



Seattle Garden Club

# *All The Buzz*

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May features my favorite flower in a starring role – peonies. I'll take every opportunity to enjoy their delightful blooms this month! Fortunately, our Hort and General meetings will provide terrific forums to do so.

Along with an abundance of spring flowers, May 31 is the culmination of our club year. In this column and next month, I'll pay tribute to your wonderful board who helped navigate another challenging year with continually evolving covid information. Each dedicated board member has used her talents to their fullest to enrich our club.

President-elect Peggy-Paige Most and her skilled Policy & Planning Committee undertook the herculean effort of rewriting our bylaws and corresponding policies to ensure compliance with the new state law that mandated changes. Artfully guided by Carlyn Steiner, these thoughtful revisions will provide an excellent framework for our future.

With keen attention to detail, Treasurer Sandy Hanower and the Finance Committee prepared next year's budget while beginning to evaluate the impact of increased expenses for future meetings and luncheons. We're in superb financial shape thanks to their meticulous work.

Corresponding Secretary Jill Crutcher graciously offered to stay another term when her successor couldn't assume the position. Jill instigated the process of updating our roster to standardize member names and information – a stellar idea now underway thanks to her leadership.

Elsewhere in the newsletter, please take a moment to review the proposed slate of officers and committee chairs that represent the terrific work of the Nominations Committee led by Immediate Past President Shelley Rolfe. Members will have the opportunity to vote on this important slate at our June luncheon. We're all grateful for the diligent work of Recording Secretary Katie McReynolds who has provided thorough and accurate minutes that document these significant achievements.

I look forward to seeing you at the Chinese Garden for our May 2<sup>nd</sup> Hort meeting where we'll be treated to gorgeous peonies and our last Provisional talk from Jennie Carter. On May 19<sup>th</sup> our general meeting will feature a floral design demonstration by the uber talented Nisha Klein of Fleurish Studio. I have it on good authority we'll see peonies in her design. Did I mention they're my favorite flower?

Stay tuned for more tributes to your extraordinary Board in our June newsletter.

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!**

### Don't Forget!!!

#### **The 2022-2023 Member Survey!**

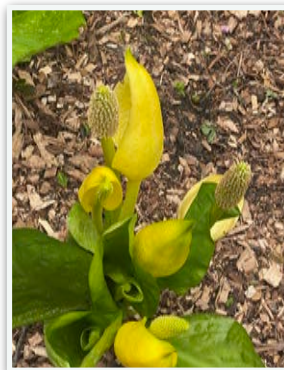
Please look for your E-blast from Jo Anne Rosen which arrived in your email box on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. You may click on the Survey Monkey link from there.

This is your chance to influence future programs, sign up for Committees and change your contact info for the Greenbook.

Thank you for your input!

**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)



## Scholarship

We are delighted to end on a high note. Our efforts for our candidate, India Carlson, to receive a GCA Hull Award have been successful. If all goes well, we will be introducing her at our May 19 General Meeting, where she will receive her GCA citation and the Hull Award check. She is beloved by her students at Ballard High School, where she has taught horticulture and botany for 15 years, and has been offering many inspiring and fun additional activities all those years, but especially went out of her way during the Pandemic the last two years. She is the mother of two grown sons, and has had a Fulbright Teacher Exchange award in India, and just recently was given a NEH award for a class she wishes to pursue to further her depth in bringing the best to her students. In a letter her principal wrote on her behalf, he said "Ms. Carlson is the teacher that is the most successful with even the hardest to reach students in the school. Her patience, energy and loving heart create a learning environment that is powerful for each and every learner. She is truly that special teacher that is making the biggest of impacts." India's primary goal is to keep her students interested in and engaging with science on a personal level.

It is with great regret that I will be out of town on May 19<sup>th</sup> so I will not have the privilege of introducing her to the membership, but Charlee Reed, who has been a tireless member of my committee, has agreed to do the honors. Please make India feel welcome. She is the teacher we all wish our children to have.

Many thanks to my great committee. I have appreciated all the work we have done together, and hope that our idea of a local Washington State scholarship where we have more hands on involvement will eventually flourish.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly Martin, Scholarship Chair

## Chelsea Fringe Show



*Jill Crutcher*



*Susan Ashmun*

[More "SGC Bumbershoots" photos here](#)





*Gayle Harris*



*Marilee Ahalt*



[Chelsea Fringe Info Here](#)

[More "SGC Bumbershoots" photos here](#)

[Video Here](#)

## Conservation

### Seattle North Transfer Station



Jeff Neuner, Seattle Utilities Program Manager and Becca Wong, Residential Outreach Manager joined the Seattle Garden Club Conservation Committee Zoom for a Virtual Tour of the award winning State-of-the-Art North Transfer Station on March 30, 2022. They gave permission for the presentation to be recorded and the link can be found on the Conservation web page.

