



The Seattle Garden Club

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"And the seasons they go 'round and round..." In anticipation of cooler and clearer days ahead, we are eagerly looking forward to the fall picnic in September and the rose arbor dedication in October. Sheila Noonan and Wade Garretson are hosting the picnic on Bainbridge Island Sept. 20th. Please check the website for details and send your responses promptly.

Hotie Hard and Ana Hergert are planning the dedication of our newly installed rose arbor in the Fragrance Garden, October first. It will take place following the first Hort meeting. Please join us for these festive occasions to launch another productive year!

Megan Smith and Peggy Paige Most will represent SGC at the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference at Longwood Gardens near Philadelphia in mid-September. Be sure to deliver your flower seeds to Susan Potts by Sept. 10th. Envelopes and labels will be provided. This is the first time I'll miss this conference in six years!

As a rite of passage, the first provisional talk by Mary Jo Bench, October 1, will feature the Freeman Medal plant, *Pycnanthemum muticum*. Megan Smith proposed it last year and it won Honorable Mention among several entries! We hope several of you feel inspired to research and submit a Freeman Medal plant for this year's woody plant nomination. The deadline is December first.

Another December deadline is for applying for Community Projects grants. Do you know an organization that might apply? Encourage them to seek out the grant form on our website or contact Shelley Rolfe, Chair, and submit by Dec. 15, 2018 and submit it by December first.

It's never too soon to be thinking of an item or experience to contribute to our Christmas auction. Charlee Reed and Catherine Mueller are eager to collect items anytime.

Last, but not least, our flower show chairs, Jenny Wyatt and Suzette de Turenne, want to remind you of our May 30-June 1 Flower Show, Nature's Poetry. Be thinking of ways to participate. Would you be willing to enter a photograph, a floral arrangement or horticulture entry? The flower show schedule will be posted soon on the SGC website. Consider trying your hand in one or more of these categories.

Get ready to enjoy another outstanding year ahead!

Catherine Allan, Seattle Garden Club President

Events

Twilight in the Garden!

Dunn Gardens has invited the SGC to cocktails and a small talk on September 6th as a thank-you for the grant the SGC awarded seven years ago for their Heritage Trees.

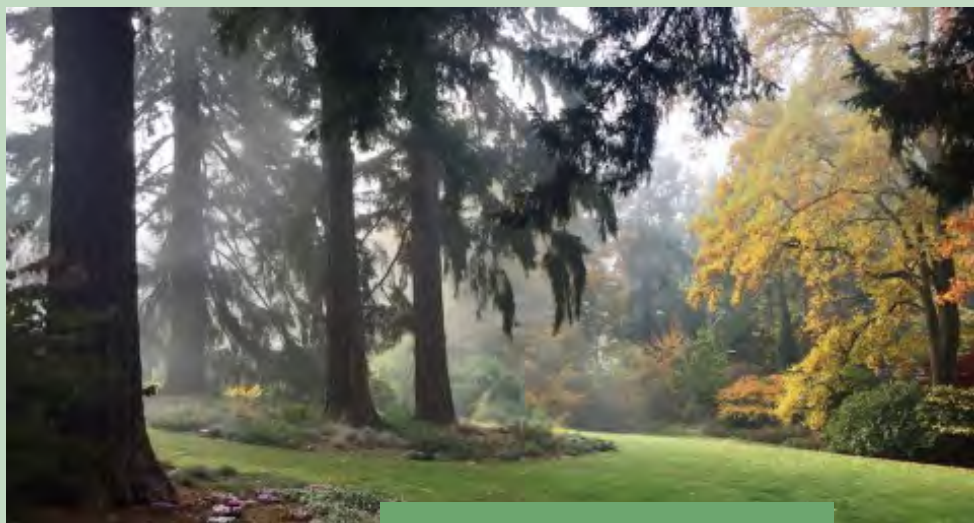
Location: Dunn Gardens,
the Tennis Lawn

Date: September 6th

Time: 5:30 pm

RSVP by September 1 to
jardinsroyaux@gmail.com

*Spouses are included
All are invited!*



Dunn Gardens, Heritage Trees

Annual Fall Picnic Returns to Bainbridge Island

Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 11:30 am

The Noonan Family Home

12263 NE Country Club Road, Bainbridge Island 98110

Table seating is limited so please bring a ground-friendly blanket
Arrive early for the ferry and carpooling is recommended.

