



Seattle Garden Club

# All The Buzz

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Dear Garden Club Friends,

As we know, all this rain of late is the foundation for a wonderful spring and summer filled with color and growth in our gardens (and likely no water rationing for many years.) So, let's take advantage of this time to work in our garages making bulb lasagna in our pots.

The GCA Zone XII President's Council meeting was held in Paradise Valley, AZ this past week where we learned about the 5 C's of Arizona: cattle, copper, citrus, cotton and climate. There were many interesting projects and practices shared by the other clubs in our zone. Some of them will be discussed at our February Business Meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup> at CUH. This is the time for us to discuss as a group our ideas for the future of our club. Please mark your calendars.

We were also treated to two garden and home tours in the area. One ranch style home was built as a winter get away in 1938, and the other was an adobe style home designed by Bill Tull in the 1950's and completely reimagined in 2014. The gardens were as different as the styles of the homes. It was quite an education! All varieties of cactus survive the transplant process at nearly every age and size allowing for the creation of an instant mature garden.



A beautiful desert garden from our Arizona tour

With many GCA Flower Shows back on the calendar, please look in this newsletter on [page 8](#) for some in Zone XII you may enjoy visiting. Additionally, the Carmel By The Sea Garden Club will be holding a club show on April 28<sup>th</sup>, incase you are in the area.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Hort meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup> at CUH where both the Floral Design Committee and Plants We Love/Plants We Don't will inspire us!

Peggy-Paige Most

# Floral Design



Having a beautiful flower arrangement in the midst of a dreary winter always seems to brighten my spirits.

The Floral Design Committee is in charge of our February 6th Hort Meeting. We are thrilled to have Hannah Morgan of Fortunate Orchard as our speaker.

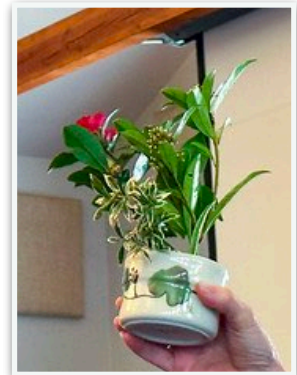
As Hannah describes on her website, *"our designs are deeply rooted in the seasons of the Pacific Northwest and we source primarily from the West Coast - often from the Fortunate Orchard garden, steps away from our work table. Using blooms and branches grown right here ensures that our designs are unique, of this place and a bit wild. Fortunate Orchard collaborates with clients who exalt in the natural world and who embrace unorthodox, unexpected beauty."*



Hannah Morgan of Fortunate Orchard

As well as having Hannah give a presentation, we will also have the following at the meeting:

- \* "Plants we love, Plants we don't"
- \* Vase Exchange
- \* **NEW** – we are asking members to bring a three-stem composition from their garden, no need for labeling the plants, below is an example from my garden. In the photos below, on the left are a series of containers and a frog, and on the right are examples of a composition with three stems. One in a slate container with a built-in frog (my favorite) and the second in a bowl with a frog. This exercise allows us to mix hort and floral design! All it takes is a container, frog and a walk in the garden. I have an arrangement year-round on my kitchen table!



Frog in container demo at Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, meeting



Vases and Frogs



Slate container with built-in frog with 3 stems



Bowl with frog and 3 stems

Caroline Goedhart, Floral Design Chair

# SGC Annual Business Meeting



*(2023 is the year of the rabbit, which is considered the luckiest of the 12 Chinese zodiac signs, representing peace, beauty, and longevity.)*

The SGC business meeting will be held on February 16<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30-11:30 at CUH. We need all your voices, so please make every effort to attend. While this will be a hybrid meeting, I encourage everyone in Seattle to attend, it will make for a more interesting, lively conversation.

What do we want the Seattle Garden Club to look like in ten years? What will attract the next generation of garden club members? Our February business meeting will be a fun, interactive discussion moderated by Cassa Hanon, who is a professional in the field of innovation, team, and leadership development. The session is designed to be interactive, using fun and creativity to inform our long-term strategic planning.

We will receive a financial update and vote on the grants approved by the community projects committee.

We will also be selecting one of the 2023 Founder's Fund finalists so that our club may cast our one vote. Please look at [page 51](#) in the [Winter 2023 GCA BULLETIN](#) to read more about the three finalists. Please call Peggy-Paige with any questions.



