



The Seattle Garden Club

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What a fabulous 2020 Business Meeting on February 20th at CUH! We need to recognize the hard work and President-Elect **Shelley Rolfe**, along with the Policy and Planning Committee. In addition, we need to thank **Wade Garretson** and **Kim Bishop** for all their work planning this meeting. **Lynn Mowe** presented our Community Projects for vote, **Eliza Davidson** gave a wonderful presentation on the Founders Fund (both projects up for vote this year and the project our club hopes to submit this year), **Dabney Rohrbach** gave the Treasurers report, Shelley led us through the bylaw changes that needed a vote. Thank you to all members who made time to attend this important meeting.

Our February 3rd Hort meeting was the perfect example of collaboration in our club. Our Hort Chairs **Susan Potts** and **Roxanne Wiley** learned about Kokedama at the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference in Denver last September. They introduced the idea to Floral Design Chair **Sue Ashmun** who researched Kokedama and put together an amazing program for our club with **Jill Crutcher** and **Debbie Smith**. When our Seattle Garden Club members work together and collaborate, our club benefits a great deal.

Working with people who have different perspectives or areas of expertise can result in better ideas and outcomes. Collaboration is important for the following reasons:

- It helps us problem-solve when members pool their knowledge, skills, and expertise, then talk problems out and debate potential solutions
- It helps people learn from each other - bringing different skill sets and backgrounds to the table
- It opens up new channels for communication as we find new ways to communicate and share information
- It boosts morale across our organization by building trust
- It lays the foundation for a more open, connected, and engaged group
- It makes us more efficient – when we divide a heavy workload, find creative solutions to tough problems, and wrap our heads around the big picture.

The value of collaboration highlights why committee work is important in our club.

Did you see the GCA eNews for February? President Debbie Edwards mentioned that in the wake of the Great Depression in 1930, GCA club members raised \$91,634.13, contributing to the purchase of a redwood grove in Humboldt County California now known as "The Garden Club of America Grove." In today's dollars, that would be a whopping \$1,411,165.60. We can certainly be proud of our GCA affiliation.

Diana Ackerley, Seattle Garden Club President

Events

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

Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar March 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 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 - 10:30AM Judy Rupert will be presenting her Provisional talk on "Color Me Pollinated" 10:30AM Hort Short: Richard Olmstead, Prof of Biology & Curator of the Herbarium at the Burke Museum 11:30AM - 12:30PM Hort Committee meeting	3	4 1:30PM - 3PM Policy and Planning Committee Mtg	5 10AM - 11:30AM SGC Board meeting @ the Sunset Club	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 10:00AM Auction - Bridge Luncheon	13	14
15	16	17 9:30AM - 11:00AM Finance Committee Meeting	18	19 9:30AM - 12PM SGC General Mtg @ CUH - From Garden to Vase: Growing Foliage and Flowers for Arrangements	20 9:30AM - 12PM Great walk and tour!	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 9AM Auction - Desert Get Away March 30 - April 1	31				

Joint Tacoma - Seattle Garden Club Meeting

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Social 10:15 am, Presentation 11:00 am, Lunch 12:00 pm

Location: Tacoma Golf and Country Club: 13204 Country Club Dr. SW, Lakewood, WA 98498.
Carpools suggested.

Speaker: Marty Wingate

Marty is a mystery writer who also lectures about gardens and travel. She is the author of *The Bodies in the Library* (Berkley), book one in the First Edition Library series set in Bath and concerning a collection of rare and collectible books from the Golden Age of Mystery. Book two, *Murder Is a Must*, will be released in October 2020. She also writes the Potting Shed and the Birds of a Feather mystery series and is branching out into historical fiction with *Glamour Girls* (Alcove, January 2021), set in England during the Second World War. She is the author of garden how-to books including *Landscaping for Privacy*. Marty is a member of several organizations including the Royal Horticultural Society, Sisters in Crime. She leads garden tours to European and North American destinations.

