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The rich offerings from our recent Hort and General Meetings are preparing us for April showers and vibrant spring blooms! Carolyn Whittlesey and Suzette de Turenne continued the *Hort from the Heart* series in March, motivating us with helpful tips on rose care, propagation, and pruning.

Hort Show Chairs Jenny Wyatt & Laurie Riley produced a video describing all the steps of participating in Hort Shows. It's a great resource that we can use long into the future to help prepare new members to enter shows.

Then at our General Meeting, we were inspired by GCA Scholarship recipient and landscape designer, Annika McIntosh's talk on designing children's gardens. She shared lots of ideas that relate to our *Outside Your Door* project. Also, Megan Smith shared updates about our East Montlake Park program. Watch for news about the fall EMP workparty to come.

As sunny days urge us outdoors, I hope everyone is taking advantage of all the ideas listed in the Conservation section of our website. You'll also note literally hundreds of conservation resources that the committee has gathered to suggest ways we can nurture our natural world.

I've had the honor of participating in GCA sessions where presidents around the country are sharing best practices. The most common themes are participation in public gardens that engage our local communities, education about native plants and pollinators, plus offering high quality programs. Delphine Stevens and the SGC Program Committee have engaged widely acclaimed speakers for our 21-22 year ahead. The rich content from our GCA programs and our speakers are among the remarkable benefits of our association and help us continue to attract new members ready to dive into club activities..

On April 21st, we'll honor our long-standing tradition of our joint meeting with Tacoma Garden Club. This year we'll be able to zoom through faces of our Tacoma colleagues and listen to Marty Wingate's talk on *Gardens and Gardeners Abroad*. SGC will host the April 2022 joint meeting in Seattle, featuring the Olmsted Bicentennial Celebration.

Best to all, Shelley

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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](#)

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. -
mawilliams712@gmail.com



Wednesday, April 21 TGC/SGC Joint Meeting hosted by Tacoma Garden Club on Zoom at 10:00AM

Author and Travel Guide, Marty Wingate on “Gardens and Gardeners Abroad”

As our spring gardens burst into color, Tacoma Garden Club has planned an inspirational tour of gardens in England, Scotland, and Ireland for our April joint meeting. Local author and travel guide, Marty Wingate will share a host of personal anecdotes and photographs from her visits to private gardens such as Hidcote Manor, Kiftsgate, and Sissinghurst Castle in England. Plus, she'll give us a tour of display gardens at recent Chelsea and the Hampton Court Palace flower and garden shows in London.

Marty holds a master's degree in Urban Horticulture from the University of Washington and is a member of the Royal Horticultural Society and the Northwest Horticultural Society. During her talk, she will provide us with practical ideas for planning our own future tours based on her experience as a tour guide.

This will be the 42nd year that we've held an annual joint meeting with Tacoma Garden Club, our closest GCA club. Please note this meeting will be on Wednesday 21st and not our usual general meeting day. Please sign up on the [SignUpGenius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4cada92baa8-sgcgeneral2) link below.

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Delphine
Program Chair

Horticulture Report

Come Zoom with us **Monday, April 5, at 10am**, when the Hort Committee presents **Club Traditions ~ The Provisional Talk**. We will entertain, inspire and reassure our Provisionals with a video montage of **Provisional Talk Memories** featuring SGC members.

Following the video will be the much-anticipated announcement of the **Provisional Talk Topics** for the 2021-2022 year. Megan Smith will present the theme and elaborate on the focus of the seven future talks.

The **Honolulu Garden Club** and **Horticulture Committee** invite us to learn about **Succulents for Today's Dish Gardens & Yard** with guest speaker and Queen of Succulents, **Debra Lee Baldwin**, **Wednesday, April 21 at 9:30am HST/12:30pm PDT**. To join the 60 minute Zoom webinar **RSVP by April 16** to Honolulu GC members mmmortz@hawaii.rr.com or jean@myershawaii.com or auntymaile@gmail.com Non-SGC members also invited. Please include their emails with your RSVP.

The **Conservation Committee** will update us with the latest news about their [Outside Your Door](#) project.