*The snapdragon is the lucky flower for the rabbit*

# Horticulture

Perhaps it was the oceans of water the sky threw at the hearty crew the day we trekked to UW's new Biology Greenhouse that made us sense we had entered a new world! The fantastic plants: a pitcher plant that caught a mouse, cacti that don "hairy robes" for nighttime, and tiny bright flowers blooming where you least expect them added to the wonder of the day. Plus, we were treated to well-informed docents, the fabulous new facility, and a warm welcome by Greenhouse Manager, Katie Sadler, and Chair of Biology, David Perkel. If you were not able to come, the Lab is open to the public Thursday afternoons, and reservations are not required.



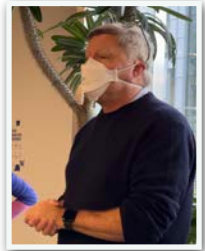
Nesocodon mauritanicus-  
pollinated by geckos



Carolyn Kitchell, Candace Lancaster, Ana Hergert, Caroline Goedhart, Ann McCutchan, Marilee Ahalt, Joan Harkins, Jill Crutcher, Carolyn Echelbarger

Thank you to everyone who made their way through the rain and came!

Click this [link for more photos by SGC Members](#). Also, visit the Biolab instagram: [@uwbiogreenhouse](#)



David Perkel,  
Chair of Biology

On February 6th, the Floral Design committee has a great program in store for us! See [page 2](#) for more info. Then, March 6th, Cindy Funes will give us some of her wisdom on design.



Nile Kurashige,  
plant specialist



Touring one of the many theme specific greenhouse rooms



Calliandra eriophylla,  
"Fairy Duster"

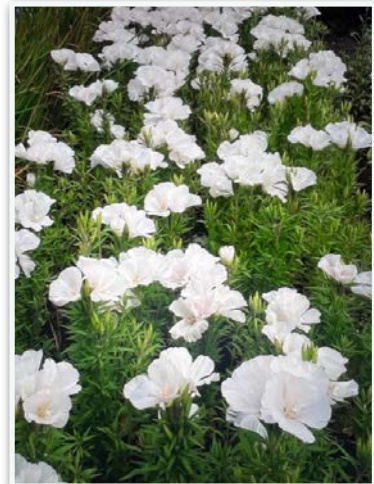
Carey Davis &  
Ann McCutchan,  
Horticulture Co-Chairs



Crystal Shin, Burke  
Museum Botanical artist

## Native Plants: *Clarkia ameona*

The common name of *Clarkia* is Farewell To Spring because this native wildflower starts blooming in late spring/summer and provides flowers until late summer. Little water is needed, but some extra plus deadheading extends its season. The flower is a prime source for all native bees and butterflies. It is an excellent cut flower that is long lasting. It fills in well in one's "holes" in a bed. *Clarkia* will reseed, especially in open, disturbed ground. It is a strong, upright plant and looks wonderful in meadow and sustainable gardens. The white variety is gorgeous, and *Clarkia* also comes in various lavenders, pink, magenta and peach.



## Founder's Fund Site Visit & January General Meeting

Jacques White, the Director of Long Live the Kings and past Director of Marine Conservation at the Nature Conservancy of Washington, spoke to us at Graham Visitor Center in January. We learned a great deal about salmon stream restoration in the South Sound as well as current research and lobbying projects to enhance salmon returns in Puget Sound.



Back LtoR: Peggy-Paige Most, Anne Dor, Jill Crutcher, Bev Martin, Sarah Robinson, Julie English. Front LtoR: Edie Tenneson, Marianne Kitchell, Caroline Goedhart, Carolyn Kitchell, [More photos select here](#)

Following the January General Meeting, SGC members visited the nearly completed "Rhododendron Glen: Healing a Historic Stream and Engaging All Ages in Water Ecology" restoration project in the Arboretum. [This is the site of our \\$30,000 GCA Founder's Fund Award](#) project from 2021.



Barbara Feasey, Jacques White, and Peggy-Paige  
[More photos select here](#)



## Fragrance Garden - Work Party Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 10am



Please join us for a cleanup party in the Fragrance Garden on Tuesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm. Donuts and coffee will be provided. Please bring gloves, trowels, clippers, and pruners. The garden is starting to burst open with beautiful blooms and scents so come to get your fill of the promise of spring!

Tuesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12pm

Please RSVP to Carolyn Whittlesey at [whittlc@gmail.com](mailto:whittlc@gmail.com)  
Fragrance Garden Chair



## Visiting Gardens Healdsburg Trip Opportunity

Hello SGC members. Please take a look at this upcoming visiting gardens [GCA Healdsburg Trip itinerary, April 30<sup>th</sup> - May 5<sup>th</sup>](#). If you are interested, please log onto the GCA website and add your name to the trip interest list. (While you are there, check out other upcoming trips.) Cailean Sherman, Woodside-Atherton Garden Club member (Zone XIII!) and Healdsburg trip planner/leader, has put together a wonderful 5-day trip that includes private gardens, five-star cuisine and accommodations, wine tours and more. It promises to be an extraordinary trip!

[Trip brochure select here](#). GCA interest list link can be found when logged in to GCA site

SGC Visiting Gardens Co-Chairs  
Helen Blair & Sue Ashmun



## Community Projects

Through support from the Seattle Garden Club, the City of Seattle's Trees for Neighborhoods program and the UW Botanic Gardens, the Trees for Cool/ Neighborhoods program was launched in 2022. SGC funding provided an additional 100 trees and participant support. The program is exclusively available to residents in some of the focus communities identified by the City of Seattle's Urban Forest Management Plan and Equity & Environment Initiative. These communities are prioritized because of their higher heat and low canopy. The SGC funding also allowed for the involvement of community partners, Dirt Corps and Duwamish Valley Youth Corps, along with guidance to participants in proper tree selection and siting for their residences. In addition, all program participants had their trees, mulch, and water bags delivered to them.



The Trees for Cool/ Neighborhoods team has finished distributing all 100 trees and now program participants are busy with planting! They were excited to share photos of their newly planted trees.

This Incense Cedar, planted at a street end, will provide cooling effects to nearby houses and a shady spot for neighbors to rest and play.



The American Smoke Tree is able to withstand very sunny conditions, and will provide some much needed shade and traffic calming effects on this street. All program participants receive training on tree planting and care. This is an excellent example of proper mulching and staking techniques being put to use!

## Hospitality Sign Up - General Meetings

Our general meetings are seeking Hospitality Volunteer. 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.

Charlee Reed, Meeting Arrangements

# Photography

Great to see [GCA January 2023 eNews submissions](#) by SGC Members, Jo Anne Rosen, Charlee Reed and Kim Bishop

We hope you enjoyed the [2023 GCA Photography Conference](#) featuring Sam Abell, a renowned National Geographic photographer, famously known for his inspirational “Life of a Photograph.” We saw Mary Jo Hoffman, with her flat lay photography, featured in her STILL blog. Jim Richardson entertained us with his virtual storytelling and iPhone use. “It’s how you tell your story that makes the WOW!” Karen McCormick, Editor, Focus. If you missed or want to view again, the recordings for the Virtual Photography Conference are on the GCA Website [select here](#). All past Virtual GCA conferences are also available [select here](#)

Storytelling - Seeking your story in photos:

Inspired by the GCA Photography Conference of Storytelling,

submit your photos that tell a story: [select here](#). [Upload only here](#)

Want to grow your photography talent, learn, travel and meet other GCA members? Perhaps judging photography shows is for you!

[Select here to find out more and register for the 2023 Judging Conference](#). (Sign up Feb.2nd)

Openings in GCA Flower Shows for Photography Entries: If you are interested in submitting your photos to other club shows, keep your eyes on the [GCA Calendar](#) for published flower show schedules by searching for “Flower Shows” in list view. Published schedules will display an open link at the bottom. Then seek out the timeline pages to find out when the photography show portion may open to all GCA members.

[GCA Photography Committee Page](#) is worth a visit to see what is new! [Select here](#) You can still take advantage of David Ulrich’s workshop videos by [selecting here](#). Great new photography opportunity at the UW Biolab, in case you missed the Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, Hort Tour! Check it out during public hours on Thursdays, 12 - 4pm. [Link to photos by members during the tour select here](#).

Thank you so much to event photographers and please consider continuing to help 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 at [kimbsgphoto@gmail.com](mailto:kimbsgphoto@gmail.com).

