



Seattle Garden Club

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April showers bring May flowers! Who among us doesn't remember reciting this childhood rhyme when the first daffodils and crocus appeared to brighten our gardens? As I write this in the middle of a rare rainy day along the central coast of California, I'm reminded our nourishing rain at home will yield bountiful spring blossoms to greet my return!

Future blooms are a good metaphor for the efforts of your hard-working board of directors this month. Board members will thoughtfully consider a proposed slate of officers and committee chairs, potential provisional members and several revised bylaws to strengthen our operations. At our June annual luncheon, club members will have the opportunity to vote on the leadership slate and bylaws, and to welcome new provisionals.

Rain or shine, please consider attending our April meetings in person. The April 4th Hort meeting at CUH will feature talks by Provisionals Joan Harkins and Shelley Laramore. All members know from experience the importance of a supportive audience for this major milestone. While CUH no longer requires masks, you are very welcome to wear one if it increases your comfort level.

The April 21st joint meeting with Tacoma Garden Club at the Arboretum Graham Visitors Center also offers enticing reasons to be there in person. TGC members have honored our club by agreeing to have their first in person meeting in more than 2 years be our annual joint meeting, and it gives us a terrific opportunity to thank them for co-sponsoring our Founders Fund Project. Among additional enticements, we'll hear from visiting GCA Zone XII Chairs Lisa Dell'Osso and Susan Uydess on their important roles and enjoy an informative program on the Olmsted Legacy and Green Garden Design Movement from Berger Partnership Principal landscape architect Andy Mitton. The meeting will conclude with gourmet box lunches from the Sunset Club followed by a tour of our Founders Fund project site. Look for an eblast with a link to sign up for the meeting and lunch.

At the close of the month, I will be honored to represent SGC in person at the GCA annual meeting in Parsippany, NJ. I hope you will plan to join me virtually to hear from GCA leaders and the accomplished speakers and honorees from whom we can learn and be inspired

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.

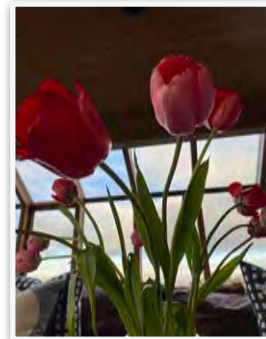
[GCA Homepage](#)



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



Ways & Means

The Ways and Means Committee would like to, again, thank you all for your generosity in supporting the 2021 Auction. We are grateful and appreciative.

There are 5 spots left for the Cottage Lake Gardens Tour with Susie Egan on April 19th, 2022 (<https://cottagelake.com>). The Trilliums Tea starts at 10am followed by a talk and tour. Guests may purchase trilliums and other plants at the end. Talk/tour will end about 1pm. The cost is \$50. Please reach out to Charlee Reed if you are interested in joining (charleereed@gmail.com).

We also have a few spaces available for some of our 2021 auction experiences. Let Cindy/Tori know if you have any questions or would like to join one of the below experiences.

April 6 th	Olmstead Park Tour
and picnic lunch	
\$50	
May 24 th	Picture Perfect Plant
Portraits Photo Workshop	\$100
June 22 nd	Summer Soiree in the
Highlands, Board Cocktail Party	\$75

Cindy and Tori
Ways and Means co-chairs
cynthia@oneartglobal.com
ctragen@comcast.net

Chelsea Fringe Show

Chelsea Fringe Show Expands to Seattle SGC members invited to participate!

As announced via eblast and at our March General meeting, Seattle Garden Club has been invited to participate in the Chelsea Fringe Seattle Satellite.

Chelsea Fringe is part of the London Chelsea Flower Show and has been flourishing for the last 11 years. The show theme this year is Wild and Natural Spaces.

SGC members are invited to participate by decorating umbrellas of any size with materials of your choice. Ferns, bark, dried flowers, paint, collage or whatever inspires you!

Once your umbrella is decorated, take your picture with it in your garden, favorite Seattle public garden or park and submit the photo by April 30th. You are also invited to display your decorated umbrella (if you choose) at Wisteria Hall in the Arboretum on May 25 - 26th.

Gayle Harris and Marilee Ahalt, Floral Design Committee Chair are leading our SGC participation. Please email Gayle if you would like to participate, and send her your photo by April 30th:
gayleharris@gmail.com

Conservation

Barbie Snapp gave an excellent presentation called, "Wake up Call" for Conservation which can be accessed on the link below. <https://www.seattlegardenclub.org/conservation-2/>

Are you interested in the annual work party at Wetherill Preserve located between Hunts Point and Yarrow Point? This year we will work on Wednesday April 20, 2022 from 9:30 - 11:30 a m in honor of Earth Day. Please bring your own sack lunch which we will enjoy afterwards. Please call Sis at 206-909-6101 or email siswoodside@gmail.com

The Conservation committee is going to attempt to do a Plastic Free May. We did this in January and members found it created PLASTIC AWARENESS. Please join us. Look on our website to see all the tips from our committee.

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

Hope you are using outsideyourdoor.org (password-outside) Watch for our new activities on a plastic free Birthday and Easter. Try them with the young in your life.