Presentation: Gardens and Gardeners Abroad

Sit back and enjoy this armchair tour of iconic landscapes of England, Scotland, and Ireland, such as Hidcote Manor, Kiftsgate, and Vita Sackville-West's Sissinghurst Castle, as well as the stunning designs and plant selections from private gardens. Along the way there will be stories—there are always stories—of the gardeners and designers, who worked to create what we see today. Interested in visiting a garden show? Hear about the Chelsea and the Hampton Court Palace shows—two of the most famous. Take away practical ideas for your own tour—where to go, when to travel, and how to find the gardens.

Cost: \$35 per person Click [LINK](#) to go to [Sign Up Genius](#) to reserve your seat. **RSVP deadline is April 6.** Please make your **check payable to the Tacoma Garden Club** and mail to Wade Garretson 10922 Bill Point Court, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110-2176. Questions call Wade Garretson at 206.271.8858 or email wadegarretson@comcast.net

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Please check your calendars!

We have availabilities in some fabulous auction experiences that you won't want to miss. See below.

- ♦ **SWISS RACLETTE PARTY - SEPT 11, 6:30 PM**

You know fondue, now experience raclette! Join the fun on September 11th at the home of Katie McReynolds. We have **4 spots available**. Cost is \$75. Contact is Cindy Bostwick.

- ♦ **"SEEING COLOR IN THE GARDEN", WATERCOLOR CLASS - MAY 7TH, 10:00 AM**

Join the SGC Provisional Class for mimosas and a walk through the glorious gardens of Norcliffe gathering inspiration for a two-hour watercolor class taught by Lorene Edwards Forkner. We have **1 spot available**. Cost is \$60. Contact is Barbara Peterson.

- ♦ **EXCLUSIVE "GEORGIA O'KEEFE", TOUR AT THE SEATTLE ART MUSEUM - APRIL 1ST, 9:00 AM**

Pastries, coffee and treats in the private Arnold Board room prior to the tour. **We have 1 spot available**. Cost \$60. Contact Cindy Bostwick

- ♦ **SAN JUAN ISLAND OVERNIGHT &, EXCURSION - SEPT 21 TO 23RD**

Join hostess Diana Ackerley at her lovely San Juan Island home. **We have 1 spot available**. Contact Diana Ackerley

- ♦ **DAY AT THE FARM & PIZZA, LUNCHEON - JUNE 2ND, 11:00 AM**

This will be a fun filled tour and lunch of a working farm and operations led by Fred Hoyt. **We have 14 spots available**. Cost \$50. Contact Candace Lancaster

2020 Northwest Horticultural Society Spring Symposium

March 21, 9 AM to 4 PM,

Gardening for the Future: Diversity and Ecology in the Urban Landscape



Waumpui Ippolito
*Immigrant Gardens &
Their Ecological Impact*



Eve Rickenbaker
*Uprooting the Garden's Past to
Understand Racism Today*

Registration: [NHS Symposium on March 21](#).

General Meeting March 19, 2020 at CUH

9:30am Social, 10:00am Program, 11:00 Notices

Guests Welcome

From Garden to Vase – Growing Foliage and Flowers for Arrangements

Is your entire garden a cutting garden? Lori Poliski is the owner and lead designer of Flori, a studio florist and organic cutting garden on a small farm in Woodinville. She will share her favorite plants to grow in your garden for use in floral arrangements; with a focus on three-season growing, native cultivars, and pollinator-friendly plants.

