



Seattle Garden Club

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Welcome to SGC 2021!!

Exciting new opportunities await us in this new year, but first, An applause to many who helped us overcome our pandemic isolation. Led by our brilliant Auction team and with your generous support, we raised over \$55,000 to benefit SGC's charitable work. Sue Brickman, Cindy Bostwick, Suzette de Turenne, and Patsy Pattison all pivoted to create an online auction. The unique and appealing items that you all procured, coupled with Angel donations, allowed everyone to joyfully participate.

I found so many inspiring moments as we prepared for the holidays: November Hort lessons from expert member gardeners; inspiring messages from women leaders of our nation's premiere conservation organizations as presented in the GCA Conservation Study Conference; Dan Hinkley's poignant holiday message; Marilee Ahalt's pot-et-fleur video – all motivated me to learn more and be more active in the garden as well as in our larger community. Warm thanks to all.

With the new year upon us, our committees have many activities ahead. Community Projects will have an update next month; Photography and Floral Design continue with many activities; Conservation is refining the Outside Your Door project; and the Programs for next year are coming together. Our Photography, Programs, and Garden History & Design teams are collaborating on activities as part of our GCA alliance for the April 2021-2022 the Olmsted Bicentennial Celebration.

Please note that SGC will have **three** zoom activities in January: HORT on January 4<sup>th</sup>, then our General Meeting on **Tuesday, Jan 19<sup>th</sup>**, plus the GCA PHOTOGRAPY Conference on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Read on for more details.

And now, as we're reminded by Rainer Maria Rilke, "We welcome the new year, full of things that have never been!"

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, and 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](#)

January 21, 2021 Conference	Photography
February 23-24, 2021 & Registration Conference	National Affairs
April 8, 2021 Conference	Floral Design
May 11-12, 2021 Meeting	GCA Annual

### 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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**NEW DATE for January General Meeting on TUESDAY, January 19 at 10:00AM – Allyson Hayward on “The Ladies of the Club”**

Author and garden historian, Allyson Hayward (pictured below) will join us via Zoom from Santa Barbara for the January General Meeting. She will tell the story of a small group of talented women who formed the Garden Club of America in 1913 and The Women’s National Farm and Garden Association in 1914, inspired by the British Women’s Farm and Garden Union established in 1899.

Allyson is a Past-President of the Hills Garden Club of Wellesley and the New England Division of The Women’s National Farm and Garden Association. She served as Chairman of the New England Garden History Society and her published works include a biography of *Norah Lindsay: The Life and Art of a Garden Designer*; and *Hill-Stead: The Country Place of Theodate Pope Riddle*.

You’ll receive an email invitation to sign up for the General Meeting on SignUpGenius, plus a Zoom invitation with a link to join the meeting from **9:30AM** onwards. Please note the **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> General Meeting date** which is different from the Green Book listing to allow us to view the **GCA Photography Conference** later the same week on **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup>**.

Please also pre-register for the one-day virtual **GCA Photography Conference “Focus on Photography-Imagine the Possibilities”**. This conference is a brand-new event developed by the GCA and will be available to all GCA members for the first time.

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



# Conservation

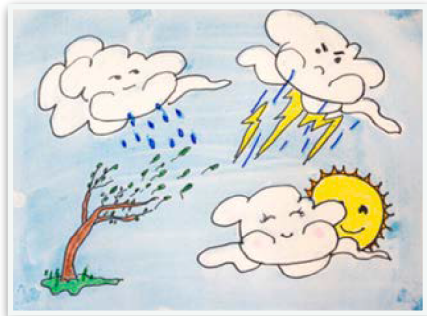
It is the mission of the Conservation Committee's "Outside Your Door" project to foster and support a passion in young people for our ecological environment. Our goal is to provide simple, engaging activities and programs led by parents/ grandparents/caregivers who embrace and connect children 10 and under with the natural world and inculcate a love of learning about the great outdoors. Try this fun experiment! Suzy Titcomb, Conservation Chair

Category: Weather/Clouds

**Description :** Inspire curiosity about clouds.

## How to make Clouds in a Jar:

Pour boiling hot water into the mason jar or any other type of jar that you have at home. Use food coloring as it provides water with the appearance of the sky. It also helps differentiate between the clouds and water. Spray the hairspray quickly into the jar. Screw on the lid immediately after spraying. Place the ice cubes on top of the lid while the jar is closed. If you observe the top of the jar carefully, you'll notice a cloud beginning to form. Once you have seen it form, unscrew the lid and remove it to see the cloud move out of a jar.



