavayi and the Daphne Odora were in full bloom which made it all the more enjoyable.

A big thank you to Carolyn Echelbarger, Diana Neely, Ann McCutchan, Marianne Mowat, Debby Smith and Edie Tenneson!

Ana and Hotie, Fragrance Garden Co-Chairs



Carolyn Echelbarger



Ice Follies Daffodils in the Fragrance Garden by Mary Turner



Ann McCutchan



Diana Neely left, Ana Hergert and Marianne Mowat



Hotie Hard left and Diana Neely right

GCA News, Eve Rickenbaker

The following information is from the GCA News online:

March 1, 2018

On February 14, 2018, Queen Elizabeth banned straws and plastic bottles on estate properties as part of an effort to cut back on plastic. In an effort to keep up with the monarchy, Georgetown Garden Club Conservation Chairman Lee Child has written to the Georgetown Business Improvement District, asking that Georgetown, a historic neighborhood in Washington, DC, adopt "Strawless in Georgetown."

"Plastic straws are not recyclable," she wrote. "They end up in landfills, defiantly un decomposed for two hundred years, or they float out into the sea and find their way into the nostril of an endangered sea turtle. Plastic straws ... contribute to a mass of plastic that will one day – by 2050 experts predict – literally outweigh all the fish in the sea."

The Conservation Chairman is asking local businesses and restaurants voluntarily to offer compostable or recyclable options to plastic straws – or ask patrons to forgo the straws altogether.

"Strawless in Georgetown" is just one of such efforts around the country. This July, in Seattle, Washington, an ordinance will go into effect banning plastic straws and utensils to curb plastic waste across the city. Manhattan Beach (outside Los Angeles) and Santa Cruz have adopted similar ordinances and other communities are considering ways to promote sustainable alternatives.

For more information, click on these links:

GCA Position Paper on Waste Management

"Strawless in Seattle"

Hort Report

Our May Hort Meeting will take place on Monday May 7, 2018 at CUH. **9:15 am Social & Hort Share & 10:00 am Program.** This is our last Hort meeting of the year. As we prep for our May 2019 GCA Show, each discipline will introduce their schedule: Floral Design, Conservation, Photography, and Horticulture. The schedule and classes will be introduced early so people can plan ahead to source plants (while they are available and in bloom) and ideas in advance.

Hort Share. Spring is in full swing! We all have something blooming in the garden this time of year. Please bring a specimen (in a vase) to share from your garden that will delight and inspire us to add something new to our own gardens. Baird Boards are the perfect way to display cuttings if you have 5 specimens to share. Thank you Laurie Riley & Vicki Reed for organizing Hort Share for our club this year!

Diana Ackerley, Horticulture Chair

Photography Report

Thanks to everyone who participated in photography this year. Many of you stretched yourselves to find that you are very talented. We have achieved many goals of including more people in photography by hands one learning, field trips and willingness to try something new. Please continue to do so.

Let's all try to add more photos to our Photo page. It is VERY easy to add a photo. Here's the Link to the SGC Photography Committee Page, located under the "Member" > "Committees" left side): http://www.seattlegardenclub.org/committees/photography-committee/

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MAY 30th 7-8:30 pm for a wrap up meeting at Suzy Titcomb's house. Be ready for treats and surprises!!!

PLEASE RSVP <u>stitcomb2@gmail.com</u>

Suzy Titcomb, Photography Chair

A great turnout for the annual Wetherill Work Party organized by Sis Woodside



Jane Harder



SGC ladies getting the work done!



Mary Jo Bench

Conservation Report

Last month I stressed the <u>urgency</u> we need to apply to our efforts in stemming climate change with the promise of "actions" in the May newsletter. Below is an updated list of my 2015 action list which I hope you will incorporate into your daily lives. Please feel free to send me more ideas to add to the list as it has a wide reach from Europe, Canada and all around the country! I encourage you to pass it on!

