



Seattle Garden Club

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It was a delight to be among so many members enjoying our picnic on September 16 at the Seattle Tennis Club! I can't remember a more picture-perfect fall day for this annual gathering that has traditionally been the first member meeting of our garden club year. Meeting Arrangements Chair, Laurie Riley, outdid herself planning the luncheon! Her excellent attention to detail resulted in a delicious lunch inside a spacious tent that provided the ideal setting for our Club Show in Floral Design, "Opposites Attract".

Show Co-Chairs Sue Ashmun and Caroline Goedhart skillfully orchestrated a creative showcase for the floral design talents of our Provisionals and members who entered their unique and lovely centerpieces. These designs generated so much enthusiasm and spirited conversation; I lamented the lack of a big bell to call our meeting to order. As it was, it took several of my best attempts to quiet the tent to begin our lunch and program!

More appreciation must be shared as it takes many members to craft a successful event! Thanks go to Marilee Ahalt for gracious hospitality for our visiting judges, Jill Crutcher for excellent clerking and generous hospitality, Barbara Hamachek for serving as mentor and consultant for all 3 classes, Nancy Bain for passing the entries – solo – as a Hort Judge (I would name her an honorary floral design judge if it were within my powers) and Sandy Hanower for beautiful calligraphy on the awards. Talented photographers Suzette de Turenne, Charlee Reed, Suzy Titcomb and Peggy-Paige Most took the fabulous photos you will enjoy in the newsletter and on our website.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to see many members at our October Hort and General hybrid meetings. These upcoming meetings, in-person at CUH with a zoom option for those who can't or would prefer not to attend, prompt a reminder of the expectation our members will follow the state mandate to wear a mask for indoor meetings or gatherings. I will provide a box of masks at our check-in table for members who might forget to bring one. Additionally, no treats or coffee will be provided at these meetings, eliminating a potential gathering place for eating and drinking without masks.

As I've previously stated, I invite your thoughts or questions regarding any aspect of our club. I continue to welcome the illuminating and productive conversations generated by your inquiries and observations.

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 \(SUG\)](#)**

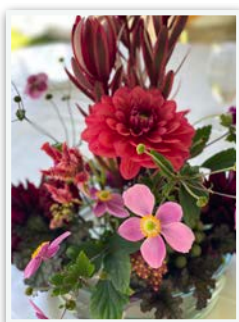
By using Sign-Up-Genius (SUG) as you rsvp for all SGC meetings you'll help us stay organized and it will help YOU with reminders and give you all the information you will need to join our zoom calls.

**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](mailto:mawilliams712@gmail.com)



# Flower Show News

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Club Flower Show "Opposites Attract" a success. We couldn't have done it without all the talented designers who entered – the majority for the first time ever. Everyone did an amazing job and our judges concurred. The two judges commendations spoke to the creativity and effort put into each design. Our Provisionals rose to the occasion with their first ever in-person meeting and Flower Show to boot! Our show won a Judges Commendation as well: "We commend you for the educational value of the "Opposites Attract" schedule which instilled learning for all!"

Accolades go to:

Class #1 "Harmony" Which also received a judges commendation:

"For the skillful execution of these unique renaissance designs". Congratulations to everyone each one of you contributed to a winning class!

Joan Harkins 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Shelley Rolfe 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Carolyn Whittlesey 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Jennie Carter Honorable Mention

Class #2

Jill Crutcher 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Ana Hergert 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Novice Award

Edie Tenneson 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Helen Blair Honorable Mention

Class #3

Anne Dor 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Best in Show

Debby Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Catherine Mueller 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Michele Heller Honorable mention

Opposites Attract Club Show Co-Chairs

Caroline Goedhart

Sue Ashmun



## Conservation

The Conservation committee has met via zoom. We discussed the value of reading the GCA Con Watch conservation newsletter. Our hope is to get 100% participation in the Healthy Yard Pledge for SGC. We are exploring creative ways to do this. Stay tuned.

Please look at our Outside Your Door updated page :

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

Try one of the activities with the young people in your life. Share the activities by email and let us know how it worked.

We are in the process of planning field trips and speakers for the year.

Please mark your calendars for The GCA Conservation Conference is Nov. 17th:

<https://www.gcamerica.org/members/save-the-date-csc>

If you are interested in joining the Conservation Committee please contact Suzy Titcomb ([stitcomb2@gmail.com](mailto:stitcomb2@gmail.com)) Our next zoom meeting is Oct. 6th at 10:00 and we welcome any new members.

