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Next year will bring a celebration of our 100th anniversary as a member of GCA, another milestone among many in our 105-year history. In keeping with tradition, it was an honor to represent SGC this spring at the GCA Annual and Zone XII meetings! At both meetings, our club was recognized for key achievements despite pandemic challenges. Please join me in applauding the following for their leadership efforts highlighted at the meetings:

Kim Bishop for invaluable tech support for Zone XII and GCA; Bev Martin and the Scholarship Committee for nominating Ballard High School science teacher India Carlson for the GCA Hull Award; Dabney Rohrbach and Jenny Wyatt and the trail blazing Ad-hoc Committee on Building Diversity for engaging discussions that led to a strong statement of purpose for our club to embrace; and Suzy Titcomb, intrepid Chair of Conservation for spearheading her committee's development of the enriching website Outside Your Door, a wonderful resource for SGC and GCA.

Equally deserving of appreciation for their tremendous work on our behalf:

Communications Chair Stacey Campbell for information packed newsletters recognized among the best in Zone XII; Floral Design Chair Marilee Ahalt and the "florets" for gorgeous flower arrangements that enhanced our luncheons; Hort Committee co-Chairs Wade Garretson and Betsy Larson for providing perfect forums for Provisional talks and a yearlong celebration of Olmsted heritage; Membership Chair Marianne Mowat and committee whose comprehensive approach led to the talented group of Provisionals highlighted in this issue; Suzette de Turenne for leadership of the "Clickettes" in chronicling our activities through remarkable photos; and Sue Ashmun and Mary Turner for steadfast creative guidance of our Provisionals on their journey to active membership. Previously recognized but no less appreciated Auction Co-chairs Cindy Bostwick and Tori Ragen, and Community Projects Chair Sue Simmons ensured noteworthy projects were added to our long list of accomplishments.

It is with gratitude I close my last column in tribute to my own sponsors Barbee Crutcher and the late Gretchen Hull. I am deeply grateful for their guidance as role models and mentors throughout my membership. I am also grateful for your trust and support this year. It has been a privilege to serve as your President.

Barbara

Programs, E-news & Opportunities

Be sure to check the online master calendar for the latest information.

[Click here for the SGC Calender](#)



PLEASE Consider using SignUpGenius.com to RSVP for SGC MEETINGS. Look for current invitations and reminders in your emails and on the SGC website. To find in your emails search for emails from info@signupgenius.com. Also consider registering for a Sign-Up-Genius account where you will find your sign ups all in one place.

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!

The New Greenbook is coming!

Please send me changes & updates ASAP!

Corrections:

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Thank you,

Jill Crutcher crutcherfamily@comcast.net

Conservation

The Conservation committee has been very involved and productive in the last two years. We created a concept for getting kids outside to appreciate and value our environment. Our committee created activities and a site to share called outsideyourdoor.org (Password: outside). Please share this site with your friends and family.

We tried eliminating plastics from our lives for the month of January and May. It was not easy. We practiced new habits of bringing our own veggie and fruit bags to the grocery store as well as talking to store owners about eliminating all plastic bags. We put our veggies and fruit in silicone bags instead of plastic. We worked on bringing our own water bottles wherever we go and saying no to plastic being offered to us at stores and restaurants. If we had plastic bags, we would wash and reuse them. It is a small but effective start.

Monthly conservation talks by members was an opportunity to learn and discuss issues. We attempted to get 100% participation in signing the Healthy Yard Pledge. Zone XII has the most signatures of all the zones. Please sign up if you haven't.

<https://www.gcamerica.org/members/committees-conservation#resourceid=3628>

Thank you to the Conservation committee and to everyone who is working to make our planet better.



Don't Forget Your Membership Survey!

