



Seattle Garden Club

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All of us miss the chance to be together, yet despite more than a year of pandemic restrictions, our enthusiasm for gathering remotely to learn, to build friendships, and generously support our greater community has been deeply rewarding. We can all be proud of our accomplishments!

The rich offerings of our April meetings included a delightful retrospective of member experiences doing their talks. The theme for the next group of Provisionals was announced for the coming year, 2021-22. "Healing Using Native Medicinal Plants From Across the Seven Native Cultural Zones of the United States".

The GCA Floral Design Committee wowed us with a day-long series of practical ideas and artistic delights. And, we carried on our long-standing tradition of the joint meetings with Tacoma Garden Club, where we were honored with updates from GCA President Debbie Edwards and Zone XII Chair Susan Uydess. Warm thanks to all who orchestrated these meetings.

Our year-end activities will be busy with our May Hort meeting, the GCA Annual Meeting webinars, the Hort Show, and our May General Meeting focused on Photography. The June 3rd Annual Meeting will highlight Awards and showcase our Hort & Photography Shows. We'll also welcome next year's board and hear a budget update.

Looking to the future, I'm delighted to applaud the work of our current Board and also note that this newsletter contains the exciting news of the Slate of Officers for our 2021-22 SGC year! As you know, nearly half of our Board members begin a new term at our Annual Meeting in June. I'm delighted with the new slate and send thanks to all who've agreed to serve!! Thanks also to Diana Ackerley and all the members of the Nominations Committee.

We're very hopeful that by September we'll be able to gather for our Fall Picnic. As we move into "Reawakening" in the SGC year to come, please take time to tell us how you'd like to contribute your time and talents to our club.

Newsletter editor:
Stacey Campbell

The Membership Survey, prepared by President-Elect Barbara Feasey and the Policy and Planning Committee, seeks your thoughts on how best we can strengthen our club and also asks your preferences for engagement in our committees – the heart of our friendships and service. Please return your survey as soon as possible!

On May 10-12, all members have the chance to zoom into the [GCA Annual Meeting](#). On Tuesday, May 11th at 8:00 am Seattle time. We can tune in for the [GCA Annual Business Meeting](#) to learn of new programs related to the Olmsted 200 Bicentennial, who wins the GCA Founders Fund grant, and hear from the 2021-2023 GCA president, Debbie Oliver, to learn her vision for our future. Then Wednesday, May 12th Wednesday, May 12, at 8:00 am our time, you'll have the opportunity to choose two different GCA Resource Workshops highlighting best practices from clubs around the country.... including SGC! There are other offerings as well, so be sure to check the GCA website and register to attend the three-day event.

Best 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](#)

May 10-12, 2021 [GCA Annual Meeting](#)
[The last day to register](#) is Wed, May 5,



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



May General Meeting on Thursday, May 20 at 10:00AM on Zoom



GCA Photography judge, Crissy Cherry on, 'The camera you have with you - how to capture your idea with the camera at hand'

In May, GCA Photography judge Crissy Cherry will join us from Florida to share her overview of photography and provide tips on what judges are looking for at a GCA photography show. Crissy has an approachable style and has held numerous leadership positions in the GCA, currently serving as a member of the GCA Virtual Meetings Working Group and previously as President of the Lake Forest Garden Club, GCA Vice-President, Treasurer, founding GCA Photography Committee member and Chairman of the GCA Flower Show Committee.

Crissy became interested in photography and computers in the early 70's, so with the advent of digital photography she was able to marry these two interests while branching into digital painting. Crissy is delighted to speak to SGC and will answer your questions at the end of her talk.

Please sign up for the Zoom meeting on the SignUpGenius link below and email your announcements to me before the meeting. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4cada92baa8-sgcmeeting1>

Delphine Stevens, Program Chair

September SGC Flower Show

Mark your calendars for our club flower show which will be in conjunction with our fall picnic on September 16th at the Seattle Tennis Club. Planning is underway and we will be reaching out to the membership in the next several months with details on the flower show and opportunities for volunteering.

