



# The Seattle Garden Club

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As we watch apples ripen on the trees, we realize that Fall is coming! I hope you have all enjoyed summer these last few months and that you are ready to participate in another wonderful year of gardening education and activities with the Seattle Garden Club. We have a busy year ahead.

Our 102<sup>nd</sup> Seattle Garden Club year will begin with the Annual Fall Picnic on September 19th at the fabulous Bainbridge Island home of Catherine Mueller. We will learn how to use dahlias in a floral design during this Dahlia Fest at the picnic. Many thanks to Catherine Mueller, Wade Garretson, and Sue Ashmun for orchestrating this event. Please welcome our provisional members Carolyn

Whittlesey, Ann Blume, Stacey Campbell, Betsy Larson, & Judy Rupert at the picnic.

It has been a busy summer. Jill Crutcher has been working diligently on our Yearbook changes and updates all summer, she deserves an enormous thank-you for all her work. In addition: Caroline Hazard Goedhart has been working on the newsletter; Dabney Rohrbach is keeping our finances in order; Wade Garretson has been laying the groundwork for our meeting arrangements; and Ana Hergert & Hotie Hard have been overseeing the Fragrance Garden.

It's never too soon to be thinking of an item or experience to contribute to our Holiday auction. Catherine Mueller & Sue Brickman are collecting items now.

December 15, 2019 is the deadline for Community Projects grants. Do you know an organization that might apply? Encourage them to find the grant form on our website or contact Lynn Mowe, Chair.

New membership proposals will be due to Charlee Reed on December 15<sup>th</sup>, as well. If you have new members in mind, please do bring them to a General meeting and the Holiday auction.

On May 18, 2020, the Pamela Green Fund Horticulture speaker will feature Dr. Ari Novy, President & CEO at San Diego Botanic Garden. Stay tuned for further information.

I am honored to serve as your President for this upcoming year and look forward to seeing you at the Fall Picnic!

Diana Ackerley

Seattle Garden Club President



# Events

For calendar details, please go to [seattlegardenclub.org](http://seattlegardenclub.org), then select Members, then select CALENDAR.

Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar September 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 10AM - 11:30AM SGC Board meeting @ Sunset Club	6	7
8	9	10 Auction Event-Swauk Valley Ranch 2 nights 10:30AM - 12:30PM Ways and Means	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 11:00AM - 2PM SGC Annual Fall Picnic	20 Auction Event-Swiss Raclette party	21
22	23	24 10:30AM - 12:30PM Ways and Means meeting	25	26	27 10:00AM - 12:00PM Photography Committee meeting @ Sunset Club	28
29	30					

## RSVP & Mark Your Calendar Today!

**Fall Picnic "Dahlia Fest" Thursday, September 19, 2019**

at Catherine Mueller's Fabulous Home on Bainbridge Island

12279 NE Country Club Road, Bainbridge Island 98110

**11:30am-2:00pm**

Catered lunch will include a vegetarian/gluten free option

**Reservation Required by September 9<sup>th</sup>**

(after that prepare to brown bag your own lunch!)

Ferry: Seattle to Bainbridge 9:35am or 10:40am, Bainbridge to Seattle 1:15pm, 2:05pm or 2:55pm

Please consider carpooling & arrive early for the ferry. Park on the lawn across from Catherine's.

[RSVP now by clicking here to go to Sign-Up-Genius](#)

If you prefer please contact Wade Garretson at [wadegarretson@comcast.net](mailto:wadegarretson@comcast.net) or 206.271.8858

Non-subscribers to the Hostess Fund: Please confirm your reservation by sending a check for **\$40** payable to SGC to: Wade Garretson 10922 Bill Point Court NE, Bainbridge Island, WA 98112



# Events

## The Fragrance Garden needs you!

Come help tidy up before the winter and plant hyacinth bulbs for next Spring!

Please bring gloves and tools. We'll provide refreshments and snacks.

**When:** October 17th, after the General Meeting.



## Time to Think Ahead to the Christmas Auction!

THE FABULOUS CHRISTMAS AUCTION takes place this year on December 5<sup>th</sup> 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 fine wines, gift certificates, plants, 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. We already have received a few donations! Keep them coming!

Co-chairs of Ways and Means, Catherine Mueller and Sue Brickman

## Happy Summer Everyone

### We are gearing up for another fantastic SGC year!

Part of what makes our meetings friendly and welcoming is having food, drinks and a flower arrangement for each of our meetings. Here is your chance to pick the meeting that best works for your schedule, and if you sign up right away you get your pick of what to bring as well. It is our expectation that everyone in the club will participate at least once during the year - and a gold star if you sign up more than once.

