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As November approaches, we remember our first Hort meeting and our first Provisional talk took place on October 7. **Betsy Larson** focused on Color and Design and gave a wonderful talk about the Blue Garden in Newport, RI. In addition, Hort Chair, **Susan Potts** presented a slideshow with picture from the 2019 Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference at the Denver Botanic Garden. Thank you to all the members who brought treasures from your garden for Hort Share.

Please do bring a specimen (in a vase) to share from your garden to our next Hort meeting on **November 4** when **Stacey Campbell** will be giving her Provisional talk *The Brightest Season.* When we share plants from our gardens

it expands our collective knowledge and provides inspiration for our own gardens.

On October 17th, we enjoyed a fabulous talk about trilliums from **Susie Egan** at Graham Visitors Center. **Ana Hergert** and **Hotie Hard** organized a Fragrance Garden Cleanup after Susie's lecture. Thank you to all our members who volunteered in the Fragrance Garden.

Our next general meeting, **November 21**, will feature Nick Bond, who will speak to us about the future of Wild Salmon in the PNW, guests welcome.

November 14, GCA President **Debbie Edwards** will be visiting Seattle. Pam Green, Iris Wagner, and I are planning opportunities for Seattle Garden Club members to meet Debbie. Look for your invitation in the mailbox soon!

We're counting down to our Holiday luncheon and auction **December 5th**. Have you considered a creative experience or special item to donate? This annual event allows us to generously give to community projects throughout the region. It's a perfect occasion to bring guests and potential new members.

Diana Ackerley, Seattle Garden Club President

Megan Smith, Chair of
the East Montlake Park



Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey



Events

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

Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar November 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10:00AM - 5:00PM Community Projects Proposals DUE via SGC website	2
3	4 8:30AM - 9:30AM Provisional Meeting in the Isaacson room at the Center for Urban Horticulture 9:15AM - 11:30AM SGC Hort Meeting & Hort Share 10AM - 11:30AM Stacey Campbell will be presenting her Provisional talk on "The Brightest Season" 11:30AM Conservation Committee Mtg	5 10:30AM - 12:30PM Ways and Means Meeting	6 1:30PM - 3PM Policy and Planning Committee Mtg	7 10AM - 11:30AM SGC Board meeting @ Sunset Club 12:00PM - 2:00PM CP Grant Review Committee Meeting "Working Lunch" @ Seattle Tennis Club - Bistro Room	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 10:30AM - 12:30PM Ways and Means Meeting	20	21 9:30AM - 12PM SGC General Mtg @ CUH -UW Prof and WA State Climatologist, Nick Bond, on the future of Wild Salmon in the PNW	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

General Meeting

November 21, 2019, CUH/UWBG

9:30am Social, 10:00am Program

Guests Welcome

Nick Bond, Washington State climatologist – "Are Salmon Doomed? Hatching a Plan to save a northwest icon"

Professor Bond is a research scientist at the UW focusing on the weather, climate in the PNW and the linkage between climate and marine ecosystems on the North Pacific. He is proud to be a weather geek!



Events

The Seattle Garden Club Holiday Luncheon & Auction

December 5th, 2019, Sunset Club

10:30am Auction & Social - 12:00pm Luncheon

Invite your friends (consider bringing a prospective member)! Valet Parking
Available - Carpooling Encouraged

Our Auction is fast approaching! This is our main fundraiser!

Sample of some experiences we have so far:

Dinner for 10 catered by Herban Feast, the fabulous Raclette Party for 22, a guided birding trip, a cooking class hosted by member Kay Baxter.

Please consider how you might contribute::

- Get together with other SCG members and create a fun, fabulous event, themed party, or interesting excursion
- Procure gift certificates from your favorite store, restaurant, or venue
- Donate homemade goodies, festive items, unique plants, use of a vacation home, or a special something other members would just love.

[The 2019 Donation Form](#) on the website and available at all SGC meetings.

You can make an Angel donation!

Make check payable to Seattle Garden Club and mail to
Dabney Rohrbach, 3237 E. Morley WA, Seattle, WA 98112

You may also use *Greater Giving* to fill out your procurement forms using the following link [Greater Giving](#).

Luncheon Reservations should be made by Nov 27th. For guests and members not subscribing to Meeting Arrangements, the cost is \$50. Please RSVP to Wade Garretson, 10922 Bill Point Court NE, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110-2176.

Drop off your auction items and forms at the following locations: Catherine Mueller, 434 35th Ave., Seattle 98122, Sue Brickman, 2024 Parkside Drive E., Seattle 98112, any SGC General or Hort meeting, or, call a committee member for pick up.

