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What's a Seattle Garden Club President to do with so much uncertainty regarding the latest phase of the pandemic? The solution: to draw from the wisdom of her presidential predecessors who faced significant pandemic restrictions during their tenures and seek reassurance from the nearly 105 years of our Club's history of resilience throughout many external challenges.

As your President, be assured I will work with our board to make decisions based on the best information available, and always keep the health and well-being of our membership at the forefront of those decisions.

We have a wonderful group of board members this year, with a mix of experienced and new committee chairs, and a terrific schedule of programs for our General and Hort meetings. Hort meetings have been planned to be in person, most at CUH. There will be 2 General meetings on Zoom, with the rest also planned to be in person at CUH. If restrictions make it difficult to meet in person, or dictate no in person meetings, we will return to Zoom to remain connected as a club and continue our work.

Four luncheons are also on our schedule, including our fall picnic on September 16 at the Seattle Tennis Club. It will be our first opportunity in the last year and a half to gather in person, and we will do so safely outdoors under an open sided tent, with a Club Flower Show in floral design providing our luncheon centerpieces. It will be the first chance for many of us to meet Provisional members in person, and I look forward to those introductions. Whether or not we can hold additional luncheons, including our holiday gathering in early December and joint meeting with Tacoma in April, remain in question. We will address each one when we have enough information to make those decisions.

SGC members are a resilient group. We draw strength from our long history while remaining mindful of the responsibility entrusted to us to continue our mission. Please join me in recommitting to that mission.

As always, I welcome your thoughts and questions regarding any aspect of our club. Please don't hesitate to share them with me.

Barbara

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](#)



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



September SGC Flower Show



Opposites Attract

"All colors are the friends
of their neighbors and the
lovers of their opposites."

Come join us at the Annual Fall Picnic and Flower Show
Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 11:30 am

The Seattle Tennis Club—outside on the North Lawn

922 McGilvra Blvd. East, Seattle

We are excited to be together again in person! Our annual picnic this year will be on the north lawn of the Seattle Tennis Club and will be tented. In conjunction with the picnic, we will be holding a club flower show.

Plan to attend in a safe environment and enjoy the beautiful flower arrangements.

To RSVP, please use the **Sign Up Genius** link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4cada92baa8-sgcfall1>
or visit our **SGC Website** for more information and to let us know your attendance plans.

If you prefer to RSVP via email, please contact Laurie Riley at laurieriley@gmail.com or call 206-890-2262.

Bamboo Circle Event



Bamboo Circle event report

SGC was WELL-REPRESENTED AT THE SEATTLE CHINESE GARDEN BAMBOO CIRCLE EVENT

A casual Chinese buffet, beverages and traditional music and singing set the stage for a lovely evening on August 5th at the Seattle Chinese Garden. SGC Community Projects presented a \$10,000 grant to the garden this past year for their peony courtyard. Peonies are scheduled to arrive from China and be planted this fall. Several SGC members attended this year's Bamboo Circle annual fundraiser dinner, which both seeks funds and celebrates the year's success.

In photo, left to right: Catherine Allan, Eliza Davidson, Suzette de Turenne, Sarah Robinson, Katie McReynolds

Horticulture Report

We're back and in-person! The 2021/2022 season of **Hort meetings** starts anew **Monday, October 4, at 9:15am - 10:00 for Social** followed by a **10:00 - 11:30 Program**. Join us as we finally **return to CUH** and present the **first of seven terrific Provisional talks** beginning with **Michele Heller** will enlighten us on the topic of **"United States' Gift to Healing Using Native Medicinal Plants - Alaska and the Pacific Northwest"**.

Make sure to read **Suzette de Turenne's featured article** about **opportunities to participate** in this year's **Shirley Meneice Horticultural Conference** scheduled for **September 22 and 23**. An opportunity not to be missed.

The **Conservation Committee** will **update** us with the latest news about their **Outside Your Door** initiative.

Keeping with **tradition**, **Hort Share** will close out our meeting. Delight us all by bringing a **surprise from your October garden**. Practice your **binominal nomenclature skills** and **include your plant's Latin and common names**.

Finally, it's time to solicit our membership to bring all-important **refreshments** for **Hort meetings**. We **depend 100% on generous volunteers to act as hostess, bring a floral arrangement, sweets (cookies and sweet breads), savory items, fruit, and coffee/tea**. No Hort meeting would be complete without these **treats**. Go to [SignUpGenius link here](#) for additional details and to sign up. **SGC needs everybody to contribute** in some way to a Hort or General meeting **once each year**.

If you are unable to attend in-person, we will offer a **hybrid meeting option**. Those joining by Zoom will **submit their questions in the Chat** and **Barbara Feasey** has generously offered to continue as moderator. [Go to the Zoom link here](#).

