



Seattle Garden Club

# *All The Buzz*

March, 2023

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Dear Members of SGC,

Will this March arrive like a lion or a lamb? Either way, the camellias and crocuses are all on the verge of blooming, and that burst of color cannot come soon enough! Be it wild and windy, or calm and sunny, Spring is on its way.

Our annual February business meeting was a thought-provoking, aspirational exercise masterminded by Susan Potts as our Policy and Planning Chair. The group discussions were lively, and the thoughts foremost in our minds (and garnering the most sticker votes) are listed in this newsletter. Thank you all for voting on the Founder's Fund. Our vote will go for the Butterfly and Bee Meadow Restoration Project in Chickasaw Park, an Olmstead Park, in Louisville. The winner will receive \$30,000 from GCA and the two runner's-up will each receive \$10,000. As we know, the application and implementation are a lot of work – congratulations to the three finalists. The winner will be announced at the GCA Annual meeting in May. The three Community Project grant recipients were presented and approved, and our Treasurer Sandy Hanower gave a concise and informative presentation on our upcoming budget as well as the state of our endowments. Each of these presentations, while taking 10 minutes, represent hours of work. Thank you to all who spent so much time helping our club to run smoothly!

We look forward to a presentation on the newest GCA flower show discipline, Botanical Arts, on March 16<sup>th</sup> at CUH. Sarah Boynton will be coming from Hingham, Massachusetts to speak to us and offer a workshop for anyone interested in furthering their skills in this area. Botanical Arts has been a part of many major GCA flower shows for years but not as a recognized discipline with its own judging program. That has now changed! Sarah has been winning Best in Show for Botanical arts for over 10 years and her talk promises to be inspiring. Please check with Caroline Goedhart, Floral Design chair for details on the workshop.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the March 6<sup>th</sup> Hort meeting, also at CUH. Regardless of the outside temperature, there will be Springtime inspiration for us all!

Peggy-Paige Most  
SGC President

# Policy and Planning - Annual Business Meeting Wrap Up



Thank you to all who participated in our brainstorming session at our annual Business Meeting on Thursday, February 16th. I enjoyed watching the engagement and lively conversation throughout the physical meeting at CUH, and there was a lot of participation from the remote participants as well. I have summarized both so everyone can see what was discussed (for those of you interested, photos of each of the posters where everyone voted are on the [SGC website](#), along with some photos of the morning). Our work was facilitated by Cassa Hanon\*



By the end of the hour several themes emerged - we want the SGC to be involved with planting trees, providing gardening space and education in underserved areas and to help children learn about gardening. Some of the comments about what we want the future to look like:



- \* Rooftop gardens help counter carbon emissions and to feed residents
- \* Teaching both children and adults about the benefits, basics, and joy of growing their own food, with a focus on community gardens in underserved areas.
- \* SGC partners with community colleges, universities, other garden clubs (throughout the state) with a focus on urban gardens for food production and collaborating on open spaces in the region.
- \* Trees! Supporting canopies in underserved areas, including schools.
- \* Clean waterways, to support wildlife, clean water. Support the continued clean-up of the Duwamish, which in some ways is the soul of the city.
- \* Supporting floating gardens on Lake Washington
- \* Creating an elevated garden downtown



Susan Potts and [Cassa Hanon](#)

The next step in this process is to figure out how we want to address these ideas through the work of the SGC.

Susan Potts, Policy and Planning Chair

\*Cassa Hanon is located in Seattle. Her business focuses on team and leadership development, specifically for leaders and organizations who want to enhance their innovation capabilities. Here is a link to her website if you would like to learn more about her. <https://www.cassahanon.com/>



# Community Projects

Community Projects met on January 11 and finalized their recommendations to the SGC Board for this year's grants which were then approved by the members at the Business Meeting on February 16th.

