



Seattle Garden Club

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We'll have 3 zoom activities in February: HORT on February 1st; our Annual Business Meeting on February 18th, then the NAL Conference February 23-25. Read on to hear the details of these events.

Thanks to the many who orchestrated our January meetings. At our Hort meeting, Chairs Betsy Larson and Wade Garretson led virtual Hort share – allowing many people to share their gardens without needing to pick anything! Committee members helped us jumpstart the growing season with recommendations for bulb and seed catalogs. Other stars of the show were pruning tips from Catherine Allan and Sue Blethen, with special effects courtesy of Kim Bishop. Later in January, I was awed by Allyson Hayward's live on zoom "The Ladies of the Club". Applause to Delphine Stevens for another outstanding program.

The Zone XII Landing Page has some great shots from SGC photographers and the latest issue of "inFocus Magazine" recognizes five SGC winners in the GCA "America the Beautiful" photography contest. BRAVA to: Suzette de Turenne, Susan Hilpert, Jolie Roze, Charlee Reed, and Mary Turner!!

President-Elect Barbara Feasey will lead our February Business Meeting. We'll vote on the Founders Fund and Community Projects and have the chance for small group discussions. Watch for eblasts later in the month detailing the specific instructions.

SGC is planning a virtual Photography & Flower Show for our June meeting. Our February HORT meeting will feature ideas on how to photograph flower arrangements and hear some of the elements judges look for when evaluating floral designs. In advance of the meeting, please go to the GCA website and read the [Photography Guidelines for Exhibitors for Virtual Flower Shows](#).

GCA's National Affairs and Legislation Conference will be a webinar available to all members. Among the most exciting GCA opportunities, delegates typically gather in WA DC, hear inspiring speakers, and meet with members of Congress to discuss GCA's national conservation priorities. This year we'll all join in. The conference theme is Climate Change Solutions. Watch for the sign-up soon!

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](#)

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,
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Photography

PHOTOGRAPHY HOSTS “A TIME TO HEAL” – A VIRTUAL CLUB PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

Photography is excited to announce our first official virtual Photography Club show, “A Time to Heal.” We wanted you to see the class schedule and timeline now so that you can be ready to register your entry. As a Club show, this will be a great opportunity for all our members to give it a try, particularly our first time and novice photographers. All work will be done/submitted via computer with no actual printing or matting of photos. Many thanks to Catherine Parker for being the primary author of our schedule! Rules and guidelines will be sent out separately as soon as they are available.

Class Schedule

CLASS 1 - LAUGHTER COLOR 4 ENTRIES

“In the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter and sharing of pleasures. For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed.” Kahlil Gibran

A PHOTOGRAPH OF HUMOROUS INTERACTION BETWEEN 2 OR MORE NATURAL ELEMENTS INVOLVING PLANTS OR ANIMALS

CLASS 2 - LONGING BLACK & WHITE 4 ENTRIES

“What hidden, hoarded longings there are in all of us.” John Steinbeck

A PHOTOGRAPH DEPICTING THE INTERPLAY OF LIGHT AND SHADOW

CLASS 3 - TURMOIL COLOR 4 ENTRIES

“There is peace even in the storm.” Vincent van Gogh

A PHOTOGRAPH MAKING SENSE OF NATURE’S TWISTS AND TURNS USING CREATIVE MANIPULATION.

