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Spring couldn't be more anticipated after several cancelled meetings due to snow this winter. Surprisingly, my *Daphne odora* 'Marginata' that I thought had succumbed to the cold temperatures, bloomed! My *Galanthus nivalis* and *Primula vulgaris* persevered through this winter's harsh treatment, poking their heads above the snow. Green buds are swelling, heralding the season of good things to come. My faith in Mother Nature continues!

Our February business meeting provided the opportunity to inform members on the state of our financial health, Community Projects, our SGC Founder's Fund research, vote on the GCA Founder's Fund, inform us of GCA's Nomination process and strategic planning as well as to educate our members on plant families to entice participation in our May flower show, *Nature's Poetry*. **Diana Ackerley**, President-elect, did a fine job coordinating these reports with **Debby Smith** who contributed generously to the theme of the Chinese New Year! February concluded with **Bev Martin** and **Margi Allison** representing SGC in Washington D.C. at the annual NAL conference! Thank you both for your enthusiastic presentation at our March Horticulture meeting.

Several members artfully arranged blooming *Helleborus*, *Chaenomeles*, *Corylopsis* & *Rosmarinus* from their gardens at the March Hort Committee meeting, displayed in attractive vases. No winter damage seemed evident. We observed that simplicity was the key element. **Roxanne's** Latin lessons continue to stimulate learning. Kudos **Roxanne** and **Susan**!

David Perry, photographer, poet and gardener, will speak at our **March 18** general meeting at the Graham Visitor's Center. His sense of humor is always engaging. Thank you **Jolie Roze** for organizing the workshop in the Arboretum after David's talk. We are eagerly looking forward to the Spheres' speaker, **Claire Woodward**, PhD plant physiologist/horticulturist on **April 18**. Claire will be speaking at our annual luncheon with the Tacoma Garden Club at the Seattle Yacht Club. You won't want to miss this special opportunity so please sign up through our SGC website. **Wade Garretson** needs to send in our reservation by **April 1st**. She is also looking for volunteers to make floral arrangements for the tables. Vases will be provided. These will be enjoyed during the luncheon only, there is no judging involved, don't be shy!

April first is the deadline to fill out the Membership Survey and send it to **Diana Ackerley**. It is also the date of **Marianne Mowat's** Provisional talk on *Spigelia marilandica*, Indian Pink. We are eagerly looking forward to learning more about this colorful plant as much as we enjoyed learning about **Carolyn Echelbarger's** Freeman medal plant, *Sympphyotrichum oblongifolium* var. *angustatus* 'Raydon's Favorite', Aromatic Aster 'Raydon's Favorite' in March. It's a mouthful, but a rewarding plant that blooms from August until November or the first frost. Each of these plants has certainly convinced me to purchase them for all the right reasons; to attract pollinators, for drought tolerance, not invasive, for soil tolerance and for their naturally occurring status in the landscape. Each plant profile has educated us about a new possibility for the garden. Well done Provisionals!

Catherine Allan, Seattle Garden Club President

Events

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

Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar April 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Auction Event - Martha Harris floral arranging and candlelit dinner 8:30AM - 9:30AM Provisional Meeting 9:15AM - 11:30AM Hort Share and Provisional talk @ CUH	2	3 2:00PM - 3:30PM Policy and Planning Committee Meeting	4 10:00AM - 11:30AM SGC Board Meeting	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 9:30AM - 11:30PM Beaux Arts Site Visit	13
14	15	16	17	18 9:30AM - 12:00PM SGC General Meeting- Joint meeting with Tacoma Garden Club, Seattle Yacht Club, Dr. Claire Woodward, Speaker on the Amazon Spheres 1:30PM - 3:00PM Finance Committee meeting	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 9:30AM - 1:30PM Wetherill Work Party	26	27
28	29	30				

General Meeting

Thursday, April 18th Seattle Yacht Club

Arrive 10 AM, Speaker 10:30 -11:30 AM, Lunch 11:30 AM -12:30 PM.

