



Seattle Garden Club

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Greetings Everyone,

In preparation for our Fall Picnic, I sought guidance from many sources, including this big tree! At our gathering, your eager faces and the chance to hear about the imaginative programs our committee chairs have planned for the year ahead delighted me.

What a resilient group we are! Just a year ago at this time – who could have imagined that we'd all develop amazing new tech skills? I know every member joins me as I applaud Kim Bishop. She literally spends hours each day on behalf of SGC, encouraging us all to leap into the tech world of the future. She admits that even she continues to learn new skills – and then shares her extensive knowledge with us with grace and patience. Thank you, Kim!

Our Fall Picnic meeting also nourished our sense of connection to one another. We celebrated how our new Provisionals are enriching SGC with new experiences, skills, and talents. Our future is bright!

We have much to look forward to with stimulating fall meetings, the cocktail hour Auction ahead – and the resulting benefit it will bring to our greater community via Community Projects. Our committees are gearing up - meaning we can engage and learn as we work in small groups.

You'll receive your yearbook soon thanks to Jill Crutcher's detailed work. Thank you, Jill and your team of proofers and distributors. Note that a few things changed after our yearbook went to press – reminding us to always check our website for the most current information. And, you can also access the whole yearbook on the website; many tech-savvy members download it to their phones.

I believe our Garden Club community deepens our reserve of calm – guides us to seek beauty wherever we step – and builds our connection to the natural world. I'm so grateful to be a part of your circle! Looking forward to seeing you at Hort on October 5th!

Best to all,
Shelley

Events, E-news & Opportunities

Be sure to check the online master calendar for the latest information.

<https://www.huntcal.com/cal/view/SGClub/Events?vm=r>



PLEASE SIGN-UP for SGC MEETINGS via SIGN-UP-GENIUS (SUG)
A few days prior to our Hort and General Meetings, you'll receive an invitation

Please consider using Sign-Up-Genius (SUG) as you rsvp for all SGC meetings.

You'll help us stay organized – and it will help YOU with reminders and all the information you need to join our zoom calls.

If we all learn to take a few minutes to learn the habit of using Sign-Up-Genius for all our meetings, our systems will run more smoothly, we'll have more time to learn from one another and have fun!

GCA Online Programming:

GCA is providing access to conferences and study groups to all members. Go to the GCA website to access these talks.

<https://www.gcamerica.org/members>

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| November 17-18, 2020 | conservation |
| Study Conference | |
| January 21, 2021 | Photography |
| Conference | |
| February 23-24, 2021 | National Affairs |
| & Registration Conference | |
| April 8, 2021 | Floral Design |
| Conference | |
| May 11-12, 2021 | GCA Annual |
| Meeting | |

Have any articles or photos that would interest all of GCA?

If so, please send ideas first to, Margaret Williams, Zone XII Bulletin Rep. -

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GENERAL MEETING – Thursday October 15th at 10:00

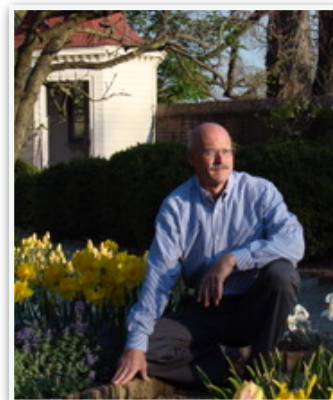
Via Zoom

The first general meeting will be on Zoom on Thursday, October 15 at 10:00AM. You'll receive an email invitation to sign up for the meeting on SignUpGenius or click this link below.