## Questions:

- Ask questions to entice and inspire curiosity
- Use all your senses
- Ask open-ended questions
- What are 3 things you notice about this?
- Can you describe the mood of this?
- What does this remind you of?
- If you could give this a title what would it be?
- Describe this using one emotion
- How would you describe this to someone who has never seen or heard of this before?
- Make a game out of it
- Tell stories
- Use visuals
- Use colors and shapes, details
- Compare and contrast



# Remembering Harold B. Tukey

## Glimpse into the Past – Celebrating the Founder of the Center for Urban Horticulture

By John Wott, Director Emeritus

In those divisive times of the late 1960's and 1970's, many new ideas began to form regarding how to live on, properly use, and safeguard the resources on our earth. This included groups from the "flower children" to academics. Learned horticulturists, botanists, and academics in the Northwest created a plan which called for the creation of a new academic unit at the University of Washington to be called the Center for Urban Horticulture. It would be different from traditional production horticulture which had been taught for hundreds of years. Instead it would bring disciplines together which seldom or never interacted. The Center for Urban Horticulture, the first of its kind in the world, and thereafter copied around the world, officially began its life when Professor Harold B.

Tukey, Jr, from Cornell University

arrived as its founding director in May 1980. Dr. Tukey's family, including father and brothers, were well known in the horticulture academic arena. He first worked along with an administrator, Sally Dickman, in an office in Anderson Hall on the UW campus. He also was UW director of the Washington Park Arboretum and directed that staff, headed by Joseph A. Witt, curator. In 1981, two new faculty arrived: myself, John A. Wott, from Purdue University in April, and James A. Clark, from Rutgers University in June.

The initial promise of full state funds soon evaporated as the State of Washington rapidly slipped into a recession and all hope of state funds for building and future program building was futile. Never daunted, Dr. Tukey, aided by the good will of Provost George Beckman (who did provide what seed money he could), along with community horticulture stalwarts such as Elisabeth Carey (Betty) Miller began a campaign to raise the millions of dollars needed privately. As you now see today, they were successful. CUH, now a part of the University of Washington Botanic Gardens, is an invaluable resource in the Northwest as well as nationally and internationally.

The accompanying pictures show scenes from the Ground-Breaking Ceremony for the original Merrill Hall in 1983.



Front row: Eulalie Merrill Wagner, Virginia Merrill Bloedel, Prentice Bloedel, Mary Gates, Marilee Boyd, Elisabeth Miller, George Beckman, William Gerberding, Mrs. Harold Tukey. (center 2nd row, Marvin Black)



Elisabeth Carey Miller, Prentice Bloedel, Dr. Harold B. Tukey Jr. with their Champagne glasses at the ground breaking ceremony for the original Merrill Hall, 1983

## Photography



## Garden Giggles

So my neighbor sees me kneeling down, busy in my garden and asks what I'm doing.

"I'm putting all my plants in alphabetical order," I answer.

"Really?! I don't know how you find the time!"

"It's right next to the sage."

## Ways & Means

We are so grateful to all the SGC members who made our first Holiday Online Auction a huge success. Together we raised over 55,000 dollars to help support our Community Projects and guarantee the financial health of Seattle Garden Club.

Over 107 people registered for our auction. Every item donated was purchased. To our donors- you went above and beyond- filling out online procurement forms, submitting photos and making sure that your donated items were received by the winning bidder. To our Angel donors- your generous dollar donations ensured a successful auction outcome. To our bidders- you showed that fun, excitement and fundraising can be virtual. To our Ways and Means Committee- your flexibility, generosity, ideas and wisdom allowed our Holiday Auction to go forward in the midst of a pandemic.

While we missed gathering together in person, SGC members showed that we are a resilient group committed to the health of our club and to each other.  
THANK YOU!!!!!!