CLAIRE WOODWARD will speak on the "Amazon Spheres" to the combined Seattle and Tacoma Garden Club luncheon meeting on Thursday April 18th at the Seattle Yacht Club.

A native of England, Claire studied Plant physiology and Development at the John Innes Centre before moving to Seattle to work on her Post-doc at the University of Washington. She later honed her horticultural skills at the Volunteer Park Conservatory before joining the Amazon Spheres team in August 2017. At the Spheres, she maintains the Old World plant collections in the 6th Avenue conservator.



Attention Wetherill Nature Preserve Work Party

WHEN: April 25, 2019

TIME: 9:30 a m – 1:00 p m

Don't miss the chance to join a hardworking group of Seattle Garden Club workers on April 25th, 2019 from 9:30 a m to 1:00 p m. We meet at the Hunts Point Town Hall, stroll out to the Preserve where we pull weeds, chat and finish up dining on a potluck lunch in the Town Hall. I encourage you all to attend as this is a time to bond with Seattle Garden Club members while staying in touch with nature.

Directions: Take 520 East to exit 84th – 1st exit on east side. Turn left at stop sign and cross over 520. Proceed half way around the circle and continue on Hunts Point Road. Take a right on Hunts Point Road. Take a right into driveway leading to Hunts Point Town Hall parking lot. I will have my cell phone on if you are late or get lost: 206-909-6101. Please call if you can join us. Don't miss out on the fun!!!!!!

Sis Woodside

Reports

Community Projects

Thanks to the generous proceeds from SGC's Holiday Auction, your Community Projects Committee was able to review and recommend many projects for funding in 2018-19 year. At the February Business meeting, the Membership voted to support:

- A grant of \$7500 to the Arboretum Foundation for a Planning Grant for the Rhododendron Glen.
- A grant of \$5000 to HistoryLink/Friends of Olmsted Parks for a portion of the cost of publishing the "Olmsted in Seattle" book about Seattle's Olmsted legacy.

At the direction of the Board, the Community Project Fund also granted:

- An internal grant of \$1000 for the Conservation Exhibit – which will be exhibited first as a part of the upcoming Flower Show to be held at the Bellevue Botanical Garden – and then part of the permanent collection at BBG, including posters, other visuals, web-based information, a brief video, and a machine to spool video related to SGC's exhibit.

Other projects approved in previous years will be funded in part during the 2018-19 year, including:

- The commitment of \$5,000 in seed money for the Community Garden Fund.
- The second installment of the Burke Museum garden grant.

The GCA Zone VI Fellowship in Urban Forestry

Casey Trees: Casey Trees is a non-profit organization established in 2001 to restore, enhance and protect the tree canopy of Washington, D.C. The organization works with others to plant and care for trees and promotes the use of green infrastructure of environmentally friendly and sustainable development. Casey Trees partners with the Garden Club of America to administer the GCA Zone VI Fellowship in Urban Forestry.

Purpose: To advance the field of urban forestry by encouraging students to study the planning, management, horticulture and ecology of urban forests and the effect of healthy urban forests on people and the environment.

Award: Funds one or more students annually at \$5,000 for study and research that will advance the knowledge of urban forestry and increase the number of scientists in the field. A recipient may apply for an additional year.

Eligibility: Open to graduate and advanced undergraduate students enrolled in U.S. institutions studying urban forestry, environmental studies, horticulture, forestry, or related courses of study with a special interest in urban forestry. Students must be enrolled during the academic year following the award decision.

One of three 2018 recipients:

Danica Doroski is a PhD candidate at the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. Her project uses data from recent tree plantings in cities across the US to evaluate tree diversity on a regional and national scale. While tree planting efforts have increased in recent years, information on them is often siloed by municipalities, making it challenging to identify national trends or make city-by-city comparisons. By working with municipalities and nonprofits, this project will help consolidate and synthesize data to illuminate patterns in species composition that can inform future tree planting projects and improve such programs nationwide.



Reports

Ways and Means Report

We have had some great experiences so far, Mahjong was a big hit as was Trivia night. There still are a few spots left in some experiences, listed below. If you are interested in signing up, please let both Catherine Mueller and Charlee Reed know.

