



Seattle Garden Club

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Perhaps the theme for this year should be "Digging Out to Dig In!" We have certainly dug out of our isolation cocoons and, based on the attendance at the September picnic, we were all happy to be back in the swing of things in person.

Burnley Snyder and Charlee Reed put on a Picnic to remember. Burnley's garden was an array of fall colors with eclectic Baird Boards and floral patterned china gracing each table. Thanks to the many photographers, photos are online at the September Picnic SmugMug link. Added thanks to Betsy Larson for sharing all her extra folding chairs, plus Sue Ashmun and Debby Smith for creating the beautiful corsages for our Provisionals.

Many thanks to Jill Crutcher who oversaw the editing and printing of our new Greenbooks. Jill's attention to detail provided a 100% error free book – for one full week. Unfortunately, we lost one of our oldest Members, Inactive Member Virginia Wills, on September 10th and Honorary Life Member Alice Jean Lewis on September 23 (See Page 9 for details). If you have not already received your new Greenbook pages, they will be available at the October 3rd Hort meeting at CUH and also at the General Meeting on October 20th. Jill has additional inserts as well as green binders available. Please contact her by email if you need one. For a variety of reasons, Jill has held this position for four years and we are so very grateful for her dedication, competency and calm manner in the face of a tight deadline.

Now for the "Digging In"! Coming up this month is the first Fragrance Garden Work Party led by our new Chairperson, Carolyn Whittlesey. Please e-mail Carolyn to let her know if you can come on **October 12th at 10:00am at CUH**. Bring a kneeling pad, gloves and pruners, and all other tools (and snacks) will be provided. For the new Provisionals who may not know Carolyn, consider this work party an excellent opportunity to work with someone who really knows how to prune.

The GCA Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference took place on September 21-23 in Boston. We were well represented by Wade Garretson, Betsy Larson and Suzette de Turenne. They have returned with photos, seed share and information from the fabulous lectures. Shirley Meneice is a gardeners delight full of information and wonderful garden tours. It is also a chance to meet the Hort chairs from every other GCA club. We look forward to their debriefing at either the October 3rd or October 20th meeting.

The Ways and Means Committee has already met. Please reach out to Tori Ragen or Sarah Robinson for a procurement idea. The forms are on our SGC website in two places – under Auction and under Forms. The procurement deadline is **November 15th** for our **November 30th** online auction. If you need ideas, feel free to email either Sarah or Tori.

Please continue to check the [SGC calendar](#) for committee meeting dates and times. It really feels like a fresh start with in-person meetings.

Welcome back, and I look forward to seeing you all our first Hort meeting of the year on **October 3rd!**

Peggy-Paige Most
Seattle Garden Club President

Horticulture



*Winter Day
by Carey Davis*

Winter offers us a calm world of quiet after the energetic growth and color of spring and summer and the heavy bounty of autumn. The last of the vibrant red and gold maple leaves have fallen and the lovely skeletons of the deciduous trees outline our Northwest skies.

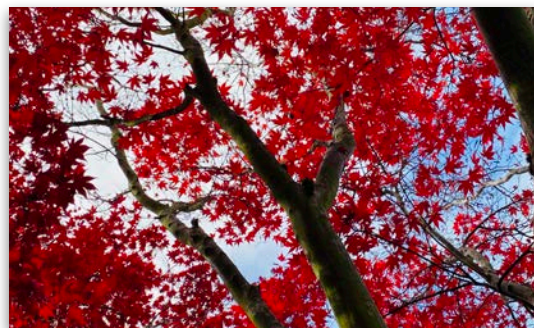
Come and learn about winter gardening from Zsolt Lehoezky, current director of Landscape management of Lake Oswego's Mountain Park Homeowners' Association and former Grounds Manager of Dunn Gardens. Educated both abroad and here in the Northwest, Zsolt brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of gardening.

