



The Seattle Garden Club

Member of The Garden Club of America

Holiday Luncheon & Auction

HO! HO! HO!

Thursday, December 4th

Sunset Club

10:30 am Silent Auction and Social
12 Noon Lunch

1 pm Check-Out Begins



Valet Parking
Carpools Strongly
Encouraged



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

Join us and Invite your Friends!

For guests and members not subscribing to the Hostess Fund, the luncheon cost is \$45.

RSVP (YES or NO) for the Luncheon
by **November 24th** to Jenny Wyatt

If you have not done so, make your reservations immediately, as we are nearly sold out.

All checks and reservations should be sent & made payable to

The Seattle Garden Club

c/o Jenny Wyatt

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206-322-2922 or wyattjen@comcast.net



Are You an Angel?



If you are unable to attend our Holiday Luncheon and Auction, but would like to contribute to our major fundraiser ...

you can be an Angel!

If you are attending, but would like to make a contribution *in addition to your luncheon fee* ...

you can be an Angel!

Choose to be an Angel for
\$100, \$250 or more!

Send checks to Jenny Wyatt

Events at a Glance

12/4 **Holiday Luncheon & Auction**, Sunset Club, as noted above

12/11 **Photographing Holiday Lights**, 5:00 pm,
see photography article below



12/15 **New Member Proposals Due**, BJ Anderson, Membership Chair, as noted in this newsletter

FOR MORE SGC INFORMATION AND A CALENDAR OF EVENTS, CLICK ON OUR WEBSITE:
www.seattlegardenclub.org



From the President

As we wrap up an active 2014, I am in awe of all our members do to educate, share and grow together. Burnley Snyder graciously opened her home to us for the November Hort meeting where Edie Tenneson delighted us with her presentation, *Wild for Ferns in the NW and Beyond*. At our General Meeting, we were educated on Green Plate Special by their founder and Executive Director, Laura Dewell.

Roxanne Wiley and her Ways and Means Committee have been working hard putting together another fabulous Holiday Auction for us to enjoy December 4th at The Sunset Club. Jenny Wyatt has the luncheon planned and appreciates your RSVP's. Please bring guests to this lovely event. After our Holiday Auction and Luncheon, I hope you will spend the rest of the month with family and friends celebrating this special time of the year. We will all gather again in January moving full steam ahead towards our flower show in May!

Wishing you all joyous holidays and a happy New Year!

Marilee Ahalt, Club President

I am delighted to announce that Kim Bishop (Provisional) has graciously agreed to take over my duties for the "Year End Video" for the Annual Meeting. Kim would appreciate any good candid photos from garden club events which you have, or might have in the future. Please make sure they are in a large format and email to Kim. I have thoroughly enjoyed putting together our videos through the years, and send a big thank you to all of the photographers who helped me as I collected photos.

Jane Harder



ALERT— Membership Deadline Is December 15th!

Please put on your 'thinking' hats and propose a new candidate. Forms are available on our website or from the Membership Chairman. Consider inviting your friend to the Holiday Luncheon on December 5th and acquaint her with our members.

Any questions contact me and remember Proposal Forms must be postmarked no later than December 15th and mailed to me.

B.J. Anderson, Chair



SGC Board Motions October

MOTION to celebrate the SGC Centennial Anniversary from January 2017 to June 2017 was seconded and approved.

"How the West is One"

GCA Annual Meeting
San Francisco 2018

Questions: Contact Iris Wagner
2018 Annual Meeting Committee Member



SGC Holiday Luncheon and Auction
Thursday, December 4, 2014 - The Sunset Club
HAVE FUN WHILE BENEFITTING OUR
SGC COMMUNITY PROJECTS!

Check your calendars and sign up individually for these great events:

- March 2 – Floral demo by Bruce at Martha Harris, wine and hors d'oeuvres for 16 provided by the Floral Design Committee
- April 30 - Floatplane Trip To Grays Harbor for Spring Migration of Shorebirds for 6 with Burnley Snyder and Barbie Snapp
- May 7 - Floatplane trip to Butchart Gardens: flight, admission and lovely hosted lunch for 6 by Burnley Snyder, Betty Paul and Sheila Noonan
- May 10 – Mother's Day Brunch and lake cruise aboard the MV 'Carmelita' for 12 procured by Edie Tenneson
- May 20 – Photography with Richard Brown at E.C.Miller Garden and Lunch for 10 with Burnley Snyder and Susan Potts
- June 11 – Tour the garden of Gayle Harris, make a piece of garden art and enjoy a hearty tea for 8 with Gayle and Karen Simmonds (begins at 1:00 pm)
- June 18 – Herbarium tour/Flower Pressing/Notecard-making/Luncheon for 7 with Eve Rickenbaker
- July 16 – Clam digging and Lunch for 10 at Mary Jane Anderson's Tekieu Beach home
- September 11-13 – Methow Valley Weekend for 6 at the homes of Barbara Feasey, Laurie Riley and Sis Woodside
- November 19 – Paperwhite Potting Party and Lunch for 10 with Susan Potts and Roxanne Wiley

Additional events with dates not yet determined. Watch your email for dates!!