Co-Chairs, Sue Ashmun and Caroline Goedhart

Horticulture Report

Come Zoom with us one last time. It's our final Hort meeting of the year so please join us **Monday, May 3, at 10am** when the Hort Committee presents another information packed program.

Catherine Allan, Pam Green and Jenny Wyatt will present a video refresher with further insight into the mysterious world of **Binomial Nomenclature** aka the use of botanical Latin names. Learn about why and where to include this information when completing show entry cards as well as the correct use of Genus, species and the specific epithet. In doubt about when to capitalize? Join us to learn more.

Jenny Wyatt and Laurie Riley, co-chairs of the **Hort Club Show May 18** will give us timely video tips about **Par entries**. They will cover everything from plant selection, container choice, potting medium and proper grooming techniques (is a blow dryer ever appropriate?) needed to complete the entry card.

Eliza Davidson will update us with more **Western Washington seasonal gardens and nurseries** especially worthy of a springtime visit. Featured plants are lilacs, peonies, iris, azaleas and rhododendrons.

Suzy Titcomb returns for a final time to update us on **Outside Your Door**, the creative initiative developed by the Conservation Committee.

Please send your Hort Share photos by Friday, April 30, to Betsy Larson at betsypepper@live.com Please include both the botanical and common names. If you have an announcement, please email Betsy Larson at betsypepper@live.com by Friday, April 30, 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



Our Club Horticulture Show will take place on Tuesday May 18 and Wednesday May 19, outside at Pam Green's home.

The Show will be "live" for participants only, but it will be well documented. Everyone will be able to see a photographic recap of the event and the beautiful entries at SGC's June Annual Meeting.

Classes 1 (Hibernating), 2 (Emerging Together), and 3 (Light of Day) are full.

Everyone still has an opportunity to enter Class 4, Wide Awake. This is a Par class, described as "A single rooted plant of exceptional horticulture 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." Par consists of A. Plants owned for two months to two years; and B. Plants owned for more than two years. Please note the two-month ownership deadline.

Join the fun! Look around your garden and see what you might pot up to enter or already have in a pot. Registration deadline is Saturday May 15, although earlier would be appreciated! Simply email Jenny Wyatt, wyattjen@comcast.net, with your desire to enter, length of plant ownership, and whether you are a Novice. If you don't hear right back, give Jenny a call, 204-499-0543.

All members who have entered 'Reawakening' will receive a time slot for dropping off their plants on Tuesday May 18. The Show Schedule, entry cards, and a range of how-to resources are on the SGC Website. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you have.

Jenny Wyatt and Laurie Riley,
Reawakening Co-chairs.

Conservation

Happy Spring Everyone-

Did you celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd? In honor of Earth Day, please choose to take the GCA Healthy Yard Pledge. Our goal is to have 100% SGC participation.



What is the Healthy Yard Pledge and why should you take it? The Great Healthy Yard Project is a way you, your family, and your community can improve your water quality without any extra time, work, or money.

Pesticides from our lawns and gardens wash into our drinking water, and together with pharmaceuticals that we wash down the drain, are the most widespread source of pollution in our drinking water. Even tiny amounts have recently been found to cause serious harm, and the exposure adds up. Pledge to not use any pesticides in your garden. Go to the site below to sign up right now: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9fdGo2ZS9Zhhx1gQ7R5oq8WK2-E656T6F7OZOEV8UKg543Q/viewform>

If you want to delve a bit deeper into sustainable gardening practices, be sure to listen to the podcast "A Way to Garden" presented by Margaret Roach. Margaret spoke at the GCA 2020 Shirley Meneice Conference. One of her most recent episodes is "Smarter Companion Planting with Jessica Walliser" <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/margaret-roach-a-way-to-garden/id370801678?i=1000511836732>

Did you know that the Conservation page on the SGC website is full of current articles from various news sources? Read about healthy gardening practices, current news on climate, bees, salmon, forests and local conservation articles. Go to our site to read more at: <https://www.seattlegardenclub.org/articlesnewsupdates>.

