



The Seattle Garden Club

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What a year! I am GRATEFUL that the Seattle Garden Club is filled with so many committed and talented members. **Peggy-Paige Most** has been an amazing secretary recording our minutes. **Dabney Rohrbach** is always busy as our Treasurer managing bills, keeping reports current, funding grants, planning our budget for next year, and now collecting dues for next year! **Jill Crutcher** produced our Yearbook and wrote needed letters for us and kept us up to date with GCA! **Wade Garretson** planned a gorgeous September 2019 picnic on Bainbridge at Catherine Mueller's lovely home, the Holiday Luncheon was planned to perfection, and all the other meeting arrangements were handled beautifully. We have enjoyed incredible newsletters from **Caroline Goedhart**. **Susan Brickman** and **Catherine Mueller** knocked it out of the park with a successful Holiday Auction which is the way we fund all the garden projects we support in Seattle. **Lynn Mowe** successfully spearheaded Community Projects with her organization and enthusiasm. **Roxanne Wiley** and **Susan Potts** guided 2019-2020 provisional talks and put together a dynamic Hort program. **Catherine Allan** and her committee have provided us with new leadership next year! **Shelley Rolfe** diligently lead Policy and Planning. **Charlee Reed** has provided an incredible new class of Provisionals. **Sue Ashmun** guided Floral Design with so much talent. **Jolie Roze** lead our dynamic Photography group with enormous ability. **Bev Martin's** passion for conservation was inspiring. **Delphine Stevens** took charge of our programs and is organizing exciting speakers for next year! **Sandy Hanower** and **Marnie Roozen** educated our Provisionals and **Suzette de Turenne** guided the judges. Technology guru **Kim Bishop** continues to amaze us with her skills and amazing commitment to our club! **Mary Jo Bench** continues as the Historian and **Carolyn Echelbarger** our Garden History and Design Chair. The Fragrance Garden was ably led by **Hotie Hard** and **Ana Hergert**. Archives continued under **Christine Davis** and **Kim Bishop**. **Eliza Davidson** submitted our Founders Fund letter of intent to GCA on May 1 and will submit our proposal October 1. **Debbie Smith** took the helm of Visiting Gardens. The amazing **Megan Smith** continues to oversee East Montlake Park. **Barbara Feasey** is leading our new Flower Show Committee to help us plan ahead and improve communication between the different disciplines. **Ann Blume** and **Ann McCutcheon** are planning an exciting Wagner Lecture for 2021. **Marianne Mowat** and **Cindy Bostwick** planned a fabulous Green Lecture, we were so sorry to cancel this event (due to the corona virus pandemic) after all their hard work. **Burnley Snyder** will present 2020 Awards at our September Picnic. Please welcome **Shelley Rolfe** as your new President, and our new 2020-2021 Provisional Class!

I send best wishes for your good health and well-being as we continue to navigate the ever-evolving world with corona virus pandemic and the impact this has had on our society. We have learned to be flexible and will continue to find new ways to function as a group.

Thankfully, Diana Ackerley, Seattle Garden Club President

Events

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

Mark your calendars!

We are currently planning on having our fall picnic on September 17th at the Seattle Tennis Club.

Ways and Means

Please note the Holiday auction events that have been **cancelled**:

- Georgia O'Keefe, April 1
- Bingo Night, April 29
- Birding Adventure, May 1
- Heronswood, May 19
- Day at the Farm

The events that have been or will be **rescheduled**:

- Bridge luncheon, TBD
- Palm Desert trip, TBD
- Trillium Farm, April 20, 2021
- Watercolor Class, October 1, 2020
- Herban Feast, TBD

We hated to cancel any event. These were not easy decisions to make. Thanks for your patience and understanding.


Please contact Sue Brickman susanbrickman@msn.com and Catherine Mueller Cath-mueller@gmail.com if you have any questions.

