



Seattle Garden Club

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Well, this is possibly the first time I remember being so happy to see rain falling in Seattle. Now that the ground has softened up, time to start planting bulbs!

November is another busy month for Seattle Garden Club and although all the details are in this newsletter, I would like to highlight some key dates:

Hort meeting on November 7th will be held at CUH. Guests are welcome. This should be fun.

A wonderful benefit of GCA is the access we have to National conferences. On **November 9th**, there will be a VIRTUAL Conservation Study Conference in Hawaii. NOTE: The sessions are on EASTERN time.

The SGC General Meeting on **November 17th will be held on ZOOM only**. We will be treated to a fabulous Landscape and Nature photography lecture by Robert Stahl. Look for an E-Blast with the ZOOM link a few days before the meeting.

And the big Auction! **November 30th** at 5:00pm. Luncheon to follow on **December 8th**.

Kudos to our Ways and Means Committee and Chairs Tori Ragen and Sarah Robinson. We so appreciate their efforts to make this event a success both financially and socially. Look for more details in this newsletter but be sure to register for BOTH events separately. That perfect thing you want to bid on at the auction will slip away if you are busy going back to the registration page after it begins! Sadly, I speak from experience...

A huge thank-you to Stacey Campbell and Diana Ackerley for arranging the October 20th talk on the Oregon Silver Spotted Butterfly population restoration project at the Woodland Park Zoo. I too have never considered myself a "Bug Nerd", but perhaps everyone at the meeting is one now.

Those of us on the Photography Committee have been treated to several photo workshops on ZOOM arranged by our amazing Chair, Kim Bishop. The quality of these workshops is high, yet not highly technical, making them a learning opportunity for all.

Moving forward with this year's theme of "Digging Out to Dig In", we'd like to hear from you. Many of you have been on garden tours out of state and abroad. Please reach out to our Hort Chairs, Carey Davis and Ann McCutchan and let them know if you would be willing to share photos (5-15 minutes) at an upcoming Hort meeting. Those of us who have not quite yet "Dug Out" and returned to traveling would love to see them.

Looking forward to colorful fall leaves and less watering by hand!

Peggy-Paige Most
Seattle Garden Club President

Ways and Means



The holidays are just around the corner, and the Ways and Means Committee is busy planning for our third exciting online auction. Be sure to mark to your calendars for **November 30th from 5:00 to 7:00pm**. Get signed up and bid! See links below. This is our major fundraiser of the year and a lot of FUN!

The holiday luncheon will take place on December 8th at the Sunset Club. Holiday wreaths and experiences will be available for purchase at the luncheon. Guests are welcome!

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 have procured many festive items for your garden and home, but we are in need of more items and experiences to ensure the success of the auction. Here are links to the [auction registration](#), [online procurement form](#), [printable procurement form](#), [auction registration instruction sheet](#) and [angel donation form](#).

Guests are welcome to join the online auction. We will be sending out an email invitation that you can forward to your friends. Please reach out with any questions.

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



Horticulture

November 7th Horticulture Meeting!

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.

We are excited to tell you that we have a fantastic Auction item for you!!! Suzette de Turenne, Megan Smith, and Helen Blair are putting together a wonderful collection of *rare plants* for you to bid on. You know that these incredible plantswomen will make it something to drool for. Be sure to check it out November 30th!

Looking forward to seeing you all!

Carey Davis and Ann McCutchan



Fallen Leaves
Edie Tenneson



Trees in the Fall
Debbie Smith

October 3, 2022

Hort Meeting



arrangement by Jill Crutcher

Our first Hort meeting of our year was held at CUH on October 3rd. We had a beautiful Hort share, and a lively debate about Hostas as part of the new series, “Plants We Love, and Plants We Don’t”. Our guest speaker was Christina Rowen. After her presentation, “What’s Happening at CUH”, she led us on a tour of CUH.



Provisionals Julie English, Christina Koons, and Erin Lea at check-in



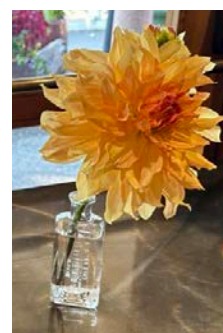
Jeannie Gravenkemper with her fuschias



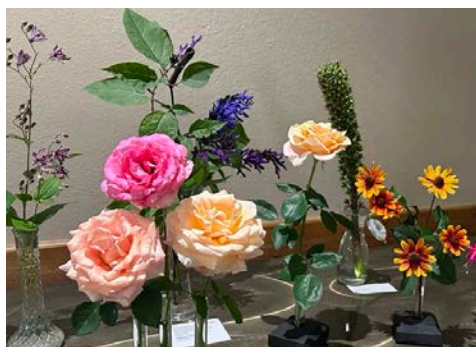
Christina Rowen, Carey Davis, and Ann McCutchan