Conservation

After a summer of excessive heat and wildfires our eyes have been opened even more to the challenges and responsibilities to the next generation. We can make a difference. In re-reading the GCA purpose of the Conservation Committee, you can see we are trying hard.

The purpose of the Conservation Committee is to **keep the GCA membership well informed on current conservation issues; to promote respect for natural resources and responsibility for environmental stewardship**; to encourage clubs to identify and carry out conservation work locally; **to provide environmental education programs for youth and the general public...**

Three of our goals for this year are:

1. To educate ourselves on the current conservation issues by staying informed reading **ConWatch** which is a quarterly newsletter published by the GCA's Conservation Committee.

<https://www.gcamerica.org/members/publications/details/id/1>

2. Provide environmental education for youth by encouraging members to become actively involved in **OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR** on SGC website. Our grandchildren are our future environmental leaders so now is the time to share our precious outside world with them so they will respect and care. Open it up and share an outside your door activity with a young person.

<https://www.seattlegardenclub.org/conservation-2/conservationresourcesforstudents/>

3. **HEALTHY YARD PLEDGE**- Let's try for 100% participation with SGC members.

"I pledge to take care of my yard without synthetic pesticides, weed killers and fertilizers except on rare occasions to resolve an infestation or to improve habitat for native plants and wildlife. I also pledge not to throw pharmaceuticals or chemicals down my drains or toilets."

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Can you check those three goals off on your to do list?

If you haven't already joined the Conservation committee and would like to, please contact me at stitcomb2@gmail.com

Thank you,
Suzy Titcomb

Photography

Thank you to everyone who participated in our early [June virtual Club Photography show, “A Time to Heal.”](#) Did you know that the show is still available for viewing on our web site? Check it out at www.seattlegardenclub.org in the “Calendar & Events” drop-down menu for “[Flower and Photo Shows](#)” or under [Committees>Photography](#). Thanks also to those who uploaded Summer Solstice photographs to the SGC website in June. Visit the SGC Photography Committee landing page at our web site or log on here: <https://digitalgarden.smugmug.com/share/98dpmG>

We are anticipating a year combining in person outings and some virtual meetings given current Covid guidelines. But first, we have some photography ***fun for all SGC members***:

- The GCA photography *Focus* Spring publication announced a **2021 photography contest, “This Land is Your Land.”** This contest is open to all GCA members, whether or not you are on the Photography Committee. Contest registration will be open via online entry form from September 1 to September 30. This is a large-scale contest with twelve classes! It is a wonderful opportunity to enter a photography contest as easily as possible, since it is virtual. Detailed information is available after logging on here: <https://www.gcamerica.org/members:publications/publicationdetails/pid/874>

- Another opportunity for all SGC members is to participate in our **October “Favorite Summer Photo” exhibit** at our October General Meeting, scheduled to be in-person at CUH. All SGC members are encouraged to bring a favorite photo, simply printed on 8 ½ X 11” photo paper (non-glossy preferred).

Important date for SGC Photography Committee members:

- First meeting, Thursday, September 30th at 10am.** Mark your calendars. This gathering will either be a virtual Zoom meeting or in-person, depending on the Covid recommendations at that time. Bring ideas regarding the year’s activities and particularly a Fall outing!

Looking forward to “seeing” you as we look at a hybrid kind of year, balancing in-person and virtual interactions.

Suzette de Turenne, Photography Chair

Know Your Board



An interview with the incomparable Cynthia Bostwick

1. What committee do you serve?

Ways and Means

2. What does your committee do?

We are responsible for raising the money that funds Community Projects as well other SGC initiatives. We raise the money by holding an auction.

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

Committee members procure items and experiences for the auction.

We make sure that all auction items have an accurate description and photo submitted.

We brainstorm to ensure that the auction experience is fun and easy.