Plant material required

CLASS 4 - ILLUMINATION MONOCHROME 4 ENTRIES

“Look how a single candle can both defy and define the darkness.” Anne Frank

TWO PHOTOGRAPHS (DIPTYCH) EMPHASIZING LIGHT TO CAPTURE 2 STAGES OF THE EMERGENCE OF A SINGLE FLOWER

Plant material required

CLASS 5 - CLEANSING COLOR 4 ENTRIES

“If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water.” Loren Eisely

A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING THE MAJESTY OF WATER

CLASS 6 - VISUALIZATION COLOR 4 ENTRIES

“It all depends on what you visualize” Ansel Adams

A LANDSCAPE SHOWING A PATH FORWARD

Novice

Timeline (subject to slight changes)

March 1, Monday - Registration opens to SGC via emails

March 15, Monday - Registration opens to other Zone XII clubs

March 29, Monday - secondary entries allowed thereafter to SGC members

April 19, Monday – deadline for all entries to be received via computer

May, 17, Monday – judging occurs

June 3, Thursday – video of show and results presented to membership coordinating with end of year luncheon

Hoping you will participate!

Suzette de Turenne, Photography Chair

Horticulture Report

Thank you for zooming with us when our wonderful Hort committee brought you **Spring Gardening Fun ~ in January!** As promised the incredibly comprehensive list of nurseries local and semi local, specialty bulb catalogs, rose growers, favorite websites and seed sources is now available on the SGC website. Even better yet website links for all companies listed are live in the document. Once you click on the link you are at the nursery, grower, catalog, etc. Click [here](#) for access to this invaluable resource.

It's time to dream and scheme. Enjoy your catalogs and order early for the best selection.

Need a pruning refresher? Catherine Allan and Sue Blethen's timely video tutorial transforms a Hibiscus syriacus (hibiscus) and Acer palmatum 'Dissectum'. Click [here](#) to access the video on the SGC website.

Please join us virtually for the **February 1st Hort meeting** hosted by the Floral Design committee. At our February 1st HORT meeting, the Floral Design Committee will share ideas on how to photograph flower arrangements and hear some of the elements judges look for when evaluating floral designs.

SGC hopes to hold a virtual Flower Show for the June meeting. While we're all new to the concept of virtual flower shows, as a club we look forward to exploring new concepts. We hope the *practice* demonstrations at our February Hort meeting will highlight the promise of spring and help us prepare for the June Flower and Photography shows. In advance of the meeting, please go to the GCA website and read the [Photography Guidelines for Exhibitors for Virtual Flower Shows](#).

Winter Ornaments

A Practice Session for a Virtual Flower Show

Seattle Garden Club February HORT Meeting 2/1/21

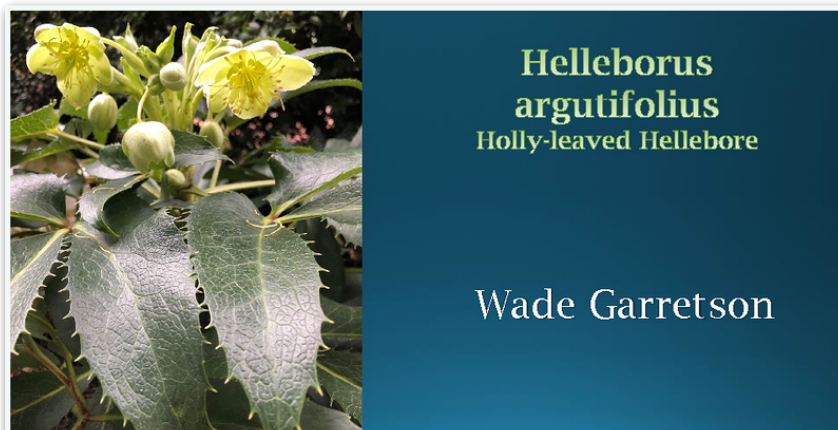
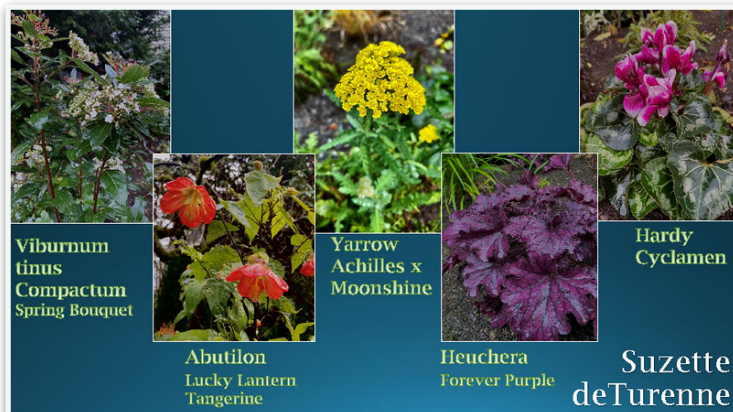
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Please sign-up for the February 1st meeting with Sign-up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4CADA92BAA8-sgcsep1>

