

From the President:

We are off to a strong start with your Board and Committees busy planning the year ahead. Take time to look through your yearbook as it has all the General and Horticulture Meetings listed for the year to come and more information for you to know about. Please keep and transfer the Bylaws section to your 'new' Yearbook until the revised Bylaws are approved and distributed.

*The September Horticulture Meeting with guest speaker, Kathryn Kennedy, from the Center for Plant Conservation (CPC) was very informative. It helped everyone to understand the importance of plant conservation and why our recent funding for *Hackelia venusta* (stickweed) is so significant. Also, the Miniature Garden Workshop that followed with Bryn Rowe from the Piedmont Garden Club was a big success. It was especially beneficial to those entering the "Houdini's Box" category in our upcoming Show. Thank you to Diana Neely for planning these events and to those who assisted.*

Be sure to read the Summary of Actions in the newsletters to keep you updated on the happenings at the Board Meetings. Your input is always welcome so please call me if you have questions, suggestions or concerns. Our upcoming events for you to be thinking about and to help support are the Holiday Auction in December and the Small Flower, Horticulture and Photography Show in May. Your participation is essential to making these successful. Remember to invite prospective members to our Guest and Open Meetings as this is a good opportunity to introduce them to other members.

The Shirley Meneice Horticulture Workshop is being held October 14-17, 2006 at Winterthur and Longwood Gardens. We will be represented by Diana Neely and Phoebe Andrew.

An update on our newest award: the SGC President's Award is represented by a silver bowl that has been inscribed with our first award winner, Diana Neely. Congratulations to Iris Wagner who is serving as the Zone XII Vice Chairman. I know she will be a great asset and admire her for accepting the responsibility.

Out of respect to our visiting speakers please set your cell phones on vibrate during meetings and look for sign up sheets as you check in or when you leave. Do take time to enjoy your Club and the friendships you have made; together we do great things. Looking forward to seeing each of you.....

B.J. Anderson

October General Meeting **Thursday, October 19, 2006**

KEEP EARTH ALIVE: TIPPING POINTS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Peter Seligmann, Chairman of the Board and CEO of Conservation International

REI, Upper Level Meeting Room
10:00 coffee, 10:30 program

REI is located at 222 Yale Avenue North. The entrance to the parking garage is off Yale, on the west side of the building. Doors open at 10:00.

This meeting is open to the public. Do bring guests to hear Peter Seligmann.

**Respond to Catherine Roach at teroach@comcast.net or 206-325-5581
by Tuesday, October 17**



Peter Seligmann is one of today's most dynamic leaders in the global conservation movement—bringing innovation and action to the forefront of biodiversity protection for more than 25 years. In 1987, he co-founded Conservation International (CI) and as Chairman and CEO, has positioned CI at the cutting edge of conservation, creating lasting solutions to biodiversity and sustainable development challenges—becoming a major international conservation leader with field offices in over 40 countries on four continents.

A strong advocate of building partnerships, Seligmann has forged groundbreaking projects between the environmental community and other sectors, including government and private industry. Under Seligmann's leadership, CI has pioneered conservation tools that are economically sound, scientifically based and culturally sensitive.

Seligmann holds a masters degree from Yale University's School of Forestry and Environmental Science. He holds honorary Doctorates in Science from Michigan State University and Rutgers University and in 2001, he was awarded the Order of the Golden Ark from the Netherlands. Seligmann serves on the board of the Wild

Salmon Center in Portland, Oregon and the Mayor's Environmental Council in Washington, D.C. He also serves on the advisory councils of the Jackson Hole Land Trust, Ecotrust and other not-for-profit organizations, including the Japanese Keidanren's Nature Conservation Fund. In 2000, President Clinton named him a member of the Enterprise for the Americas Board.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS GOVERNING BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2006

The Governing Board Minutes of June 1, 2006 and the Annual Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2006 were approved as presented.

It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the following members for the nomination committee: Iris Wagner—Chairman; Barbara Anderson, Mary Jane Anderson, Sherrill Elliott and Sis Woodside.

It was moved, seconded and passed to approve Mary Smith as the By-Laws Chairman.

It was moved, seconded and passed to approve three new members to the Membership Committee: Laurie Ahern, Deborah Cheadle and Judy Phillips.

ONLY TWO MONTHS TO GO!

New member applications are due by Dec. 15th.

Don't be a procrastinator.

Get a head start and do the paperwork now.

Please contact me if you need an application form.