## Horticulture Report

Our first Hort meeting in more than a year will be in-person at CUH, Monday October 4, with a Zoom option for those who can't be there. Leading off our long-awaited Provisional talks will be Michele Heller on Zoom on the topic of the "United States' Gift to Healing Using Native Medicinal Plants – Alaska and the Pacific Northwest". Michele will also take your questions on Zoom at the conclusion of her presentation. Join us for Social with a Twist from 9:15-10:00. The Board decided that if members would like refreshments, they may bring their own. Get ready to brown bag it! Program begins as always at 10:00.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of our meeting we head outdoors. Members will have a choice between two very special tours during the second half of the meeting. CUH is offering a tour of the Climate Ready Landscape Plants Project led by Ray Larson, Curator of Living Collections, and the Otis Douglas Hyde Herbarium. The second tour is of the Amazing UW Farm led by Rani Zimand, UW Farm student staff. This special opportunity is on a first come first serve basis for 15020 interested members. Tours are rain-or-shine. Enjoy the fresh air!

Eliza Davidson, our resident Olmsted scholar, will present the first in a continuing series of mini-talks about the legacy of Frederick Law Olmsted in the run-up to the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth in April 2022.

Suzy Titcomb returns with an update on Conservation's Outside Your Door initiative.

Hort Share will be in person at CUH so please delight us with lovely examples of what is blooming in your fall garden and include your specimen's common and Latin names.

Please RSVP using the Sign-Up Genius link here.

We will offer a hybrid meeting option for those unable to attend in person. Those who Zoom will submit their questions in the chat session. Barbara Feasey has generously offered to continue as moderator. To join the Hort meeting go to the Zoom link here. If needed, here is the meeting ID: 811 5248 8492, and Passcode: 725197, To call-in: (253) 215-8782.

# Holiday Auction

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**5:00-7:00pm**

The holidays are just around the corner and the Ways and Means Committee is busy planning for our second festive and exciting online auction. Be sure to mark to your calendars for December 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00-7:00pm.

The SGC Board is still hoping for an in-person luncheon on 12/2 at the Sunset Club. If we are able to have the luncheon on 12/2, there will be holiday wreaths for purchase. Thanks to our generous, and amazing members, last year's online auction was a great success, and we hope all will once again rise to the occasion to make sure our Community Projects are funded.

The online auction will be the same format as last year and we will provide all the necessary information to ensure a smooth and fun online auction experience. And just like last year there will also be opportunities to make an Angel Donation during the online auction or by mail.

We are currently gathering wonderful auction items that will enhance our gardens and homes and make your gift giving easy.

Below are a few auction items we are looking for:

- \*Outdoor Group Excursions (garden tours, farm tours) ...
- \*Several bottles of collectible wine
- \*Glassy Baby Drinkers
- \*Specialty Indoor Plants (orchid, small lemon tree...)
- \*Specialty Bulbs
- \*Prepared Gourmet Dinner (to be dropped off at bidder's house)
- \*Garden Tools (Please note that we have a hori hori and a 3 prong claw donated already but would welcome other gardening tools).

Please feel free to contact Cindy ([cynthia@oneartglobal.com](mailto:cynthia@oneartglobal.com)) or Tori ([ctragen@comcast.net](mailto:ctragen@comcast.net)) directly with any donations or suggestions you may have.

Guests are welcome to join the online auction. We will be sending out an email invitation that you can forward to your friends. We can't wait to share more with you soon!

Cindy Bostwick and Tori Ragen  
Ways and Means Co-chairs



# Photography

## SGC PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE – SHARE YOUR PHOTOS!

•Our first **Fall Photography Committee meeting**, will be/was held Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> as a Zoom gathering. Agenda items include(d) sharing of photos and planning outings for the coming year.

•I hope many of you took the opportunity to register for the **GCA photography *Focus* publication “This Land is Your Land” photography contest**. As of September 20<sup>th</sup>, registration was completely full, ahead of the projected October 1 deadline. Jury judging for entrants is in full swing. Finalists are expected to be selected by October 15<sup>th</sup> with the finalists’ photos posted on the GCA site by November 1<sup>st</sup>. A link to the photographs and the voting process will be provided for all GCA members as it becomes available.