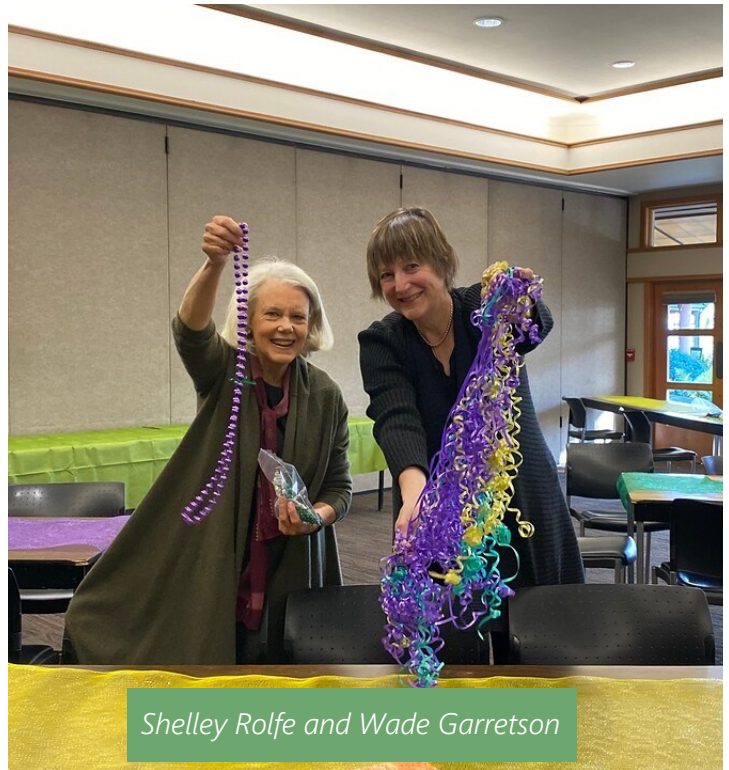
Lori will also discuss different types of vases and vessels, mechanics and conditioning tips for sustainable and eco-friendly floral design and will demonstrate how to make a lush and natural floral compote arrangement. Please bring your favorite stem from your garden to share at the meeting with a minimum stem length of 8 inches. Resources will be provided on sourcing local seeds, plants, hard goods (vases and mechanics) and favorite floral design and garden books/sites.



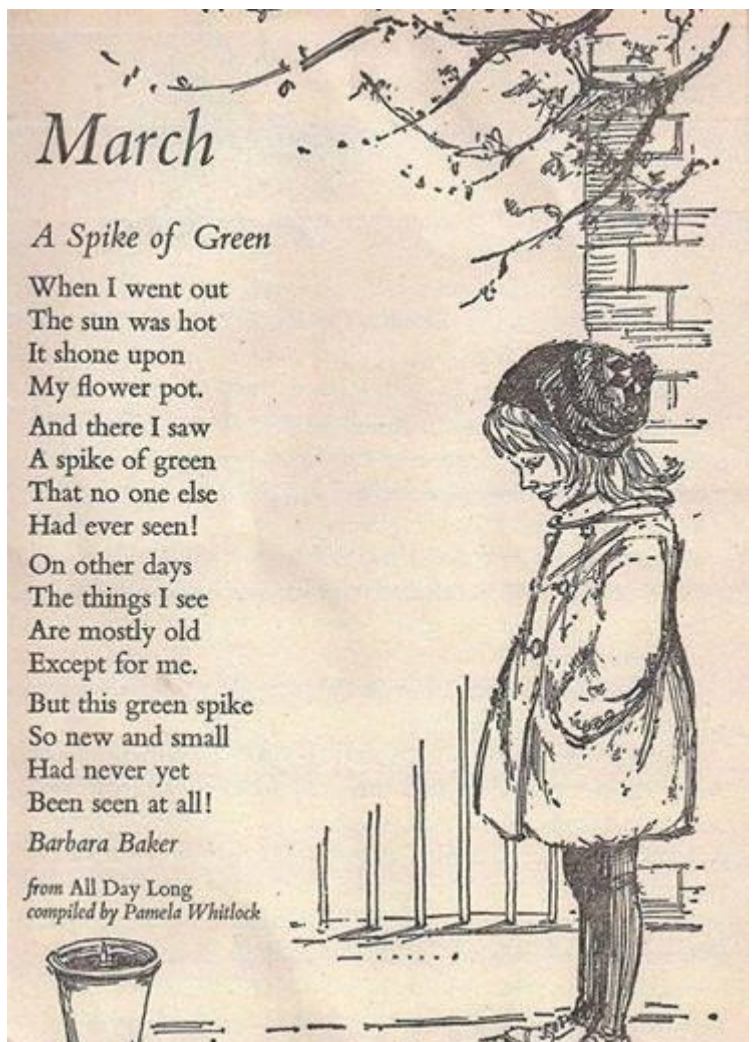
Business Meeting Photos



Sitting: Carol Henderson and Catherine Parker. Standing: Carolyn Whittlesey, Carolyn Kitchell & Candace Lancaster