GCA Annual Meeting Virtual Flower Show

Congratulations to Mary Turner for winning "Best in Show" in the GCA Annual Meeting Virtual Flower Show.! [HERE](#) is the link to see all entries.

Mary Turner
Seattle Garden Club
Zone XII

The rush of wild horses in the Camargue



1st

Best In Show

Judges Comments:
Ansel Adams would be proud of this stunning capture of magnificent animals.
Judges Citation for Best in Show:
A DARING MOMENT IN TIME BEAUTIFULLY EXECUTED

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Events

SGC'S VIRTUAL FLOWER SHOW: 2020 VISION AMIDST THE VIRUS

Join the fun! Share your visions with fellow SGC members!

Have you submitted a photo to our web site yet??? As a reminder, in lieu of the real thing, our virtual flower show, "2020 Vision Amidst the Virus," is now accepting photos on our web site in all disciplines. No judging - just sharing and exchanging our visions of our surroundings during this difficult time on subjects we all love.

- Take photos (any kind of camera or phone) of things that relate to any or all of our disciplines.
- **Photos will be accepted now, until 10am, June 4th**, the date originally scheduled for our Annual Luncheon.
- When you have a photo to submit, access the SGC website on whichever device holds the photo(s) you'd like to send (phone, ipad, laptop, desktop).
- Log in at www.seattlegardenclub.org and follow the "2020 Vision Amidst the Virus" link under Member or Events, or simply use this link www.seattlegardenclub.org/2020-vision-amidst-the-virus-entry-form/ to go directly to the form. If prompted, use this show password: 20Vision20
- Once you have accessed the form, follow the directions for submitting. It is a basic fill in the blanks form.
- **You must complete and submit one form for each photo.** However, if you have up to three photos that are meant to be viewed as a series, you may add all three under one form/title. Short phone videos are acceptable. Remember to tell us about your entry on the form.
- **If successful in submitting, a "thank you" message will pop up.**
- You are welcome to enter all disciplines and revisit the site as many times as you like.
- **Viewing will open through our web site at Noon, June 4th**, just as if you were attending our Annual Luncheon.
- We suggest you simulate our normal gathering by enjoying your lunch in your own home while reviewing all the submissions!



Need inspiration?

- **Photography:** Submit photograph(s) on any subject; please share any information about your technique and/or subject in the comment section.
- **Floral Design:** Submit photo(s) of a floral design/bouquet you have recently created; if following a specific design concept, please let us know in the comment section.
- **Horticulture:** Submit photo(s) of a single specimen, planter combination, landscaping feature, favorite plant; identify plant material and other pertinent information in the comment section.
- **Conservation:** Submit photo(s) representative of conservation and our environment and provide info in the comment section.

Confused or need help? Don't let that stop you! Contact any of the following:

Kim Bishop, for quick response call or text 206-930-5564, kimbishop1@aol.com;

Suzette de Turenne, 206-465-9317, sdeturenne@comcast.net;

Charlee Reed, 206-818-7585, charleereed@gmail.com

Hoping you are all staying safe and healthy! Suzette de Turenne, Judging Rep

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Corresponding Secretary Report

Green Book Contact Info Changes:

- p. 12 Diana Ackerley: zip code is 98112
- p. 18 Dabney Rohrbach: use cell number (206)399-7444
- p. 21 Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey: email is swdickey@outlook.com
- p. 23 Stacey Campbell: phone is (360)708-0876
- p. 25 Catherine "Mike" Hayes: email is MB_hayes@comcast.net
- p. 27 Ann Wyckoff: email is annw@apwyckoff.com

Changes to Status:

- p.13 Berta Campbell: now sustaining
- p.18 Eve Rickenbaker: resigned

Members we have lost this year



Barbara Blethen



Janet Footh



Jane Yerkes



Edie Tenneson's Roald Dahl rose



Arrangement by Carolyn Whittlesey

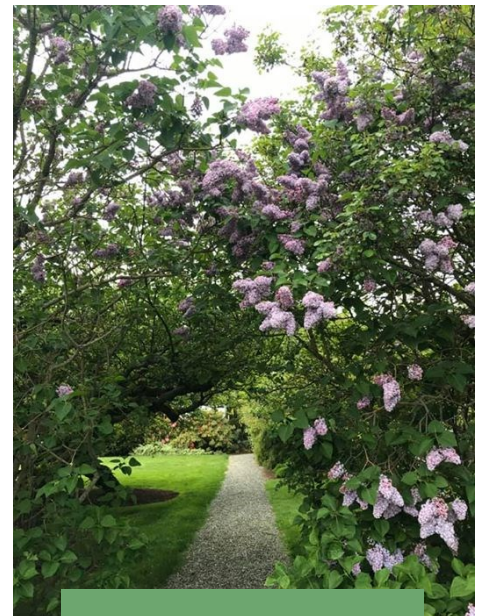


Photo by Ana Hergert

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Policy and Planning Report, Shelley Rolfe 2019-20 Chair

SGC's Policy and Planning Committee compiles ideas from our committees, seeks out best practices, and recommends to the Board and to the Membership new by-laws and policies to streamline SGC's mission. Our efforts this past year were anchored by the leadership of our President, Diana Ackerley, and the collective knowledge of several past presidents, including Catherine Allan, Diana Neely, Jenny Wyatt, Suzette de Turenne, Laurie Riley, and Catherine Roach. Likewise, the expertise of Barbara Feasey, Caroline Goedhart, Sandy Hanower, Candy Lancaster, Betsy Pepper, Bev Martin, Lynn Mowe, and Charlee Reed advanced our insights and recommendations. We could not have accomplished our work without legal guidance from Karen Simmons plus the tireless work of Carlyn Steiner. Additionally, Kim Bishop helped me at every step along the way. Thank you all! Our incoming President-Elect, Barbara Feasey, has vast non-profit management experience and will artfully guide the committee in the coming year.

At its most recent meeting, the P&P Committee reported on various ways to temporarily install our 2020-21 Board of Directors. Several options were reviewed for board approval. On May 7th, the board approved the following process:

Process for Alternate Induction of the Slate of Officers

On May 29, 2020, the remaining members of the Governing Board will meet on Zoom to fill the vacancies on the Board with the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee. Then, on June 5, 2020, the new Governing Board at full strength will "resolve" to delay the Membership's vote to approve the new board and budget until the first time it is possible for everyone to gather. We hope that meeting will be the Annual Meeting/Fall Picnic, but due to covid-19, we can't be certain right now. Stay tuned!

As a reminder, below is the Slate for the 2020-21 SGC Governing Board. You'll note that approximately half of the Board is replaced each year on a rotating basis. The following positions will serve from fall 2020 through spring 2022, except for the one-year rotation of the President Elect, the President, and the Immediate Past President/Nominations Chair.

Slate of Officers (June 2020 to June 2022):

- President Elect: Barbara Feasey
- Club Communications: Stacey Campbell
- Conservation: Suzy Titcomb
- Floral Design: Marilee Ahalt
- Horticulture Co-Chairs: Wade Garretson & Betsy Larson
- Meeting Arrangements: Kay Baxter
- Photography: Suzette de Turenne
- Ways & Means Co-Chairs: Susan Brickman (2nd year) & Cindy Bostwick (1st year)
- Treasurer Elect: Sandy Hanower
- Provisional Co-Chairs: Mary Turner* & Sue Ashmun
- Nominations: Diana Ackerley
- Policy & Planning: Barbara Feasey

NEW Appointed Positions for next year:

- Awards - Jolie Roze
- Fragrance Garden - Burnley Snyder & Sue Blethen
- Membership Committee 2020-2023 - Stacey Campbell & Marianne Mowat
- Overall Judging Chair - Catherine Allan
- Scholarship - Bev Martin

To remain 2020-2021:

- President: Shelley Rolfe
- Immediate Past President: Diana Ackerley
- Recording Secretary: Peggy-Paige Most
- Treasurer: Dabney Rohrbach
- Corresponding Secretary: Jill Crutcher
- Community Projects: Lynn Mowe
- Finance: Dabney Rohrbach
- Membership: Charlee Reed
- Programs: Delphine Stevens

Continuing Appointed Positions:

- Archives - Kim Bishop & Chris Davis
- East Montlake Park - Megan Smith
- Flower Show - Barbara Feasey
- Founders Fund - Eliza Davidson
- Garden History & Design - Carolyn Echelbarger
- Historian - Mary Jo Bench
- Technology - Kim Bishop
- Wagner Lecture - Ann Blume & Ann McCutcheon
- Visiting Gardens - Debby Smith

Photos

Founders Fund Task Force Report

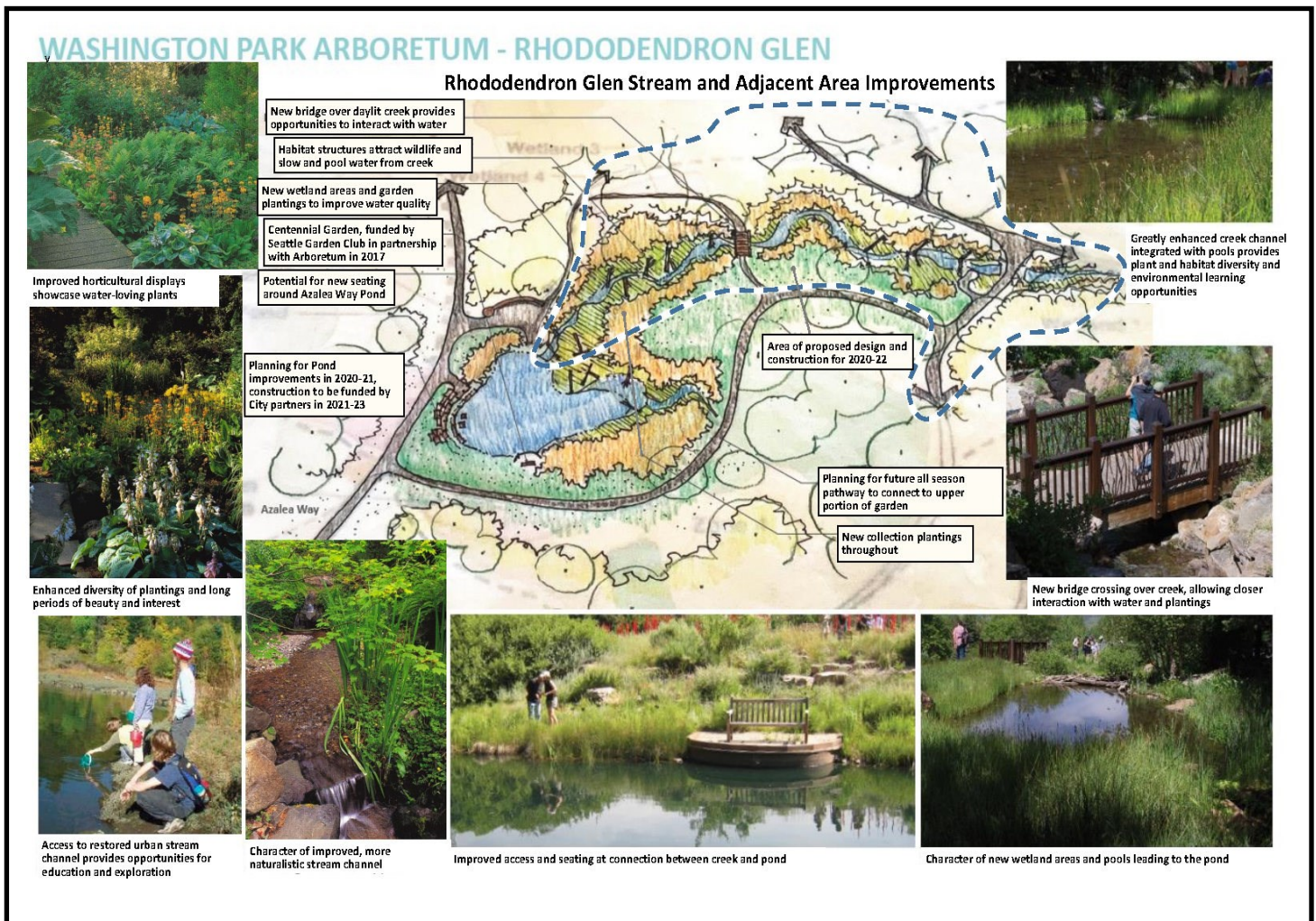
The Founders Fund Task Force has been busy, and has GOOD news to share! I am excited to inform Club members that our long-anticipated proposal is finally moving forward. Undaunted by the challenges of collaborating at a distance, the FFTF pulled together and on April 30th submitted to GCA our Letter of Intent to apply for the Founders Fund award this year. The full application is due at the end of September. There's work ahead but we've passed the first hurdle with flying colors.