Please send your **Hort Share** photos by **Friday, April 2**, to Betsy Larson at betsypepper@live.com If you have an announcement please email Betsy Larson at betsypepper@live.com by **Friday, April 2**, to be recognized.

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

Go to the [Zoom link here](#).

Horticulture Show

GET READY FOR REAWAKENING! TUESDAY MAY 18 - WEDNESDAY MAY 19

SGC is planning a small Club Hort Show this spring!

Unless Covid foils our plans, the Show will take place outside with limited in-person presence at Pam Green's home. Thank you, Pam!

Registration is now open for the four simple Hort Classes that anyone can enter. PLEASE KEEP THE PLANT OWNERSHIP DEADLINE IN MIND PLANTS FOR CLASSES 1-3 MUST BE OWNED FOR TWO MONTHS, BY MARCH 19 AT THE LATEST.

We are disappointed that we are unable to accommodate cuts—one of SGC's specialties! Having only potted entries will allow us to maintain distancing protocols for dropping off and passing of entries on May 18, and then judging and picking up entries on May 19. Unfortunately, the Show will not be open to members or to the public, but it will be thoroughly photographed, and everyone will see a video of it at our June Annual Meeting.

The attached Schedule explains the process. First come, first serve! Email Jenny Wyatt with the Class you'd like to enter: wyattjen@comcast.net or wyattjen@icloud.com (they all come to the same inbox).

Please plan to join in the fun and enter!

Jenny Wyatt and Laurie Riley,
Reawakening Co-Chairs

Class 1

Hibernating

Four Entries

A collection of three or more different, culturally compatible rooted plants, including one northwest native, displayed in a bread basket with liner of the exhibitor's choice. Baskets should be made of natural woven material and sized to hold a large loaf of bread. Key Card Required.

Class Consultant: Laurie Riley

Class 2

Emerging Together

Four Entries

Two identical rooted plants in two identical pots with saucers. Pots not to exceed 8" in diameter/diagonal. Specimens will be judged for their matching characteristics as well as cultural perfection and presentation.

Class Consultant: TBD

Class 3

Light of Day

Four Entries

A collection of three or more rooted succulents arranged in a hypertufa container. The container may be borrowed, purchased or made by the exhibitor. It should be light enough to be easily carried by the exhibitor. Key Card Required

Class Consultant: Catherine Allan

Class 4

Wide Awake

Par

A single rooted plant of exceptional horticultural merit, which does not qualify for entry elsewhere in the Show. Cut specimens, orchids or hanging baskets are not permitted. Containers may not exceed 14" diameter/diagonal.

A. Plants owned for six months to two years

B. Plants owned for more than two years

Class Consultant: Carey Davis

Conservation

Each month we are posting activities from OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR on the SGC website. Please take a look and share these with your friends and family.

[Outside Your Door \(select here\)](#)

Members of the conservation committee have been giving informative talks on conservation issues. Please join our next meeting on April 26th at 10:00

Beth Glass, a member of Kenilworth Garden Club, a Zone XI GCA Club, is chairing a virtual spring luncheon featuring an incredible speaker, world renown conservationist and 2017 GCA Medalist Kris Tompkins, who will be interviewed by 2017 GCA Medalist Wendy Paulson. It will be 10:30-12:30 May 6th for \$300. For more information can be found in the attachment.



**Thursday,
May 6, 2021**
12:30pm CST

For sponsorship information
and to register for this
virtual event please visit
fieldmuseum.org/WISLunch


THE WOMEN'S BOARD
of THE FIELD MUSEUM

Beth Glass and Jeannie Tisbo
Luncheon Co-Chairs
Sandy Deromedi
Women's Board President

Proceeds from the Women in
Science Luncheon support
dedicated opportunities
at the Field Museum for young
women who aspire to science
or STEM careers.

For 15 years, the Women's Board of the Field Museum has been dedicated to advancing the Field's mission. Each year the board raises \$1.5 million to support the Museum's global research and conservation programs; education and community outreach efforts; and inspiring visitor experiences. This year marks the 21st Anniversary of the Women's Board's Women in Science initiative. What began in 2000 as an effort to fund one fellowship is today a robust Field Museum community, and series of programming. Proceeds from the luncheon underwrite paid internships for women in high school and college, graduate fellowships for women pursuing advanced degrees in science, and post-doctoral research opportunities, all supported and led by the Museum's esteemed scholars.