Please contact us with any questions or ideas.

Sue Brickman Susanbrickman@msn.com 206 293 0464

Catherine Mueller cathmueller@gmail.com 206.679.0902

Reports

Hunting for Southwest Botanical Treasures by Megan Smith

My dear husband and I just arrived home from the most glorious southwest trip ever! We hit the road in our Mercedes camper van, he drove while I searched for botanical treasures along the roadside, with our destination being Southern Utah. The National Parks and Monuments beckoned – including Zion, Bryce Canyon, Arches, Staircase-Escalante and Capitol Reef.

While I was prepared to tell people that the desert in Fall is “meh,” boy was I wrong! While peering out the window I consistently saw the roadsides adorned with a feathery, linear leafed yellow flowering bush called gray rabbitbrush or *Ericameria nauseosa*. I recognized that plant from a prior visit along with numerous *Juniperus utahensis* with their clusters of glaucous blueberry like cones and *Pinus monophylla* or pinyon pines. Since I was able to spew out the names of these plants, my husband thought I was a horticultural maven. I knew if I just shuffled these three plant names around while peering out the window, he’d continue to think I was a genius as these three plants were quite bountiful. But then, out of nowhere, sitting on the roadside and



*Juniperus
utahensis*



Datura wrightii
or
sacred datura

looking exceeding tropical in the hot desert sun was the *Datura wrightii* or sacred datura. This toxic, silver foliaged perennial with fragrant 8-inch trumpet flowers rocked, shocked and had me doing a double take. Fortunately, my blood pressure was tempered when I later caught a glimpse of the cascading *Adiantum capillus-veneris* or maidenhair fern cavorting with the brash red flowering *Lobelia cardinalis* or cardinal flower near a Zion waterfall. There were more desert perennials than I ever imagined; bright yellow cupped *Oenothera pallida* (common evening primrose), lavender western asters, sunflowers and of course the bracted vibrant fire red and orange *Castilleja scabrifolia* (Indian paintbrush). Little did I know that there were 200

species of this plant and that it was hemiparasitic. No wonder it was never alone!

Every new plant I saw, I had to ID... it was my mission! I felt as if I was in a jewelry shop where all the precious gems were for free and all I had to do was name them and they were mine! Taking the time to identify the plants from faraway places not only expands one’s horticultural knowledge, but it can make you feel comfortable wherever you are. One gets a warm and fuzzy feeling with familiarity, like that old song you hear on the radio or that favorite cushy armchair. As you are able to recognize plants while traveling, you’ll start to notice cool connections in the plant world. Connections between differing native plants and their companions, connections between plants of the same planting zone but different hemispheres, connections between dry area plants and abundant rainfall area plants. I experienced this when I traveled to Greece last year and witnessed the same juniper and pine pairing that I just saw in Utah. I encourage everyone to do this when they travel. Let plant life engulf you as you make the connections. And your spouse might think you’re a genius!



*Lobelia
cardinalis*

Photography Report

Thursday, November 21: The SGC’s annual Summer Photo Display was postponed to the November General Meeting. So here’s your chance to brighten an autumn day with your best summer memory. **All SGC members are encouraged to participate!!** Bring your favorite summer photo to share. Photos should be printed on 8.5 x 11 paper and should not be matted.

Jolie Roze, Photography Chair

Reports

Hort Report

A full house greeted **Betsy Larson** for the first hort meeting of the year, all of whom were eager to hear her provisional talk titled 'The Masque of the Blue Garden'. As with all Provisionals, Betsy did a wonderful job describing the history of the Blue Garden, how and why it had fallen into disarray and disrepair, and then how it was beautifully brought back to life. She was lucky enough to visit the garden in Newport, RI last month and graciously bought several books on the garden for members to borrow for more information.

Many members brought flowers from their garden for hort share, thanks so much to all of you. Especially **Shelley Rolfe**, who brought a bouquet complete with the Latin names of all the flowers in the bouquet (and there were a lot of flowers!).

Thanks to everyone who brought treats - **Carlyn Steiner, Hope Stroble, Betsy Larson, Marnie Roozen, Ann Blume and Cindy Bostwick**. **Ana Hergert** brought a wonderful flower arrangement.



Remember to take a photo of something in your garden you love and post it to the website. (Or, Kim Bishop will do it for you.) **Vicki Reed** gets the gold star for being the first one to post - a photo of her pumpkin plant climbing up her bushes. You can find it on the web.



Our next Hort meeting is **November 4th** and the provisional talk will be presented by **Stacy Campbell**. Her talk is titled "The Brightest Season". Social begins at 9:15, her presentation at 10. Roxanne will start back up with her Latin lesson so we definitely have a packed agenda for the meeting - you won't want to miss it!