The project site within the Arboretum has moved up stream from the Azalea Way pond and SGC Centennial Garden, but the scope is otherwise substantially the same. This shift was driven by the Arboretum's need to adjust their overall Rhododendron Glen project scope and defer pond restoration to the next phase. Shifting our focus to the stream course opens up wonderful new opportunities that actually strengthen our project. We believe SGC's proposal will be compelling to GCA reviewers on many levels. We are pleased to report that Tacoma Garden Club has already committed its support and written a wonderful seconding letter.

From this point forward our Founders Fund submittal becomes confidential. Please refrain from sharing our excitement with other GCA members, hard as that will be. We hope to post SGC's Letter of Intent to our internal website; it encapsulates the project's goals, specific elements and resonance with GCA priorities nationwide. Thank you for supporting Founders Fund grant efforts thus far, and as we push forward to complete our proposal this summer.

Submitted by:

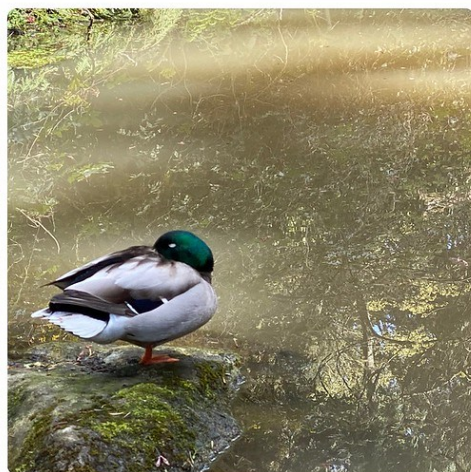
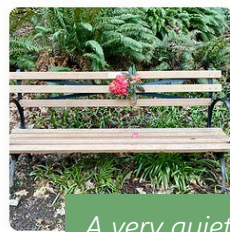
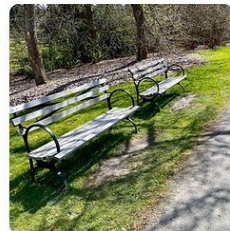
Eliza Davidson, Chair