Phoebe Andrew, Membership Chair

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Community Projects

The Community Projects Committee Funding Requests deadlines are October 31 and March 1. If you have worthy projects that fit SGC guidelines (Yearbook pg,3), please call Lyn White or BJ Anderson. Let's put our hard earned dollars to work in our community.

"Tips and Tricks with Digital Cameras"

For all SGC Members / Guests Welcome
Monday, October 16th, Graham Visitor Center
Coffee at 9:30 - Meeting 10 am -12 Noon

Join photographer Michele Burton for a discussion of digital cameras. In the first part of the session, Michele will discuss some of the things to look for when purchasing a digital camera. The remainder of the session will be spent discussing tips for improving your digital photos. A representative from Omega Photo in Bellevue will be on hand with a selection of digital cameras for you to look at and discuss. As a real bonus, we will also have on display some of Michele's outstanding photos from her portfolio. There will be a \$10 charge to cover our expenses.

**For questions this events, please contact Jane Harder :
206-361-7675 (janeharder@comcast.net)**

DATES TO NOTE:

Monday, October 2

October Hort Meeting

Pam Green's home

9:30am - coffee / 10:00am - Program

Thursday, October 5

SGC Board Meeting

Sunset Club Board Room

9:30am - 11:30am

Friday, October 6

Partners For Plants Work party - **CANCELLED DUE TO FIRE DANGER**
Winthrop, WA

Monday, October 9

Flower Show Committee

CUH

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Monday, October 16

Tips & Tricks with Digital Photography

Michele Burton - Graham Visitors Center

9:30am - Coffee / 10:00am - 12:00pm - Program

Wednesday, October 18

Finance Committee

Debbi Wilson's home

9:30am - 11:30am

Thursday, October 19

October General Meeting

Peter Seligmann - KEEP EARTH ALIVE: TIPPING
POINTS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

REI - Upper Level Meeting Room

10:00am - Coffee / 10:30am - Program

Monday, October 23

Christmas Luncheon Auction Meeting

Hope Stroble's home

9:30am - 11:00am

Thursday, October 26

Policy & Planning

Laurie Ahern's home

10:00am - 11:30am

the HORT corner

CORRECTION !

October 2nd, Horticulture is at Pam Green's House!

Hear provisional Carlyn Steiner speak on the 'Challenges of downsizing to a small garden'. Do your camellia's need gibbing? Come see Barbara Tuffli, American Camellia Society President Elect, demonstrate how to Gib & Disbud Camellias. Pick up your gibbing kit, make your camellias feel special! Come join the fun! We will also be propagating camellias for April. Please bring your 'Show and Tell' to the October meeting.



THE REAL DIRT!!!!

Get the scoop by reading the online newsletter from the GCA Horticulture Committee. You may access the magazine at www.gcamerica.org and then clicking on 'Members Only' and logging in with 'gcamember' and password 'compost'. The Members Only menu bar will include a button link to REAL DIRT. You can access the current and back issues of the Real Dirt. Diana Fish is the editor (She has two Yorkies and lives in Carmel).

THE FREEMAN MEDAL

The Freeman Medal is awarded at the annual meeting to a worthy plant that is not usually propagated readily for use in the nursery trade. A preference is given to North American natives or their cultivars that thrive in USDA zones 2-11 and that are underused in American gardens. This is a plant that would make a good contribution to your garden. Please think of a suitable submission and email it to Diana Neely at diana_neely@msn.com or call Diana at 425-455-5070.

REMINDER

Buy your daffodil bulbs now, Our daffodil talk is in February.

Flowers for Fun

Cancer Lifeline flowers make you feel so happy...and brightens the day of others. To participate, you need bring only some greenery from your garden or blooms from the store. There is a vase already there.

Join the fun - call Susan Pollock or put your name on the SGC website calendar.

Seattle Garden Club Presents

"It's Magic"

A Small Flower, Horticulture and
Photography Show

May 16 - 19, 2007

We all need to be involved to make this a magical event. Please consider volunteering - there is a spot for each and everyone of us. (May 16 and 17 will be the set up days with the judging on May 18). Thank you. Questions?

Call Iris Wagner or Pam Green



Computer Class

Do you lose files after you save them?
Are email attachments a mystery?
Is your computer your enemy?



Worry no more...computer classes are here. Patsy will be holding classes periodically this year to help you control your computer. The first class will be Thursday evening, November 9th, 7 - 9 pm at the Invisible Fence Northwest office on Mercer Island.

Cost is a \$50 donation to the SGC. Email Patsy at patsy@pdrweb.net if you would like to attend. Limit 9 people.

Holiday Auction

Just around the Corner!