Two events have opened up their waitlist! If you are on the waitlist and want to attend please let us know, we would love to have you!

- Norcliffe Garden Tour & Farm to Table Luncheon -- Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 11am - 1pm. Price \$80
- Lakeside House & Garden Tour—May 14th, 2:30. Price \$50

Chinese Garden during Peony bloom, May 8, 2019 at 10am, 6 spots available - \$80

Tour of the Seattle Chinese Garden and Coenosium in South Seattle Community College Arboretum.

- Docent lead tour of the Seattle Chinese Garden during peony bloom and the Coenosium (dwarf conifers)
- Hosted lunch following

Private Wine Tasting at àMaurice Tasting Room, May 18, 2019, 10 spots available - \$80

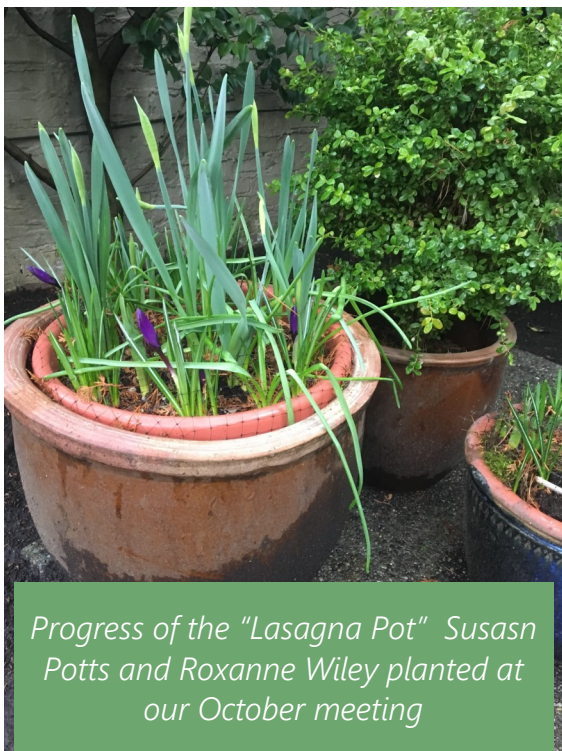
Be a List Wine Club member for a day! This intimate wine tasting experience will include tasting current releases and limited library wine, insights into the wine, an overview of vintages and discussion of Washington State as a growing region.

- Private wine tasting at the àMaurice Woodinville Tasting Room
- Hearty appetizes provided by B. J. Anderson and Kathleen Schafer
- Tasting includes current releases, limited library wine, wine insights, overview of vintages & Washington state growing discussion

Great 'Date Night' idea!

Interested? Contact us.

Catherine Mueller, cathmueller@gmail.com and Charlee Reed, charleereed@gmail.com



Reports

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present its slate of new officers for the Seattle Garden Club 2019-2020 Board. The current SGC Board approved this slate at its meeting on February 7, 2019. Approval will be sought from the General Membership at the SGC Annual Meeting on June 6, 2019, at the Seattle Tennis Club.

The following positions will serve from fall 2019 through spring 2021, 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 6, 2019 Annual Meeting, Diana Ackerley, our current President Elect, who was voted into office last year, will become President. Catherine Allan, our current President, will become Immediate Past President. Diana Neely, 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, Catherine Mueller, will remain in this position for the second of her two-year term, to be joined by a new Co-chair, serving two years.

Proposed Slate of Officers

- PRESIDENT ELECT: Shelley Rolfe
- RECORDING SECRETARY: Peggy-Paige Most
- TREASURER/FINANCE: Dabney Rohrbach
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Jill Crutcher
- COMMUNITY PROJECTS: Lyn Mowe
- MEMBERSHIP: Charlee Reed
- POLICY & PLANNING: Shelley Rolfe
- PROGRAM: Delphine Stevens
- WAYS AND MEANS, CO-CHAIR (ONE ROTATING OFF EACH YEAR): Catherine Mueller (second year) and Susan Brickman (first year)

TO REMAIN 2019-2020

- PRESIDENT: Diana Ackerley
- IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Catherine Allan
- COMMUNICATIONS: Caroline Goedhart
- CONSERVATION: Beverly Martin
- FLORAL DESIGN: Sue Ashmun
- HORTICULTURE, CO-CHAIRS: Roxanne Wiley and Susan Potts
- MEETING ARRANGEMENTS: Wade Garretson
- NOMINATIONS: Catherine Allan
- PHOTOGRAPHY: Jolie Roze

"Snow was falling,
so much like stars
filling the dark trees
that one could easily imagine
its reason for being was nothing more
than prettiness."