Finally, we follow-up to make sure buyers receive their items

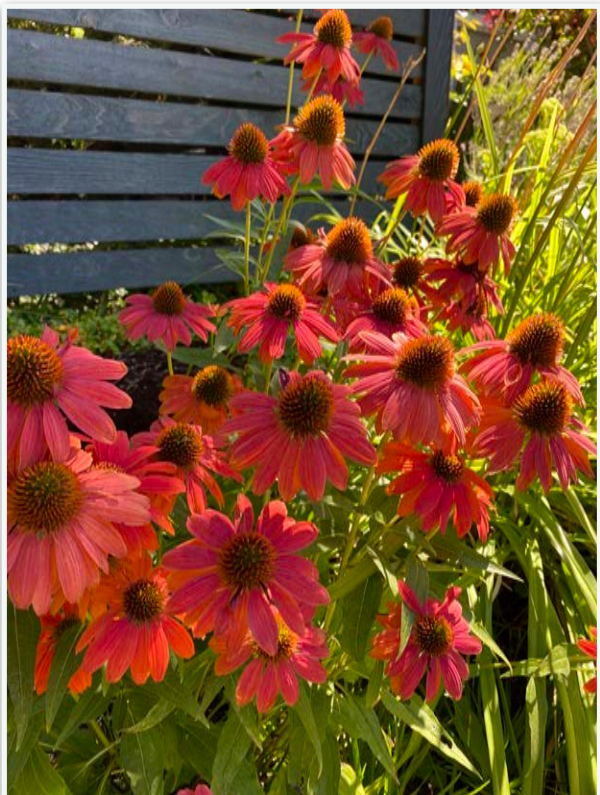
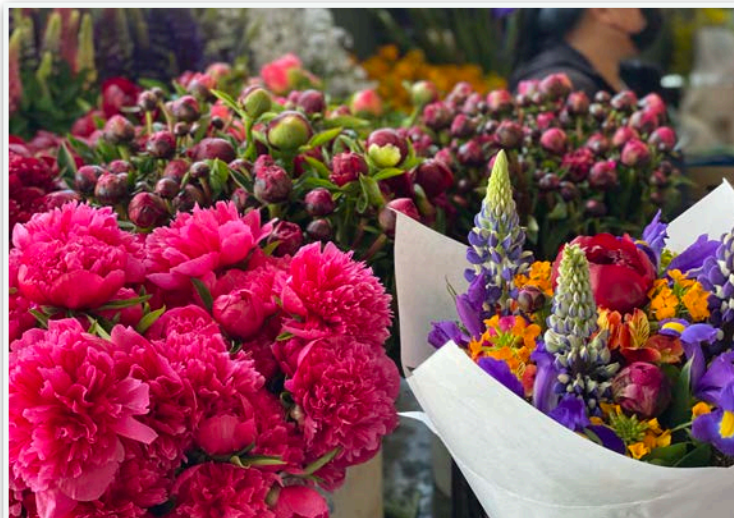
3. What is your favorite plant-based activity?

Visiting gardens to see the creations of garden designers.

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

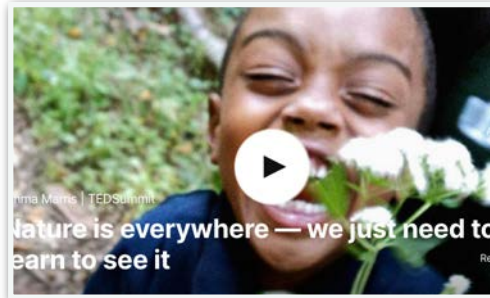
I love orchards for their sculptural qualities...French Tulips for their sheer beauty...Peonies for their color...Hellebores for their petals and size.

Member Candid's



Something Fun

Nature is everywhere, we just have to learn to see it.



[Click here to view the TED talk here](#)

How do you define "nature?" If we define it as that which is untouched by humans, then we won't have any left, says environmental writer Emma Marris. She urges us to consider a new definition of nature -- one that includes not only pristine wilderness but also the untended patches of plants growing in urban spaces -- and encourages us to bring our children out to touch and tinker with it, so that one day they might love and protect it.

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"

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

"It's right next to the sage"

Which vegetable is always shivering?

A chilli

Apple-licious



Carmel Apple Snickerdoodle

By The FirstYear Blog

Ingredients

COOKIES

- 2 & 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 2 tsp cream of tartar
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 packets (.74 oz) apple cider drink mix
- 2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 & 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup caramel bits (like Kraft brand)

TOPPING

- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp cinnamon

Instructions

- 1 In a medium mixing bowl, combine the flour, cream of tartar, baking soda, salt and apple cider drink mix. Set aside.
- 2 In a large mixing bowl, beat the butter and sugar with an electric mixer for 2 minutes. Beat in the eggs. Mix in the caramel bits with a spatula. Slowly add the flour mixture to the wet mixture, mixing until the flour is just combined.
- 3 Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and place it in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.
- 4 Preheat the oven to 350°F.
- 5 In a small bowl, mix together the cinnamon sugar topping.
- 6 Remove the dough from the fridge. Using a small cookie dough scoop, scoop dough and roll it into a ball. Roll the ball into the cinnamon sugar mixture. Place them on a baking sheet lined with a silicone baking mat. Bake for 9-11 minutes or until the tops become a little crackly. Allow the cookies to cool for 5-10 minutes before moving them to a cooling rack or eating them!