Our own Sue Ashman will follow Zsolt's talk with a wonderful demonstration of wreath making. Using the lasting greens of winter solitude as well as bits of color left in the ground, and added dried flora we will learn to create a wonderful symbol of the cyclical sense of seasons.

The fabulous duo Helen Blair and Megan Smith will again lead our discussion of "Plants We Love/ Plants We Don't". Bring your own ideas to share on this fun topic. And... bring your favorite Flower Book ! Bring in a bit of your garden to share at HORT SHARE, too.

Looking forward to seeing you all!

Carey Davis and Ann McCutchan



Provisionals



Julie English and Christina Koons

Six of our 2022 Provisional class attended, and were warmly welcomed at the Fall Picnic. They wore special corsages created by Sue Ashmun and Debby Smith, and were introduced to the SGC Members.



Shelley Rolfe with Linda Walker & Rachel Stroble



Erin Lea with Margi Allison



Christina Koons and Liz McKallor with Sandy Hanower

In Memoriam



On Friday, September 23rd we lost Honorary Life Member *Alice Jean Lewis*. After joining SGC in 1968, Alice Jean went on to be very active in Floral Design in our club and created centerpieces for many non-profit fundraisers including the Seattle Symphony. She always represented us well.

As recently as three weeks ago, Alice Jean was busy arranging flowers for the many public areas around Parkshore while wearing her festive floral patterned clothing. "AJ" is the sister of Sustainer Barbee Crutcher and Aunt to Jill Crutcher.

Fragrance Garden



Fragrance Garden Cleanup Party
Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022,
10am-12pm

Please join join the fun to freshen up the Fragrance Garden for fall. Coffee and donuts will be provided for fuel! Bring gloves, clippers, pruners, and any weeding tools such as hori hori knives and trowels. I look forward to seeing you there!
Please RSVP to Carolyn Whittlesey at whittlc@gmail.com

Volunteer Park Committee

We have a small but mighty new committee! Our Club has a long history with Volunteer Park. Now we are fortunate to be converting our energy from East Montlake Park to support Volunteer Park. Our first work session will be **Saturday, October 8th** from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. There will be other people there that regularly volunteer to help with garden bed clean up. Everyone will meet at the Black Sun Sculpture in front of the museum on the reservoir side. Please bring your favorite garden gloves and weeding tools.

Clean up sessions occur the second Saturday of every month. Our contact there is Brooks Kolb who was instrumental in the original SGC Volunteer Park garden bed design.

Megan Smith - Chair
Volunteer Park
Seattle Garden Club Bed Restoration



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

[Click here for the SGC Calender](#)

Ways and Means



Save The Date!
SGC Holiday on-line Auction
November 30th 5-7:00 p.m.

The holidays are just around the corner, and the Ways & Means Committee is busy planning our third online auction. Be sure to mark your calendars for Wednesday, **November 30th** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The *Holiday Luncheon* will take place on December 8th at the Sunset Club. Holiday wreaths will be available for purchase at the luncheon.

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 just starting to gather auction items that will enhance our gardens and homes and make your gift giving easier. The online procurement form will be available on the website soon. Feel free to contact Tori (ctragen@comcast.net) or Sarah (mrs_robinson1@hotmail.com). with any donations or suggestions.

Tori Ragen and Sarah Robinson
Ways and Means Committee Co-Chairs



Community Projects

The Deadline to submit Grant Applications to the Community Projects Committee is November 1st. The grant application is available on our SGC website it can also be sent via email or US Mail to any interested parties.

Please contact Sue Simmons at ssimmons330@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Trees for Cool Neighborhoods Tour



Ali Lakehart, Trees for Seattle; Lou Stubecki, Arboriculturist; and Olivia Price, UW Botanic Garden Crew Lead, have arranged a tour illuminating the program that the SCG supported for 2022 : **Trees for Cool Neighborhoods**

Date: **October 7th**

Place: **Oxbow Park**, 6430 Corson Avenue S. Under the giant cowboy hat statue!

Time: **10 am**. The tour will last about 1 1/2 - 2 hrs. depending on participants.