Use the link below to easily add your name to the SGC Hospitality sign-up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4cada92baa8-2018191>

If you have any questions, please contact us or Kim Bishop, [kimbishop1@aol.com](mailto:kimbishop1@aol.com), who can handle any technical problems.

Thanking you in advance,

Roxanne Wiley, [roxwiley@comcast.net](mailto:roxwiley@comcast.net)

Susan Potts, [swpotts@gmail.com](mailto:swpotts@gmail.com)

Wade Garretson, [wadegarretson@comcast.net](mailto:wadegarretson@comcast.net)



# Photos - Flower Show



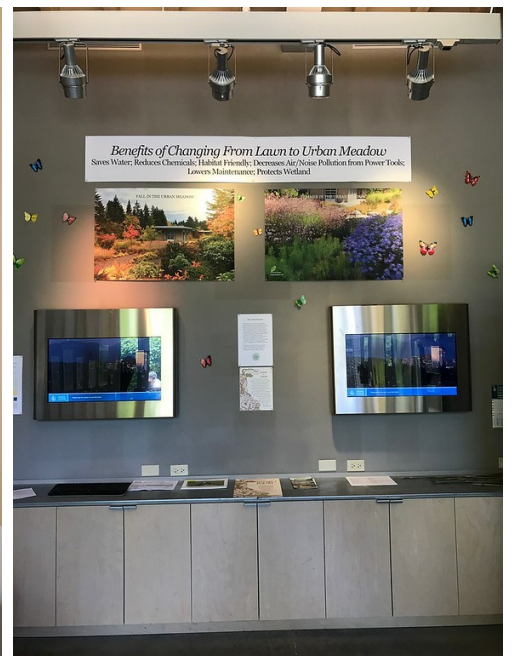
Jenny Wyatt and  
Suzette de Turenne



Carlyn Steiner, Sheila Noonan,  
Kay Baxter and Marilee Ahalt



Noreen Frink





## Photos - Flower Show



*Jim Goedhart and Gordon Ahalt*



*Burnley Snyder, Betty Paul and Diana Neely*



*Jolie Roze and Suzy Titcomb*



*Wiley Kitchell and Rick Titcomb*



*Jolie Roze, Barbie Snapp, Mr. Snapp, and Debbi Wilson*



*Susan Potts, Melissa Rye and Marianne Kitchell*



*Peyton and Megan Smith with Mary Snyder*



# Reports

## Conservation Committee Report

I want to encourage all my committee, and any other members who might be interested, to send me your good ideas on what you would like to pursue this year. I had suggested that we might have at least three site visits, but some have let me know that with the busy schedules of our members that perhaps a less ambitious agenda is appropriate. We can work that out at our first meeting. Because my husband and I are still in Santa Fe, and do not plan to return until the end of September, I would like to schedule a meeting at my condominium on September 30, at 10:00. I hope many of you can come. I have a list of things we considered last year that is still fresh, so I will send that out to you, but new ideas are welcome. Thank you for your interest. Let's find a perfect fit that will appeal to a good-sized group of members, so it will be worth everyone's time and energy!

Margi Allison just left after staying for 5 nights as part of our auction "donation" of our place here in Santa Fe. I felt I should be paying her to stay, not the other way around. She is a delightful house-guest, and introduced me to many new ideas here. Such a pleasure to have her here, as it was with Laurie Riley and her husband a few years ago. How great to have such intelligent and interesting members!

Respectfully, Beverly Martin



*French Lace (white),  
Suzette de Turenne*



*Cosima ringing in the Solstice,  
Delphine Stevens*



*"Flower on Ice" Summer solstice  
in Idaho, Laurie Ahern*

## Community Projects Report

Calling all SGC members! Many of you are involved with interesting and meaningful community organizations that benefit the extended community and would be a source of pride and identity for the SGC. This is the time to encourage these organizations to submit a Project and Grant Request. We have awarded several grants in the past and hope to continue in this tradition. The deadline is December 15, 2019 and the request form is available on our website.

Questions? Please call or email CP Chair, Lynn Mowe

[Lynn.p.mowe@gmail.com](mailto:Lynn.p.mowe@gmail.com) or 425-503-7688.