Shelley Rolfe and Wade Garretson



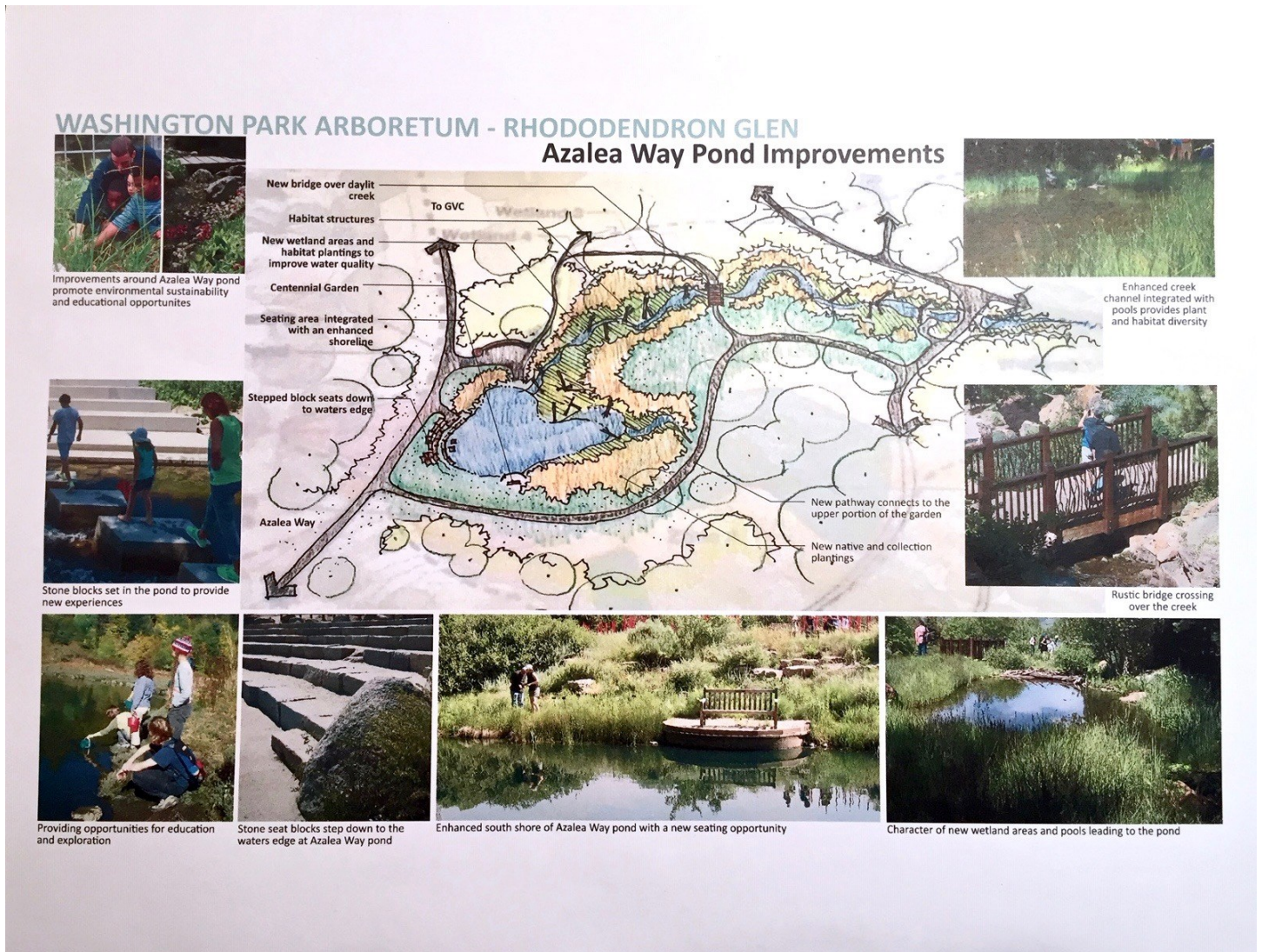
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Founders Fund

The time has finally come for SGC to submit a project proposal to GCA for a Founders Fund award! Our letter of intent is due May 1st, and the full project portfolio by October 1st. Our multi-talented Task Force hopes to pull together most of the required submittal materials before we disperse for summer. As most of you know, our identified project is restoration of the Azalea Way pond in the Arboretum, at the foot of Rhododendron Glen, just south of our Centennial Garden. The Arboretum Foundation and UW Botanical Gardens are our project partners. Task Force members met with both directors in early February for a first look at the Berger Partnership's conceptual design and a detailed conversation about our collaboration.