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KEYNOTE AND CONSERVATION EVENTS

Join us virtually to hear from our keynote speaker, Kris Tompkins, and consider sponsoring the event to join one of our outdoor nature programs!

We are delighted to host a month-long Conservation Celebration as part of this year's Women in Science program.

- Sponsors will have access to the virtual keynote on May 6, as well as the option to attend an outdoor gathering in the spring with up to ten guests.
- Meet and learn from Field Museum conservation ecologists and Keller Science Action Center experts.

Keynote Speaker

**KRISTINE MCDIVITT
TOMPKINS**



Kristine McDivitt Tompkins is the cofounder and president of Tompkins Conservation and the UN Patron of Protected Areas. The former CEO of Patagonia, Inc, she has spent the last 28 years protecting and restoring Chile and Argentina's wild beauty and biodiversity through creating national parks, restoring wildlife, inspiring activism, and fostering economic vitality as a result of conservation. A key figure behind the establishment of 13 national parks in Argentina and Chile, she has helped protect approximately 14.5 million acres through Tompkins Conservation and its partners. With her late husband Douglas Tompkins, who passed away in 2015, Kristine is considered one of the most successful national park-oriented philanthropists in history. In 2017, she received the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy. A global leader in conservation, Kris currently serves as Chair of National Geographic Society's Last Wild Places campaign.



Moderator

WENDY PAULSON

Wendy Paulson's career has been in education and conservation action. She has taught in public and private schools, and helped create classes about birds in New York City and the Chicago Public Schools, where she still teaches. Wendy chairs the Bobolink Foundation, which advances the conservation and stewardship of biodiversity through the protection of natural areas, education, and building local constituencies for nature. She serves as trustee or adviser for multiple domestic and international conservation organizations. Wendy has led bird walks in Illinois, New York City, and Washington, DC for over 30 years, and is a longtime participant in native grassland restoration.

For more information
[Click Here](#)

GCA Conservation Conference Summary

The GCA put on a fantastic conservation conference this year, focusing on **Natural Climate Change Solutions**.

All of the lectures from the conference are available on the GCA website and come highly recommended.
<https://www.gcamerica.org/members/nal-conference>

The responsibility of the delegates attending the National Affairs & Legislation Conference is to reach out to the Washington state members of congress, to tell them about the bills that the GCA is supporting this year. Suzy Titcomb and I worked with two members of the Tacoma Garden club, both of whom were excellent partners. We were also given first rate assistance by the Conservation Committee at GCA. They provided all of the delegates a toolbox which included a summary of the GCA, the overall GCA priorities for 2021, and talking points for each of the bills the GCA is supporting, including bill numbers, sponsors, and a brief summary of why our members of congress should support these bills. This assistance insured that we were well prepared and articulate about the bills we are discussing.

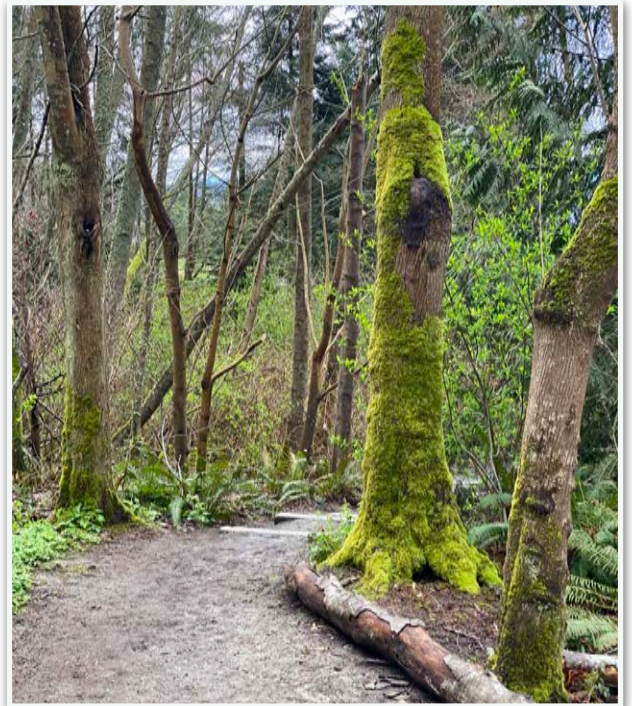
The GCA is supporting bills related to 1. infrastructure and transportation 2. Agricultural Solutions to climate change 3. Ocean related solutions to climate change 4. planting a trillion trees and 5. planting native plants in our national parks.