# Reports

## Photography Committee

Many heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped document our *Nature's Poetry* flower show with such wonderful photos. A lot of warm memories were captured and preserved in those images! And three cheers for those who uploaded Summer Solstice photographs to the website in June. If you haven't checked out the SGC's SmugMug Photo Gallery lately, here's the link:

<https://www.seattlegardenclub.org/photo-gallery/>

A few upcoming dates for the calendar:

- **Friday, Sept 27 @ 10:00 AM** – The first meeting of the Photography Committee will be held at the Sunset Club (Founders Room upstairs). Please bring a photograph to share and your suggestions for the year ahead!
- **Thursday, Oct. 17** – A great tradition continues! It's the Summer Photo Display to kick off the year's first General Meeting. **All SGC members are encouraged to bring a favorite summer photo to share.** Images should be printed on 8.5 X 11 paper and should not be matted.
- **December 21<sup>st</sup>** – The Winter Solstice means one more way for you to share a favorite photo with the SGC!

Questions? Please contact Jolie Roze at [jsroze@comcast.net](mailto:jsroze@comcast.net).

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## Hort Committee

"Propagation and Seed Share (P&SS) is a rapidly growing Horticulture Committee initiative that supports club propagation efforts, is educational, enables members of GCA clubs to share seeds with other members across the country, and to share their stories of how they propagate plants. Everyone can participate; we hope that every club will."

If you are interested in saving seeds to donate to the GCA for their seed saving program, please go to the members area of the the GCA website and type in 'seed saving'. There is a wealth of information

regarding how to collect, label and store seeds. I found this RHS Seed Collecting & Storing information to be particularly helpful: <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?PID=675>

Once you have collected your seeds, you will need to provide the following information:

- Common name
- USDA hardiness zone
- Donor's name and club
- Seed harvested in (year)
- Sowing information

The seeds eventually end up in coin sized envelopes with printed labels. I have the labels and the envelopes, but if you would like to drop the seeds in any sort of packet with the information above into my mail slot at home, I will put them in the correct envelope and type up the label. Or, if you want to contact me I can get you the envelopes before you collect. My address is 615 36th Ave E, 98112. My mail slot is to the left of my garage.

NOTE: The seeds must be collected **prior to the 10th of September**, so they can be delivered to the GCA at the Shirley Meneice conference.

Susan Potts

[swpotts@gmail.com](mailto:swpotts@gmail.com)

# Photos - Annual Meeting



*"Carol Henderson, JoAnne Rosen, Peggy Wilton and Kathleen Lea*



*Alice Jean Lewis, Barbara Pringle, Dorothy Strong and Barbee Crutcher*



*Catherine Allan and Diana Ackerley*



*Carolyn Whittlesey and Marilee Ahalt*



*Dan Hinkley and Dinny Polson*



*Edie Tenneson*



*B.J. Anderson, Sue Ragen and Betty Paul*



# Reports

## The Marvelous Monarch

*Danaus plexippus*, the Monarch butterfly, was named by early North American settlers during the reign of William of Orange, who later became King of England.

This colorful insect has two sets of orange wings, with black veins and borders, white spots at the edges, and a span of 3-4 inches. It weighs 1/2 gram.

It's the only butterfly to make a two way migration, and the only insect that annually migrates in October 2500 miles south, in search of warmer winter temperatures. As many as one hundred million monarchs will migrate depending on their place of origin.

Those living west of the Rockies, travel to hibernate in the eucalyptus, Monterrey pines and cypress trees near Pacific Grove, San Diego and Santa Cruz, California. Those living east of the Rockies, fly to Northern Mexico to hibernate in the oyamel fir forests of Michoacan, at an elevation of 2400-3500 feet. Both of these locations provide ideal temperatures and humidity for the monarchs' hibernation. They tend to roost in the same trees that the previous generation did, although they are not the same butterflies.



Monarchs can travel as far as 100 miles during the day, using air currents and thermals for distance, and the sun and magnetic pull for direction. The butterfly tastes nectar and water with the hairs on its legs, smells with its antennae, and drinks nectar using a long tongue- like proboscis that coils under its lower lip when not in use. It feeds on clover, alfalfa, thistle and milkweed. Rain can be a threat, because its body temperature must remain at 55 degrees. Preferring to bask in the sun, it will rest quietly until the wings dry out before attempting to fly. At night the monarch never "sleeps" but keeps its eyes open while at rest.

The monarch has four stages during a life cycle and four generations in one year. When the sun warms the southern hibernation trees, mating and breeding begins in February and March. The monarchs begin their northern migration to lay eggs, hatch and create four generations on their journey.