[Sign-Up-Genius hotlink](#)

The Zoom “meeting room” will open at 9:30AM if you'd like to join early for a virtual “coffee” and Shelley Rolfe will start the program at 10:00AM with announcements. The program will be on committee activities this fall that we can join. We'll hear updates from Auction Chairs, Sue Brickman and Cindy Bostwick, and then Sue Blethen, Barbara Feasey, Suzette de Turenne and Bev Martin will give short updates on the Fragrance Garden, Photography and GCA Scholarship Committees. To end the meeting, Zoom will place us in small group “chat rooms” for 10 minutes to discuss **Revolutionary Gardeners: The Gardening Wisdom of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson**. This is an exclusive GCA program that you'll be invited to view at home before the meeting.

Revolutionary Gardeners features Dean Norton (shown on the right), Director of Horticulture at Mount Vernon and Peter Hatch (shown on the left), former Director of Gardens and Grounds at Monticello. Dean Norton received the GCA Elizabeth Craig Weaver Proctor Medal for exemplary service to horticulture and historic preservation. Dedicating his life to managing Mt Vernon's historic gardens, Dean, along with a staff of 23 and a multitude of volunteers, combines 18th century gardening skills based on his research diaries, documents, and archeological findings with modern-day soil and planting knowledge and techniques. Dean Norton, never reluctant to share his gardening expertise, has been called one of America's true horticultural heroes.



Peter Hatch received the GCA Historic Preservation medal in 2011 for his outstanding work in the field of preservation and restoration of historic gardens. Devoting over 30 years, Hatch uncovered and restored what Thomas Jefferson called his “Pioneering Garden.” Combatting years of neglect in the Monticello grounds, Peter not only restored Jefferson's experimental gardening but also launched many educational programs. Honoring Jefferson's legacy, Peter founded one of the only scholarly horticultural centers in America, “The Thomas Jefferson Center for Historical Plants” and promoted Jefferson's “farm to table” philosophy.

Please email your committee announcements to me by October 12.
Thank you, Delphine Stevens, Program Chair

Shirley Meneice Conference

All SGC members had the opportunity to participate in the Shirley Meneice Conference this year. Many new ideas were presented for making the most of our gardens. The chance to explore iconic public gardens around the country, plus rich take away materials, sparked new ideas for all. We maneuvered our way through the tech challenges to hear great speakers! [Here's the link](#) to handouts and other resources from the conference. Using lessons learned from launching the “Meneice,” we can take advantage of another GCA-wide program, the Conservation Study Conference in mid-November. By then we'll be experts at registering and taking full advantage of these programs.

Membership

Now is the time to start thinking of proposing new members for Seattle Garden Club. Be thinking of your friends and neighbors who would be qualified and interested in becoming prospective members of our special club. Attributes to consider when considering prospective SGC members: they should be compatible with our mission, have a personal interest in gardening, a willingness to work and take part in club activities, a desire to learn and share knowledge, an interest in our disciplines (floral design, horticulture, photography, and conservation) as well as an interest in our community.

You can contact me or a member of the committee any time and we will be happy to answer any questions. Membership Proposal forms can be found on the SGC website, or I can email you one to fill out. Please remember that the prospective members are not to be informed of their proposals – this information is strictly **confidential**. The deadline for the proposal forms and letters is December 15th and they must be postmarked or emailed no later than midnight. Further information can be found under “Membership Policies” starting on Page P-8 in the “Green Book”.

Send the information to:

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Committee Members: Sue Brickman, Stacey Campbell, Ana Hergert, Peggy-Paige Most, Marianne Mowat, Debby Smith, Provisional Chairs Mary Turner and Sue Ashmun

Horticulture Report

[HORT - Monday, October 5th at 10:00](#)

We are pleased to announce that **October 5**, Ann Blume will give her Provisional talk via pre-recorded video, on the topic, A Presentation to Dye For, “Gardens for Creative Uses”.

This first ever Hort Zoom meeting will begin at 10:00am with Ann’s talk at 10:05am. She will speak for approximately 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes of Q&A. Hort Share will last for 10-15 minutes followed by announcements for 5-10.

[Sign-Up-Genius hotlink](#)

Hort Share will only be seen with photos. Please send your photos to Betsy Larson at betsypepper@live.com and Wade Garretson at wadegarretson@comcast.net 72 hours in advance. Have an announcement? Please email Betsy and Wade 72 hours in order to be recognized at the conclusion of the meeting.



Conservation

Did you take The Healthy Yard Pledge? Do it now!! Follow this link: [Take the pledge](#) to learn about the best healthy yard practices. We can all make a difference with our own corner of the earth.

The Conservation Committee is a very energetic and involved group of 30 women. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact Suzy Titcomb. We have met twice this summer via Zoom phone calls. We were inspired to create an online resources for parents and possibly teachers to encourage curiosity and exploration of nature. We have collected a wide variety of outdoor activities from local and national organizations. Our committee is adding these resources to our [SGC Conservation website](#). In the coming months we are going to decide:

*Who is this program geared for (parents, teachers and age group)?

*Is this program accessible to different socio- economic and ethnic groups?

*What category does this fall under: which season, art, science, human skills or??

*How do we market this information? Can we create an Instagram account to post these resources and then direct parents to an online site that we create?

Stay tuned to see what kind of an online program the Conservation Committee has created. You may want to use it with your grandchildren.

The Conservation Committee also encourages SGC members to learn more about the proposed methanol refinery near the Port of Kalama WA – along the Columbia River near I-5 between Tacoma and Portland. The Washington Environmental Council (WEC), Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility, Center for Biological Diversity, Sierra Club, and Columbia Riverkeeper are challenging the proposed refinery. The groups are represented by the nonprofit law firm Earthjustice.

Each year, SGC's Conservation Committee seeks advice from WEC about our region's top conservation priorities. In their challenge to the methanol refinery, Joan Crooks, CEO of Washington Environmental Council and Washington Conservation Voters says, "Our climate crisis demands the highest level of scrutiny, and we cannot allow massive new fracked gas projects to move forward based on outdated science and flawed evaluation."

What is new: The WA Department of Ecology on September 2, 2020 released a second Environmental review of the Kalama Methanol Refinery. Revising its prior findings, the report states the methanol refinery would use up to 320 million cubic feet of fracked gas per day, more than all of Washington's combined industrial use today.

Suzy Titcomb, Conservation Chair

Ways & Means

SAVE THE DATE!!! **HOLIDAY ONLINE AUCTION** **DECEMBER 3rd at 5:00 PM**

The holidays are just around the corner and the Ways and Means Committee is busy planning a fun and exciting online auction experience. This is a unique year and we hope to rise to the occasion to make sure our Community Projects are funded. We need everyone's participation!

We are currently gathering wonderful auction items that will enhance our gardens and homes to make your gift giving easy! *Stay Tuned for more announcements about procuring items and learn how you can help.*

In the coming months we will provide our members with all the training necessary to ensure a smooth and fun online auction experience. There will also be opportunities to donate (raise the paddle). Guests are welcome to join the online auction. We will be sending out an e-mail invitation that you can forward to your friends. The holiday spirit will be plentiful even if we can't gather in person. We can't wait to share more with you soon!

Sue Brickman and Cindy Bostwick
Ways and Means Co-chairs

Photography

Our first virtual Photography Committee meeting was held Friday, September 25th. We've created many opportunities to share your photos, whether taken with your phone, a 35mm camera, or a point and shoot!

As mentioned at our Annual Picnic Zoom session, The GCA photography **focus** publication is celebrating "America the Beautiful" with an on-line photography contest. Beginning October 1st, *those who have already entered* can submit entries into any category not yet filled, *by*. Go to www.gcamerica.org then log in as a member, search for **focus** (the GCA photography publication) and the link for the registration is easy to find on that landing page.

October 15th is our first SGC General Meeting, for which you are encouraged to send in a favorite summer photo so all SGC members can enjoy them on our website. Details will be sent to all via email. Any and all subjects are welcome!

Given the fact that the GCA show and our meeting will be online, it will never be easier to participate: No printing, no matting, no mailing! Get out there and use your devices/cameras! Take a closer look - even your backyard is waiting for you!

Questions ? Contact Suzette de Turenne, Photography Chair, sdeturenne@comcast.net

Partners for Plants

Our Partners for Plants project, East Montlake Park is getting a facelift!

Little did most of you know that our park is home to Pump Station 13, which services storm water and sewage from Union Bay basin. Over the course of this Fall and next Spring, Seattle Public Utilities will be upgrading the pumping facility by improving the pumping capacity of Station 13 to lessen the likelihood of overflows into Union Bay. Part of the upgrade includes replacing the concrete walkway down to the Montlake Cut to meet ADA standards as well as improving landscaping and lighting near the pump station.

Last Fall, volunteers from SGC and Michelle K. McMorran of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began the process of moving perennials such as our native *Dicentra* and western sword ferns to new locations to make way for the new walkway. There will now be a 'new look' with predominately native plants and some non-natives on both sides of the walkway, including the entranceway to the park. Some of the plants you'll see are: Oregon Oak, Arctic Fire Dogwood, Western Sword Fern, *Spirea betulifolia*, *Epimedium* 'Sulphureum' and *Mahonia repens*. The Seattle Parks Department has agreed to water during the first year and then let nature take over from there.

After the installation is completed, I hope everyone will be able to make her way over to the park for a viewing. As all wise gardeners know, the first year the East Montlake Park's plants will sleep, the second year they will creep and the third year they'll leap! In the meantime, I invite all SGC members to help keep the park looking it's best in the years to come.

Megan Smith, Chair

Scholarship

We do not, as a club, make recommendations for most of the positions in scholarship. The information is sent out to the various universities and colleges, and those scholars who wish to apply do so with a GCA form. All decisions are made by the GCA. However, if you look through the many scholarships that are available, you may find one or more of particular interest to you, and if you want to help support it, financially, the GCA is very grateful to any member who wishes to be involved. So, after you have donated generously to the Holiday Auction, which is so important to our on-going work here, do give some consideration to helping out with these wonderful scholarships.

Bev Martin, Scholarship Chair

Garden Giggles

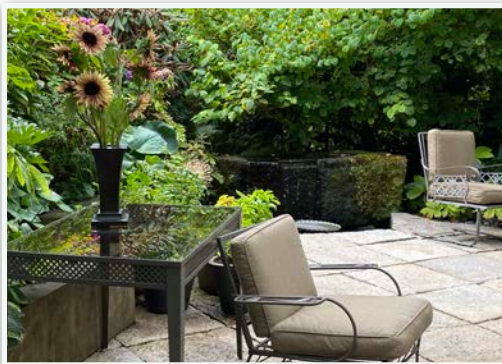
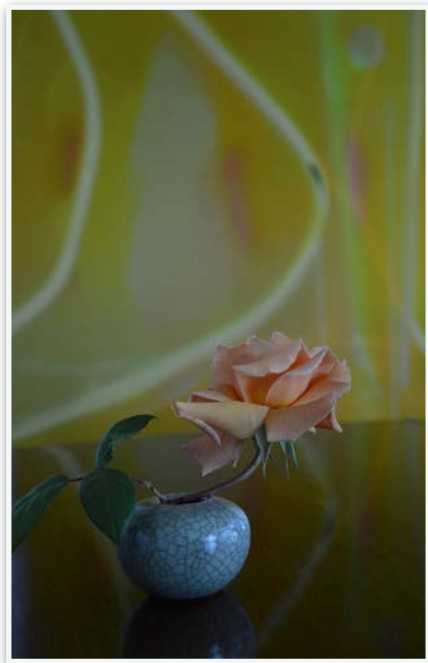
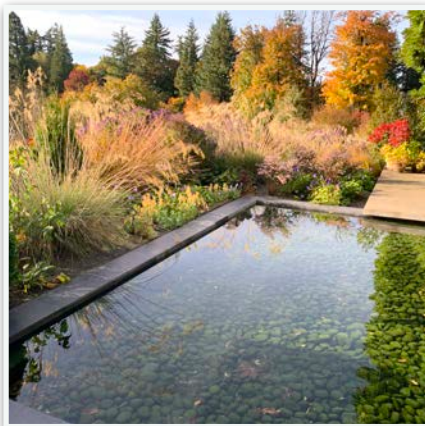
What runs round a garden but never moves?