What we can do as individuals to protect and repair our environment:

Be proactive now! - Despite the daunting daily news about the state of our world, please stay positive

Incorporate "green" environmental design in your residential and commercial ventures such as Individual or community rain gardens at home or at your commercial locations i.e. condos, apartments or buildings

Manage your water runoff with in ground or above ground rain gardens using plantings appropriate for your region. See: http://www.12000raingardens.org

Set up rain gardens, rain barrels or a cistern for watering gardens. See if your area offers incentives If given the opportunity, use roof water for toilets

Install connectors that take grey water to your rain garden or bioswale

Install pervious pavers

Use your roofs for solar panels or gardens - incentives may start to drop off after 2018, so if you have been thinking about solar panels, now is the time!

Plant for pollinators - especially for late fall and late winter when food is scarce http://www.xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/MaritimeNorthwestPlantList_web.pdf

Plant trees for summer shade. As our planet warms shade trees can reduce air conditioner use and lower energy bills.

Put up a Bat Box to keep insects down naturally - http://shop.wbu.com/p/wbu-ingle-chamber-bat-house

Reduce meat consumption - Eat more vegetarian meals and try "growing your own"

Attend vegetarian cooking classes - Beef and other meats have a HUGE draw on our planet's resources

Learn to can or attend canning "bees" - Seattle Can Can, seattlecancan.blogspot.com

Compost at home or in the city bins

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Consider a "food forest" when planting or replanting - Beacon Food Forest: http://beaconfoodforest.org

Recycle: Nearly everything from asphalt shingles to old rugs has a recycle location, ask me.

Change to LED or CFL light bulbs and be cognizant of your energy use. Turn off lights when leaving a room; unplug TV's and small appliances when leaving your other homes for a length of time

Sign up for PSE's Green Power Program - for a nominal additional monthly fee, all your power can come from green sources. https://pse.com/savingsandenergycenter/GreenPower

Use your own bags for shopping, **Education Opportunity** —> offer your extra bags to other shoppers to help them think about bringing their own bags next time

If you forget your bags in the car, reload the cart and load your items into your bags at the car, (education opportunity) "announce it" in a slightly louder voice that you will repack your items in your bags that you left in the car

Purchase items with minimal packaging - bring your own bags and containers to buy bulk (set scales to "tare" to take off the weight of your container

Bell your cats to lower their major impact on our declining bird population - abcbirds.org

Flush your dog doo down the toilet so it gets processed properly and doesn't run into our waterways dogster.com/lifestyle/dog-poop-facts Do NOT flush cat feces down the toilet! Unlike dog poo, cat poo has toxins that are detrimental to marine life! Who knew?! https://www.sfgate.com/pets/askthevet/article/Don-t-flush-cat-feces-down-the-toilet-3175477.php

Attend lectures and movies to educate yourself and others about environmental issues

Attend or donate to fundraisers that support improvements of our environment. Support what interests YOU

Volunteer locally and/or go on eco-vacations - Google "volunteer vacations"

E-mail your politicians; this has a much greater impact than we realize https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/WA

Bottom line: Be a voice, be an example, educate others, get active...every bit helps!

Because saving our environment is so important to me, I am happy to provide additional information on all subjects listed above. Please don't hesitate to e-mail me with further questions or suggestions on anything that has to do with protecting our planet. I will try and find your answer!

Other news: Conservation had an exceptional visit to the **Loop Biosolids Treatment Plant** in Woodinville

Burnley and Barbie's Birding Event with Burke Museum Guide, John Klika, was a huge success with 40 different species documented, great food, better weather and perfect company! continued on following page

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May 4th space available for the Conservation Field trip to Wild Horse Solar and Wind Farm, it will be a great day! Contact Dabney or Charlee

Barbie Snapp - Conservation Chair araby1957@aol.com





SGC members touring the Loop Biosolids Treatment Plant





Barbie's and Burnley's Birding Event

Ways & Means Report

AUCTION EXPERIENCES WITH AVAILABLE SPOTS! SIGN UP!