Ferry: Seattle to Bainbridge 9:35 am or 10:40 am

Bainbridge to Seattle 1:15 pm, 2:05 pm or 2:55 pm

To RSVP please use the **Sign Up Genius** link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4cada92baa8-20171>
or visit our **SGC Website** for more information and to
let us know your attendance plans.

If you prefer to RSVP via email please contact me at
wadegarretson@comcast.net or call my cell
206-271-8858.



Hope to see you on the island!

Events

For calendar details, please go to seattlegardenclub.org, then select Members, then select Calendar

Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar September 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 • 10:00AM - 11:00PM Conservation Committee Meeting	6 • 10:00AM - 11:30AM SGC Board Meeting • 5:30PM - 7:30AM Dunn Garden Reception	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 • 10AM Auction Experience-Oxbow Farm Tour	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 • 11:30AM - 2:30PM SGC Annual Fall Picnic	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 • 9:00AM Fragrance Garden work party	28	29
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Flower Show 2019 – Nature's Poetry

Plan ahead! May 30 - June 1, 2019

Why do we have flower shows? This question was recently posed by a newer member. There is no doubt that this subject has been debated throughout the years. There are those who love them and those who are not particularly enthusiastic. But one thing that is certain, as a GCA garden club, we are definitely encouraged to have them. Taken directly from the GCA website:

I. PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Flower Show Committee promotes flower shows throughout The Garden Club of America... promotes the educational value of all flower show exhibits, collaborates with all GCA committees to evaluate, establish and maintain standards of excellence in all GCA shows, and reviews each flower show schedule suggesting changes as needed to conform to GCA requirements and standards.

Flower shows showcase beauty, share information, broaden knowledge, and underscore the importance of good environmental stewardship.

The Flower Show Committee supports flower shows

as a creative vehicle to exhibit the GCA purpose as well as GCA club and member accomplishments. It focuses attention on all divisions of a GCA flower show - conservation, floral design, garden history and design, horticulture and photography.

SGC supports GCA's purpose by including this information in our Event Policy information in our 2017-2018 Yearbook, page P-12:

SGC shall endeavor to hold a GCA Flower Show to include the Floral Design, Horticulture, Photography and Conservation Divisions as frequently as every three years. Separate divisions are encouraged to hold judged Club Shows in non-GCA Flower Show years.

And thus, the next few months will be partially dedicated to making this all happen! Watch for the schedule information inviting your early registration for Floral Design, Horticulture and Photography! It is educational and fun...but only if you take part. Questions? Don't hesitate to ask.

Suzette de Turenne & Jenny Wyatt – Co-Chairs

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

GCA JUDGING PROGRAM MEETING, OCTOBER 1, 2018, @ CUH, 11:45 am

Immediately following the Monday Hort Meeting and Arbor Dedication
All those in the judging program are encouraged to attend!

Reports

Conservation Calendar, 2018—2019

September 5th – 10:00am, CUH Isaacson Hall. Meet with our two Tacoma delegates, to discuss issues as a committee to discuss possibilities for the year. for the coming Washington State Legislative session. This date has changed from Sept. 5 that I suggested before.

October - Do a site visit to evaluate what we as a group might be able to accomplish regarding bettering conditions for salmon and Orcas. Thanks to Eliza Davidson for her many good suggestions on this topic. Site to be announced.

February - NAL – Washington D.C. Bev and one other SGC representative to attend. Arrange meetings with our Senators and Congress people to take place during the NAL conference, and decide on our state and national priorities in those meetings.

November 7th - Electronics recycle event 9:00-10:00 am in the CUH parking lot. In advance of this we will announce what items will be accepted.

March - Field trip to be announced.