RSVP: **Margi Allison** mallis380@gmail.com; 206-329-3377

This walking tour will cover urban forestry in Seattle, the history of the organization, Trees for Neighborhoods and particularly the area of support that the SGC identified in forming Trees for Cool Neighborhoods to serve Georgetown and South Slope. This guided tour will be in Georgetown. We will provide other material to those that sign up. At the tour, you will receive maps of our areas, tree lists and additional information --including lunch and coffee spots afterwards for interested parties!

Sue Simmons
Community Projects Chair

Hospitality Sign Up - General Meetings

Our general meetings are seeking Hospitality Volunteers
Please consider [signing up \(select here\)](#) for meetings. Email not required, however it will enable you to get an automatic reminder two days before the meeting if email included.

Thank you for volunteering if you are able.

Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4cada92baa8-sgc2022>



Charlee Reed, Meeting Arrangements



Baird Board by Debbie Smith

Fall Picnic

At Burnley Snyder's Garden on September 15th



Home of Burnley Snyder



Burnley Snyder's SGC
Commendation Award

Our Annual Fall Picnic was held on September 15th at the lovely Garden of Burnley Snyder's home in the Highlands. Wade Garretson and Betsy Larson introduced the new provisionals. Jolie Rosen presented to **Burnley Snyder** the 2022 "Commendation of Spirited and Enthusiastic Participation". It was given to her for her tireless work on behalf of others and the special gift of grace and faith she always brings to the SGC.



Burnley Snyder



Catherine Mueller, Marilee Ahalt, Jenny Wyatt, Jolie Roze, Christina Koons



Joan Harkin, Carolyn Whittlesey, Anne Dor



Susan Potts



Jill Crutcher, Sarah Robinson, and Pizza!



Peggy-Paige Most



Charlee Reed, Peggy-Paige Most, Carlyn Steiner



Carolyn Echelbarger, Jeannie Gravenkemper, Pam Green



Karen Simmonds and Kim Bishop

[Link to more photos here](#)

Photography

KUDOS to our SGC members Mary Turner for the Cover of Sep 2022 *FOCUS*, and to Jolie Roze on her feature article in the same issue!

[GCA 2022 Fall FOCUS details here](#)



THANK YOU TO OUR SGC MEETING AND EVENT PHOTOGRAPHERS!

Please consider helping out with photos of speakers, members, floral arrangements, Hort share, engagements, auction trips, etc. by uploading your iPhone or any camera photos to the appropriate gallery on our [Photography Committee](#) page, emailing or texting 206-930-5564, to Kim Bishop at kimbsgphoto@gmail.com. [2019-2023 Newsreel Galleries \(select here\)](#) pw: rhodies Please read the photography gallery descriptions carefully to find your way around.

OUT AND ABOUT...FINALLY!

Hope you are getting out and about on photography walks and outings now that we are enjoying the world getting back to normal.

[Got photos? Please submit here](#)



September Rainbow in Coupeville by Kim Bishop

UPCOMING:

Thurs, Oct. 20th FAVORITE SUMMER PHOTO DISPLAY at the SGC General Meeting. All SGC members are encouraged to **bring/provide a favorite summer photo** to share. Images should be printed (no matte) on 8.5 X 11 paper (printer will be available on site too). Or please send images to Kim Bishop @ kimbsgcphoto@gmail.com. Or upload [by selecting here](#). **PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE MEETING** After SGC Meeting.

Oct. 21st: Friday 10am - TREE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP [Sharon Tenenbaum](#) presents a two-part workshop on Zoom. Open to all and will be recorded.

Oct. 17th Deadline for Tree Photos Submission:
Submit your interpretation of a Tree photo [by selecting here for detailed description and submission link](#).



Nov 2nd: Wednesday: 10:00 Nisqually Wildlife Refuge Tour with Michele Burton. [Sign up here](#) or contact Kim Bishop. Zoom photo workshop to follow.