We have spoken to the offices of Senator Murray, Senator Cantwell, Representatives Adam Smith, Derek Kilmer, Kim Shirer, Marilyn Strickland, and Susan DelBene. Our final call will be to Pramila Jayapal.

Susan Potts
NAL SGC Delegate

Member Candidids





Getting to Know Our Amazing Board Members



Introducing Catherine Allan

1. What is your committee and what you do?

The Overall Judging Chair reports on the Judges' activities, where they're traveling, if that applies, and which flower shows they are judging. There are three disciplines within the GCA Judging Program: Horticulture, Photography & Floral Design. SGC has 21 Judges in the various levels of Approved Judge, Prospective Judge and Candidate. This year has been highly unusual in that most shows are being judged virtually. SGC however, is hosting an in-person, Club, Hort Show May 19th.

2. If I become a member of your committee, what can I expect?

It's a process. First, letters must be written in order for the candidate to be endorsed by the president of the club and a proposer/judge in the discipline in which the candidate is interested. It's a long journey from Candidate to Approved Judge, but well worth the investment of time, effort and money to achieve this goal. The best 'dividend' is meeting new friends with common interests from all over the U.S.

3. What is your favorite plant-based activity?

I just returned from the Washington Park Arboretum where I spent a beautiful spring morning photographing the Camellia Collection there. This is a special collection to me after chairing the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference in 2015, the money 'left over' from the conference returns to the city where it was held. The 'rest' was in the amount of \$10K to restore a prized Camellia collection in the Arb. that had not bloomed to its potential in recent years due to the shaded conditions created by the overstory of cedars & firs.

4. What are some of your favorite plants and why?

I'd have to say that Camellias are at the top of the list today, mid-March, because of this special connection to the camellia collection in the Arboretum. I grew up in Yakima where camellias can't grow due to colder winters and hotter summers. Camellias are viewed as exotic plant specimens in my mind. Also, anything fragrant that recalls a childhood memory like, peonies, roses, lilacs & hyacinths. They're old-fashioned, but ones that recall the places and people who introduced them to me.

(Photo: Camellia japonica 'Rose Bowl')

Cooking with Kay

SPINACH, BASIL & WALNUT PESTO

4 cloves garlic, peeled
1 1/2 to 2 cups baby spinach leaves
3/4 cup fresh basil leaves
2/3 cup toasted walnuts
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon lemon zest
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil



Toss the garlic cloves into the food processor with the motor running. When garlic is minced add the spinach, basil, walnuts, Parmesan, salt & pepper, lemon juice & zest and 2 tablespoons olive oil. Process until smooth, scraping the sides as needed. Drizzle in the remaining oil through the feed tube with the motor running until the mixture is smooth and fully blended.

NOTE: If your olive oil is strong and you prefer a milder flavor, you may substitute some of the olive oil with a neutral oil such as canola.

Garden Giggles

Why do gardeners plant bulbs?

So the worms can see where they're going

I was offered a job as a gardener, but I didn't take it because the celery was too low.

Something Fun



Hummingbird Nectar Recipe

Ingredients

- Refined white sugar
- Water

Directions for making safe hummingbird food:

1. Mix 1 part sugar with 4 parts water (for example, 1 cup of sugar with 4 cups of water) until the sugar is dissolved
2. Do **not** add red dye
3. Fill your hummingbird feeders with the sugar water and place outside
4. Extra sugar water can be stored in a refrigerator
5. Change feeders every other day and thoroughly clean them each time to prevent harmful mold growth