Photos



*Carolyn Echelbarger, Roxanne Wiley
and Suzette de Turenne*



Iris Wagner and Edie Tenneson



Barbara Feasey



*Floral arrangements from
members' gardens*



*NAL Conference - Neel Parikh and Pamela
Transue of the Tacoma Garden Club, Margi
Allison and Beverly Martin*



*NAL Conference - Neel Parikh, Maria Cant-
well, Pamela Transue and Margi Allison*

Reports/Latin for Gardeners

Hort Report

We will start the program with a **provisional talk** by **Marianne Mowat**, "*Spigelia marilandica from ancient roots to majestic beauty*" Indian Pink, *Spigelia marilandica*.

Following Marianne's talk, our **Hort Short** will be a speaker from the Tilth Alliance (formally Seattle Tilth) coming to talk to us about **fertilizers**. If you have any specific questions you want answered, please email Susan Potts (swpotts@gmail.com) and I will relay them to the speaker.

After we have learned all there is to know about fertilizers, **Roxanne Wiley** will further stimulate our brains with another Latin lesson, covering Latin words that describe plants that look like other things, animals and plants that refer to famous horticulturists.

We will end the meeting with some additional information about the **upcoming flower show**. So, plenty of good reasons to attend the meeting.

I would like to thank all of those who brought treats to the meeting last month: Eliza Davidson, Cynthia Bostwick, Beverly Martin, Suzy Titcomb, Barbara Feasey and Laurie Riley. Thanks also to Debby Smith, who brought the beautiful flower arrangement.

Finally, thank you to the many members who brought arrangements from their gardens for our Hort Short last month! We probably had 20-25 arrangements, all thoughtfully composed and wonderfully different from each other. It was surprising how many interesting plants were included, considering that most were under snow only days prior. **Sue Ashmun, Barbara Feasey and Marilee Ahalt** all gave excellent feedback about many of the arrangements, commenting on what worked particularly well.

Please bring something for **Hort Share** for our April meeting, plenty of bulbs should be in bloom by then.

Our next Hort Committee meeting is on Thursday, March 28th at 9am at Susan Potts's home (615 36th Ave E, 98112, 206-914-9584). Everyone is welcome, but please let us know if you are coming so we can have enough chairs/coffee/treats out.

Your Hort Chairs,

Susan Potts & Roxanne Wiley



Flowering Time

The obvious...annuus, biennis and perennis

- Vernalis – spring
- Aestivalis – summer
- Autumnalis – fall
- Brumalis – winter
- Majalis – May-flowering
- Meridionalis – noon, midday



Hamamelis vernalis
vernalis – spring-flowering



Diuris brumalis
brumalis – winter-flowering

Latin for Gardeners

Mountainous Habitat

- *algidus* – cold, mountainous
- *frigidus* – growing in cold habitats
- *saxatilis* – growing on rocks
- *convallaria* – growing in valleys



Erigeron algidus
algidus – cold,
mountainous



Aquilegia scopulorum
scopulorum – growing
on rock faces or cliffs

Woodland Habitat

- *nemoralis* – of woods
- *Sylvestris* - of woods



Phacelia nemoralis
nemoralis – of woods



Anemone sylvestris
sylvestris – of woods

Open Land Habitat

- *aridus* – dry habits
- *arvensis* – of plowed fields
- *campestre* – open fields, pasture
- *pratensis* – of meadows
- *siliceus* – growing on sand