December - Auction. We will hope to have an interesting conservation item on which to bid. All suggestions welcomed!

April – Wetherill weeding and potluck.

May - Help with the Conservation site at the SGC Flower show.

January - Bev and one SGC representative to meet with the Washington Environmental Council, along

June - Year end luncheon.
Bev Martin, Conservation Chair

Poetry—Delphine Stevens

"You love the roses – so do I. I wish
The sky would rain down roses, as they rain
From off the shaken bush. Why will it not?
Then all the valley would be pink and white
And soft to tread on. They would fall as light
As feathers, smelling sweet; and it would be
Like sleeping and like waking, all at once!"

-George Eliot, Roses

Hort Share and Meetings

Welcome to the beginning of another year of SGC Hort meetings and events. This year's Hort meetings will be chock full of enlightening Provisional Talks (six of them!) and a few surprises to help us keep honing our horticultural skills.

The topics of this year's Provisional Talks will be plants that have been awarded the GCA Montine McDaniel Freeman Medal, the only award that the GCA bestows on a plant. We will learn how each of these plants is special and important to cultivate.

Once again this year we will be encouraging you to bring something from your garden for Hort

Share...all year long! We will have vases available for you and just remember to arrive a few minutes early to set out your garden specimens, so that others have a chance to see them.

Hort meetings will as always be on the first Monday of the month through May (except for December) and will begin at 9:15 am with Coffee and Hort Share followed by the program from 10:00-11:30 am. (Don't forget to bring your coffee cups.)

Roxanne Wiley and Susan Potts,
Horticulture Chairs

Reports

Proposals for Membership Due By December 15

The Membership Proposal Form is available through the SGC website or from the Membership Chairman who should be advised of your prospective member to avoid duplication of a candidate.

Details of the proposal for Provisional Membership can be found under 'Membership Policies' on page P-8 of the Yearbook. Remember to bring potential candidates to open meetings now, as well as the Holiday Luncheon in December. It is IMPORTANT to acquaint candidates with Membership Committee Members, Board Members and our membership. Forms/letters must be e-mailed or postmarked no later than midnight on DECEMBER 15th to the Membership Chair, Marilee Ahalt.

REMINDER: all of this is to be kept CONFIDENTIAL

Membership Status Changes

Please notify SGC
Corresponding Secretary,
Peggy Paige Most of any
roster changes:
mostp@msn.com

Please Welcome the New Provisionals!

From left to right: Judy Rupert, Betsy Larson, Ann Blume,
Jane Hargraft and Stacey Campbell



Fragrance Garden Report

You're Invited!!

Please join us in the Fragrance Garden after the October 1st Hort meeting to celebrate the installation of the beautiful iron arbor and the fragrant Colette climbing roses.

Also, mark your calendars for our work party in the Fragrance Garden on September 27th from 9:00 - 11:00 am.

Bring garden gloves and your favorite tools!
Light refreshments and snacks will be served.

Hotie Hard and Ana Hergert
Fragrance Garden Co-Chairs



Seattle Garden Club Show Awards

Congratulations to all the participants and winners of the June 7th Seattle Garden Club Show, Nature's Poetry Preview!

Class I—METHAPOR, roses, Unlimited

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)

Diana Neely	Climbers	1 st place
Ana Hergert	"	2 nd place
Laurie Riley	"	3 rd place
Susan Potts	Floribunda	1 st place
Laurie Riley	"	2 ⁿ place
Suzette de Turenne	"	3 rd place
Suzette de Turenne	Grandiflora	1 st place
Eliza Davidson	"	2 nd place
Diana Neely		3 rd place
Suzette de Turenne	Hybrid tea	1 st place
Suzette de Turenne	"	2 nd place
Laurie Riley	"	3 rd place
Jeannie Gravenkemper	Old Garden Rose	
Suzette de Turenne	Miniature	1 st place
Suzette de Turenne	Shrub	1 st place
Megan Smith	"	2 nd place
Megan Smith	"	3 rd place
Diana Neely	"	HM



Best in Show



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)