Once again, the December Holiday Luncheon will include our famous auction. Please begin thinking about items to donate! This auction is our biggest fund raising event of the year. We rely on the profits to fund our contributions to other organizations and our projects. We hope every member will be responsible for at least one item which will ensure a fabulous success like last year! We welcome your food items, books, trips, tickets, art work, Christmas decorations, jewelry, vacation spots and any other creative ideas. Hopefully over the summer you were all thinking about some fun items to include! This is such a fun event!!

Call: Hope Stroble (206) 364-6694

Email to: Hopestroble@hotmail.com

A Conservation Opportunity

The challenging issue of Climate Change will be the topic of a special Fall Education forum sponsored by Washington Women's Foundation.

The WWF Education Committee, led by Mary Pigott and Lynne Langseth will gather a panel of experts to lead the discussion on this complex subject. The Forum is on Thursday, October 19th from 12:00-1:30 at the 2100 Building Board Room at 2100 24th Avenue South, #330.

The cost is \$20 to cover lunch, starting at 11:30 a.m. The public is welcome, but please mention that you heard of the event from the SGC or Eleanor Nolan. It is necessary to RSVP by October 13 to (206) 340-1710.

Eco-Tip

The Conservation Committee suggests that everyone re-read pages 2 and 3 of the Yearbook. It is important information...

Awards Committee **Now is the Time**

Within our region, cities, communities and garden clubs, there are individuals making extraordinary contributions in the fields of conservation, horticulture, preservation, flower arranging, garden photography, art and literature. The opportunity to recognize these people through GCA and SGC Awards will be ours again this spring. Please review the Awards information in your green book on pages 32-44. Additional GCA info is available on their website. Gather as much information about these most worthy nominees and pass it on IN WRITING to an Awards Committee Member. This year's Committee is Ann Rogers, Nancy Bain, Trudy Baldwin, Barbee Crutcher, Gretchen Hull, Catherine Roach and JoAnne Rosen. Your input is essential! Please respond by December 17.

Scholarships

The school year is beginning at all of our area's institutions of higher learning. Contacts have once again been made to horticulture, landscape architecture, botany, urban forestry, ecological restoration and related departments regarding the availability of GCA scholarship funds to qualified applicants.

We, too, can keep our eyes open for possible candidates to refer to the Garden Club of America website www.gcamerica.org (click on Scholarships) to learn how to apply for a GCA scholarship.

The June-July GCA BULLETIN, pp. 9-12 lists the scholarship winners for 2005. To be a part of this effort to enable students in fulfilling their educational goals consider a gift to any of these funds. Call Martha Sampson for a contribution form.

Is your information incorrect in the Yearbook?

Please contact Patsy Pattison and a correction will be posted on the website as well as in the newsletter. (206)940-9901 or at patsy@pdrweb.net.

Please Post Meetings on the Website

To avoid meeting and event conflicts, please remember to check the website for already scheduled meetings. Then post your own meeting. For assistance, call Trudy or Patsy.

Iris is on the hunt...

Iris Wagner is on the hunt for any old files, time-ables, notes, notebooks, duties, etc that have to do with a Flower Show of any kind. In her very organized fashion she will collect all this information into a binder. Please check your files....

SGC Office Available for Meetings

Remember that the SGC office at CUH is available for our use. Although it is small, it can hold 6 - 8 people.



Remember that this June we will be celebrating our 90th anniversary!



In the Gardens:

Dunn Gardens Tours

Fall Foliage Festival at Dunn Gardens

Sunday, October 15 - 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Plant Sale, Membership Drive and Silent Auction

Docent-led tours of the Gardens and Refreshments.

Through October 31 - tours are available:

Thursday - 1:00pm, Friday - 10:00am & 1:00pm &

Saturday - 10:00am

Limit of 12 per tour - no children under 12 or pets.

Cost is \$10 (Seniors & students - \$7)

Go to: <http://www.dunngardens.org/octobercalendar.html>
for October schedule availability.

Washington Park Arboretum

Fall Plant & Bulb Sales

Sunday, October 1 - 10:00am - 3:00pm

Graham Visitors Center

Members Pre-Sale, Sat., September 30 - 12:00 - 2:00pm

440 Bulb Varieties, 17 Plant Vendors



Membership Changes:

Resigned:

Mrs. Thomas J. Hoffman (Janet Stanley)

We are saddened to inform you of the loss of Sustaining Member, **Mrs. Ernest Ballard (Helen Durkin)**, who was a member since 1958. She was a gentle soul and had a love for doing flower arrangements.

Yearbook Corrections:

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