Lupinus aridus
aridus – dry habitats



Convolvulus arvensis
arvensis – of plowed
fields

Wetland Habitat

- *aquaticus* – in water
- *fluitans* – floating
- *palustris* – of marshy ground
- *pluvialis* – of rainy places



Pandanus aquaticus
aquaticus – in water



Phyllanthus fluitans
fluitans - floating

Reports

Conservation Committee

Having just returned from the GCA NAL (National Affairs and Legislation) conference that I attended with Margi Allison and the two Tacoma delegates, Neel Parikh and Pamela Transue, we are all inspired by the many fine speakers, and the excellent agenda that was laid out for us. I am not sure how many of our members are fully aware of how much influence the GCA has in helping win



*Beverly Martin and
Margi Allison*

commitment from both sides of the aisle on the 10 policy issues that the GCA advocates. If you look at the GCA pages on line, it lists each of the issues. This year important additions are Waste Management, Oceans, and Climate Change. Everything we do, from seeing that native plants are used in restoration, to caring for our National Parks and Public Lands, to continuing support for

Scenic Byways, and supporting the upcoming Botany Bill, all tie into our efforts to make intelligent moves to alter climate change. It was stated and restated in all the talks we heard that we **HAVE TO ACT NOW** to protect our planet and the next generations of anything living on earth. We met with Senators Cantwell and Murray, and with Representatives Heck, Smith, Schrier, and Kilmer, and separately with some of their staff to encourage them, thank them, and suggest that they sign on to the coming Botany Bill, and the coming bill regarding maintenance for the National Parks, among several other issues. The final Gala evening included a fascinating speaker who used the plight of coral as a very real example of climate change, and how important it is to do something immediately to try to halt the further warming of the oceans. Coral, once thought to be a plant, is actually an animal. It is essential in aiding the feeding and health of much of the rest of sea life.

The Conservation Committee met after the March 4 Hort meeting. Attending were Catherine Allan, Margi Allison, Sue Blethen, Kim Bishop,

Cindy Bostwick, Hotie Hard, Carolyn Kitchell, Laurie Riley, Shelly Rolfe, Dabney Rohrbach and Chairman, Bev Martin. We discussed the coming Beaux Arts site visit on April 12th, whether we should have snacks (no) and how we might thank the three central players for that visit. I asked for those who planned to attend to sign up for the visit, and to ask their friends to join them. Tacoma is sending a small number, too. **We will have to carpool. Direction, from the Seattle Tennis Club to the home of Jan Johnston, 10023 S.E. 27th, Beaux Arts, WA 98004 are easily found on Map Quest, either by way of I-90 or 520. It would be good to meet at the STC at about 8:35 and go from there. Please let me know if you plan to come!** We want a good show of members, since we have asked three non members to lead the discussion and host us: the lead landscape architect, John Barker, the resident who spearheaded the project and found grants to pay for it, JoAnn Bromberg and a generous resident, Jan Johnston, who offered her home where we could first meet to hear John and JoAnn before going to the beach to see their project.

We then looked at the exciting possibility of the boat trip on the Duwamish. Because the Port Commissioner, George Blomberg, had offered a possible boat ride for 40 people, which he would help host, along with Nic Marin, (both are very knowledgeable about the river and it's history,) we decided that if he can actually get the ship nailed down, we would like to make that an auction item for this coming 2019 auction. If for some reason that falls through, Sue Blethen thinks she may know another boat owner who might come through. So... getting there! We will decide on a date that works for everyone and is a good time to travel on the river.

Shelley Rolfe then described the very innovative video that is planned for the conservation "booth" at the May Garden Show. The Conservation display will be up at the Botanical Garden for three years. She asked for our participation in setting up the room on May 29 and 30, and for other help with the display.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Martin, Conservation

Reports

2019 FLOWER SHOW - NATURE'S POETRY

In addition to attending the Preview Party at Bellevue Botanical Garden on May 31st, we hope you will consider registering for one of the few remaining opportunities for exhibiting in Floral Design or Horticulture.