- Trip to Pysht Tree Farm near Clallam Bay for 8 – Overnight Trip with Hope Stroble and Burnley Snyder
- Tour of Seattle University campus with Ciscoe Morris followed by wine and hors d'oeuvres

Items with mutually agreeable dates:

- Learn How to make French Macarons for 5 with Jessica Cantlin (Laurie Riley's daughter)
- Whidbey Island Crabbing with Carol Eland for 4 people (mutually agreeable date between July 4 and Labor Day 2015)
- Bridge and Luncheon for 8 by Janet Footh and Dinny Polson
- Beginner to Intermediate Bridge Instruction, Play and Lunch for 6 with Marilee Ahalt and Charlee Reed

More items to think about:

- A beautiful sterling silver necklace by Japanese designer Hiroshi Watanabe valued at \$1200 donated by Laurie Ahern (look for this being modeled at our general meeting!)
- Two nights at The Friday Harbor House on San Juan Island procured by Edie Tenneson

We will have Express Checkout and will accept credit cards for auction purchases.

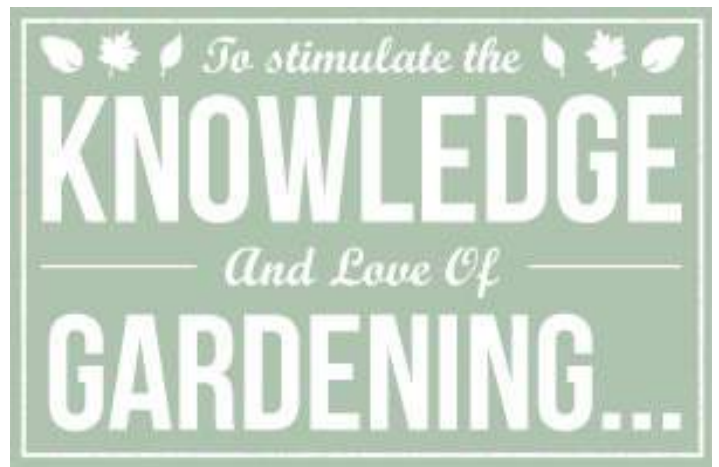
Reminder

It seems some members keep using old email addresses please verify that you are using the correct email.

Carolyn Kitchell carolynkitchell@comcast.net

Marianne Kitchell kitchell3@gmail.com

Please notify SGC's Corresponding Secretary, Marianne Kitchell, of any Yearbook changes: kitchell3@gmail.com, 206-325-2003



Juliet Romano's photo at Wood River Ranch, WY



2015 Shirley Meneice Conference

The dates for the SMC are September 21-23, 2015 with a pre-conference dinner Sunday, September 20, 2015 at the Bell Harbor Conference Center. This is the same building where we hosted our flower show, 'Welcome Aboard' in 2011.

The delegates will be staying at the Marriott hotel on the waterfront where meetings will be held on the first day, Monday, September 21. Walking tours of the Pike Place Market and the Olympic Sculpture Garden will take place following the breakout sessions in the hotel. Dinner that evening will be at the Seattle Aquarium.

The conference goers will board buses to CUH Tuesday morning, for meetings and tours of the campus. The afternoon will be spent walking the various gardens in the Washington Park Arboretum. Dinner that evening will be at the Marriott hotel. Wednesday morning is slated to be held at the Bellevue Botanical Garden with an optional trip to the Bloedel Reserve in the afternoon.

Many thanks to those who have helped outline so much already. More volunteers will be recruited as time allows. The budget has been approved by GCA!

Catherine Allan, Chair

Gardener's Corner

Winter Color that Blasts the Winter Blues

It's that time of year again. It always feels like someone flips a switch and the dark is upon us. If you're like me, my eyes are now desperately craving color. I need something to take my mind off the gloom...jewelry does seem to work quite well, but I fear I'll lose my husband if I continue down that road. So....the next best thing: PLANTS!