Horticulture

Spring has finally sprung and we hope to see you at CUH! Join the Hort hybrid meeting Monday, April 4, 2022 as the season of terrific Provisional talks continues with Joan Harkin's presentation of the "United States' Gift to Healing Using Native Medicinal Plants – Great Plains". According to Joan the history of the Great Plains medicinal plants includes a surprising anecdote about Echinacea! Shelley Laramore continues with her presentation of the "United States' Gift to Healing Using Native Medicinal Plants – Eastern Woodlands". Shelley asks, have you ever wondered why medicinal plants used by the Indigenous Tribes have not been accepted by Modern Medicine? The Provisional Chairs have asked us to encourage in person attendance by those who are able to give the greatest support to the Provisionals giving their talks.

Eliza Davidson concludes her Olmsted 200th anniversary series with plant lists and planting plans for local Olmsted parks and private gardens. She is most familiar with Volunteer Park for which she developed a vegetation management plan more than 15 years ago and examined both carefully compared to what remains. She also helped design the SGC-funded garden bed restoration for the south slope of the reservoir and an earlier one flanking the north side. A big thanks to Eliza for sharing her vast Olmsted expertise!

It's the final Hort Share of the year. This is your chance to treat us to what is blooming in your Spring garden. Take a snip, bring your own vase, and share your treasure(s). Please label your plants and include common and Latin names if possible.

9:45am Social, 10-11:30 Program. If coming to CUH please bring your own refreshments. Masks optional. Members only. Please RSVP using the [Sign Up Genius link here](#).

We will again offer a hybrid meeting option for those unable to attend in person. Those who zoom will submit your questions in the Chat to Barbara Feasey who continues in her role as moderator extraordinaire. To join the Hort meeting go to the [Zoom link here](#).

Hort Share



Megan Smith with new garden ideas



Susan Potts with cuttings from her garden



Jeanne Gravenkemper with her Baird Board



Debby Smith with her creative garden assortment assisted by Wade Garretson

Don't Forget



The Annual Survey!

The SurveyMonkey version of the 2022 SGC survey will be available on April 21st. There will also be paper copies available at the April General Meeting.

Your responses will help guide the club for future programs and events. Sign up for committees and look forward to seeing each other in person next year!

THANK YOU



Provisional Updates



Sponsor Catherine Allan, Carolyn Whittlesey and SGG President, Barbara Feasey, following Carolyn's Provisional talk on "The United States Gift of Healing Using Native Medicinal Plants – The Southeast" - Nov. 1, 2021



Helen Blair and Sponsor, Burnley Snyder, after Helen's Provisional talk on "The United States Gift to Healing Using Native Medicinal Plants – Great Basin". - Mar. 7, 2022

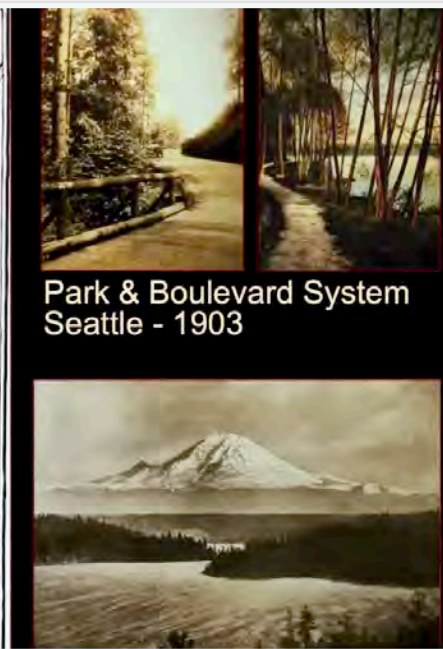


Sponsor Carolyn Goedhart, Anne Dor and Sponsor Marilee Ahalt following Anne's Provisional talk on "The United States Gift of Healing Using Native Medicinal Plants – Hawaii and California" - Mar. 7, 2022

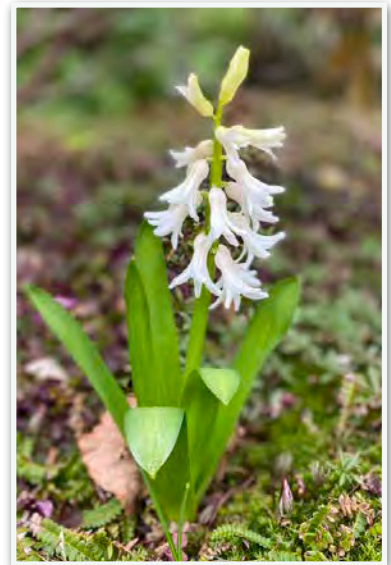
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Eliza Davidson's presentation on Seattle's Olmsted Parks



Park & Boulevard System
Seattle - 1903



Signs of spring from the
Fragrance Garden



Inspiring ideas by Gayle and Marilee



Gayle Harris and Marilee Ahalt inform about the new
Chelsea Fringe Seattle Satellite

Garden Giggles

Why does Elton John not like Iceburg lettuce?

Because he is more of a Rocket Man.

What would be a gardener's favorite Beatles song?

Lettuce Be.

Something Fun



Gardens Will Save the World

Benjamin Futa

Futa talks about the power of plants and gardening. He takes us through his work in his garden at UW Madison, The Allen Centennial Gardens.

To Watch: https://www.ted.com/talks/benjamin_futa_gardens_will_save_the_world