WILD HORSE SOLAR & WIND FARM TOUR & WILDFLOWER WALK MAY 4 \$75

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

SUPER SUZIES' BUNCO PARTY JUNE 6 \$75

Five spaces available. A fun event at the home of Kay Baxter's beautiful Capital Hill home. Bunco, prizes, drinks and dinner! Hosted by the Kay Baxter and Susan Potts, Suzanne Ragen, Sue Brickman, Sue Simmons, Suzy Titcomb, Sue Blethen, Suzette de Turenne, Susan Mosley & Sue Ashman!

WITHEY-PRICE GARDEN TOUR & LUNCH JUNE 27 \$75

Five spaces available. Tour Carolyn Echelbarger's extensive, beautiful Woodway garden with the renowned design team. Includes a fabulous lunch hosted by SGC's 2017-18 Provisional Class!

TOUR & LUNCH AT HEYDAY FARM ON BAINBRIDGE JULY 26 \$85

Many spaces available. A 25 acre farm tour of farm kitchen, greenhouse, microcreamery, gardens & pastures. Lunch featuring Heyday farm to table produce. You will also have time to visit their unique store. Hosted by Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey and Marilee Ahalt.

Interested? Contact us.

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Announcement July I 2018 the GCA Floral Design Subcommittee will be a full GCA committee

Be sure to visit the Members area of the GCA website and click on the GCA Floral Design Committee Pages. You may subscribe to the quarterly publication, **By Design**. It is available and renewable online and in print, and deliverable to your inbox beginning in the Fall of 2018. This will be a great source of inspiration as our SGC flower show approaches next spring.

Visiting Gardens Report

Visiting Gardens trip to Heronswood

Please join us for a field trip to Heronswood, the world famous garden established by Dan Hinckley in Kingston, on **Friday, May 18.**

This will be an "open day" at the garden. We will be free to wander throughout and perhaps purchase unusual plants supplied by Dan and local nurseries.

We will depart Seattle at 9 a.m. sharp and travel in carpools crossing by the Edmonds/Kingston ferry.

Admission is \$10.00 per person. If there is interest in a guided tour, I might be able to arrange it. The cost of that is \$20.00 per person.

No host lunch will be arranged at a local restaurant....more info on that later.

Please sign up by emailing me at <u>laurieariley@gmail.com</u>.

It should be a beautiful day on the Olympic peninsula at a gorgeous garden!

Laurie, Riley, Visiting Gardens Chair

Community Projects Report

Over the past year, the Board and plus the Community Projects and Finance Committees have developed a plan for membership approval that would create a Community Garden Fund to support the maintenance and enhancement of our Community Garden, currently designated as the CUH Fragrance Garden, long into the future.

At the May **17th** meeting, the Membership will vote to approve the following motion: "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. 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.

Please come to the May **I7th** meeting prepared to vote on this motion. Please contact, Diana Neely, Barbara Feasey, or Shelley Rolfe with any questions you may have. Thank you.

Shelley Rolfe, Community Projects Chair



Acer palmatum 'Shindeshojo' (seen by members at Lakewold Garden) is a beautiful Japanese maple which is pink in the spring, and green in the summer. It grows 8 to 10 feet high. A great plant pick brought to you by Diana Neely

Nature's Poetry Flower Show

Horticulture Classes Nature's Poetry Preview Seattle Garden Club Show June 7, 2018 Seattle Tennis Club

Class I. METAPHOR Roses Unlimited Entries

"What's in a name? That which we call a ROSE by any other name would smell as sweet." Romeo and Juliet Act II, William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

<u>Description</u>: A single cut stem or spray from exhibitor's garden, not to exceed 30" in height. To be displayed in a glass container provided by the committee.

a. Old Garden Roses (prior to 1867)

b. Floribunda

c. Grandiflora

d. Hybrid tea

f. Miniature

g. Shrub

h. Climber

Class Consultant: Nancy Bain

Class 2 RHYTHM Baird Boards

"If I could put my woods in song, and tell what's there enjoyed, All men would to my gardens throng, and leave the cities void...."

My Garden, Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

A traditional horticultural display in a custom-designed board for Seattle Garden Club members only. The display typically involves like or compatible colors or species of exhibitor-grown flowering specimens.

<u>Description:</u> A Baird Board display has five 4.5" high clear glass bottles that are inset. A special key card is required, available on SGC website. The card identifies each flower's botanical and common names and its location in the Board. Foliage is permitted if attached. One flowering stem per bottle. Six-month ownership is required.

a. A collection of five different specimens no higher than 6" above the rim.
b. A collection of five different specimens no higher than 12" above the rim.
Six entries

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Class Consultant: Jenny Wyatt, 206-499-0543, wyattjen@comcast.net

Class 3 POETIC LICENSE PAR Unlimited Entries

"I celebrate myself, and sing myself. And what I assume you shall assume, For every atom belonging to me as good belongs to you." Song of Myself, Walt Whitman (1819-1892)

<u>Description</u>: A single rooted plant exhibit of exceptional horticultural merit, which does not qualify for entry elsewhere in the Horticulture Division. Entries in the Par classes must have been owned and grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of six months. Containers may not exceed 12" diameter/diagonal. Key cards are required.

Class Consultant: Pam Green, 206-954-2572, pam.green@comcast.net

Scale of Points for Roses

Form		25
Color		20
Stem and foliage		20
Substance		15
Balance and proportion		10
Size		10
	Total	100

Scale of points for Baird Boards

Cultural perfection	50
Variety	35
Distinction	10
Suitable labeling	5
	Total 100

Scale of Points for Par

Cultural perfection		40
Scale and balance		35
Suitability of plant material		15
Suitable key card		10
	Total	100

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Horticulture Guidelines

For Nature's Poetry Preview, June 7, 2018 Horticulture Guidelines

Please carefully read and follow the GCA Rules, General Information and Timetable for Exhibitors.

Entries must have been owned and grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of six-months.

Saucers, stakes, and ties are allowed when appropriate and unobtrusive. Mats and stands are not allowed.

Classes may be sub-divided and entries moved and/or reclassified at the discretion of the show committee and/or the judges.

Containers are measured at the diameter or the diagonal of the widest point on the inside of the rim at the soil line.

Entry Cards: http://www.seattlegardenclub.org/natures-poetry-preview/

Cut Specimen Entry Cards: http://www.seattlegardenclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/2018NPP CutSpecimenEntryCard.pdf

Baird Board Class 2 a Key Cards: http://www.seattlegardenclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/
BAIRD_CLASS_2A_NPPreviewENTRY_CARD.pdf

Baird Board Class 2 b Key Cards: http://www.seattlegardenclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/BAIRD_CLASS_2B_NPPreviewENTRY_CARD.pdf

Container-grown plants may be exhibited in containers that are clean, unobtrusive and compatible with the exhibit. Terracotta clay pots are preferred. Disguised double potting and top dressing are permitted; top dressing must not float when watered. Moss (rooted or unrooted) is allowed as a top dressing, but not considered an additional plant. Saucers required where needed to prevent leakage.

Required use of Botanical Names: All horticulture entries must be identified with correct botanical names: example: *Malus floribunda*, is underlined, the Genus is capitalized, the species is not.

Please direct questions to Class Consultants or the Horticulture Chairmen.

TIME TABLE for JUNE 7, 2018

7:30 am - 8:30 am Horticulture entries accepted, placed and passed

8:30 am - 8:45 am Judges and clerks briefing

8:45 am - 10:30 am Judging begins and ends

10:30 am - 11:00 am Awards placed

I 1:00 am Social begins

II:30 am - I:30 pm Luncheon and Program

Looking Ahead

Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar June 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Auction Event-Winthrop Weekend	11	•6:00PM Auction Event-Cooking Demo	13)	14 - 10:00AM - 1:30PM In and Out Board Meeting	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	• Auction Event-Echelbarger Garden Tour	28 - 10:00AM Auction Event-Bridge + Lunch	29	30

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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!

Susan Brickman, Communications Chair susanbrickman@msn.com

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