SGC Photography Committee page, emailing or texting 206-930-5564, to Kim Bishop

As always, please pass along any ideas for Gallery Tours, Photo Walks, or Education Events to [kimbsgcphoto@gmail.com](mailto:kimbsgcphoto@gmail.com).

Along with an eye on your viewfinder, keep an eye on your Photography Committee emails, [SGC Photography Committee Page](#) 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](mailto:kimbsgcphoto@gmail.com) or text or call 206-930-5564

Thank you,

Kim Bishop

Photography Committee Chair



by Charlee Reed



by Jo Anne Rosen



by Km Bishop

# Ways and Means - Experience Spots Open

## SGC Online Auction and Luncheon

For all those who attended the Holiday Luncheon, made an Angel donation or purchased something fabulous at the auction, you should have received via email a Tax Receipt for 2022 within the last 2 weeks. If you did not receive it, please email Patsy to have one sent at [patsypattison@mac.com](mailto:patsypattison@mac.com)

In addition, please note there are a few spots remaining in some of the auction experiences. If you are interested in joining, please email Tori, [ctragen@comcast.net](mailto:ctragen@comcast.net)) or Sarah ([mrs\\_robinson1@hotmail.com](mailto:mrs_robinson1@hotmail.com))

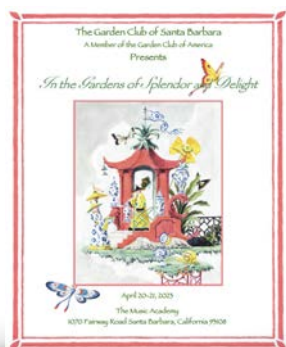
Mexican Train Party	1 spot
Ancient Lakes Hiking Excursion	1 spot
Waterfront Project Tour 4/19	1 spot
Waterfront Project Tour 6/14	4 spots
Birdwatching with Barbie and Burnley	1 spot
Norcliffe Garden Tour and lunch	11 spots
Clamming and lunch at Dabob Beach	2 spots
Raclette Party	3 spots



Thank you again for supporting the auction!  
Tori Ragen and Sarah Robinson  
Ways and Means, Co-chairs

## GCA & Zone Flowers Shows

One of the real treats of being a GCA club is the chance to participate in GCA and Club flower shows as a competitor, judge or a guest. SGC's next GCA show will be in the spring of 2024, but until then there are some really wonderful upcoming shows at clubs in Zone XII, and they happen to be in some of our favorite places. If you are planning to go to one of the following shows, please know that there will be an opportunity to attend a preview party as well. Just reach out to the President or Flower Show Chairman who will be happy to accommodate you.

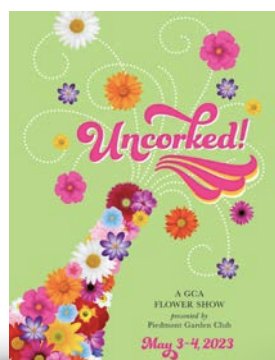


Santa Barbara - April 20-21  
GCA Show

### *A Feast for the Eyes*



Carmel-by-the-Sea - April 27-28  
Club Show



Piedmont - May 3-4  
GCA Show



Tacoma - May 11-12  
GCA Show

Select image of schedule to open on GCA Website

# Conservation and the NAL Conference

For those of you who missed Anne Dor's presentation of the book "A World on the Wing", she highlighted the Motus Wildlife Tracking website. Please take a look at [www.motos.org](http://www.motos.org) They are collecting amazing data on bird migrations that can help in conservation efforts in our state and on the global level.

## April 27th, 10am - 1pm Duwamish River Tour:

I hope you will consider joining us for the Conservation Hosted Duwamish River Tour by RSVPing via [Sign this sign up link](#): Questions? Please contact Cindy Bostwick, Conservation Chair: Email: [cynthia@oneartglobal.com](mailto:cynthia@oneartglobal.com), Phone: (206) 498-2861



## NAL ADVOCACY WORKSHOP (virtual) - February 23, 2023 - Open to all GCA Members

This workshop is open to all GCA club members and is a "must" for first-time NAL Conference delegates. The workshop will run between 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, Eastern Time

For more [information and registration select here](#): There is no date for the close of registrations so feel free to sign up at any time.