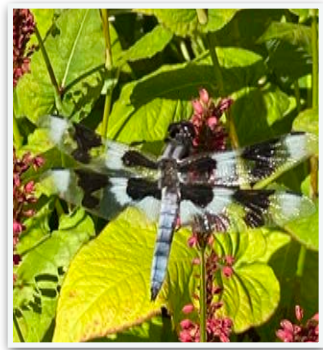
-A fence.

What's small, red and whispers?

-A hoarse radish

Member Candidids





Getting to Know Our Outstanding Provisionals



Meet the fabulous Carolyn Whittlesey:

What is your favorite part of your garden?

Since we have moved and are planning a new home and garden, my veggie garden is my favorite part of my garden with many flowers as well. Every year on Mother's Day, our kids help us plant the garden, so it's a very special place.

What is your favorite garden memory?

My favorite garden memory was my mother giving me a small garden of my own as a child. Pretty smart of her - so I didn't "prune" any of her gardens - but I could do anything in mine.

How have you spent your time during pandemic?

Thank goodness for our gardens, right? Gardening, outdoor family birthdays, a lot of time at our San Juan Island home (nice escape), and grand babies (2 months and 16 months).

What are you looking forward to after all this craziness ends?

Travel, concerts, hugging people, starting our new home, and definitely getting to know more SGC members!

From the Garden

Apple Spiced Pancakes

www.delish.com



INGREDIENTS

1 1/3 c. all-purpose flour
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon, divided
1 tbsp. granulated sugar
1/2 tsp. kosher salt
4 tbsp. butter, divided, plus more for cooking
1 large egg, separated
1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
1 1/4 c. milk
4 large apples, peeled, cored, and finely chopped (about 5 to 6 cups)
1/2 c. brown sugar

DIRECTIONS

- Mix flour, baking powder, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, sugar, and salt in a medium bowl. Melt 2 tablespoons of the butter. In a large bowl, whisk to combine egg yolk, vanilla, milk, and melted butter. Gently fold dry ingredients into wet ingredients until just combined, then fold in 1 1/2 cups of chopped apple.
- In another medium bowl, using a hand mixer, beat egg white until stiff peaks form. Fold egg white into batter gently with a rubber spatula until just combined.
- Make apple topping: in a small saucepan over medium heat, melt remaining 2 tablespoons butter. Add remaining apples, brown sugar, remaining 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, and a 1/4 cup water. Cook, stirring occasionally, until apples have softened and mixture is jammy, 10 to 15 minutes.
- In a large skillet over medium heat, melt 1 tablespoon butter. Pour about 1/4 cup pancake batter into pan. When little bubbles appear, about 1 to 2 minutes, flip and continue cooking until both sides are lightly golden. Repeat with remaining batter, adding more butter to pan as needed. Serve pancakes topped with apple mixture.

Something Fun



Click here to view this fun and creative Ted Talk :

https://www.ted.com/talks/riitta_ikonen_and_karoline_hjorth_nature_folklore_and_serendipitous_photo_collaborations?utm_campaign=tedsread&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=tedcomshare



Inspired by Nordic folklore, artists Karoline Hjorth and Riitta Ikonen collaborate with local elders -- farmers, fishermen, cosmologists and more -- to create richly imaginative portraits that explore humanity's connection to nature. Discover their serendipitous artistic practice as they share a selection of fantastical imagery where nature and myth intersect to awaken a sense of wonder.