	No higher than 6" above the Rim	No higher than 12" above the Rim
Marianne Mowat	1 st place Novice Award	
Carolyn Echelberger	2 nd place	
Debby Smith	3 rd place	
Debby Wilson		1 st place
Delphine Stevens		2 nd place
Shelley Rolfe		3 rd place

Class 3—POETIC LICENSE, PAR, Unlimited

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)

Nancy Bain	Best in Class
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Annual Meeting and Luncheon



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Photography

News Flash: This summer, the GCA website featured a marvelous article on Charlee Reed in its **"Focus on Our Photographers"** segment. In her own words, Charlee describes growing up amidst the verdant beauty of the Pacific Northwest and how this environment shaped her love of photography. As she says, *"I take inspiration from the natural world. To me, photography has the ability to evoke feelings in a way that is more poignant than any other art form. One photograph can tell an entire story, challenge one's thought process or evoke a powerful emotion."* The full article, along with Charlee's magnificent photographs, can be found at this link: <https://www.gcamerica.org/members/news/get?id=2021&homepagenews=1>

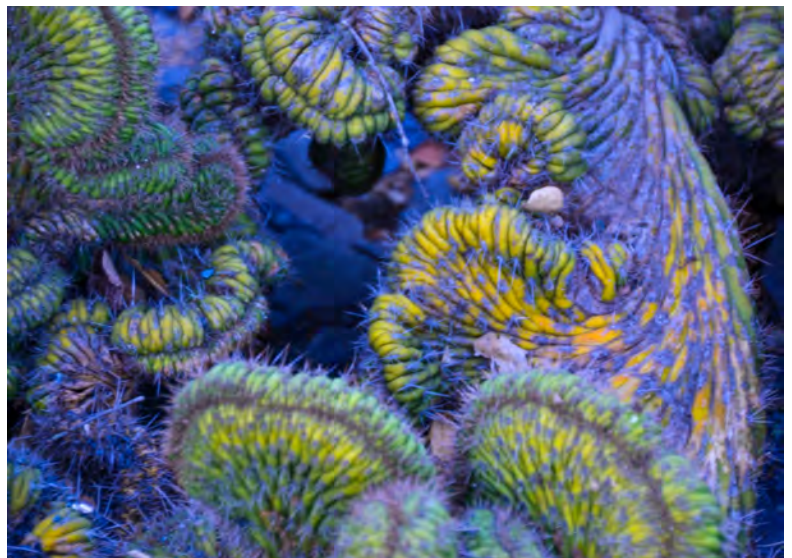
This promises to be an exciting year for the Photography Committee. Here are a few highlights:

- **Tuesday, Oct. 2 @ 10:00 AM** – first meeting of the Photography Committee will be held at First Hill Plaza, 1301 Spring Street. Check-in at the front desk and you'll be directed upstairs.
- **Thursday, Oct. 18** – annual photo display at the General Meeting. All SGC members are encouraged to bring a favorite summer photo. Images should be printed on 8.5 X 11 paper and should not be matted.
- **Friday, Oct. 19 @ 10:00 AM** – Fall outing and photo shoot at the Kubota Gardens. Open to all SGC members. Bring your camera and capture the autumn colors!
- **Monday, Nov. 5** – submission deadline for our 3rd annual "Photo Critique". Photos will be reviewed by our SGC photography judges, and the results shared with all who participate. It's always a great learning experience for everyone! More details to follow.
- **Monday, December 3rd** – Registration opens for the photography division of the *Nature's Poetry* show. All SGC members are encouraged to participate.
- **December 21st** – The Winter Solstice means one more way for you to share a favorite photo with the SGC!
- **March 21st** – David Perry will speak at the SGC General Meeting on "Picture Perfect Plant Portraits". A special photo workshop in the Arboretum will follow for a limited number of SGC members.

