



# The Seattle Garden Club

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It is SGC Holiday Auction & Luncheon time! I hope you are all planning to attend and support our Holiday Auction and Luncheon on December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Sunset Club, just one week after Thanksgiving. **Catherine Mueller** and **Sue Brickman** have been working hard to put together this lovely annual event for our club. Please go out of your way to extend your appreciation to Catherine and Sue, leading the Ways and Means committee; **Wade Garretson**, head of Meeting Arrangements; **Kim Bishop**, our Tech Committee expert; **Patsy Pattison** and **Dabney Rohrbach**, who along with others dedicate many hours to our Holiday auction.

Do remember that proceeds from the Holiday luncheon and auction allow us to generously give to community projects throughout the region. It's a perfect occasion to bring guests and potential new members. Have you invited your guests and RSVP'd for this event?

If not, please do so <https://seattlegardenclub.ejoinme.org/>

[MyEvents/2019SeattleGardenClubHolidayLuncheonAuction/tabid/1098617/Default.aspx](https://seattlegardenclub.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2019SeattleGardenClubHolidayLuncheonAuction/tabid/1098617/Default.aspx).

On **November 14**, GCA President **Debbie Edwards** came to visit Seattle with GCA representatives Annette Serrurier, Kay Klunder, and Hilary Salatich. They toured Chihuly Glass & Garden and our Centennial Garden in the Arboretum. **Iris Wagner** and I hosted a lunch at Broadmoor Golf Club where Debbie and Hilary were able to speak to many members of our club about our opportunities

with GCA (annual conferences, annual meeting, visiting gardens, on the road with GCA, etc.) and the GCA Second Century Campaign. (<https://www.gcamerica.org/members:contribute#tSecondCentury>). Thank you to **Jill Crutcher** and **Peggy-Paige Most** who created the wonderful centerpieces for this event!



*Diana Ackerley, Annette Serrurier, Kay Klunder, Debbie Edwards, Hilary Salatich, Iris Wagner, and Pam Green*

In the evening, **Pam Green** hosted a cocktail party where club members were able to talk to Debbie, Hilary, Annette, and Kay and learn about the GCA. Everyone in the club was invited to one of these events and we had a wonderful turnout! Pam and Iris did a wonderful job planning this GCA visit to Seattle.

With Thanksgiving upon us, I am thankful for our members who invest the time and energy to our Seattle Garden Club. I am grateful for our members who support our auction and are dedicated to improving our community. We could not accomplish these efforts without everyone's participation.

I send my warmest wishes to each member for a joyous holiday season ahead!

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 December 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 10:30AM - 12:30PM <a href="#">Wreath Making event</a>	4 10:00AM - 3:00PM <a href="#">Auction Set up</a> 1:30PM - 3PM <a href="#">Policy and Planning Committee Mtg</a>	5 8:30AM <a href="#">Auction Set Up</a> 10:30AM - 1:30PM <a href="#">SGC Holiday Auction &amp; Luncheon</a>	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 <a href="#">Shipping Tool is missing</a>	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## Save the Date!

The Pam Green Lecture will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the beautiful Burke Museum.

Our featured speaker will be Dr. Ari Novy, President and CEO of the San Diego Botanic Garden. Dr. Novy is a renowned plant biologist who has held appointments at the Smithsonian, National Museum of Natural History and the University of CA, San Diego. In addition, he has served on many advisory boards including the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization and the Scientific Advisory Panel of Botanic Garden Conservation International. He is a wonderful speaker and we look forward to welcoming him to Seattle.



*Iris Wagner at Chihuly Glass  
& Garden*



*The Fragrance Garden crew tidying up for  
the winter. Keep an eye out for the white  
hyacinths in the spring!*

# Events

## The Seattle Garden Club Holiday Luncheon & Auction

Dec 5th

is fast approaching!

10:30 a.m. social and auction

Noon Luncheon

please RSVP no later than November 27<sup>th</sup>

[CLICK HERE for RSVP and Angel Donations](#)

Check your calendars now and get ready to bid on these fabulous experiences!



**Escape to Hawaii** for 7 nights in a cozy 4-bedroom house located in the new development, **Kohanaiki** – with your own pool it sits on the 9<sup>th</sup> tee of this ocean front golf course.

**February 13** - Tour Microsoft's Art Collection followed by a casual lunch at Marianne Mowat's provided by Barb Peterson and Debby Smith.