Helen Blair and Meghan Smith debating about Hostas



One of Wade's dahlias



Hort Share color



Marianne Kitchell, Lynn Mowe, Candy Lancaster



Phoebe Andrews and Jo Anne Rosen

[Link to more photos here](#)



Questions about the conference? Please contact csc@gcamerica.org

For all registration related questions, please contact registrations@gcamerica.org

The conference sessions will be held as Zoom webinars. For tips and tutorials on participating in Zoom meetings with the GCA, visit [Virtual GCA Trainings](#) on the GCA website.



THE GARDEN CLUB *of* AMERICA

**Wednesday, November
9, 2022**

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET
7:00 am – 9:00 am HT
&

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm ET
10:00 am – 12:00 pm HT

The Garden Club of America invites you to a Conservation Study Conference that will unveil the remarkable bio-cultural management practices used to sustainably support over a million pre-contact native Hawaiians for a thousand years.

Join us to learn about conservation practices that are enjoying a renaissance that is being shared globally to improve ecosystem health and increase nature's abundance not just in Hawaii, but around the world -- our *Island Earth*

Registration is free and open to all GCA club members.*
If you intend to host a watch party or attend a watch party, we would like to request that all participants register for the conference

*The last day to register is Sunday, November 6, 2022

General Meeting

The General Meeting was held October 20th at CUH.

Erin Sullivan, a curator from the Woodland Park Zoo, explained to us the effort being undertaken by the Zoo, working with other organizations in the West, to repopulate the endangered Oregon Silverspot Butterfly. Thank you to Stacey Campbell and Diana Ackerley for arranging this wonderful speaker.

We also enjoyed a display of summer photos taken by members.



Provisionals Julie English, Linda Walker, and Christina Koons greeting members



Candace Lancaster and Carolyn Whittlesey



Erin Sullivan (center) with Stacey Campbell and Diana Ackerley



Debbie Smith



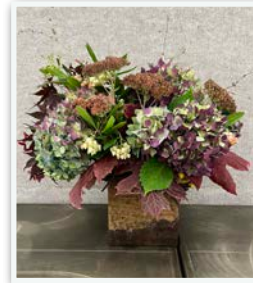
Barbie Snapp



The endangered butterfly



Debbie Smith



Arrangement by Edie Tenneson



Mary Turner

Hospitality Sign Up - General Meetings

Our general meetings are seeking Hospitality Volunteers

Please consider [signing up \(select here\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4cada92baa8-sgc2022) 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

Floral Design



The Floral Design Committee had their first meeting on October 3rd prior to the Hort meeting. At the meeting we decided on the theme for our Holiday Luncheon – “Winter Wonderland”, accessories are permitted. As always, the arrangements will be “lightly judged” and created by our Provisionals and other club members. If you would like to create an arrangement for the luncheon, please reach out to me.

For the Provisionals and those who are providing arrangements, we are having a “training session” on November 4th at the Sunset Club. At the session we will cover tool kit elements, and how to select, prepare and create your floral creation.

Details are being finalized for our auction item, however for 12 lucky guests, Marilee Ahalt, Barbara Feasey and Sue Ashmun will hold a floral design class, location TBD, followed by a luncheon.

Caroline Geodhart
Floral Design Committee Chair



Judging

Congratulations to the following SGC members who have been promoted in the GCA Judging Program:

Sue Ashmun to *Floral Design Approved Judge!!!*

Suzy Titcomb to *Photography Approved Judge!!!*

Debbi Wilson to *Horticulture Approved Emeritus Judge!!!*

Fragrance Garden

On October 12th Carolyn Whittlesey, Fragrance Garden Chair, six SGC members, and one Provisional, Erin Lea, all pitched in to clean up our wonderful Fragrance Garden. Joined by Kristen Johnson, the head gardener at CUH, they trimmed hedges, removed bamboo and cleaned up the beds. Way to Go!



Volunteer Park Committee

Our next work session will be **Saturday, November 12th** from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. There will be other people there that regularly volunteer to help with garden bed clean up. We 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



Check SGC Online Calendar and bookmark
[by selecting here](#)

Photography

UPCOMING:

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

[Click to Join Zoom Meeting Here](#)

Meeting ID: 839 4682 4719

Passcode: 102724

[RSVP to meeting BY SELECTING HERE](#)



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

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



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 kimbsgcphoto@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](#)

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



Look for the recording of the 10/21 TREE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP by Sharon Tenenbaum on the SGC website photography page.