Jolie Roze
Photography Chair



Charlee Reed



Seattle Aquarium

Summer Solstice



Jane Hargraft



Sue Brickman



"Lavender in Seattle", Sandy Hanover



"Block Island Solstice Stroll",
Jenny Wyatt



Summer Solstice Dance, Laurie Ahern



Charlee Reed



"Evening Kayak", Suzy Titcomb



"Stewardia Bumble Bee", Kim Bishop

Summer Solstice



"Alki Gardens Sunset", Jo Anne Rosen



"Happy Dahlias", Jolie Roze



"Skateboard Park, Delridge", Jo Anne Rosen



"Block Island Lobster Roll", Jenny Wyatt



"Samish Splendor", Debby Smith



"Stewardia Bumble Bee", Kim Bishop

GCA News

GCA News with a focus on Scholarships

The Anne S. Chatham Fellowship in Medicinal Botany

Purpose: To protect and preserve knowledge about the medicinal use of plants, thus preventing the disappearance of plants with therapeutic potential. Providing this research opportunity for botanists can, in turn, assist medical science in its ability to protect lives and develop medicines.

History: The Fellowship in Medicinal Botany was established in 1997 by Anne S. Chatham (Mrs. Hugh), Jupiter Island (Florida) Garden Club, while she was Zone VIII Representative to the Scholarship Committee. Mrs. Chatham wrote, "My hope is that those who will conduct studies will find means to protect and/or save lives. We are continually made aware by the media that many are restored to health as a result of research and development of God-given plant material. I feel it is our moral duty to assist in the protection of these sources."

Provisions: Provides one annual grant award of \$4500, intended to enable a student to pursue an avenue of research that might otherwise prove closed. Accordingly, the funds may be used to cover direct costs associated with travel, field studies, or laboratory research.

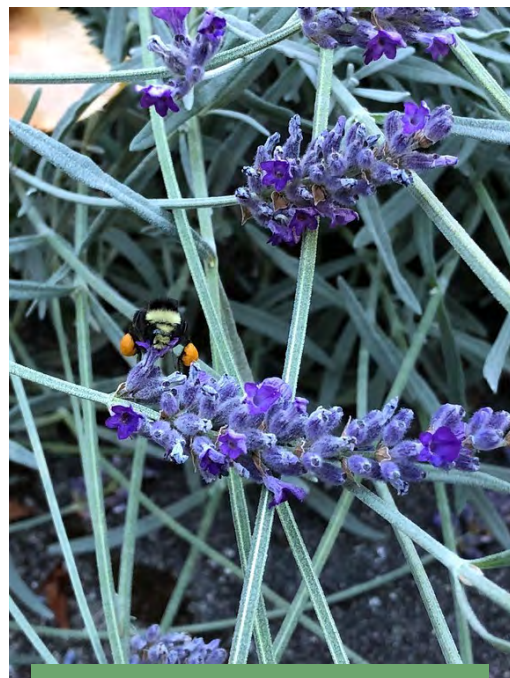
2018 Scholar: Amanda Thiel is a PhD candidate in cultural anthropology at Washington State University. She conducts research in Guatemalan Q'eqchi' Maya communities of various sizes—from rural village to semi-urban. Her research seeks to understand how acculturation and cultural values affect ethnobotanical medical knowledge and practice in these communities. Thiel's master's thesis, based on fieldwork in a Q'eqchi' Maya village, was centered around utilitarian aspects of local ethnobotany and the variation in cultivation of medicinal plants in village home gardens.

Time To Think Ahead To The Christmas Auction!

THE FABULOUS SGC CHRISTMAS AUCTION takes place this year on December 6th at the Sunset Club. It is time to start thinking about how you can contribute to its success. This event is our club's main fundraiser of the year. It is the "ways" to our "means" of contributing to worthy projects in our community.

We are a creative and dedicated group of women - so get those juices flowing so we can offer some interesting auction items. These can include group experiences, specific items such as antiques, books, plants, fine wines, gift certificates, garden tours, meals with a theme, tours of interesting facilities with which you are associated and other magnificent ideas. Our committee welcomes all of your suggestions. It takes all of us to insure that our auction is successful and there are many ways to make a contribution.

Co-chairs of Ways and Means
Charlee Reed and Catherine Mueller



2018 Summer Photo,
Karen Simmonds