**February 27** – Sip and Knit. Needles, yarn, patterns, cocktails & supplies provided. Beginners and beyond!

**April 1** – Tour the Georgia O'Keefe exhibit and American Galleries with a SAM curator.

**April 21** – Trilliums, tea and tour at Susie Eagen's Cottage Lake Gardens.

**March 30 thru April 1** – Shake the winter blues in a Palm Desert/Palm Springs getaway.

**April 29** – B4, N31, G56 – BINGO! Come play bingo for a fun and lively time with heavy appetizers, drinks and prizes.

**May 1** – All day birding adventure with John Klicka from the Burke Museum. Lunch included.

**May 7** – 'Seeing Color in the Garden' watercolor class taught by Lorene Edwards Forkner at Norcliffe with cheese and wine.

**May 16** – Herban Feast Dinner, chef BJ Duft (previously of Herb Farm) prepares a family-style dinner featuring seasonal herbs and ingredients from the Farmer's Market. Cocktails and wine included.

**May 19** - Lunch and tour of the incomparable Heronswood botanical gardens with Dan Hinkley.

**June 2** – 'Day at the Farm' tour of UW's working farm and operations with an outdoor make your own pizza lunch.

**June 15** – Washington Park plant walk and lunch with Steve Lorton.

**Sept 11** – Raclette Party in Madison Park. Don't miss this fun and interactive dinner party!

**Sept 21-23** – San Juan Adventure. Hike at American Camp and Mt. Young, visiting Ken Balcom at the Center for Whale Research, swing thru Aurora Farms. Come join the adventure!

**Sept 24** – Taste and learn about wine with Alan Shoup. Appetizers and Wine served.

**Oct 21st** – Bloedel color explosion tour. See the amazing fall colors on a tour at Bloedel. Lunch served.

Please contact us with any questions: Catherine Mueller [cathmueller@gmail.com](mailto:cathmueller@gmail.com) 206 679 0902

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## Reports

### GCA Judging Program Participants Attend Portland Workshop

Most of the SGC members in the GCA Judging Program participated in a workshop last month in Portland, Oregon, organized and hosted by the Portland Garden Club. Program participants are required to attend an approved one-day judging workshop with 5 hours of judging training in each applicable discipline each year or a two-day workshop with 10 hours of judging training in each applicable discipline every 2 years. Those in more than one discipline, must comply with this requirement for each discipline. Zone XII (of which we are a part) historically organizes the 10-hour training every other year.

What do you do if you can't make it to the required workshop? Those in the program unable to attend their session in Portland are required to seek out and may attend other workshops scheduled throughout the United States to meet their obligations. As is the case with most, if not all, GCA clubs, SGC does not have any financial role in supporting attendance. All expenses are the responsibility of the participant, and are tax deductible.

Besides the great opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of our counterparts across our zone and the U.S. and the required format for education purposes, it is not unusual for the workshop to also include optional exciting field trips or specialized speakers for specific disciplines. This year's workshop included several special presentations:

*Demystifying Bonsai* by Lee Cheadle, <https://pnbca.com/project/lee-cheadle> - Executive Chef of the Benson Hotel where the workshop took place, and Past President and Mentorship Chairman of the Bonsai Society of Portland;

**Larry Stanley**, owner of Stanley and Sons Nursery [www.stanleyandsons.com](http://www.stanleyandsons.com) who has been collecting dwarf and miniature **conifers** for over 30 years and is well known in the industry for his plant knowledge; Deb Stoner

[www.debstoner.com/garden-studies](http://www.debstoner.com/garden-studies) a powerhouse in the art of making photographs using a flatbed scanner (one of her creations is pictured here); and Nancy D'Oench -

author of *The Fine Art of Flower Arranging*, and co-author of two other GCA book publications, [www.amazon.com/s?k=nancy+D%27oench&i=stripbooks&ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss](http://www.amazon.com/s?k=nancy+D%27oench&i=stripbooks&ref=nb_sb_noss).

Feel free to contact any of our Judging Program participants for more information, listed on page 44 of our Yearbook.