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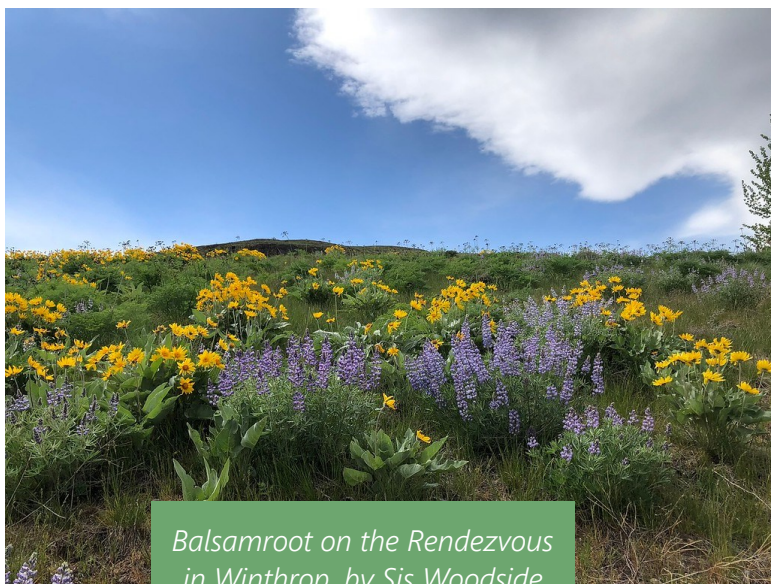
Pam Green's Upper Garden



A very quiet day at the Arboretum. Everyone is doing their job at social distancing. By Suzy Titcomb



Daffodils—Caroline Goedhart



Balsamroot on the Rendezvous in Winthrop, by Sis Woodside

New Provisionals

We are thrilled to welcome our six new Provisionals for 2020! As you know, we would normally formally welcome them at our June Annual meeting. With the in-person meeting being cancelled, we will give a formally welcome our new Provisionals at the Fall Picnic which will be September 17th at the Seattle Tennis Club. In the mean time, I would like to introduce you to our new Provisionals and encourage you to reach out and welcome them to the club!



Helen Blair – was born in Illinois, lived in Portland for 12 years, and grew up with an affinity for gardening influenced by her grandmother who was a founding member of Woodside-Atherton GC. She is mother to 3 girls and lives in the Highlands where she serves on the Landscape Committee and is currently treasurer of the Highlands Board. She is a hands-on gardener and has transformed her property over the years to include herbaceous, perennial and woodland gardens. She handles projects with a diligent, capable and confident manner.

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Jennifer (Jennie) Green Carter – She grew up in Seattle and attended Overlake School and the University of San Diego. She has been very active in the Seattle community which has included her involvement with Epiphany Parish and School, University Prep, Seattle Academy, Pocock Rowing and has been a long time supporter of Children's Hospital. She is enthusiastic, creative, artistic and a very willing participant in whatever endeavor she undertakes. Her great grandmother as well as her grandmother, Mrs. Joshua Green, Jr. were members of the Seattle GC.

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Anne Dor – Grew up on the East Coast but spent most of her adult life in Silicon Valley working in the tech industry. She and her husband with 2 sons moved to Kirkland and built a house overlooking Lake Washington. She designed and helped create a drought tolerant rockery garden and is very interested in conservation. Her mother was an avid gardener in Rhode Island and her aunt belonged to the St. Louis GC. Her great aunt was a past president of GCA.

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Joan Harkins – Has lived in Seattle for 30 years and was an active member of the Carleton Garden Club which is associated with Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs. There she won ribbons in several areas including the District Grand prize for table artistry. She is currently involved in restoring her own garden in Magnolia. Joan has been an independent entrepreneur having founded a marketing company with Microsoft as her major client and recently established a company that imports and distributes French ciders and spirits on the West coast and New England. She has wide experience and great enthusiasm for whatever tasks she undertakes.

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Michele Heller – Horticulture has been her lifelong passion and inspiration. She has developed a 45-acre property on Lopez Island with botanical gardens, fruit orchards, and a certified organic farm. She co-founded the LIFE Garden Program at the Lopez Island School. In addition, she has served on local and national boards dedicated to environmental education and community service, including the Conservation International Chairman's Council. Her special interests include soil fertility, botanical cultivation, floral design, and landscape design.