The Public Viewing room is now open and no appointments are needed.

Visiting this kid magnet can be

educational for all due to the interactive exhibits and information panels. Plus onsite is a half basketball court as well as ParCourse exercise area and a wonderful Playground for young children.



#### Useful links were shared:

BagandFilmRecycling.org – just put your zipcode in and find convenient locations to recycle plastic bags and other plastic film at Safeway/Target/PCC selected locations

**Where Does It Go?** Google these words to find if over 1000 items can be recycled or go to:  
<https://www.seattle.gov/utilities/your-services/collection-and-disposal/where-does-it-go#/a-z>

## Hort Share

Join us **Monday, May 2**, for a **field trip** to the **Seattle Chinese Garden** at **South Seattle College**. This final meeting of the year will be held **in-person only** at the **Chan Education Center** with **9:45 social** and **10:00 – noon program and tour**. Please bring your own refreshments. Featured is **Jennie Carter's Provisional talk** on the **United States' Gift to Healing Using Native Medicinal Plants – Southwest**. Please come in person for this our final Provisional talk of the year and support Jennie as she tells us of the mysteries of *Cupressus arizonica*, the Arizona cypress.

Following Jennie we will hear from **Phil Wood**, president of the **Chinese Garden Society** and the person who wrote the grant to SGC three years ago that resulted in our giving **\$10,000 to the Seattle Chinese Garden to help fund their peony bed expansion**. Phil will update us about how our grant has been used and at the conclusion of the meeting give us a private tour of the garden. Weather permitting we hope to be overwhelmed by a profusion of blooming peonies! What a fitting end as we conclude the second and final year of **Hort From the Heart**.

For driving directions without the West Seattle Bridge [click here](#). For additional garden details click here [seattlechinesegarden.org](http://seattlechinesegarden.org)

Please RSVP using the [Sign Up Genius](#) link here.

## Judging News

Priscilla Growney, Zone XII's Judging Rep recently called to say that Seattle Garden Club has a few updates in the Judging Program.

First of all, Jill Crutcher will join the Floral Design Judging Program as a Candidate! We are delighted to welcome Jill into the program.

Marilee Ahalt is a Prospective in the Botanical Arts discipline.

Suzette de Turenne and Catherine Allan were both advanced as Approved Photography Judges!

Diana Ackerley resigned as a Candidate in Horticulture.

Several Seattle Garden Club Judges will participate in the Portland Garden Club's flower show, Floratopia, May 19 & 20th. Many judges have entered photos and will enter floral designs & horticulture exhibits after a long spell with few shows.

Hopefully this means that the GCA Judging Program & flower show schedules are returning in full swing after long delays due to the pandemic.

Respectfully,  
Catherine Allan  
Seattle Judging Chair

# General Meeting

## May 19<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Program

9:30 am Social/10 am Program at CUH

### Special Floral Design Demonstration by Nisha Klein, owner of Fleurish

SGC members are in for a treat with an interactive floral design demonstration led by Fleurish Floral Design Studio owner Nisha Klein!

Highly creative and deeply connected to nature, Nisha is an expert in seeing and appreciating the raw beauty the natural world offers us. She is then able to translate that beauty into exquisite artistic creations.

Nisha's mother taught her to "Let the Flowers Speak". With Nisha as their guide, the flowers become her symphony.

This is a terrific opportunity to immerse yourself in a beautiful craft while connecting with the flowers and plants that make our region so special.

A separate floral design workshop will be led by Nisha at her Seattle studio on June 1<sup>st</sup> to design and prepare centerpieces for our June luncheon the next day. Look for more details, along with the timing and fee in an eblast.





## Slated Officers for 2022-2024 - to be Approved at the June Annual Meeting

- PRESIDENT: Peggy-Paige Most (elected to this position in 2021)
- PRESIDENT-ELECT: Susan Potts
- TREASURER-ELECT: Judy Rupert
- COMMUNICATIONS: Edie Tenneson
- CONSERVATION: Cindy Bostwick
- FLORAL DESIGN: Caroline Goedhart
- HORTICULTURE, CO-CHAIRS: Ann McCutchan and Carey Davis
- MEETING ARRANGEMENTS: Charlee Reed
- PHOTOGRAPHY: Kim Bishop
- POLICY & PLANNING: Susan Potts
- PROVISIONAL: Wade Garretson and Betsy Larson
- WAYS AND MEANS, CO-CHAIR (ONE ROTATING OFF EACH YEAR): Sarah Robinson (first year)