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### Photography Committee: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Photo Critique

It's time again for the SGC's Annual Photo Critique! The deadline is January 6<sup>th</sup> to have your photo reviewed and critiqued by our Photography Judges. Participants will meet together in February (date TBD) to review their comments and share further discussion. The Photo Critique is always enlightening and every SGC member is welcome to participate. Bring your photo to Hort on Jan 6<sup>th</sup> or deliver it to Jolie Roze.

Questions? Contact Jolie at [jsroze@comcast.net](mailto:jsroze@comcast.net) Photography Chair

# Reports

## Hort Report

The November Horticulture Committee Meeting on November 4 was well attended and packed with information for all. In keeping with the overall theme of “color” for this year’s Provisional talks, we were treated to a colorful presentation by provisional Stacy Campbell, who outlined the scientific process behind why leaves turn such vibrant shades in the fall. We all left with new appreciation for what has to happen to get those fall colors to come out.

Drew Foster, arborist at the University of Washington Botanic Gardens, followed with a slide presentation on pruning woody plants, which prompted many questions. Drew indicated he was just skimming the surface of what could be said about pruning and so we are hoping to get him back for another lesson.

Wishing you all a wonderful Holiday Season.

Roxanne Wiley & Susan Potts, Co-chairs, Hort

## MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING !!

December 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to have membership proposals reach Charlee Reed.

### IMPORTANT UPDATE:

The board voted to revise the membership proposal form ([linked here](#)) to read as follows:

Personal References:

*Permission must be granted by any member whose name you use in this section.*

Please list the names of at least ~~six~~ **four** ACTIVE, SUSTAINING, or NON-RESIDENT members of SGC who personally know the candidate.

## Founders Fund Committee report

At our October 17<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, held in the Arboretum’s Graham Visitor Center, Fred Hoyt and Jane Stonecipher offered a brief update on plans for the Rhododendron Glen restoration project of which our intended Founders Fund project is a part. Committee members are scheduled to meet with Fred Hoyt on November 19<sup>th</sup> for a further update. SGC awarded the Arboretum a \$7,500 Community Projects planning grant earlier this year to develop a “shovel ready” design for the Lower Pond area adjacent to our Centennial Garden. The Arboretum is committed to producing drawings for pond restoration in time for us to submit a Founders Fund application to GCA next spring, May 2020.



Thus far, detailed environmental analysis and high level planning for the entire Glen watershed have been completed. The landscape architecture design team should be in place by the end of November. If all goes according to schedule, we anticipate having a preliminary design for members to review at our February Annual Meeting. We’ve been in something of a holding pattern but momentum will pick up considerably in the next couple months. It’s exciting to know we will soon see a tangible restoration plan for this prominent and beautiful site. We still need to develop key related elements to create a compelling application, notably engagement of children and diverse populations. Your ideas and participation are welcome!

Submitted by Eliza Davidson, Chair

# Reports

## A Gardener's Christmas (modified)

'Twas the night before Christmas,  
And all through the yard  
The branches were bare  
And the ground frozen hard;

The roses were dormant  
And mulched all around  
To protect them from damage  
If frost heaves the ground;

The perennials were nestled  
All snug in their beds,  
While visions of fertilizer  
Danced in their heads;

The newly planted shrubs  
Had been soaked by a hose  
To settle their roots  
For a long winter's doze;

And out on the lawn  
The new fallen snow  
Protected the roots  
Of the grasses below;

When, what to my wondering  
Eyes should appear,  
But a Prius full of gifts  
Of gardening gear;

St. Nick was the driver  
A jolly old elf,  
And he winked as he said,  
"I'm a gardener myself.

I've brought new seeds  
And light systems, too,  
Give them a try  
And see how they do.

To add to your joy,  
I've plenty of herbs  
And ornamental grasses  
For your hell strip curb.

For seed planting days,  
I've a trowel and dibble.  
And a roll of wire mesh,  
if the rabbits should nibble..

And last but not least,  
Some well-rotted manure.  
A green garden year-round,  
These gifts will ensure.

Then, jolly St. Nick  
Having emptied his load,  
Started his Prius  
And took on the road.

And I heard him exclaim  
Through the motor's quiet hum,  
"Merry Christmas to all,  
And to all a green thumb!"