Roxanne Wiley & Susan Potts, Co-chairs, Hort

Conservation Committee

We had a very good meeting on September 30, attended by Cindy Bostwick, Laurie Riley, Shelley Rolfe, Sis Woodside and myself. We came up with two site visits and an auction item. Of the three, I can report an exciting site visit that we have been offered by the Port of Seattle Commissioner, George Blomberg. After several persuasive conversations with his team, he has been given permission to offer us, free of charge, a boat that will accommodate 49 passengers for a tour on the Duwamish. He will accompany us, and give us the history and the actual progress they have made so far. Since they want the boat to be full, we can also invite friends who are not members, but we will have a sign-up deadline, so unfilled seats will be available for the Port to invite others. We plan to do this in April, 2020, and will give you the precise date as soon as we work out details. We still have details to work out on the auction item and the second site visit, so I will send that information as soon as I have it.

I am also happy to announce that Diana Ackerley has asked Ann McCutchan to accompany me as a representative at the February GCA NAL meeting in Washington DC. Ann McCutchan and Ann Blume will also be co-chairing the Wagner Lecture.

We will continue to make 3-minute conservation tips each month. It was suggested that those would be best made at the General Meetings, and I will ask my committee to sign up for them starting in January. Laurie will be giving the November tip.

Our next meeting will be in the Isaacson Boardroom, Monday, November 4, 11:45am - 1:30pm

Respectfully, Beverly Martin

Reports

Membership - *Deadline Soon Approaching*

DECEMBER 15th is the deadline for submitting your membership proposals to the Membership Committee. Do you realize that this deadline is only **62** days away? Our club is only as strong as the individual members and we want to keep it a viable organization. We are a unique club - our members are a close knit group of women with a common purpose of stimulating the knowledge and love of gardening. We focus on horticulture, floral design, photography and conservation offering to our members education in these disciplines. We are mindful of the challenges facing our planet and educate ourselves and others to protect the quality of the environment, and we encourage and assist in civic improvements and beautification.

The most remarkable attribute of the Seattle Garden Club is the fun our members have while enjoying our activities. We are unique, no doubt about it! Look around you and think of proposing a friend who would enjoy the opportunity of joining the SGC. The committee is happy to help you with any questions you might have about the proposal process.

Please remember to keep the application confidential.

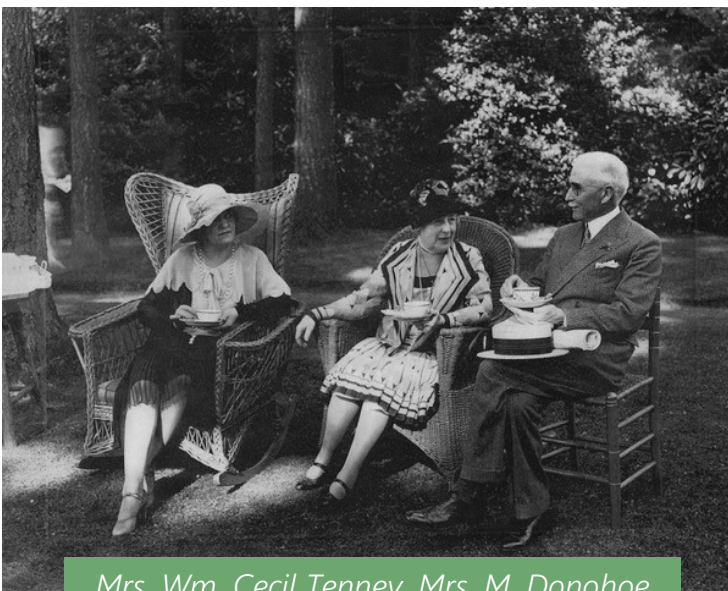
When all the cows were sleeping
And the sun had gone to bed
Up jumped the scarecrow
And this is what he said!

I'm a dingle, dangle scarecrow
With a floppy floppy hat
I can shake my stem like this
And shake my vine like that



Now and Them, Dunn Gardens

Dunn Gardens wanted to update the photo of Arthur Dunn having tea on The Great Lawn with two members of The Seattle Garden Club. Recently, they had wicker chairs exactly like the ones in the photo donated to the Gardens and wanted to create a now and then comparison. Pat Dunn sat in for Arthur Dunn. Gayle Harris (who was on Dunn Garden board for nine years) & Diana Ackerley sat in for the other Garden Club members.