TO REMAIN 2022-2023 – completing two-year terms

- PRESIDENT: Peggy-Paige Most; previously President-Elect
- IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT and NOMINATIONS: Barbara Feasey; previously President
- RECORDING SECRETARY: Katie McReynolds
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Jill Crutcher, 2022-23; with previous service 2018-20; 2021-22
- TREASURER/FINANCE: Sandy Hanower; previously Treasurer-Elect
- COMMUNITY PROJECTS: Sue Simmons
- MEMBERSHIP: Marianne Mowat
- PROGRAM: Diana Ackerley

## Provisional Work Party

Co-Chairs Mary Turner and Sue Ashman joined Provisionals Anne Dor, Carolyn Whittlesey, Helen Blair and Jenny Carter for a morning work party 3-29-2022. Afterward, those that could stay enjoyed a picnic lunch at the Fragrance Garden surrounded by the lovely Osmanthus hedges in full bloom. Fragrance Garden Co-Chairs Sue Blethen & Burnley Snyder along with staff Kristin and Annie from the UWBG supervised the morning. We had Carolyn focus on the rose trellis while everyone else weeded, pruned dead material, raked & swept daily debris, removed tired lavender behind the benches, re-thought plants for the 4 cement planters, and removed non-fragrant Crocosmia. Fun was had by all & everyone enjoyed seeing old friends while making new ones!



*LtoR: Mary Turner, Anne Dor, Sue Blethen, Carolyn Whittlesey, Helen Blair And Sue Ashmun*



## Trillium Tea & Talk



*Susie Egan of Cottage Lake Gardens  
hosting the Trillium Tea, Talk & Tour*



## Joint SGC & TGC Meeting



*Seattle Garden Club and Tacoma Garden Club's Annual Joint Meeting: Visiting our Founder's Fund Award Site with guide, Andy Mitton, and wishing Frederick Law Olmsted Happy 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday! [Video Select Here!](#)*



*Founder's Fund Award Plaque with SGC and TGC  
Club Leaders and Key Members: L to R: Dorothy  
Hudson, Ross Hoyle, Debbie Crawford, Shelley Rolfe,  
Eliza Davidson, and Jenny Wyatt*



*[More photos here](#)*



*Zone XII Reps, ZCC Lisa Dell'Osso and ZCP  
Susan Uydess with SGC President Barbara Feasey*



## April Candids



*Pre-Herronswood Tour Hosted by Barbie Snapp*



*2022 Annual Earth Day Wetherill Work Party. SGC Members Back L To R: Sis Woodside, Bev Martin, Debby Smith, Anne Dor, Front L to R Sue Blethen, Barbara Anderson, Jane Harder, Betty Paul and Kim Bishop. Back: Wetherill Stewards and volunteers - [More photos here](#)*



*Herronswood Tour Led By Dr. Ross Bayton on left. SGC Members L to R: Caroline Goedhart, Edie Tennison, Peggy-Paige Most, Anne Dor and Suzette de Turenne— [More photos here](#)*



*Jane Harder & big worm*

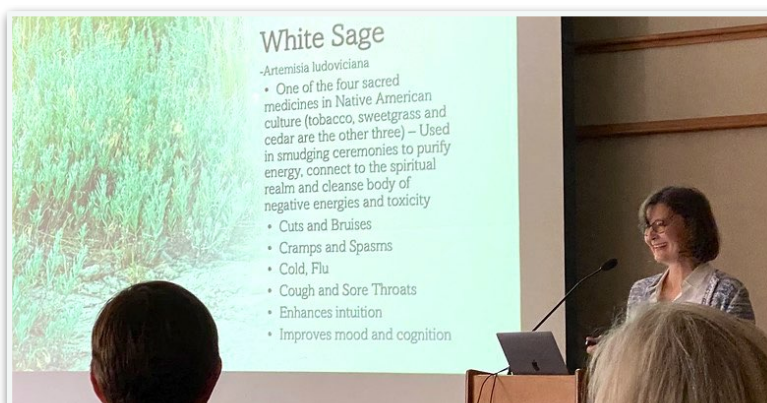


*Wade Garretson, Shelley Laramore, Joan Harkins and Betsy Larson after Shelley's and Joan's provisional talks.*





Wade Garretson leads Hort Share - [More photos here](#)



Joan Harkins giving her provisional presentation on the "United States' Gift to Healing Using Native Medicinal Plants – Great Plains".



Some of our Hort Share - [More photos here](#)