## NAL CONFERENCE - March 12-15, 2023

**SGC is sending Iris Wagner and Cindy Bostwick as NAL delegates.**

The Garden Club of America has been a non-partisan voice of informed volunteers helping to "restore, improve, and protect the quality of the environment" for over one hundred years.

Please join us as we return to the nation's capital for the 40th annual National Affairs & Legislation Conference. Learn about the many approaches to combating climate change found through innovation, capturing the power of our natural world to produce clean energy, heal our soil and sequester carbon, the "greening" of our transportation system, energy grid and infrastructure, and more. We will hear from nationally renowned experts including scientists, leaders from industry and non-profits, as well as members of Congress as we come together, once again, to advocate for a beautiful, healthy planet.

For the first time, all GCA club members can be "in the room" in Washington, joining our in-person conference delegates for **Education Day on Monday, March 13**. Hear from scientists, non-profit leaders, and members of the Administration about a host of policy issues and legislation that reflect the GCA's mission, "to restore, improve and protect the environment". Education Day will be live-streamed via Zoom for members attending virtually

NAL Background: [History of Conservation and National Affairs Legislation select here](#)

## Upcoming: February Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 10AM - 12PM <a href="#">SGC Board Meeting - Sunset Club</a>	3	4
5	6 9:15AM - 11:30AM <a href="#">Hort/Floral Design Meeting</a> 9:15 Social, 10 meeting 11:30AM - 12:30PM <a href="#">Provisional introduction to SGC at CUH in Isaacson Classroom Sponsors, Seconders and Friends invited</a>	7	8	9	10	11 10:00AM - 12:00PM <a href="#">Work Party Today! Volunteer Park Committee - Every 2nd Saturday</a>
12	13	14	15 11:00AM - 12:00PM <a href="#">Conservation Committee Meeting</a>	16 9:30AM - 11:30AM <a href="#">Annual Business Meeting - 9:30 Social, 10:00 Meeting</a>	17	18
19	20 <a href="#">Deadline for SGC Mar. Newsletter Articles-Send to Edie Tennison</a>	21	22	23 10AM - 11PM <a href="#">NAL Advocacy Training</a> 10AM - 11PM <a href="#">NAL Advocacy Training</a>	24 5:30PM - 7:30PM <a href="#">Mexican Train Party- Auction</a>	25
26	27	28 10:00AM - 12:00PM <a href="#">Fragrance Garden cleanup party</a>			<a href="#">Link to Calendar select here</a>	

## Looking Ahead: March Calendar

Date	Time	Description
1 Wed	✉	<a href="#">GCA Flower Show - Tacoma-Photography Division Open for All GCA Members - "Driven By Design"</a>
2 Thu	10AM - 12PM	<a href="#">SGC Board Meeting - Sunset Club</a>
6 Mon	9:15AM - 11:30AM	<a href="#">Hort Meeting - CUH - Cindy Funes - "Garden Revelry" 9:15 Social, 10 meeting</a>
	11:30AM - 12:30PM	<a href="#">Provisional introduction to SGC at CUH in Isaacson Classroom Sponsors, Seconders and Friends invited</a>
11 Sat	10:00AM - 12:00PM ✉	<a href="#">Work Party Today! Volunteer Park Committee - Every 2nd Saturday</a>
13 Mon	5:30AM - 1:00PM	<a href="#">NAL Educational Day-live-streamed via GCA</a>
16 Thu	9:30AM - 11:30AM	<a href="#">General Meeting - Sarah Boynton, "Botanical Arts" - 9:30 Social, 10:00 Meeting</a>
	12:00PM - 3:00PM	<a href="#">Botanical Arts Workshop</a>
20 Mon	✉	<a href="#">Deadline for SGC Apr. Newsletter Articles-Send to Edie Tennison</a>
22 Wed	11:00AM - 12:00PM	<a href="#">Conservation Committee Meeting</a>

## Poetry

### The Peace of Wild Things

When despair for the world grows in me  
and I wake in the night at the least sound  
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,  
I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.  
I come into the peace of wild things  
who do not tax their lives with forethought  
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.  
And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
waiting with their light. For a time  
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

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Submitted by Barbie Snapp



Olympic Peninsula views by Edie Tenneson