[SGC 2022-2023 Membership Engagement & Satisfaction Survey](#)

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete our SGC Membership and Engagement Survey. It lets us know how you would like to **GET INVOLVED WITH SGC by serving on committees**, chairing, hosting events and suggesting speakers.

www.surveymonkey.com

Jennie Carter's Provisional Talk, Phil Wood Presentation and Tour at The Seattle Chinese Garden



Provisional Jennie Carter and Sponsors, Kim Bishop and Peggy Wilton
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Jennie's Talk Featured "The United States' Gift to Healing Using Native Medicinal Plants – Southwest" [Select here for more photos](#)



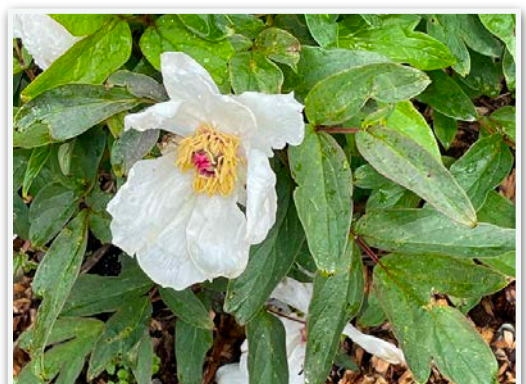
Mary Turner, Charlee Reed and Bev Martin Touring the Chinese Garden
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Phil Wood Speaks about the [The Seattle Chinese Garden](#) and SGC's Contributions [select here for video](#)



Docent giving Barbara Feasey, Carolyn Whittlesey, Marnie Roozen, Ann McCutchan, Catherine Allan, Megan Smith, Bev Martin and Helen Blair a tour.
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Debby Smith taking [peony photos](#), including the one on the right! [More here](#)

Meet Our Fabulous New Provisional Class 2022-2023

Juliet Delahunty (Mrs. Brad) Maiden Name: English
Legacy (daughter of Jean English)

Julie grew up in Seattle as the youngest daughter of Jean McDonald Blake English, long time SGC member and past President. Julie, a native Seattleite, now lives in Washington Park, in her mother's former home, with her husband and two children who attend the Bush School. Julie herself graduated from Occidental College and later received a degree from Cornish School of the Arts in Design. Julie has long been involved in her children's school and the rest of the time taking care of her elderly family members. However, all who know her well, say that she has a keen fascination with her mother's garden and has taken particular interest in caring for it and learning more about what is in it and how to nurture it. Julie learned a great amount from her mother and from her grandmother and is about to embark on a garden update of her mother's and now her expansive garden. Julie is a hard worker, brilliant and efficient just like her mother. According to her Sponsors, Julie has a keen interest in Horticulture and Conservation. She is an ardent volunteer and a leader amongst her friends. She is an independent thinker and extremely creative and would bring a high level of energy and passion to our Garden Club.

Dr. Lucille ("Lucy") Wallenberg Glenn (Mrs. Michael) Maiden Name: Wallenberg

Lucy was born in Seoul, South Korea and moved to New York City at age 4. She graduated from McGill University in Montreal Canada with an undergraduate degree in Marine Biology and subsequent medical school before following a career in radiology. Lucy retired from her radiology clinical practice at Virginia Mason Medical Center in 2018, having served as the Radiology Residency training Program Director, Chief of Radiology for over 20 years, among numerous other leadership roles. Outside of work, Lucy has participated as a Board member of the Pacific Northwest Ballet, Virginia Mason Foundation Board, the Highlands and the Bloedel Reserve. She has also been very active at the Seattle Golf Club as a golfer as well as an instructor of the weekly Mahjong group. Her other passion is her garden and her keen sense of design as it pertains to her unique garden. She and her husband Michael have a stunning mostly shade garden with exquisite specimen trees and numerous rare woodland perennials that Lucy has played a key role in sourcing and designing.

Elizabeth "Beth" Ketcham (Mrs. Will) Maiden Name: Ward

Beth, a graduate of Notre Dame, moved to Seattle with her family from New York City over 15 years ago. Beth is married to Will Ketcham, Janet Ketcham's son. She and her husband have two children. Beth loves her garden and is most passionate about floral arrangement and design. During her stint of living in New York, Beth did take floral arrangement classes to advance her skills. During her career, she held senior positions for Mastercard and VISA focusing on brand management and strategic relationships. Beth has a vibrant, full of life personality, only to be outdone by her level of volunteerism. She has vast experience in event planning and historical archiving. She eagerly volunteers in the organizations, consistently taken on leadership roles. She has been an active member of ARCS, Chaired a City Council race in 2019 and she has attended our Christmas Auction in the past. During COVID, Beth and her family took full advantage of travel, experiencing many unique places including very remote Glacier Bay by boat, Egypt, Austria, Greece and Amsterdam, not to mention three National Parks which they virtually had to themselves! Now home, Beth has loved getting her floral license to explore the wholesale markets bringing home enough flowers to make multiple arrangements.