*Mrs. Wm. Cecil Tenney, Mrs. M. Donohoe
and Mr. Arthur G. Dunn*



Gayle Harris, Diana Ackerley and Pat Dunn

Reports

A Famous Ancient and Survival, provided by Debbi Wilson

Otzi, the Iceman, was crossing a valley in the high South Tyrol near what is now the Italian – Austrian border where he was murdered. Our good fortune today, is that his body fell into a recessed glacier which preserved it naturally in the ice until it was discovered in 1998. Carbon dating and DNA analysis revealed that Otzi lived approximately 5300 years ago. The well preserved Otzi remains can be observed in a special chamber in the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology in Bolzano, Italy.

Otzi lived during the Copper or Late Neolithic Age. Copper was the first metal element used in tool making and weaponry. With his physical remains, investigators found Otzi's stone tools and a copper axe, the oldest copper tool ever found. Its shaft was made of *Taxus baccata* (yew) and fixed with birch tar (*Betula pendula*). The discovery of that axe was significant because it extended back the known Copper Age an additional 800 years.

Other artifacts found with Otzi were containers of birch bark, stitched with (*Tilia cordata*) lime bast (the strong flexible inner bark fibres of the phloem layer). Inside the containers were Norway maple leaves (*Acer planatoides*) which he likely used to wrap charcoal for fire making.

Otzi also carried a retoucher which he used to "re touch" or shape the flint tools. It was made with rolled up bark, stripped from a branch of the Tilia tree (lime). This tool was 6" long, and sharpened like a pencil with an antler hammered into it's end. This tool was unknown before Otzi.

His dagger had a flint blade and an ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) handle. The sheath was created from the lime tree bast. The quiver of deer hide, had a hazel (Corylus) rod support; the arrow shafts were hewed from the Wayfaring tree (*Viburnum lantana*) and Cornelian cherry (*Cornus mas*). The well designed bow was carved from yew (*Taxus baccata*).



The birch polypore (*Piptoporus betulinus*) was also used as tinder, which could be transported by igniting it with a weak spark, allowing it to smolder until the next campsite could be found.

The birch polypore fungus is a common bracket, or razor strop fungus. Noted for is 3-15 inch white cap that turns grey with age, and fine white underside pores, it grows from one

lateral attachment on damaged or dead birch trees. Its season is August through November.

Otzi's stomach contents revealed that he was infected with parasites, and likely carried a fungus/ birch polypore (*Piptoporus betulinus*) in a woven leather thong around his neck. Ancients used it to clear parasitic worms from the stomach and digestive system and as an antiseptic.

Recent studies have shown that *betulinus* has concentration of betulinic acid, taken from the host tree (*Betula pendulata*). It is effective in killing cancer cells, is used as antiseptic, anti inflammatory and for its stiptic quality to help stop bleeding.

The Otzi discoveries have greatly expanded our knowledge of how our earliest ancestors survived the elements. Otzi used a copper bladed axe which was the first of its kind, a retoucher, an early antiseptic and purgative made from a mushroom spore, and trees in order to survive the hostile and rugged mountainous environment. Although he was about 40 years old when he died, DNA tracking has traced his father's lineage to current day Sardinians.



GCA Tales and Tidbits!

Shop on the GCA website!



GCA Pollinator Hand Towel, Pillow and Tray. The design is by watercolor artist Angela Overy. All 12 GCA zones are featured around the border of this design which includes native plants and their pollinators from around the country.



This beautiful set of dessert plates features images reproduced from The Garden Club of America's Rare Book Collection.

There are four plates in each boxed set, each measuring 7.5" in diameter.



The Annual Meeting 2020 scarves feature hand-painted state flowers and the mountains, rolling hills and bluegrass of Zone VII: Kentucky — Goldenrod *Solidago gigantea*, North Carolina and Virginia — American Dogwood *Cornus florida*, West Virginia — American Rhododendron *Rhododendron maximum*.

NEWS: TIPS TO KEEP YOUR GREENERY ALIVE



Live wreaths, swags and trees are amazing holiday decorations, brightening your home with their lush evergreen color and crisp aromas. But how in the world can you keep them fresh?

- **Buy Fresh** - The fresher your greenery is when you buy it, the longer it will last.
- **Soak** - Submerge your greenery in a tub of clean cool water for at least 24 hours.
- **Mist** - Add a little moisture every other day.
- **Spray** - Treat front and back with anti-transpirant Spray. Try Wilt-Pruf or Crowning Glory.
- **Keep Cool** - Turn down your heat, use LED lights, and avoid fireplaces.

Now kick off your shoes and ENJOY!

Merry Christmas from The Floral Design Committee.