



Seattle Garden Club

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November 2020

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SGC's October meetings showcased the vast talents of our members. Warm thanks to our meeting leaders Wade Garretson, Betsy Larson, Barbara Feasey, Delphine Stevens, and Kim Bishop – who shared their knowledge and passions to connect and enrich us all.

Everyone raved about Ann Blume's talk, "To Dye For, A Study of the History and Future of Natural Plant-Based Dyes: Color, Commerce and Climate Change" – which led off the first Hort meeting of the year. Her brilliant presentation was followed by Hort Share "zoom style". The November Hort meeting promises to be equally engaging. How lucky we are to have these wonderful opportunities to share with one another!

The October General Meeting highlighted the many activities of SGC committees. Sue Brickman gave an update on the fabulous items that have been procured for the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Auction. I'm so gratified to see all of our committees making a special effort to contribute sought after-items. Ana Hergert, immediate past chair of the Fragrance Garden, captivated us with photos and a brief history of the garden. Suzette de Turenne reminded us that the Photography Committee has activities all members can join. Bev Martin brought us new awareness of the impact of GCA Scholarships.

The final highlight of the day was Margi Allison's talk about her service on The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association Board, established in 1858 to own and operate George Washington's estate. She shared many personal stories and set the stage for our chat room discussions of "Revolutionary Gardeners". GCA provided all clubs with this exclusive video presentation of the gardens of Mount Vernon and Monticello.

November and early December will be brim full of SGC activities. We're reminded of our blessings and our deep connections to one another. These gifts anchor us as we reach out into the greater world with compassion and gratitude. With love to all,  
Shelley

## Programs, E-news & Opportunities

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

[Click here for the SGC Calender](#)



**PLEASE SIGN-UP for SGC MEETINGS via [SIGN-UP-GENIUS \(SUG\)](#)**

By 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 give you all the information you will 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

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

[GCA Homepage](#)

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. - [mawilliams712@gmail.com](mailto:mawilliams712@gmail.com)



## November General Meeting on November 19 – SGC Committee Showcase “Shorts” Part 2

Please join the virtual November General meeting on Thursday, November 19th at 10:00AM. You'll receive an email invitation to [sign up for the meeting on SignUpGenius](#), plus a Zoom invitation with a link to join the meeting from 9:30AM onwards.

Shelley Rolfe will start the program at 10:00 with announcements. We'll also have an update from our Auction leaders. Then we'll hear from Marilee Ahalt, Chair of Floral Design, who will demonstrate a Pot et Fleur design that can transition from Thanksgiving through the holidays. Carolyn Echelbarger, Chair of Garden History and Design will tell us about her committee and give an update about the Olmsted Bicentennial activities planned during the 2021-22 year. To end our meeting, Conservation Committee Chair, Suzy Titcomb will tell us about the Conservation Committee's "Outside Your Door project" and introduce our Chat Room discussions with an overview of topics from the GCA Conservation Study Conference 2020.

Prior to our meeting, remember to view the **GCA Conservation Study Conference 2020 “This Land is Your Land: Conservation Through Conscientious Land Stewardship”** – showing online on **November 17-18**. You'll need to pre-register for that event just as we did for the Shirley Meneice Conference. This conference is a totally new event developed by the GCA to help keep clubs across the country informed on important conservation topics that relate to our overall mission. This will be available for all GCA members for the first time and I'll send some discussion ideas in an E-Blast before the meeting.

Please email your announcements to me before the meeting,  
Delphine-Program Chair





## Community Projects

Lynn Mowe, Chair of Community Projects, led two meetings of her committee in October where the members discussed ways SGC might help address the critical needs of our community brought on by the COVID pandemic. The committee will review proposals in the coming months and make recommendations to the board which, after review, will then be presented to the membership for approval.

## Fragrance Garden

**Public (Fragrance) Garden Fund is approximately \$7K shy of goal!**

Our Public (Fragrance) Garden fund to support maintenance of the Fragrance Garden at CUH was established in 2019 with a \$5,000 grant from Community Projects approved by the membership. Generous contributions of almost \$8,000, along with a donation of \$30,000 from a member who wishes to remain anonymous, have brought the fund balance to slightly shy of \$43,000, leaving a little more than \$7,000 needed to reach the amount required to establish our fifth endowment with the Seattle Foundation. Annual distributions from this future endowment of \$50,000 or more will help cover increased costs for annual maintenance, along with occasional improvements and new plantings in the garden.

Please join me in making a donation by the end of December to fully fund our future Fragrance Garden endowment. Send a check payable to SGC to Dabney Rohrbach, Treasurer; 3237 E Morley Way; Seattle, WA; 98112, and note that your contribution is for the Fragrance Garden fund.

Thank you for supporting Seattle Garden Club's most fragrant gift to the community!

Barbara Feasey, President-elect

## Horticulture Report

Come Zoom with us **Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am** when the Hort Committee continues with our theme of "Hort From the Heart" and presents members sharing their garden wisdom on the topic of **Preparing Our Gardens for Winter**.

Jenny Wyatt interviews Megan Smith about Layering Bulbs for Continuous Bloom and Other Ideas. Carlyn Steiner and her gardener partner demonstrate Dividing Hostas. And Suzette de Turenne shows us how to Prepare Roses for Winter. There will be time for Q&A and a poll featuring Myths & Wives Tales.

Hort Share photos welcome up to 72 hours in advance sent by email to [betsypepper@live.com](mailto:betsypepper@live.com) and [wadegarretson@comcast.net](mailto:wadegarretson@comcast.net) If you have an announcement please email us 72 hours prior to be recognized.

Go to [SignUpGenius link here](#) for additional details and to sign up.



## Conservation

The Conservation Committee has collected a wide variety of outdoor activities from local and national organizations. We want to present these in an online format to encourage parents and caregivers to have a 10-15 minute outdoor activity with their child. This is part of our mission to provide simple, engaging activities and programs that connect children with the natural world and inculcate a love of learning about the great outdoors.

Our project is called, "Outside Your Door."

You might be wondering what kind of activities? For the next several months the Conservation committee will be posting activities for you to do with your grandchildren or pass on to your family and friends. We are creating a pilot that is initially aimed at SGC membership which allows us to refine our program and the method of presenting this to a broader audience in the future.

**Please tap on the link below and let the Conservation Committee know what you think.**

<https://www.friendsnorthcreekforest.org/learning-at-home-resources.html>

## Awards



On September 22, a large group gathered on Zoom to celebrate one of SGC's most esteemed members, Diana Neely. With a huge dose of love and affection, Diana was bestowed the prestigious GCA Zone XII Judging Award in *"recognition of her exemplary declaration to uphold GCA's judging standards as a mentor and teacher, sharing her knowledge and love of plants with us all."* The award was presented by Carrie Waterman in her capacity as the 2018-2020 Judging Committee Chairman. Among those offering personal and heartfelt congratulations was GCA President, Debbie Edwards, who later wrote that she was deeply honored to be included on the Zoom call. Barbara Tuffli, our Judging Committee Zone XII Area Vice Chairman, capped off the awards presentation with a loving tribute to her longtime friend. In

listing Diana's remarkable accomplishments and past awards, she described Diana as an outstanding horticulturist with a truly extraordinary garden who generously shared both it and her love of horticulture with the members of her club, her community and hundreds of visiting horticulturists. She went on to call Diana an outstanding mentor and *"the epitome of what a GCA Flower Show judge should be and an example for us all to follow"*. She also noted Diana's most lasting gift to the GCA. *"The jewel in her crown is coming up with the idea of having a national judging pin, and finding the beautiful gold oak leaf and acorn pin we are all honored to wear today."* Brava, Diana! As we all share in the excitement of this special award, we applaud you for your enormous contributions to both the Seattle Garden Club and the GCA. Your footsteps are large indeed.





## Corresponding Secretary

Loads of appreciation go to Susan Potts, Jenny Wyatt, Suzette deTurenne and Shelley Rolfe for expertly proofreading the Green Book!! And loads more go to all those who helped with deliveries!!

Updates:

New Address for Vicki Neuman: 10374 NE Country Club Rd, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

## Photography

It has been a busy past month for SGC photographers. Thank you to all who have participated in our annual "Favorite Summer Photo" collection. You are still welcome to add yours to the site using the link easily found on our SGC web site. Take time to look at others' photos if you have not yet done so. Also, check out the Photography Committee photos taken on our field trip to Gordon Skagit Farms. SGC Photographers have also recently contributed photos for the Fall GCA Zone XII newsletter. All SGC members will be encouraged to submit photos for the winter and spring Zone XII newsletters. Watch for information in the months ahead.

GCA has begun a new project in photo journalism - The Covid Project. All members are welcome to participate. Photographs recording any meaningful event during this unusual time in our history, accompanied by a short written commentary, may be submitted. From those, five photographs will be selected for submission to GCA who will ultimately identify one to represent our Club in their final publication. For a detailed outline of expectations and guidelines, please contact me.

Germination of a plan for a virtual photography Club show this spring is in its initial stage. Watch for more info as the idea grows!

Questions ? Contact Suzette de Turenne, Photography Chair, [sdeturenne@comcast.net](mailto:sdeturenne@comcast.net)

## Ways & Means

The Seattle Garden Club Holiday Virtual Auction is fast approaching and we can't wait! Mark your calendars for **December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** Make your holiday shopping easy and be ready to bid online for amazing items including:

- Cocktail Party in a Basket
- Gourmet Dinner for six
- Shellfish Feast for 4
- Seattle Photo Organizing
- Specialty Dahlia Bulbs
- Bee Plant Collection
- Garden Advisor for a Day
- Bee House with bees
- Wonderful Selection of Wines
- Get Away to the Methow Valley
- Wagon filled with Toys
- Collectible Puzzles
- Mariners Dugout Tickets
- And so much more!!!!!!

We are also thrilled to announce that **Dan Hinkley** will be the SGC auction guest speaker. We know that his talk will be entertaining and informative. Dan's books will be for sale on our auction website.

Please look for an e-blast with all of the auction information including more wonderful items you can bid on, a specialty cocktail recipe to enjoy, and an invitation that you can forward to your friends because the more the merrier! We will be teaching everyone how to navigate the auction website at our November Hort and General meetings. You can also visit the Auction tab on the SGC website with updated auction information so please keep checking.

Thank you for helping to make the 2020 virtual auction a huge success!

Sue Brickman and Cindy Bostwick  
Ways and Means Co-Chairs

## Scholarship

Take a good look at the amazing variety of scholarships that are given out by the [GCA here](#). Brief biographies of the many recipients begin on page 55. This is a very important part of GCA's mission, and we should all be proud of being a small part of it!

Near the end of the long list of awardees, you'll note that The Elizabeth Abernathy Hull Awards recognizes individuals who work with children under 16 to inspire "their appreciation of the beauty and fragility of our planet." Awardees are proposed by GCA clubs. That is something in which we can participate directly. Read about it and let me know if you have someone in mind. Mum's the word: it has to be kept secret until the winners are announced.

Bev martin [mckoin\\_martin@me.com](mailto:mckoin_martin@me.com)

## Garden Giggles

**What is a zucchini's favorite sport?**

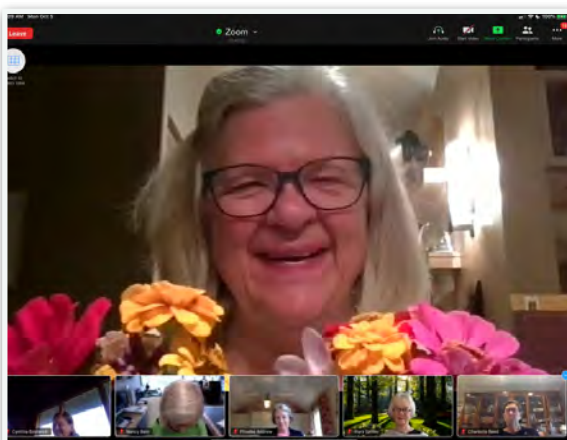
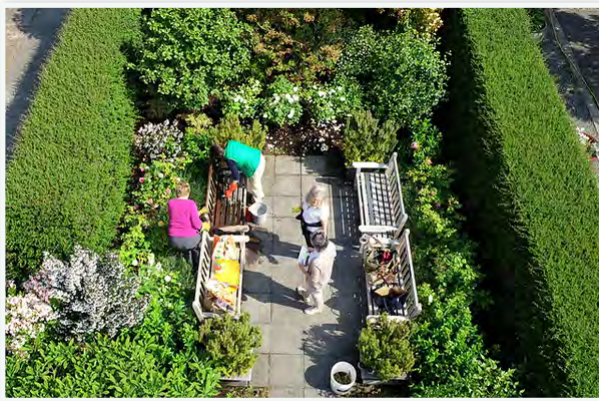
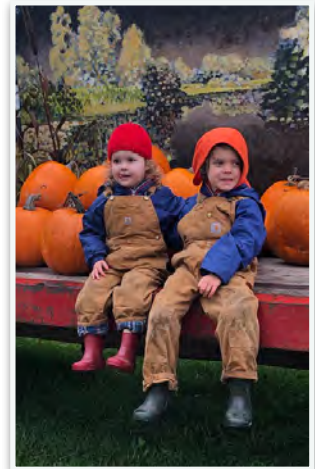
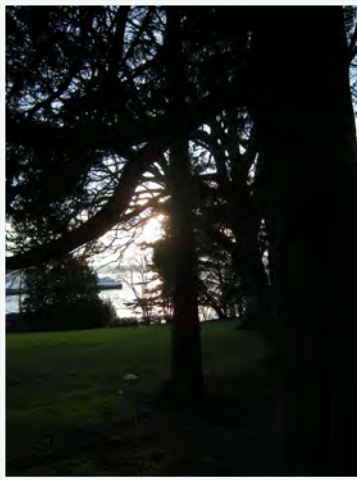
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**Why do fungi have to pay double bus fares?**

*-Because they take up too mushroom!*



# Member Candida





## Getting to Know Our Outstanding Provisionals



### Meet the marvelous Jennifer Carter

#### What is your favorite part of your garden?

My favorite memories of gardening all surround growing produce with my kids. From the kiddie pool in the courtyard growing mini pumpkins for their pre-k classes to this year growing popcorn for my son's biology class. Being creative and watching their joy of seeing things grow have been my magic gardening moments.

#### What is your favorite garden memory?

My current favorite part of my garden is the little side patch of dirt that runs along the side of the house: This is where we currently have popcorn growing!

#### How have you spent your time during pandemic?

Since things shut down, I have been home with my husband Phil and my son Tyler. Zoom calls and phone calls don't seem to be enough with our daughters Christina and Lindsay who are both in Los Angeles, but I find solace in the fact that they are both together.

I have spent a lot of time walking in my neighborhood and the arboretum. We have also made several carloads of donations to the Children's hospital thrift shop. It has been nice to have the time for all the projects we have put off.

This coming year will be spent helping my son apply to colleges without the benefit of physical visits and trying not to accidentally walk through his "classroom" or Phil's client "meetings". Planning ways to see my girls for the holidays is top of my priority list! I have learned my favorite button - the mute button - for my zoom calls as I have given up on my boys not accidentally "participating" in my meetings.

Learning how to have social time with friends while being safe has been a great reason for us all to spruce up our outdoor areas and find ways to make them enjoyable even in colder weather.

This is a photo of me with the literal ears of popcorn growing. I had never realized until this year that it is an entirely different kernel. This winter we will be testing a multitude of popcorn varieties and finding our favorites so that come spring we can grow some ourselves!

# From the Garden



## Directions

### Roast The Pumpkin

Cut the pumpkin in half and remove the seeds, then cut the pumpkin in large pieces.

Separate the seeds and set them aside.

Drizzle the pumpkin pieces with 1 tablespoon olive oil and sprinkle with salt.

Roast in the oven at 450 degrees for 30 minutes. Remove from the oven and let cool.

Peel the skin off the pumpkin and puree the meat in a food processor, or chop the pumpkin and store in the refrigerator for another use.

### Roast The Seeds

Season the seeds with:

1 teaspoon garlic salt

1/2 teaspoon chili powder

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1 teaspoon olive oil

Toss the seeds with the seasons. Pour the olive oil into a hot iron skillet and pour the seasoned seeds in the skillet. Heat on the burner for 10 minutes, then bake in the oven at 350 for 30 minutes until the pumpkin seeds are roasted. Remove from the oven and allow to cool in the skillet.

## Roasted Southwest Pumpkin Stew

### Miz Helen's Kitchen

#### Ingredients

2 to 3 pound pumpkin, seeded and cut in large pieces

3 cups cooked chicken, chopped (for vegetarian leave out the chicken)

1 onion, chopped

3 cloves garlic, minced

2 cups roasted green chilies, chopped

2 cups hominy

1 teaspoon cumin

1/4 teaspoon chipotle chili powder

1 teaspoon cinnamon

4 cups pumpkin puree

4 cups chicken broth or (vegetable broth for vegetarian)

2 tablespoon Olive Oil

Sour Cream for garnish

### The Stew

In a hot heavy stew pot saute the onion and green chilies and garlic. When the onions are clear add the chicken and 1/2 cup of the broth. Add the cumin, chipotle chili powder, and cinnamon, mix well.

Add the hominy and pumpkin puree, mix well.

Begin to add the remaining broth 1 cup at a time stirring after each addition, until all the broth has been added. Cook the stew on low for 15 minutes and on simmer for 30 minutes.

Salt and Pepper to taste.

Garnish with sour cream and roasted pumpkin seeds.

Enjoy!

# Something Fun

## The ancient, earth-friendly wisdom of Mongolian nomads



There's a lot we can learn from Mongolian nomads about how to survive in the years to come, says environmental activist Khulan Batkhuyag. Taking us on a journey through the country's stunning rural landscape, she shows how Mongolian nomads have survived in remote areas for thousands of years by virtue of some truly incredible, earth-friendly, zero-waste innovations. There's wisdom here for all of us on how to live more minimally, sustainably and in harmony with Mother Nature.

[Click here to here this TED Talk](#)