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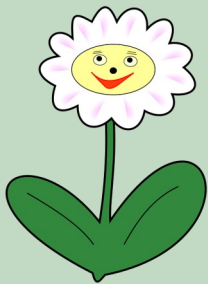
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Shelley Laramore – She grew up in Seattle in a family of 4 sisters, one of whom is Pam Green. Her major was political science and after college, she was involved in politics in Olympia. Shelley is an active member of the Washington ARCS Foundation Chapter, and has been involved with various committees at the University of Washington. Within the last 5 years, she and her husband built a new house and restored the back yard that included a prosperous vegetable garden. Shelley has outstanding leadership skills, is hard working and commits herself to whatever job she undertakes.

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Why Was June Made? by Annette Wynne

Why was June made?—Can you guess?
June was made for happiness!
Little happy daisy faces
Show up in the meadow places,
And they call out when I pass,
"Stay and play here in the grass."



VICTORY GARDENS: THEN AND NOW, Debbi Wilson

Victory Gardens, also called War Gardens, or Food Gardens for Defense, were planted with vegetables, fruits and herbs in public as well as private residences during World Wars I and II. Planting helped to supplement household rations, create self reliance and increase morale.

Home production helped to lower the price of vegetables needed by the War Department to feed the troops. Planted on rooftops, patios, garden beds and public places, the 14 million gardens at their peak, produced 40% of the nation's fresh vegetables! In 1943, Eleanor Roosevelt planted a Victory Garden on the White House lawn to demonstrate support for the effort. The last public examples from WWII, in existence today, are the Fenway Victory Garden in the Back Bay area in Boston, which is largely flowers, and the Dowling Garden in Minneapolis which remains planted with vegetables.

Today, Victory Gardens, or VG, can help boost the spirits during times of stress and uncertainty, build our food security and connect us with nature while we self-isolate at home. Working in a garden has a positive effect on mental health and well-being. It keeps us fit, enjoying nature, restores our senses and equanimity. The color green is known to be a restful, recharging color. Some researchers have coined the phrase, "nature deficit disorder" to explain the lack of outdoor connection and its effect on our mental health. Whether growing food, flowers, shrubs, or trees, now is the perfect opportunity to garden-on your deck, stairs, indoor patio, containers or garden beds.



Gardening adds years to your life and life to your years. Unknown

The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul. Alfred Austin, 2008

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GCA By The Numbers

2020-2021 - Who We Are:

- 200 member clubs in 40 states
- & the District of Columbia
- 17,500+ club members
- 88 honorary members
- 8 international courtesy clubs

Purpose

The purpose of The Garden Club of America is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening; to share the advantages of association by means of educational meetings, conferences, correspondence, and publications; and to restore, improve, and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the fields of conservation and civic improvement.

Mission

Bringing clubs together to cultivate the bond among people, plants, and the environment

Vision

Informed volunteers working for a beautiful, healthy planet

Values

Collaboration, Engagement, Excellence, Integrity, Knowledge, Respect

What We Do

- **28 merit-based scholarships and fellowships:** \$315,000 awarded to 73 scholars in 2020
- **9 Elizabeth Abernathy Hull Awards** presented in 2019 for inspirational environmental education of children
- **272 Founders Fund projects** in communities across the country, with \$50,000 awarded to 3 new projects in 2020
- **6 Restoration Initiative grants** awarded to clubs, totaling \$60,000 for projects in the last 3 years
- **59 active Partners for Plants projects** conserving national, state & local public lands throughout the US
- **73 Freeman Medal awards** recognizing underutilized North American native plants; the 2020 winner was *Geum triflorum*

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

Archives with extensive GCA histories and materials

4 annual national conferences:

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

12 annual zone gatherings

75+ GCA sponsored and club flower shows

Educational workshops in floral design, judging and photography

500+ club and zone awards/commendations presented last year

11 national medals awarded in 2020

726 active participants in the judging program in floral design, horticulture & photography

4,822 gardens documented to date for the Smithsonian Institution's Archives of American Gardens

Annual domestic & 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 & Infrastructure; Waste Management

6 national publications: