



# Seattle Garden Club

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Despite the pandemic that has marked us forever, the Seattle Garden Club is buzzing with activity! My hat is off to those who have worked through the summer to prepare for our fall programs.

In June, **Suzette de Turenne** and **Kim Bishop** launched SGC's first virtual photography show, "2020 Visions Amidst the Virus". Thanks to our Sustainers, Non-Residents and Active members alike, it was a tremendous success! Their brilliant concept has been applauded by many clubs within Zone XII.

Club Communications Chair, **Jill Crutcher**, and her team have updated our roster and yearbook 2020-21. They are working on plans to distribute the yearbook by mid-September.

Thank you to everyone for sending dues payments on time to our Treasurers, **Dabney Rohrbach** and **Sandy Hanower**. They have been diligently working in order to present the 2020-21 budget at the September 17<sup>th</sup> Fall Picnic.

**Suzy Titcomb's** Conservation Committee met online to discuss the book, The Last Child in the Woods, by Richard Louv. The group is thinking of ways where SGC can reach out to area school children who are lacking the connection to nature especially during this time of online school. More information will follow as plans develop.

**Eliza Davidson** continues to steward SGC's Founder's Fund application. The deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Laurie Riley** and **Debby Smith** are developing ideas for future garden tours for Visiting Gardens.

Once the time is right, **Burnley Snyder**, **Sue Blethen** and **Megan Smith** will organize work parties in the Fragrance Garden and East Montlake Park, respectfully.

**Sally Nordstrom** welcomed the provisional class of 2022 to tour her spectacular garden in July. Those in attendance were **Ann Dor**, **Joan Harkins**, **Helen Blair**, **Jennie Carter**, **Shelley Laramore**, **Michele Heller** and **Carolyn Whittlesey** with Provisional Chairs, **Mary Turner** and **Sue Ashmun**. Please welcome these bright new stars into our midst.

Our Program Team including Hort Chairs **Wade Garretson** and **Betsy Larson**; Program Chair **Delphine Stevens**; Ways & Means Chairs, **Sue Brickman** and **Cindy Bostwick**; Tech Chair, **Kim Bishop** along with **Barbara Feasey** our President Elect, have been coordinating efforts to format the content for our fall online meetings. Please read below and check the SGC calendar for updates.

A special thanks to our editor, **Stacey Campbell** for producing our first newsletter together!

I'm looking forward to our first ever virtual Fall Picnic September 17<sup>th</sup> with everyone!

Best to all!  
Shelley

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## Events, E-news & Opportunities

Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar September 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 10AM - 11:30AM <a href="#">SGC Board</a>	4	5
6	7	8 10:00AM - 11:30AM <a href="#">Ways and Means meeting</a>	9	10	11 6:30PM <a href="#">Auction - Raclette Party CAN...</a>	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 9:00AM <a href="#">CANCELLED Auction - San Juan ...</a>	22 10:00AM - 11:30AM <a href="#">Ways and Means meeting</a>	23	24 5:00PM - 7:00PM <a href="#">CANCELLED Auction - Wine Tast...</a>	25	26
27	28	29	30			

(Please be sure to check the online master calendar for the latest information.)

### General Meetings on October 15 and November 19 from 10-11:00AM

In June the Board voted to hold our General Meetings on Zoom in October and November. While we'll miss getting together physically, we'll connect virtually, engaging in both SGC and GCA presentations.

The Zoom meetings will be moderated and only one hour long. Shelley will open the meetings with our usual announcements. previously selected Committee Chairs will give brief "Shorts," showcasing the interesting activities going on in their committees, so we can get involved either online or in-person according to our interest.

At the end of each meeting, we'll use Zoom's technology to break into small groups and meet in "chat rooms," so we can see each other and socialize while discussing one of the GCA online talks that will be available to watch at home this fall. Program committee members will lead the discussion in each "chat room" and please look for more details in the October newsletter.

You will notice that your Green Book Calendar has no details about the General Meetings in 2021. Before the pandemic, speakers were engaged for each of these meetings. We'll know if we can meet in person or via Zoom once the date is closer. Please look for details in the newsletter the month before each meeting.

Wishing you a safe and healthy fall and do let me know if you have any questions.

Delphine Stevens  
Program Chair

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS for SGC's FALL MEETINGS:**

Thus far, 76 members have responded to our survey about their comfort in attending fall meetings. Your input is still being collected here (insert link, although I doubt by the time this newsletter is sent, it will no longer be relevant). The responses to date show that the vast majority of members are unable or undecided about attending the Fall Picnic in person. That, coupled with Washington State directives, indicate that our fall meetings will be held via Zoom. Our fall Horticulture and General meetings will be one-hour sessions, held on the first Monday and third Thursday of October and November. We'll have a virtual Awards luncheon and cocktail hour online auction December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Also, be watching for information from the Committee Chairs. Please check the calendar for more details.

**Please attend SGC's VIRTUAL Fall Picnic  
September 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00a.m.  
Via Zoom**

You'll receive a Zoom invitation describing how to join the online meeting in an e-blast the day prior to our picnic, Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be a Zoom tutorial for members to practice joining a virtual call. *(I question the comment of working on a buddy system! It doesn't sound right if we are to maintain social distancing?)*

### **GCA Online Programming:**

You are most likely aware that new online content will be available from GCA this fall. Training sessions on Zoom calls are available now. Click here(insert link) to start learning new skills.

GCA is also providing access to conferences and study groups to all members. Starting on the dates below, GCA is inviting all members to join in on these virtual events. Go to the GCA website to Members, click the Home Page at the very top of your screen to access these talks.

September 22-23, 2020	Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference
November 17-18, 2020	conservation Study Conference
January 21, 2021	Photography Conference
February 23-24, 2021	National Affairs & Registration Conference
April 8, 2021	Floral Design Conference
May 11-12, 2021	GCA Annual Meeting

### **Have any articles or photos that would interest all of GCA?**

If so, please send ideas first to, Margaret Williams, Zone XII Bulletin Rep. - [mawilliams712@gmail.com](mailto:mawilliams712@gmail.com)

## **Horticulture Report**

We are pleased to announce that **October 5**, Ann Blume will give her Provisional talk via pre-recorded video, on the topic, A Presentation to Dye For, "Gardens for Creative Uses".

This first ever Hort Zoom meeting will begin at 10:00am with Ann's talk at 10:05am. She will speak for approximately 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes of Q&A. Hort Share will last for 10-15 minutes followed by announcements for 5-10.

Hort Share will only be seen with photos. Please send your photos to Betsy Larson and Wade Garretson 72 hours in advance. Have an announcement? Please advise Betsy and Wade 72 hours in order to be recognized at the conclusion of the meeting.

## Fragrance Garden

Our fingers are crossed so that we will be able to have a Fragrance Garden Work Party this Fall with social distancing & masks required. Stay tuned for further reports and timing!  
Sue Blethen & Burnley Snyder Co-Chairs

## Conservation

Are you wondering what you can do for the environment while at home? Please take the Healthy Yard Pledge.



The Healthy Yard Initiative is something we can all do. Follow this link: [Take the pledge](#) to learn about the best healthy yard practices. We can all make a difference with our own corner of the earth.

The Conservation Committee had its first meeting via Zoom on July 30th. We had a dynamic discussion of the book, *Last Child in the Woods* by Richard Louv. One of his main ideas is his concern for many children today who are experiencing Nature Deficit Disorder. The pandemic requires that children and adults spend more time indoors. The author goes into great detail about why being out in nature is essential for good health. If you would like to listen to the book discussion that was recorded you can find it on the SGC website on the [Conservation Committee Page](#). This page has many articles and news you will find interesting.

We were so inspired by the book that we decided to research organizations or programs that we might include in creating a curriculum for K-5. We are only at the idea phase but encourage anyone who might like to participate. Please contact Suzy Titcomb, the Conservation chair, at [stitcomb2@gmail.com](mailto:stitcomb2@gmail.com).

Our next zoom meeting will be on August 27th at 10:00AM. Let me know if you would like to join the conversation.

# Photography

Thank you to everyone who participated in our June virtual flower show, "Vision Amidst the Virus." Photography certainly came in handy by enabling all disciplines to share their efforts. Did you know that the show is still available for viewing on our web site at [www.seattlegardenclub.org](http://www.seattlegardenclub.org)?

SGC Photography Committee members have had a few occasions to stay in touch throughout the summer.

- When asked to help with photography of special events and gatherings, the request was met with a resounding response: Catherine Allan, Ann Blume, Charlee Reed, Jolie Roze, Anna Hergert, Ann McCutchan, Suzy Titcomb, Mary Turner, Jo Anne Rosen, Suzette de Turenne joined Kim Bishop and Bev Martin as being willing to help document events through photographs.
- GCA requested photographs from Committee members to be used in conjunction with the upcoming eNews, which will feature Zone XII photography this fall; deadline was August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- GCA has also requested photographs from SGC that might indicate what SGC and its committees are doing during this time. Photos will be shared to inform and inspire GCA leadership during a future business meeting deadline is/was August 21<sup>st</sup>. An email with details was sent in early August to all members.
- The GCA photography *Focus* publication will celebrate "America the Beautiful" with an on-line photography contest. Submissions will be accepted from September 1-30. All SGC members are welcome. Detailed information was also sent to all in early August.
- SGC members in the Photography Judging Program have been staying in touch throughout the summer via Zoom gatherings. Weekly assignments have been shared and discussed.

Important dates for SGC Photography Committee members:

- First virtual meeting, Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am.** Watch for the opportunity to share a photo with fellow photographers by sending your photos which can be shared with all during the meeting.
- October 15<sup>th</sup> is our first General Meeting**, although on-line. You will be encouraged to send in a favorite summer photo so all SGC members can enjoy them on our web site. Details will be forthcoming .

Looking forward to a time when we will gather in person! Until then, stay safe and healthy!

Suzette de Turenne, Photography Chair

## Scholarship

I am still gathering information regarding the Scholarship Committee.

Eve Rickenbaker has sent very helpful information this past week, and I have yet to hear from the new GCA Zone XII Scholarship Chair, who promised to get back to me. I hope to have a Zoom meeting of my committee in September.

Will my committee members please check in with me, [mckoin\\_martin@me.com](mailto:mckoin_martin@me.com) so I'm sure to have you on my contact list?

More soon!

Enjoy the good weather, and wear a mask!

Bev Martin

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## Ways & Means

All of us know that the funds we generate through our auction allow us to support and improve our community. An in-person auction is not an option this year, so the Ways and Means Committee is working hard to create an on-line auction that will be easy and fun.

**Please mark your calendars for Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** for an engaging and creative auction experience.

Because we value the safety of our members above all else, we have had to make the difficult decision to cancel ALL auction experiences for 2020. We are so grateful to all of our members for these donations. We look forward to keeping you updated on the 2020 holiday auction.

Susan Brickman and Cindy Bostwick

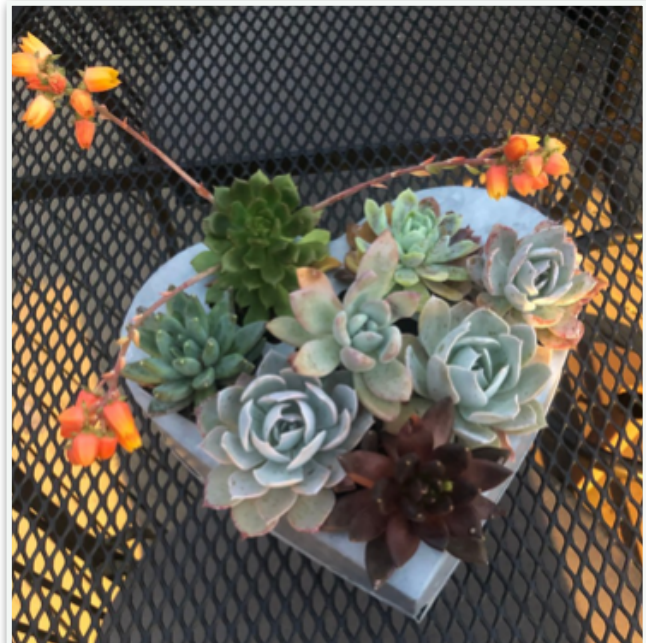
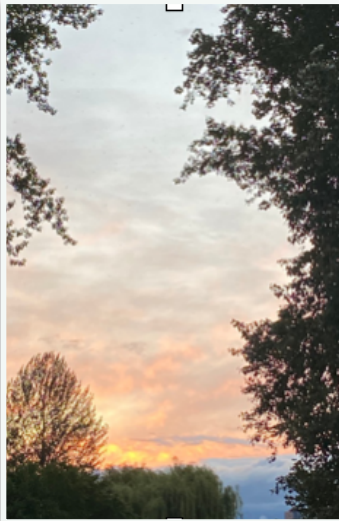
## In Loving Memory



Betty Bottler was an SGC member for nearly 40 years and was well-known for her dedication to conservation. She served as an Emeritus Board Member of Pacific Science Center, the board for Trust for Public Land, was involved in Seattle Public Schools, helping implement the STEM program and developing children's gardens for outdoor classroom experience.



## Summer Solstice



## Garden Giggles

**What vegetable is always cold?**

- A chili.

**Why do potatoes make good detectives?**

-Because they keep their eyes peeled.



## From the Garden

Recipe from  
[www.tasteofhome.com](http://www.tasteofhome.com)



### Ingredients

5 tablespoons prepared pesto

1 tablespoon lemon juice

2 teaspoons grated lemon zest

1-1/2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

1/4 teaspoon garlic salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

2-1/2 cups thinly sliced yellow summer squash

1-3/4 cups thinly sliced mini cucumbers

3/4 cup fresh peas

1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

1/4 cup thinly sliced green onions

5 thick-sliced bacon strips, cooked and crumbled

### Directions

- 1 In a bowl, whisk together the first 6 ingredients until blended. In another bowl, combine squash, cucumbers, peas, Parmesan and green onions. Pour dressing over salad; toss to coat. Top with bacon to serve.

#### Nutrition Facts

3/4 cup: 159 calories, 11g fat (3g saturated fat), 13mg cholesterol, 586mg sodium, 8g carbohydrate (4g sugars, 2g fiber), 8g protein. **Diabetic Exchanges:** 2 fat, 1 vegetable.

## Member Candida





For more photo information, head to our amazing revamped website and clic on, *Member Gardens*.