Females lay hundreds of eggs; each on the underside of a milkweed leaf, which is covered with a sticky toxic substance that protects the insect from predators. In a short while, the egg develops into a larva, which will hang in a pupa covered with silk, that forms a chrysalis inside which the amazing metamorphosis occurs.

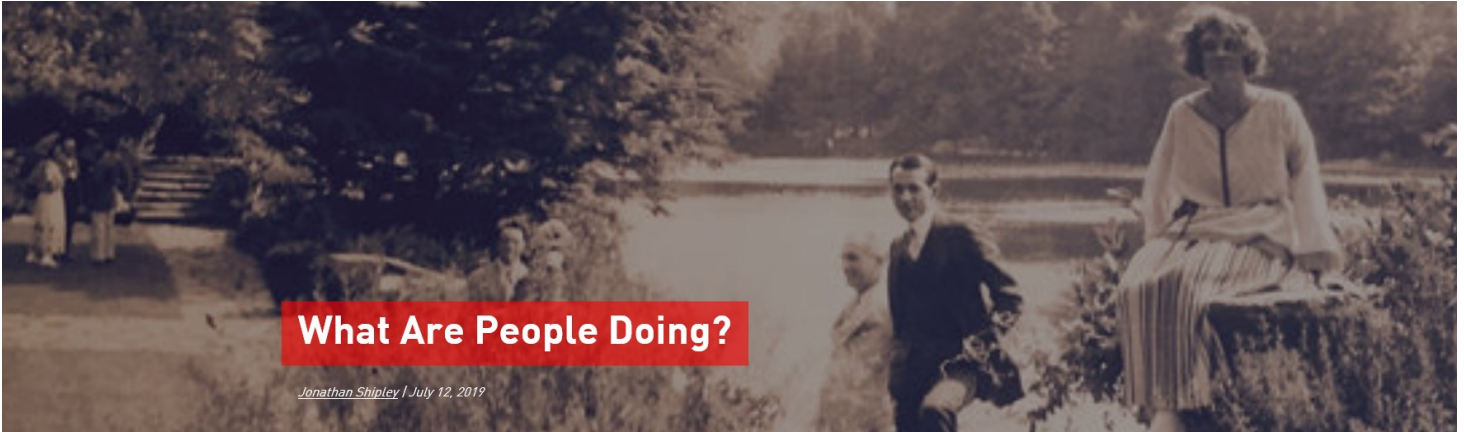
The beautiful butterfly emerges to feed on flowers, enjoying its short 2-6 week life.

It will lay eggs for the next generation. That generation will be born in March-June. That generation continues the migration north to the summer habitats. The third generation, will emerge in July-August, and the fourth generation will be born in September-October. The fourth generation will not die, but migrate south for warmer climes, live for six to eight months, until time for breeding, and the cycle will begin again.

Unfortunately, the monarch's hibernation habitats in California and Mexico are disappearing due to road building, deforestation and pollution, as are northern habitats. However, gardeners can help improve monarch survival rates in the north, by planting nectar plants, varieties of milkweed, thistle, provide water holes in the soil, and warm flat rocks for morning sunbathing, so that this extraordinary insect can warm up and enjoy a warm sunny day.

Debbi Wilson

# Reports



## What Are People Doing?

*Jonathan Shipley / July 12, 2019*

### Town Crier Blog - from Town Hall Seattle

Every week the Town Crier blog looks back at Seattle's near-forgotten Town Crier magazine to see what was happening then and talk about what's happening now. One of the largest sections of the original Town Crier was "What People Are Doing," highlighting things like, "Miss Catherine Poe has invitations out for a dinner dance for the younger set," and, "Chopin's 'Military Polonaise' was played on the piano by Gladys Bezeau on Sunday afternoon." In this series we're revisiting the old column and tying it to our community's current happenings, asking: "what are people doing?"

There was a small mention by *Town Crier* writers in the July 12, 1929 edition of the Seattle Garden Club.

"The Seattle Garden Club visited the gardens in The Highlands on Tuesday afternoon," it noted. Among those in attendance was Mrs. C.D. Stimson, Mrs. Archibald Stewart Downey, Mrs. Scott Bullitt, Mrs. William E. Boeing, Mrs. John H. Ballinger, Mrs. D.E. Frederick, Mrs. M.A. Arnold, and Mrs. Thomas Stimson. The afternoon was brought to a close with a "delightful tea" at the home of Mrs. Ballinger.

What's also delightful besides tea? The Seattle Garden Club continues to bloom to this day. The Seattle Garden Club was founded in 1917 by a group of women who shared a love of gardening. SGC became affiliated with The Garden Club of America in 1923, and continues to be so. SGC encourages interest in horticulture, conservation, floral design, and photography.