This meeting helped define our respective contributions to the application, milestones, project context, design considerations, community outreach and complementary funding. We came away excited (and relieved) to be working with such seasoned, proactive, responsive partners. In late March we will have the chance to review plans as they develop further, as well as budget estimates and information about the Arboretum's outreach programs, all crucial to our application. We welcome Club members' photographs and ideas for a compelling project name. Please feel free to contact Eliza or other Task Force members with any questions or suggestions you wish to share. TF members include: Diana Ackerly, Jenny Wyatt, Shelley Rolfe, Catherine Allan, Barbara Feasey, Lynn Mowe, Debby Smith and myself.

Eliza Davidson, Chair



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Conservation Report

As I have mentioned before, we have two site visits coming up. The first one, on March 20, will start with us gathering at CUH at 9:30 for a quick coffee and possible sweet roll before we march out toward the University of Washington rowing shell houses for a tour of both the iconic older one and the one called Conibear.

We'll do a little bird identification on the way, hopefully with Burnley Snyder along. Then we will move on to take a quick look at the Montlake Park that some of you have been helping tend from time to time. Sue Blethen will give a short history of how we got involved with Montlake, and Megan Smith will catch us up on what is being done at Montlake now. From there we will trudge on to the Centennial Garden, to take pride in our Club's major gift to the Arboretum. We anticipate this walk will take at least two hours. As we finish the walk, those who have time can have a no-host lunch either in Madison Park or in the U. Village, to be determined. We need our members to sign up for this on a new sign-up genius site that Kim, wonderful Kim, has set up, so we know how many to plan on, and how many cars at both ends of the trail. You may invite friends. If it is raining or particularly muddy, we will use sidewalks more than trails! Come, rain or shine! Here is the sign-up:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4cada92baa8-sgc_conservation Sign up each person coming separately unless the site specifies a number.

The second site visit, a boat ride on the Duwamish on May 12, is also an event where you must sign up. We are going to have a deadline, so that spaces not filled can be used by the Port Commission to invite their guests. The Port very generously donated the cost of the boat for us. We will have very light snacks and soft drinks. This will not be a lunch! We will start at Pier 66 **promptly** at 1:00 pm. The ride should last around two-plus hours. If you haven't signed up, please do now, since we will be closing sign-ups on April 22 and we would prefer that as many members as can will come. We will be on a covered boat run by Kitsap Harbor Tours, called the Admiral Pete. I suggest you bring a warm coat. Commissioner George Blumberg will be narrating the tour, showing us the progress with clean-up and all that they hope to accomplish in the future. You are welcome to invite your spouse and/or friends. We have also invited those members of the Tacoma Garden Club who might wish to come along. Here is the sign-up for this excursion:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4cada92baa8-may12th>

We will have one more committee meeting to determine who will pick up food for the Duwamish trip and to figure out the car arrangements for the March 20 walk. So that we won't interfere with the meeting already scheduled after the Hort meeting the first week of March, I would like to invite my committee, and anyone else Interested, including some of the Provisional members who have not attended a Conservation meeting, to come to my condo on March 9.

My address is 909 East Newton Street, Unit D8, Seattle, 98102. Newton is on the west side of 10th, and is half-way between St. Mark's Cathedral and Roanoke Street on Capitol Hill. 10:00 am.