Christina Koons (Mrs. Jim McIntire) Maiden Name: Koons

Christina grew up in Cincinnati Ohio and is a graduate of Evergreen College. She has had a 30 year career in real estate development. Christina has two children from her first marriage and she is currently married to Jim McIntire, an economist and our State Treasurer from 2009-2017. Christina is an active member of the Seattle Art Museum Supporters and a member of the Washington Women's Foundation. Christina is deeply involved in gardening and conservation. She is a member of the Arboretum Guild and an active participant in their annual auctions for numerous years. She has just completed a beautiful garden on Orcas Island and she has become involved on several fronts in the arena of Conservation in leadership roles. She is a member of the Northwest Regional Council of the National Park Conservation Association, Chair of the San Juan County Marine Resources Committee and the San Juan County representative of the Northwest Straits Commission. She is also a member of the Northwest Mycologic Association. On Orcas Island in the arena of Conservation, Christina has become a natural leader. Those who know her believe that she will be an avid participant in our committees and a fantastic leader as well. Interestingly, Christina's sister, Deborah Koons Garcia is the director of the 2012 movie, Symphony of the Soil, which we showed as a fundraiser for the Conservation Committee's auction item several years ago.

Erin Lea (Mrs. Clive) Maiden Name: Stay

Erin Lea grew up in Seattle, attended and played soccer at Saint Louis University before coming home to attend Western Washington University to complete a special education degree. She is a trained educational psychologist. Erin taught high school special education for five years, before transitioning from teaching to eventually the District level of the Seattle Public School's administration after her masters' degree. Erin has three young children at Epiphany and she has always been extremely active both in her children's school as well as in the community. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Down Syndrome Community of Puget Sound and she is a member of Impact 100, a group of Seattle women who support and fund local needs. Erin is a hands-on gardener, planting and grooming and generally researching all things to do with gardens. She spends much time thinking and re-imagining her home garden. Erin has a sincere passion for all things horticulture, floral design and conservation. She has involved her children in her home garden and has a garden full of food for the home and a large array of flowers from which she has taught her children flower arranging and now they design their own bouquets for sale for their chosen charities around town. Her new passion is garden lighting and has done extensive research on all types of garden lighting from practical to highly whimsical. Erin is somebody with endless energy, commitment and is a thoughtful contributor and leader.

Elizabeth "Liz" McKallor (Mrs. Alexander) Maiden Name: Ratti

Liz McKallor grew up in Seattle attending Roosevelt High School followed by University of Washington. Liz led a distinguished 25+ year career as a leading financial advisor working discreetly with prominent clientele. Liz and her husband have two grown sons and as her career winded down, Liz turned her infectious energy to community activities, golf, tennis and her neighborhood of the Highlands. She volunteers for the Annual Picnic Committee and is on the Highlands Chapel Committee. At the Chapel she is involved in the maintenance and re-design of the Chapel gardens. Liz and her husband own an expansive garden which was designed in the early 1900's for A.S. Kerry Sr. by John Charles Olmstead. Kerry's daughter, Glen Kerry Trimble, a long-time SGC member held the property until her death and then it was transferred to her nephew, Alex McKallor and his wife Liz. Alex and Liz are deeply committed to maintaining the tenets of the Olmstead design. Liz has an outgoing personality and a sincere willingness to jump in to help on numerous fronts. She is an extremely positive, gracious and a thoughtful individual. She is always willing to share her home and garden for events. Friends have also mentioned her appreciation for floral design and desire to expand her knowledge in this arena.