"August rushes by like desert rainfall,  
A flood of frenzied upheaval,  
Expected,  
But still catching me unprepared.  
Like a match flame  
Bursting on the scene,  
Heat and haze of crimson sunsets.  
Like a dream  
Of moon and dark barely recalled,  
A moment,  
Shadows caught in a blink.  
Like a quick kiss;  
One wishes for more  
But it suddenly turns to leave,  
Dragging summer away."

Elizabeth Maua Taylor



*Iris Wagner, Carlyn Steiner, Charlee Reed, Sis Woodside, Mary Heinz and Carol Eland*



# Reports



## Scholarships

The Garden Club of America offers 28 merit-based scholarships and fellowships in 12 areas related to conservation, ecology, horticulture and pollinator research.

Gauri Kamhatla  
2018 Summer Environmental Studies

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Jordan Simms  
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Nicole Argueta  
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Jason W. Liu  
2018 Summer Scholarship Field Botany

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## GCA Scholarship News

Five new GCA Scholarship fliers are available for the 2019-2020 school year. The fliers show diversity among scholarship recipients in a variety of ecosystems.

The scholarship committee distributes the fliers to colleges and universities via email and/or mail. If you know of a garden center, community garden or an organization that reaches students in areas related to conservation, ecology and horticulture, please let the scholarship committee know and they will distribute the fliers. You are also welcome to personally distribute the fliers. The fliers are available online at <http://gcaamerica.org/scholarships>.

Thank you for your interest and support of GCA Scholarships.

Submitted by: Eve Rickenbaker



# GCA Tales and Tidbits!

## *Venturing to England as Horticultural Ambassadors Returning with Renewed Conservation Intent.*

True to its purpose, The Garden Club of America continually seeks to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening. In this spirit of horticultural thirst, it has created many opportunities for learning about diverse gardening practices and flora near and far.

Assisted by The English-Speaking Union, The National Gardens Scheme, and the Royal Horticultural Society, one such journey unfolded in 1965 when 120 GCA club members crossed "the pond" to tour gardens in England.

This intercontinental exchange, which combined themes of horticulture and history, lasted three weeks allowing for venue and garden tours "from Chelsea to Kew." The GCA attendees marked each event by presenting copies of the GCA's celebratory history, *Fifty Blooming Years*, to everyone they met.

The GCA president at the time, Mrs. Erastus Corning II, described the visit as "no ordinary trip, as all of the tours were escorted by horticultural experts of international fame." The sentiment was echoed by many who declared this interchange the perfect opportunity to learn from Great Britain's most noted horticultural authorities. Every day provided more "advancement of education" and everyone returned home with handbooks "bulging in rich horticultural notes" that would be shared across the United States.

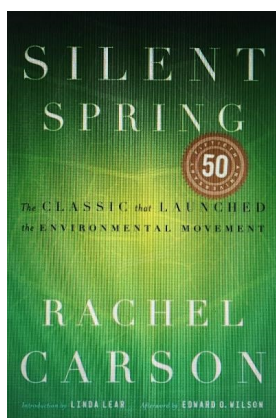


During the trip's farewell dinner in London, Mrs. Corning concluded her remarks with an unexpected discovery made on the trip, "... but one aspect has struck us all and this we shall bring back with us—the total absence of billboards. Nowhere have we seen these hideous atrocities, which we have permitted to despoil our own country. Strengthened by this knowledge, we must return with our minds firmly made up to abolish them. It should be the solemn vow of everyone privileged to have taken this trip to get to work immediately on this greatest of all lessons learned here." [Since 1914 the GCA](#) has been working to protect the natural landscape addressing the visual, safety, and environmental hazards of billboards.

*Photo Caption: "Mrs. Erastus Corning II (GCA President 1962 -1965) is welcomed to Savill Gardens by Sir Eric Savill in 1965.*

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## The GCA Library Committee Introduces a Book Group!



The Library Committee is pleased to announce that it's starting a book group with Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* as the inaugural book.

The choice of *Silent Spring* was inspired by two recent events. On May 16th GCA was awarded the Rachel Carson Women in Conservation Award by the National Audubon Society. And on May 30th the Library Committee visited the rare book collection at Yale's Beinecke Library and viewed several early drafts of *Silent Spring* including the original handwritten first draft.

GCA members are invited to read (or re-read) *Silent Spring* over the summer and then meet at GCA Headquarters in the fall (date TBD) for a discussion.