I'm loving warm colors these days and to bring fire into your life, you need *Cornus sanguinea* 'Arctic Fire'. This plant outperforms all others for six months of the year with its branches that start out yellow then meld into orange and finish up with a red tip. Compact to four feet tall and wide but easily coppiced, this deciduous shrub earns its weight in gold. This plant is guaranteed to make you smile. Another plant that pops up when you are absolutely at wits end, usually near the end of January, is the *Cyclamen coum*. This little darling has the most endearing little butterfly-like flowers in white, fuchsia, or magenta coupled with a leaf of green subtle patterning or a gorgeous silver overlay. These plants prefer dry shade but I have planted mine around sun loving deciduous geraniums for a terrific multi season carry over. If not for yourself, at least plant this for someone else. Had enough by mid-January of hearing people tell you that "rain is liquid sunshine" just as you're about to pull your hair out? Head ye to a nursery and quickly buy *Chamaecyparis obtusa* 'Nana Lutea'. I sing the praises of this dwarf four foot conifer for many reasons. With twisty little sprays of cheery chartreuse foliage, this plant has the ability to make anything look good next to it...this is my 'sexy little black dress' of the garden. Buy it and fall in love again. Last, but not least, are three more must haves. For more intense, long blooming magenta color, check out the winter heath, *Erica darleyensis* 'Kramer's Rote' and, for more hot fire, *Calluna* 'Firefly', will send you running for the fire extinguisher. Lastly, a new *foliage* hellebore that seems to be making waves is *Helleborus* 'Anna's Red'. With leaves that have pink netting overlay that mature to silver along with burgundy stems dawning reddish purple flowers, hellebores don't, or can't, get any better.

So refuse to be glum...color your world with a plant that reminds you that LIFE IS GLORIOUS.

Note: This author is not affiliated nor has ever been affiliated with any nursery and only endorses plants that send serotonin levels through the roof!

Megan Smith



clockwise starting lower left:
Erica darleyensis 'Kramer's Rote'
Cornus sanguinea 'Arctic Fire'
Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Nana Lutea'
Helleborus 'Anna's Red'

Community Projects Work Party at Rainer Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands

Despite the downpour day-after-day, Friday October 24 proved to be perfect weather for SGC members to plant 350 Narcissus bulbs at Rainer Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands. Eleven volunteers were joined by Seattle Park's Foundation Executive Director, Thatcher Bailey, for the planting. Afterward, we were treated to lunch prepared by the East African elders.

Many thanks to those who donated to the bulb fund: Jolie Roze, Eleanor Nolan, Sheila Noonan, Dinny Polson, Jeannie Gravenkemper, Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey, Carlyn Steiner, Charlee Reed, Mary Turner, Pam Green, Suzette de Turenne and Hope Stroble. We await the sight next spring when the bulbs pop up and help pollinate the farm's produce.

Carlyn Steiner, Community Projects Chair

Jenny Wyatt, Community Projects Committee Member



Work party volunteers Megan Smith, Mary Turner, Laurie Riley, Charlee Reed, Sue Blethen, Barbie Snapp, Jenny Wyatt, Carlyn Steiner, Debbi Wilson, Thatcher Bailey, Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey (not pictured, Debbi Smith)



Megan Smith is a great digger



A special community lunch enjoyed by all



Wonderful African food

Nominate a GCA Plant of the Year

Nominations for the
Montine McDaniel Freeman Horticulture Award

will be accepted by the
GCA Horticulture Committee between
March 1st and December 1st for the following year

**Recognize a plant that is under-utilized
but worthy of
preservation, propagation and promotion**

Go to the GCA website for more information

Hort Report

No Hort Meeting this month.

I hope you get out and cut some greens for your home for the holidays. There's no scent more evocative or more stamped on my memory than fresh fir at Christmas. Predictions are for a relatively mild winter with a cold spell at the end of this month. Let's hope our plants (many of which seem a bit confused, as they're blooming now!?) have a chance to harden off before then. See you at the January Hort Meeting at CUH which will be hosted by the Flower Arranging Committee.

Deborah Cheadle, Chair



Keep an Eye on 'Northwest Passages'



Committee Chairs for our May 15-16, 2015 Flower Show, 'Northwest Passages', are working away behind the scenes to create a fun, educational and beautiful show for Seattle Garden Club. We are most appreciative of our schedule writers and in particular to Jolie Roze, who has patiently generated draft after draft. Please make sure to check out the schedule and the entry forms on our Website: www.seattlegardenclub.org. As soon as it is approved by GCA, we'll post the final version of the schedule.