Thank you,
Kim Bishop
Photography Committee Chair

Conservation

The Conservation Committee is happy to report that we have arranged a boat tour of the Duwamish River for Thursday, April 27th starting at 10:00 a.m. until approximately 1:00 p.m. This tour is open to the whole club. The boat can hold up to 40 people. If we don't have enough sign-ups within the club, you will be welcome to bring a guest. We want to fill the boat! George Blomberg who is with the Port of Seattle will be leading the tour and has extensive knowledge of the Duwamish River clean-up efforts. In addition, we are hoping that Paulina Lopez, Executive Director of the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition will join us on the tour. Paulina has worked extensively with DRCC as an advocate for South Park families adversely affected by the Duwamish River pollution. Please note that Beverly Martin had originally organized this tour when Covid hit and we are happy that we can re-schedule this important educational tour. Sign-ups will begin in January but please feel free to contact me any time with questions and/or to express your interest in attending.

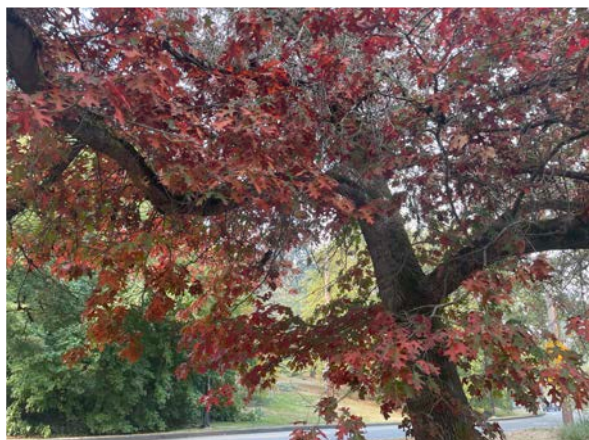
Members of the conservation committee enjoyed a tour of Trees for Seattle in the Georgetown neighborhood. SGC funds are truly making a difference! Great job Community Projects and thank you Margi Allison for organizing such an informative tour.

The GCA has been focusing on the passage of RAWA or S.2372. Hopefully, by the time you read this newsletter the bill will have passed. This important legislation funds conservation and restoration of habitats, removal of species and diseases and reintroduces native species. Both Senator Cantwell and Murray are supporters of this bill.

The GCA has sent a letter to the EPA regarding Bristol Bay and the use of the Clean Water Act "to prohibit the development of the Pebble Mine in this pristine and critical ecosystem." To quote the GCA letter "...mining the Pebble Deposit without restriction on dredging, discharging, and filling wetlands of the area would irreparably harm the region's water resources, natural habitats, its population, economy and culture."

Please be sure to check the GCA website for updates on our legislative advocacy.

Cindy Bostwick
Conservation Committee Chair



Oak Tree by Debbie Smith

[Link to more photos here](#)

Special Members

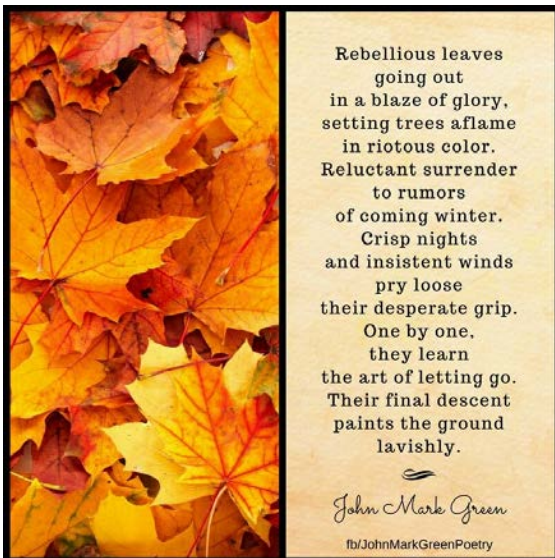


This is a recent photo of our Honorary Life Member Mrs. Robert C. Lenfesty, Barbara, known to family and friends as Bobbie.

She joined the Seattle Garden Club in 1951, and, at the wonderful age of 107, she still enjoys arranging flowers! She is the Aunt of member Wade Garretson and currently resides at Parkshore.

Wade says, "I do know she told me she flew all over the country going to flower shows and was grateful to meet so many flower lovers, stay in private homes and see private gardens." That's the enduring gift of our garden club.

Poetry



submitted by Barbie Snapp