*Provided by Barbie Snapp*

## Conservation Report

The Conservation committee has decided to give a very appropriate auction gift this year, two memberships to Ridwell, a recycling organization that endeavors to make use of everything they receive, as much as is possible. They have four categories that they pick up every two weeks; 1. Plastic film, bags and packaging, 2. Clothes, shoes, and textiles, 3. Household batteries, and 4. Household lightbulbs. Each time there is a pick-up they add one other category, which could be latex paint, styrofoam, car seats, kitchen ware, etc. They let you know

in advance what the fifth category will be, and they also provide containers for the things you will be giving them. You can go on line to read more about it.



We also have two site visits that we will lead, one in March and the other in April. The first one is a walk that will begin at CUH, siting the birds that are seen from the trail, and on to a tour of the original shell house, on to hear about the Montlake Park

garden we help maintain, and ending at the Graham Center. This is about a 4-mile walk, and we hope many of you will join us.

Our April site visit will be due to the generosity of the Port of Seattle, who are giving us a boat to tour the Duwamish, with Port Commissioner George Blumberg narrating the voyage, showing us the work already done, and the plans for further restoration. We will offer this to the Tacoma Garden Club as well, since we have 47 seats to fill. Also spouses and friends are invited. There will be a sign-up deadline, since the Port wants all the seats filled, and will add some of their people if we do not fill the boat. I will give you the sign-up date closer to the actual departure date. We will provide some food and drink for the journey.



As reported last month, **Ann McCutchen** and **Cindy Bostwick** will be going to the Washington, DC Garden Club of America NAL conference in late February. We will have a few meetings to fill them in on what is required. They will be terrific, and will be joining the two Tacoma delegates, whom they will enjoy getting to know.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Martin, SGC Conservation Chair

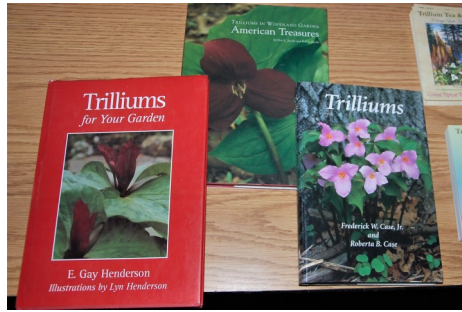


# Photos

## Susie Egan, Trilliums



*Diana Ackerley, Susie Egan  
and Delphine Stevens*



*Hope Stroble and  
Carlyn Steiner*



## Stacey Campbell, Brightest Season



*Diana Ackerley, Stacy Campbell  
and Kristie Ratzlaff*



*Edie Tenneson and  
Beverly Martin*





# GCA Tales and Tidbits!

## Chrysanthemums - a holiday decoration?!

These beautiful flowers will not only brighten your centerpieces, they can also help reduce the symptoms of worry and stress and when taken in tea can increase your metabolism and your body's ability to relax.

So this holiday season as you fret over the tree, the turkey, and the consumption of too many calories, why not add chrysanthemums to your holiday decor and menu. Brighten your mood and increase your energy level. Researchers tell us the chrysanthemum's impact can last for days and is more powerful than a bar of chocolate.

So here's wishing you a happy, stress-free holiday season.



## Honoring President Theodore Roosevelt's Contribution to Conservation and Outdoor Enthusiast

The conservation legacy of Theodore Roosevelt is found in the 230 million acres of public lands he helped establish during his presidency. Much of that land - 150 millions acres - was set aside as national forests. Roosevelt created the present-day USFS in 1905, an organization within the Department of Agriculture. The idea was to conserve forests for continued use. An adamant proponent of utilizing the country's resources, Roosevelt wanted to insure the sustainability of those resources.

Roosevelt was also the first president to create a Federal Bird Reserve, and he would establish 51 of these during his administration. These reserves would later become today's national wildlife refuges, managed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Today there is a national wildlife refuge in every state, and North Dakota boasts the most refuges of any state in the country. Excerpt from Roosevelt's speech in May of 1908 at the annual Conference of Governors:



*Congressman French Hill invited the GCA to the special ceremony celebrating President Roosevelt's contribution of conservation and stewardship of the United States with the planting of a white oak on the US Capital Grounds*

*"It is also vandalism wantonly to destroy or to permit the destruction of what is beautiful in nature, whether it be a cliff, a forest, or a species of mammal or bird. Here in the United States we turn our rivers and streams into sewers and dumping-grounds, we pollute the air, we destroy forests, and exterminate fishes, birds and mammals -- not to speak of vulgarizing charming landscapes with hideous advertisements. But at last it looks as if our people were awakening."*