Rachel Stroble (Mrs. Porter) Maiden Name: Leibold

Rachel is a Seattle native with a degree in Fine Arts from University of Denver. Rachel and her husband have four children ages 10 and under. Even though she has young children, Rachel is able to find time for her many activities, including tennis. When she bought her first home in Queen Anne, she fell in love with gardening. Rachel and her family previously lived in upcountry Maui where there was 2 acres of land and garden she worked in and nurtured. As a result she has not only created a Northwest garden but she has used her expertise to create a Hawaiian garden as well. Rachel is very creative and has spent time studying printmaking and design. She particularly loves floral design. She also has a great talent in events and fundraising having spent 6 years at Mario's planning and executing events. Rachel has a high level of enthusiasm and is somebody who has met many members of the SGC through her mother-in-law, Hope Stroble, and she has attended numerous SGC events throughout the last decade. She has attended holiday auctions and flower shows and she has always admired the time and energy our members put into our events.

Linda Walker (Mrs. Wally) Maiden Name: Ridder

Legacy, daughter of Connie Ridder, member of the Carmel by the Sea Garden Club

Linda grew up in Saratoga, California and attended University of Washington as a student athlete, playing for the Women's Tennis Team. Through the years in Seattle, Linda became an engaging civic leader, educator, journalist, and philanthropist. Her children are grown and she now spends her time volunteering throughout the community, particularly through sports. She is well known for encouraging youth in all sports and champions and supports scholar athletes at all levels. She has shared her skill set with her numerous Boards, including the YMCA, the Woodland Park Zoo and many other non-profits. She played a pivotal role in re-establishing the Court Appointed Special Advocates Program Family Law CASA in Seattle when the public funding ended. In addition to her extensive community work, Linda is now very interested in learning more about her extensive and intricate garden. She is proud that Charles Price and Glenn Withey started a major re-design of her garden with current assistance from Nancy Rolfe. Linda feels a sense of responsibility for stewarding and making the most of her land and specifically her garden. She has a strong passion for natural materials for décor and now wants to move into understanding much more about horticulture. Linda is thoughtful, passionate about learning, kind, very talented and a good listener. Linda is somebody who is all-in and committed to her endeavors in front of her.



Marilee Ahalt and her award winning arrangement! [select here for more photos](#)

Congratulations to Marilee Ahalt: Winner of the Dorothy Viotor Munger Award at GCA's 2022 Annual Meeting Flower Show!

Congratulations to Marilee on her outstanding performance as a last minute entry in the GCA 2022 Annual Meeting Flower Show:



[Class 1 - "The Ornamental Garden!"](#)

First Place Judges Comments:

Rhythmic interpretation using pristine components which creates a well balanced design of contrasting materials.



Dorothy Viotor Munger Award Judges Comments:

Exquisite and pristine plant material are the crowning ornaments in that garden.

[For more info select here to view GCA show.](#)



Seattle Garden Club 2022-2023 Dues



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- 1) Set up a [Zelle account](#) with your bank.
- 2) Transfer directly from your checking account to the SGC's checking account. Send funds to treasurer@seattlegardenclub.org (Attn: Sandy Hanower). Please write in the 'Add Memo' section a description of your deposit (i.e., Dues, 1 insert, 1 binder).

Or, as always, we welcome your mailed check, payable to SGC.

Thank you,
Sandy Hanower

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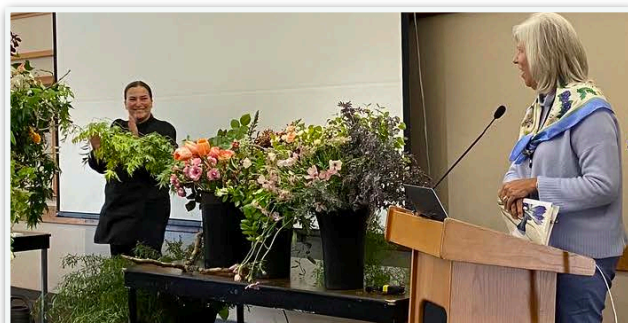
Nisha Klein Fleurish Flower Design Meeting and GCA Hull Award Presentation to India Carlson



Charlee Reed and India Carlson who was presented with GCA's Elizabeth Abernathy Hull Award for Civic Improvement. [More info here](#)



Marilee Ahalt, Barbara Feasey, Nisha Klein of Fleurish and Lee Rolfe. [Select here for more photos](#) - Video is available on our [SGC website](#)



Given the size, Nisha creates most of her work on site and she also collects most of her flowers the same day!



Fay Page and all attendees enjoyed photographing the wonderful flowers following the meeting [More photos here](#)