I have been hearing from many of you that you are enjoying the OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR SGC website. Here is a fun Sunflower activity to enjoy with your friends and family. Now is a perfect time to plant sunflower seeds with the little ones in your life. Plant seeds and watch them grow and attract birds and insects. Have a friendly competition with your family and neighbors to compare seed growth. What a great way to connect with family and nature. <https://www.seattlegardenclub.org/conservation-2/conservationresourcesforstudents/plants-oyd/>

Any questions, please email me at stitcomb2@gmail.com

Nominations

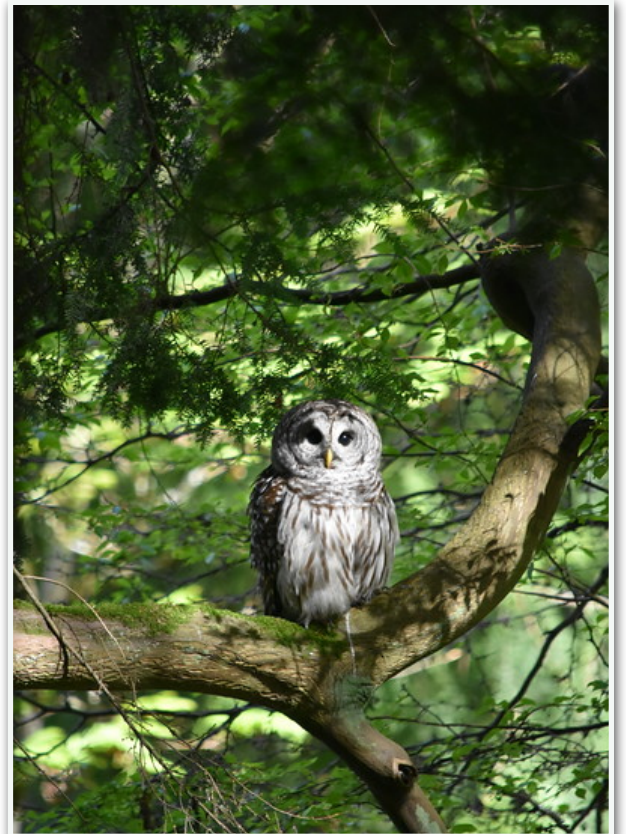
Thank you to the Nominations Committee: Diana Ackerley - Chair, Catherine Allen, Diana Neely, Marilee Ahalt, Barbra Feasey

Proposed Slate of Officers June 2021-June 2022

President Elect:	Peggy-Paige Most
Recording Secretary:	Katie McReynolds
Community Projects:	Sue Simmons
Membership:	Marianne Mowat
Programs:	Diana Ackerley
Ways & Means:	Tori Ragen
Corresponding Secretary:	Jill Crutcher (2021-2022) Carolyn Echelbarger (2022-2023)

Member Candids







Sipping in the Sun

Aperol Grapefruit Margarita

Author - Serena Wolf | Serves 1 cocktail



Ingredients | Recipe

2 ounces tequila blanco

1 ounce aperol

2 ounces freshly squeezed pink grapefruit juice

1/2 ounce freshly squeezed lime juice

2 ounces club soda

grapefruit or orange rounds for garnish (optional)



Garden Giggles

Why did the tomato blush?

Because he saw the salad dressing!

Why do fungi have to pay double bus fares?

Because they take up too mushroom!

What is a zucchini's favorite sport?

Squash!

Something Fun

Today

By Billy Collins

If ever there were a spring day so perfect,
so uplifted by a warm intermittent breeze
that it made you want to throw
open all the windows in the house
and unlatch the door to the canary's cage,
indeed, rip the little door from its jamb,
a day when the cool brick paths
and the garden bursting with peonies
seemed so etched in sunlight
that you felt like taking
a hammer to the glass paperweight
on the living room end table,
releasing the inhabitants
from their snow-covered cottage
so they could walk out,
holding hands and squinting
into this larger dome of blue and white,
well, today is just that kind of day.