Beverly Martin

Conservation Chair



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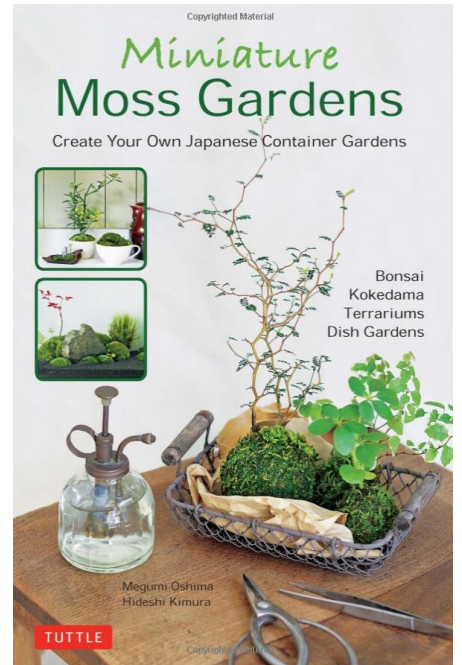
Hort Meeting, Floral Design

For our February Hort meeting, the Floral Design committee presided, with a fantastic demonstration of how to make Kokadama arrangements.

Jill Crutcher and **Debby Smith** spent a lot of time prepping for the meeting, making many different examples of Kokadama arrangements, to show us what is possible. They also provided a recipe for the proper soil to use and then both made a Kokadama arrangement at the meeting so we could all see how easy it is to make one.

The SGC members loved this presentation! There was so much enthusiasm for the concept and as Nancy Bain said, this type of flower arranging combines both Horticulture and Floral design, so is a winner on many levels.

This idea came to us via the GCA Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference where the idea was brought forth as something that had been well received at another Club. Thank you to Floral Design for putting together such an excellent program.



Jill Crutcher and Debby Smith



Provided by Vicki Reed



Jeannie Gravenkemper and grandson Roland



Judy Rupert, Iris Wagner and JoAnne Rosen

GCA by the Numbers 2018-2019

WHO WE ARE

201 member clubs in 40 states and the District of Columbia

17,500+ club members

83 honorary members

8 international courtesy clubs

THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

President: Dede Petri, Georgetown GC, Zone VI

First Vice President: Debbie Edwards, GC of New Haven, Zone II

Chief Operating Officer: Jennifer Barnette and 8 HQ staff

Executive Board: composed of 11 officers and 1 zone director

12 geographical zones and their 36 zone leaders

400+ club members serving at the national level

43 national and special committees providing resources for clubs

7 standing and supporting committees providing organizational support

\$4.5 MM operating revenue: composed of member dues, annualized investment income, registration fees, and contributions

\$36.6 MM investment portfolio: includes 30+ designated funds

WHAT WE DO

28 merit-based scholarships and fellowships
\$377,500 awarded to 73 scholars

13 Elizabeth Abernathy Hull Awards presented for inspirational environmental education of children; 144 national award winners since 1993

91 Founders Fund projects in communities across the country; \$50,000 awarded to 3 new projects in 2019

6 Restoration Initiative grants awarded to clubs for projects in communities devastated by natural disasters; \$60,000 expended for projects in the last 2 years



57 Partners for Plants projects conserving national, state, and local public lands throughout the US; 604+ projects since 1992

69 Freeman Medal awards recognizing underutilized North American native plants; 25 winners since 1995

Library with 3,300 books on topics relating to the GCA's purpose

Archives with extensive GCA histories and materials

4 annual national conferences:

- GCA Annual Meeting
- Conservation Study Conference
- National Affairs and Legislation Conference
- Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference

12 annual zone gatherings

25+ sponsored flower shows

900+ club, zone, and national awards/commendations presented

Educational workshops in floral design, horticulture, and photography

10 National Medals awarded

728 active participants in the judging program in floral design, horticulture, and photography

4,801 gardens documented to date for the Smithsonian Institution's Archives of American Gardens

Annual domestic and international Visiting Gardens trips

10 Position Papers on public policy issues: Clean Air; Clean Water; Climate Change Action; National Parks; National Public Lands; Native Plants; Oceans; Sustainable Agriculture, Seed Diversity, and Food Security; Transportation; and Waste Management

6 publications:

- Bulletin
- eNews
- By Design
- Focus
- ConWatch
- The Real Dirt