Nov. 17th General Meeting Hosted by Photography Committee, presenting Robert Stahl, "Landscape and Nature Photography: Developing a Poetic Eye"

Meeting is Virtual via Zoom

Discussing Bellevue Botanical Garden, Seattle Japanese Garden and Kubota Garden.



December 21st – THE WINTER SOLSTICE means one more way for you to share a favorite photo with the SGC! Questions? Please contact Kim Bishop at kimbsgcphoto@gmail.com.

Along with an eye on your viewfinder, keep an eye on our [SGC Photography Committee Page](#), [Smugmug Galleries](#) and [SGC Calendar](#) to keep up with photography related opportunities and our amazing SGC photographers' work! Any questions, please contact Kim Bishop, SGC Photography Chair at kimbsgcphoto@gmail.com or text or call 206-930-5564.

Member Photographs



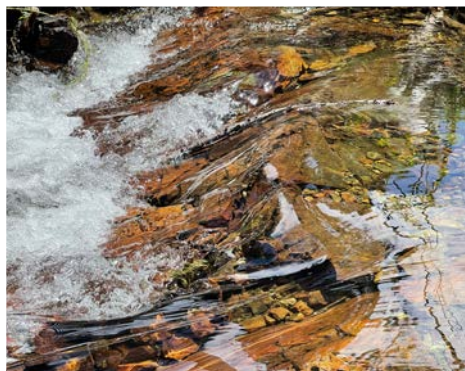
"Bee" by Jeannie Gravenkemper



*"Super Moon in August from San Juan Island"
Delphine Stevens*



"Katydid" by Jeannie Gravenkemper



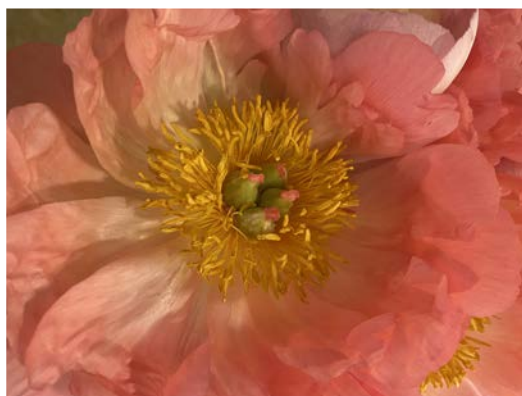
Fallen Leaf Lake by Joan Harkin



*"Big Sur coastline in July"
Delphine Stevens*



*"I like the wings of the Bumblebee" by Jeannie
Gravenkemper*



"Peachy Peony" Edie Tenneson

Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference



The Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference was held September 21-23 in Boston. Suzette de Turenne (zone XII Hort rep) along with Wade Garretson and Betsy Larson (SGC reps) attended. Here they are with their seed share envelopes. They will be sharing the seeds along with what they learned and did at the next Hort meeting!

Suzette and Wade at Shirley Meneice 9/21/22

Poetry & Gardener's Corner

An Autumn Day *Carmen Lagos Signes*

Pumpkins in the cornfields,
Gold among the brown,
Leaves of rust and scarlet,
Trembling slowly down;
Birds that travel southward,
Lovely time to play;
Nothing is as pleasant
As an autumn day!

submitted by Barbie Snapp



Gardener's Corner by Debbi Wilson

The Evolution of Philadelphia's Center City District: 1682

When William Penn arrived in New Wales, later to become Philadelphia in 1682, he wanted to establish a "greene county Towne which will never be burnt and will always be wholesome." Wanting to improve aspects of life in this newly formed Quaker colony and avoid disease and devastating fires that had plagued, London, his former city. With help of Thomas Holmes, they created a 10 -acre green at the center of the town, surrounded by four smaller ones, each dotted with trees. Franklin Square was used for grazing animals, military training and weapons storage. Logan Circle, was the site of public hangings. The two remaining squares were named Rittenhouse and Washington Square, sometimes used to bury the poor.

These green spaces, 350 years later, endure as a testament to the importance of parks in city life.