Virtual Horticulture Show

For more please log into the SGC website! <https://www.seattlegardenclub.org>



Conservation



Magical Mud Pies

Carey Davis & Joan Harkins

Description: Use your imagination to transform two everyday resources that, when mixed together, can take the form of a delicious treat.

Season: In the PNW, all year

Length of Activity: 30 minutes

Age: 3-11

Button: Get your hands dirty

Magical Mud Pies

Did you know that everything in the whole wide world eventually becomes dirt? And that dirt then goes on to grow nearly all foods that feed us?

That's right, even the zipper on your coat, the hat on your head, and the pots and pans in your kitchen, will,

over time, break down and turn into soil.

Everything we eat needs soil to grow.

The bread in your sandwich comes from flour which comes from wheat and wheat needs dirt to bud.

Candy is made using sugar beets, and yep, you guessed it, sugar beets grow in the dirt.

Even the milk you put in your cereal this morning is produced by cows that spend their days munching on grass that could not flourish without nutrient rich soil.

And many of the plates and cups we use to eat and drink also come from the earth. Being made from clay, one of the many forms of dirt that, when fired at high temperatures, creates sturdy pottery.

For this activity, we are going to use our imaginations to transform the dirt right outside our door into a magical mud pie.

Supplies and Tools needed:

- A small bucket or plastic container
- Dirt
- Water
- And strong stick or an old spoon
- A pie pan or an old plate

Getting started

Step 1: Take your bucket or plastic container and fill it up with sand or dirt. Make sure to get permission if you are digging in someone's garden.

Step 2: Add some water to your bucket.

Step 3: Use your stick or old spoon to mix the water and soil until it feels like thick soup or yogurt. You can also use your hands if you want!

Step 4: Pour your mixture into the pie pan and leave it in the sun to harden.

Step 5: (Optional) Decorate your cake using plants or natural things you find around you. For example, you could use sticks for candles and rocks or dandelions for decorations.

Taking it Deeper

Can you see with the eyes of an artist?

Artists aren't afraid of experimenting. They often get veryyyyyyy messy before they ever create anything wonderful so don't worry about making a mess. You can always clean it up later!

What other things could you create with mud?

Further Reading

Here is [a poem](#) by one of our favorite poets.

Further Watching Here is [a video](#) about a child, much like yourself, who made mud pies.