FLORAL DESIGN Class 3

PASTORAL

Pastoral poetry describes rural, or simple life. Pastoral poetry centers around the natural world and it was most prominent until the Industrial Revolution hit Europe.

A Pot-et-fleur arrangement depicting a pastoral scene, collaboratively designed by two GCA members. There are no ownership requirements. Viewed from 3 sides. To be staged on a pedestal 40" in height and 20" square. The pedestal may not be draped or enlarged, and the design may extend no more than 6" on any side of the pedestal. A key card is required.

Please note: the pedestal is provided by SGC; a pot-et-fleur includes both rooted plants and at least one cut flower.

Contact Caroline Goedhart to register for Floral Design.

HORT

Class 8 CADENCE

BAIRD BOARDS

Flowers of love, Blossom in air of faith, Divine oxygen. Plants of love, watered with mutual trust, bear fruits of joy.

Haiku, Anjali Sinha (1989 - present)

- A collection of five different cut specimens no higher than 6" above the rim
- A collection of five different cut specimens no higher than 12" above the rim

Contact Diana Ackerley to register for Hort.

Suzette de Turenne & Jenny Wyatt



Join us to celebrate and support the

"NATURE'S POETRY"

FLOWER SHOW PREVIEW PARTY

FRIDAY, MAY 31 @ BELLEVUE BOTANICAL GARDEN, 6:30 - 9pm

Tour the exhibits, chat with friends, eat wonderful food from Herban Feast and sip fine wines and craft beers & ales.

Let the Valet take care of all the parking woes for you.

All members are encouraged to attend with spouses, family & friends!

GCA Tales and Tidbits!

2019 GCA Plant of the Year: *Aristolochia macrophylla*!

The 2019 Freeman Medal winner is an intriguing native vine that can be used to create a lush living wall, a sheltering green roof, a thick ground cover, or an attractive privacy fence. *Aristolochia macrophylla* (Dutchman's Pipe) is a deciduous vine that has been used in American gardens since the eighteenth century, especially to shade porches and windows from the hot summer sun. Large, heart-shaped, densely overlapping leaves 6 to 12 inches long can quickly cover an arbor or trellis with attractive, glossy, deep green foliage and create a canopy impenetrable to the rays of the sun or moderate rain.

Aristolochia macrophylla (Dutchman's Pipe) is named for its exotic pale yellow flowers that resemble a "Dutchman's pipe." The flowers bloom in May and June among a swathe of large, fuzzy, heart-shaped, dark green leaves.

A unique and underused vine, *Aristolochia macrophylla* is especially important as the host plant for the Pipevine Swallowtail Butterfly. Pipevine Swallowtails lay their eggs in small clusters on young leaves or stems. When the eggs hatch, the leaves become an important food source for the growing caterpillars.

The unusual shape of the pipe blossom serves as a type of 'fly-trap,' attracting small insects that are temporarily held and released to carry pollen to the next flower. Observers of all ages will be fascinated watching nature in action.

Aristolochia macrophylla, also known as *Isotrema macrophylla*, is a versatile and valuable vine that thrives in USDA zones 4 to 8, in sun to part shade, and in average to moist soil. It is deer resistant and pollution tolerant, and it has no serious insect or disease problems. It is a workhorse vine with an exotic look that would highlight a small or large native garden in the twenty-first century.

Aristolochia macrophylla (Dutchman's Pipe)
Proposed by Abby Coffin, Chestnut Hill Garden Club, Zone I



Interested in Macro Photography and "Tiny Landscapes?"

Come to Longwood Gardens to study with Mike Moats, August 25-28, 2019

Fifteen lucky photographers will be treated to an amazing PSG workshop with award winning photographer and teacher, Mike Moats. We will spend two mornings at Longwood Gardens, and also have shoots at Winterthur Garden (a Henry Francis du Pont estate) and another local garden. In addition, we will enjoy a champagne reception at a GCA member's photography gallery and have dinner at a GCA member's home.



Accommodations have been arranged at Mendenhall Inn. Price for the workshop is \$1,100 which includes instruction, entry fees, transportation during the workshop and meals. It does not include accommodations or transportation to the workshop.