Floral Design—Registration opens January 12, 2015. Registrar: Sue Ashmun, susan@ashmun.com

Horticulture—Registration now open. Registrar: Catherine Allan, jardinsroyaux@gmail.com

Photography—Registration opens January 5, 2015. Registrar: Suzy Titcomb, sttcomb2@comcast.net

Please contact us with any questions you have. Onward we go! Join the fun and enter the show! As registration opens for each division, fill out an entry form and contact the appropriate registrar.

Northwest Passages Co-Chairs:

Jenny Wyatt, wyattjen@comcast.net

Diana Neely, diana_neely@msn.com

November Hort Meeting

A special meeting at Burnley's home.



Edie Tenneson & sponsor Catherine Allan after Edie's 'Wild for Ferns in the NW & Beyond' presentation



Burnley Snyder and Alison Andrews enjoy the view



Deborah Cheadle and Doug Bayley, Chairman Volunteer Park Trust, are all smiles



Online Digital Photography Show

The Photography Committee hasn't let a little rain stop them from taking some fabulous Fall photographs which are currently on display in the 'member area' of the SGC website.

It is an ongoing digital photography show!

We would love to see what YOU have been photographing, so please send your photo contribution to Traci Tenneson (tenneson@comcast.net).

December Photography Outing "Holiday Lights"

In December, the digital photography show will switch from "Fall Photos" to "Winter Photos". The Photography Committee has an outing planned for the evening of December 11, starting at 5:00 pm. Michele Burton will be teaching us how to shoot holiday lights. Place TBD. Wine to follow! Contact Juliet (julietromano@comcast.net) if you are interested in joining. Michele can accommodate 10 people maximum (priority will go to Photography Committee members first). There will be a small fee per person.



One Famous GCA Member - A Man!

Occasionally a male head pops up amongst the mostly female GCA. And when that happens it is usually someone of prominence! Such is the case with Fletcher Steele (1881-1971), one of the most famous landscape architects of the 20th century. He designed over 700 American gardens. Primarily he is known for his premise that landscaping is a fine art akin to painting or dancing and is to be an expression of both the designer and owner. Thus his first gardens in the early 1900's followed the arts and crafts style, not unlike the English woman Gertrude Jekyll with Italianate detail such as pineapple sculptures and water steps. Then, as the artistic movement shifted to art deco, so did Steele, adding colored pebbles and concrete to his designs. Finally when modernism came on the scene, Steele attempted to follow in the gardens. His most well-known garden is Naumkeag in Massachusetts, now a museum. While his work was not always appreciated, he is now seen as the link from old traditions to new approaches in landscaping.

Steele became involved with GCA in 1915, when then President Katharine Sloan engaged him to improve the grounds at her estate, Lisburne Grange. Today the Sloan estate, although smaller, still sits overlooking the Hudson River. After doing so, several other prominent GCA members became clients of Fletcher Steele. This undoubtedly aided his rise to popularity. In 1929 he was made an honorary member of The Garden Club. He contributed greatly to the Bulletin, using his lecturing material and to The GCA Color Chart which established color standards for floral designs.



PUTTING THE GARDEN TO REST

Today you have clipped long, thin verticals
from the espaliered pear and apple, laid
them straight
in three bundles tied with twine.

I dug the vegetable beds under,
turning the heavy soil until it fell back
and loose from the spading fork.

I love this emptiness.
Bare branches making a net for the wind.
The garden tucked under a cover of straw.

We pull dry logs from the woodpile,
carry them into the stove.
A finch lights on the fence post.

Then disappears into the white sky.

~Peter Pereira

P. Pereira is a local physician and poet.

New SGC Website



The new website will have a fresh,
clean, modern design.

It will be full of resources and easy to
navigate. Have fun exploring!

Questions: Kim Bishop
kimbishop1@aol.com

Looking Ahead

1/5/15 **Horticulture Meeting**, UWBH/CUH. 9:15 am Social, 10 am Program
Hosted by Floral Design Committee, May Flower Show Presentation
Hort Share - bring specimens in a bottle or a Baird Board

Community Projects Meeting, CUH, following Hort Meeting

1/8/15 **Board Meeting**, Sunset Club, 10 am

1/15/15 **General Meeting**, UWBG/CUH. 9:30 am Social; 10 am Program
Justin Reznick, widely published nature photographer. Guests Welcome!



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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