•**October 21st is our first SGC General Meeting**. This is typically the meeting at which we have a **Favorite Summer Photo** display. Please plan to bring a print of your favorite photo(s) to the meeting, no larger than 8 ½ by 11. I will display them on boards at that time. Also plan to upload the photo file to our SGC photography web site, Favorite Summer Photos 2021, so those who opt out of joining in person can enjoy the photos as well. **This is for all SGC members, not just Photography Committee members**. Any and all subjects are welcome! Any device for creating your photo welcome too: camera, phone, scanner!

•Our SGC web site hosts a collection of photographs from the SGC Fall Picnic, including a small slide show of the **Floral Design show, “Opposites Attract.”** Take time to check it out! Thanks to Peggy-Page Most, Suzy Titcomb, Kim Bishop, Charlee Reed and Marilee Ahalt for contributing to that photographic effort.

Once again, I encourage you to get out there and use your devices/cameras! Rediscover your own backyard and neighborhood.

As is the case with all committee work this year, please have patience with us as we navigate the fluctuations regarding meeting in person vs. virtual.

Questions ? Contact Suzette de Turenne, Photography Chair, [sdeturenne@comcast.net](mailto:sdeturenne@comcast.net)

# Know your Board

## An interview with the Stupendous Suzette de Turenne



1. What is your committee and what you do?

Photography Committee Chair - Encourage photography individually and as a group, through outings and exchange of information, in keeping with GCA's and SGC's statement of purpose. Help identify a photography speaker for one SGC General Meeting.

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

Due to Covid, this past year saw a variety of outside photography field trips and almost monthly Zoom meetings and photo sharing through our SGC web site. Hopefully will see the same this year and eventually the addition of at least one in person Committee meeting with a potential speaker.

3. What is your favorite plant-based activity?

Finding opportunities to photograph in unique settings featuring a variety of plant material.

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

Roses: They are hard to kill and produce from spring to winter; I am also a member of the Seattle Rose Society and exhibit roses periodically.

Hostas: A huge variety of outstanding, interesting foliage – although many are a slug favorite.

Allium: My favorite bulb; there are many varieties in many sizes and they are very dramatic, even as they dry. A new great find is clump style Alliums, which bloom in later summer, after most are finished: *Allium* 'Millenium' and *Allium* 'Serendipity'.

Salvia: Love blue in the garden and the hummingbirds love them too.

Echinacea: So many varieties and sizes and the bees love it!

Heuchera: Very dependable and am particularly enamored with purple leafed varieties.

'Jack Frost' Brunnera: Very dependable with fabulous foliage that the slugs ignore.

# Member Candidats





## Something Fun

### HOW TO BE A GARDNER

Lean toward sunshine - Dig down deep  
–Make peace with chaos

Grow amazing zucchinis and too many  
tomatoes – Raindance

Rake leaves and jump in them – Hum  
along with bees

Ache, sweat and yearn – Wear crazy  
hats and baggy pants

Cultivate patience – Enjoy moonglow –  
Stay rooted – Blossom wildly

Create shady and mysterious corners –  
Always mend fences

Be filled with wonder - Make magic –  
Share the harvest

Be thankful

Submitted by Charlee Reed



## Garden Giggles

Why doesn't Elton John like  
lettuce?  
He's more of a Rocket Man.

## Fragrance Garden Work Party



## Twice-Roasted Sweet Potatoes with Hot Honey

BY CLAIRE SAFFITZ  
PHOTOGRAPHY BY ALEX LAU

### Ingredients

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#### 4 Servings

- 3 medium sweet potatoes or garnet yams, scrubbed (about 3 pounds)
- 1 Fresno or other red chiles, thinly sliced
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup honey
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- Kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar



#### Step 1

Preheat oven to 350°. Poke holes all over sweet potatoes and wrap each in foil. Place on a foil-lined rimmed baking sheet and roast until potatoes are tender, 60–70 minutes (if you have one, use a cake tester to poke right through foil). Unwrap and let sit until cool enough to handle. Increase oven temperature to 450°. Meanwhile, combine chile, honey, and butter in a small saucepan; season with salt. Bring to a simmer over low heat, stirring to combine. Remove from heat and stir in vinegar.

#### Step 2

Smash sweet potatoes with your palm, then tear into bite-sized pieces (including skin), the more irregular, the better. Place in a large bowl and add half of hot honey (do not include chile as it will burn); season with salt. Arrange pieces, skin side down, in a single layer on an unlined rimmed baking sheet and roast until browned and crisp around the edges, 20–25 minutes. Drizzle with remaining hot honey with chile.