Susan Brickman and Cindy Bostwick  
Ways and Means Co-Chairs

## Change of Address

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## Horticulture Report

It's time for **Spring Gardening Fun ~ in January!** Zoom with us **Monday, January 4 at 10am** as the intrepid Hort committee shares their personal recommendations for favorite bulb and seed catalogs, nurseries near and far and numerous online resources. Q&A to follow.

View veteran Hort committee members Catherine Allan and Sue Blethen's video demonstrations **Everything You Wanted to Know About Pruning Hibiscus and Laceleaf Maples** followed by Q&A.

**Hort Share** continues! Please send your photos to Betsy Larson at [betsypepper@live.com](mailto:betsypepper@live.com) 72 hours prior to the meeting. Share your New Year's Eve/Day favorites. Limit 5 per person, please.

If you have an announcement, please email Betsy 72 hours prior to the meeting to be recognized.

Go to [SignUpGenius link](#) here for additional details and to sign up. To join the Zoom meeting, please scroll down and click on the link:

Topic: SGC Hort Meeting - Jan 4th: 10:00 AM - Spring Gardening Fun ~ in January!

Time: Jan 4, 2021 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82021126566?pwd=V2xhd1ArY2VgejhmM0d6aU55RGhSQT09>

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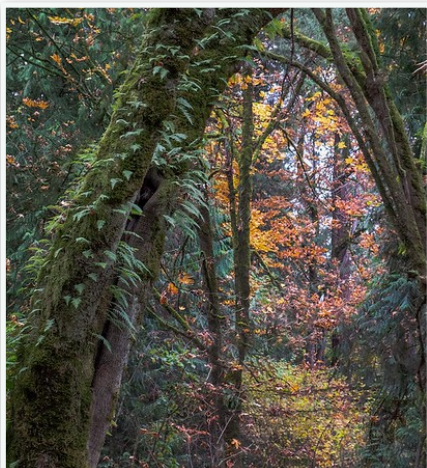
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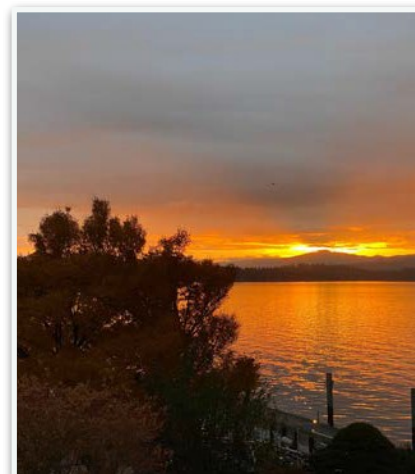
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## Member Candids







## Getting to Know Our Outstanding Provisionals



### Introducing the enchanting Joan Harkins -

What is your favorite part of your garden? – This is hard to answer because I just updated my garden! Al Kubota from Kubota Gardens refreshed our overgrown garden by editing and moving plants, adding new seating areas, stairs and walkways, fixing the Japanese fountain and adding new shrubs and groundcovers. And he positioned beautiful granite rocks/boulders throughout. I really love the boulders. They are so grounding and serene. But if I were to pick my favorite part of the garden now, I'd say it is the seating area off the dining room. It used to be so overgrown that I never enjoyed sitting there. Now it is opened up with a view of the whole backyard. I sit out there every morning and evening and just gaze at all the things I never appreciated before – especially our beautiful 60-year-old Japanese maple tree that is the centerpiece of the backyard and stands about 40 feet tall.

Do you have a favorite Garden memory? – My Garden memories are being made now – so I don't have a favorite yet. But one memory that stands out for me occurred near the end of the garden refresh. I noticed Al just sitting quietly in the seating area off the dining room. He was gazing off into the yard. When I came out, he looked up and said, "I was just sitting here thinking how pretty your garden is".

How have you spent your time during the pandemic? – I've been spending all my time in my new garden. While my garden is one of Al's smaller creations, I love wandering around and noticing dozens of tiny details he added – new river rocks that mimic running water in unexpected places, a stepping-stone that matches a water cover so you can't tell which is which, a newly trimmed Camelia that shows off the architecture of the branches, and a previously hidden bird bath that can now be seen from every direction.