Garden Giggles

GARDEN PUNS

All dressed up and nowhere to grow

Herb your enthusiasm

Your good seed for the day

Eat, drink and be rosemary

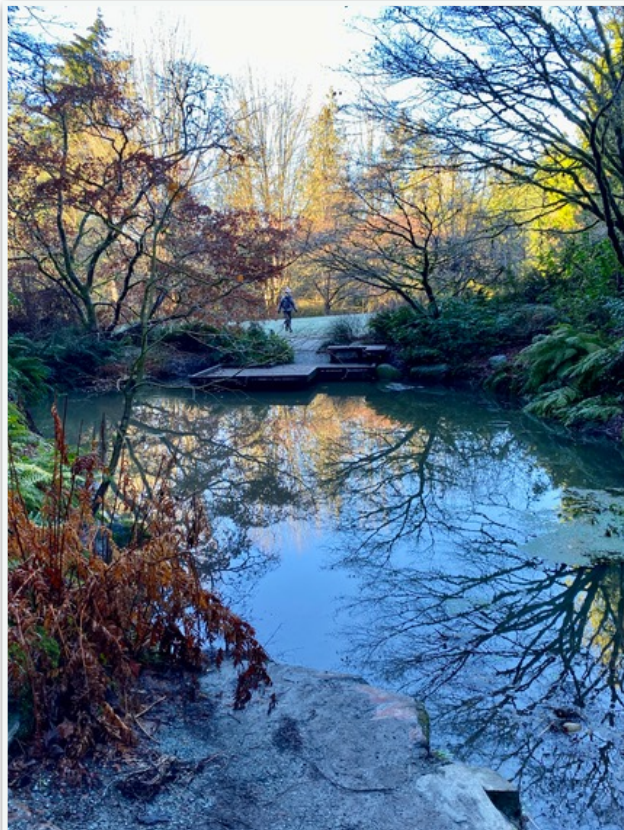
Member Candidids



by Suzy Titcomb



by Mary Turner



by Ana Hergert



Getting to Know Our Outstanding Provisionals



Introducing the spectacular Shelley Pemberton-Laramore

What is your favorite part of your garden? – My favorite part of my garden is my front yard.

Do you have a favorite Garden memory? - Cutting sweet peas was a favorite summer past time growing up. And I enjoy planting them to this day.

How have you spent your time during the pandemic? -during the pandemic I've enjoyed the hunt for new puzzles and putting them together. And of course getting outside to water, deadhead, and cut flowers to bring inside.

Best of all, enjoying several weeks in Sun Valley with my sisters & our spouse's.

From the Garden

Winter Garden Polenta By Better Homes & Gardens



Prep: 15 mins

Slow-Cook: 1 hr 30 mins

Total: 1 hr 45 mins

Servings: 4

Ingredients

½ cup oil-packed dried tomatoes
5 cups boiling water
1 ½ cups coarse cornmeal or polenta
½ cup finely shredded Parmesan cheese
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon dried basil, crushed
¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper
1 8 ounce package sliced fresh mushrooms
4 cups packaged fresh baby spinach
Crumbled Parmesan cheese (optional)

Directions

Step 1

Drain tomatoes, reserving 1 tablespoon oil. Snip tomatoes.

Step 2

Line a 3 1/2- or 4-quart slow cooker with a disposable cooker liner. Combine tomatoes, the boiling water, cornmeal, the 1/2 cup Parmesan, the salt, basil, and crushed red pepper; stir well to combine. Cover and cook on HIGH for 1 1/2 hours or on LOW for 3 hours, until cornmeal is tender.

Step 3

About 15 minutes before serving, in a large skillet heat reserved oil from tomatoes. Cook and stir mushrooms in hot oil for 5 minutes until tender. Add spinach; cook and stir just until wilted. Season to taste with salt.

Step 4

Stir polenta, then spoon into bowls. Top with spinach and mushroom mixture and crumbled Parmesan.

Nutrition Facts

Per Serving: 293 calories; fat 10g; cholesterol 7mg; saturated fat 3g; carbohydrates 43g; mono fat 3g; poly fat 3g; insoluble fiber 6g; sugars 1g; protein 11g; vitamin a 3935.8IU; vitamin c 30.7mg; thiamin 0.3mg; riboflavin 0.4mg; niacin equivalents 4.1mg; vitamin b6 0.3mg; folate 24.2mcg; vitamin b12 0.2mcg; sodium 859mg; potassium 552mg; calcium 212mg; iron 4.3mg.

Something Fun

I hear leaves drinking rain;
I hear rich leaves on top
Giving the poor beneath
Drop after drop;
'Tis a sweet noise to hear
These green leaves drinking near.

And when the Sun comes out,
After this Rain shall stop,
A wondrous Light will fill
Each dark, round drop;
I hope the Sun shines bright;
'Twill be a lovely sight.

William Henry Davies