What are looking forward to most in the coming year? I'm looking forward to watching the garden go through all seasons for the first time.

## From the Garden



### Warm Salad of Roasted Root Veggies and Winter Greens

By [sixburnersue.com](http://sixburnersue.com)

Be sure to cut your veggies into evenly small pieces so they'll all cook at the same rate. Don't be tempted to crowd them on one pan, either—a little room around them will brown them up better. (Unless, of course, you want to cut this recipe in half, which is perfectly doable.) If you decide to include beets in your veggie mix, toss them with a little oil and salt separately from the rest or they'll tend to color everything else.

#### For the salad:

1½ to 1¾ pounds combination sweet potatoes (unpeeled), potatoes (unpeeled), carrots (peeled), parsnips (peeled), turnips (unpeeled), beets (unpeeled), butternut squash (peeled), firm-ripe pears (peeled), or Golden Delicious apples (unpeeled), cut into small dice (about 3/8-inch in diameter) (about 5 to 6 cups)

4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

Kosher salt

6 to 7 cups combination sturdy mixed winter greens (such as baby kale, escarole, salade frisée

(curled endive), arugula  
, mustard or tatsoi.

¼ cup chopped toasted pecans, walnuts, almonds or hazelnuts

½ to 2/3 cup crumbled good quality blue cheese, feta cheese, goat cheese or 1/3 cup coarsely grated aged gouda or Parmigiano

3 tablespoons coarsely chopped dried cherries, cranberries, raisins, figs, pitted dates, or other dried fruit (optional)

#### For the vinaigrette:

1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil

1 large shallot, sliced thinly

2 tablespoons sherry vinegar, balsamic vinegar, white balsamic vinegar, or cider vinegar

1 tablespoon maple syrup

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

1 teaspoon fresh lemon or lime juice (more to taste)

½ teaspoons lemon or lime zest

1 teaspoon coarsely chopped fresh thyme leaves (or other herb of choice)

Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper

Preheat the oven to 450°F. Line two large rimmed heavy-duty baking sheets with parchment paper. In a large, wide mixing bowl, combine the veggies, the 4 tablespoons olive oil, and a scant teaspoon kosher salt. Toss well and spread in one layer on the two baking sheets. Roast, rotating the sheet pans once (and flipping the veg with a spatula if you like), until the veggies are nicely browned and tender, about 28 to 30 minutes. Let cool for a couple minutes on the sheet pans and then combine in a mixing bowl.

While the vegetables are roasting, put the greens in a wide heat-proof mixing bowl. Set out a serving platter or four serving plates.

Make the warm vinaigrette: Heat the 1/3 cup olive oil in a small nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add the sliced shallots and a pinch of salt and cook, stirring occasionally, until the shallots are browned and crisp, about 6 to 8 minutes. Take the skillet off the heat and remove the shallot rings with a fork, transferring them to a paper-towel lined plate. Let the oil cool for 3 to 5 minutes. Add the vinegar, the maple syrup, the Dijon, the juice, the zest, the herbs, ¼ teaspoon salt, and several grinds of fresh pepper. Whisk vigorously until the dressing is mostly emulsified. (Alternatively, first transfer the shallot-infused oil to a heat-proof Pyrex liquid measure, add the other ingredients and whisk well. This is a slightly less awkward way of making the dressing). Taste and adjust seasoning, adding more lemon or lime juice, salt or pepper as needed.

Season the greens with a sprinkling of kosher salt and drizzle over them a few tablespoons of the warm vinaigrette. (Be sparing at this point). Toss well, taste, and add a little more dressing if necessary. Arrange most of the greens on your platter or serving plates. Sprinkle with half of the nuts, cheese, and fruit.

Season the roasted veggies with a pinch more salt and dress them lightly with 1 to 2 tablespoons of the vinaigrette. Toss well and scatter over the greens. Garnish with remaining nuts, cheese, fruit, greens, and reserved shallots.

# Something Fun

## How to Grow Fresh Air

Researcher Kamal Meattle shows how an arrangement of three common houseplants, used in specific spots in a home or office building, can result in measurably cleaner indoor air.



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