Danny Woo Community Garden, Seattle:	\$ 5,000
Friends of Waterfront Park, Seattle (native plantings):	50,000
UW Farm Culinary Garden, Seattle	5,000
Bloedel Garden, Bainbridge (last year of three yr. grant):	5,000
Trees for Cool Neighborhoods, Seattle	6,700
(2nd and final payment of \$27,100 total grant)	
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$71,700</b>

Sue Simmons, Community Projects Chair



# Conservation and the NAL Conference



**NAL CONFERENCE - March 12-15, 2023**

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

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. [Select this link to register.](#)

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

**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



# Floral Design



All members are invited to the **GCA Virtual Floral Design Conference "Inspirations"**, Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - 8:00am PT.

To [register or watch replay, select here](#)

**Our next General Meeting will be on March 16<sup>th</sup>**, with Social time beginning at 9:30 followed by our program at 10:00. Sarah Boynton will introduce us to the wonderful world of Botanical Arts. Following the Meeting she will be doing a workshop. Please sign up [here](#)

Sarah Boynton is a passionate flower show competitor, specializing in Botanical Arts and traditional flower designs. She has earned top honors in Flower Shows in Boston, Newport and Philadelphia along with numerous Artisan and Best in Show awards. She won second place at the 2011 WAFA World Flower Show in Boston first place and Best Craft Exhibit at the 2014 WAFA World Flower Show in Dublin, Ireland and third place at the 2017 WAFA World Flower Show in Barbados.



Boynton finds her raw material "just about everywhere she goes. "I'm gathering materials all the time," the Massachusetts resident said. "Hiking with my dog, I might see a cool mushroom and gather it. You start looking at things, at the details — the dogwood flowers, for instance, that have a tiny piece of something I could use for jewelry or pokeweed for spacers. It's an ongoing project." Please join fellow members for your opportunity to share in the magic of Botanical Arts!



Peggy-Paige Most, Hannah Morgan and Caroline Goedhart, Floral Design Chair

**The Floral Design Committee hosted the February Hort meeting**, and we were so lucky to have Hannah Morgan come to show us how to make big, showy arrangements that truly wow.

Hannah Morgan is the owner and lead designer of Fortunate Orchard, a floral studio and garden situated in a quiet corner of south Seattle.

She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in one hand and a pair of pruning shears in the other. Fortunate Orchard collaborates with clients who exalt in the natural world and who embrace unorthodox and unexpected beauty.



Hannah Morgan with her finished creation!



For Hort Share, members brought small scale containers and three garden clippings to create instant and easy mini arrangements. [More photos select here](#)



The meeting also featured the always entertaining banter between Helen Blair and Megan Smith "Plants We Like & Plants we Don't"



## Fragrance Garden - Work Party Feb 28th 10am



Please join us for a cleanup party in the Fragrance Garden on Tuesday, Feb. 28th 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



## Meeting Schedule Changes

Please make note of the following important location and date changes:

The **April 3rd Hort meeting will be at Graham Visitors' Center.** Carpooling Encouraged.

The **June Luncheon will be on June 8th** (not June 1st) at The Broadmoor Golf Club.

## Volunteer Park Work Party

On February 11th, a small, but eager, SGC work party gathered at Volunteer Park. Thirty rose bushes had a winter prune thanks to Megan Smith, Peggy-Paige, and Anne Dor.

We were happy to work and chat together in the sunshine.

Next work party will be on March 11th!



Megan Smith, Chair, Peggy-Paige Most and Anne Dor

## 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.

Charlee Reed, Meeting Arrangements

# Horticulture

## Next Hort Meeting Monday, March 6th.



Although there were days of doubt, spring is truly coming to the Northwest!. Jonquils are yellowing yards. Poppies, pansies, and even peonies are readying to pop open. And no one is better at exemplifying spring than Cindy Funes, our speaker for the March 6th Horticulture Program. She is sunshine herself with her warm personality, passion for plants and people, as well as her devotion to color. Her



endeavor in her container gardening business is to match plants with the personality of the person. She's eager to empower others to express themselves in their gardening pursuits rather than the accepted norm. With skills refined through her involvement with the horticultural program at Lake Washington Institute of Technology, Cindy has become masterful at teaching others much of what she has learned in her 14 years as a plant container specialist. Her talk will focus on tools to use in the maintenance and care of container gardening. It's going to be a great show! Bring a friend!



The social hour begins at 9:15 at CUH on March 6, and the program starts 10:00. Items to bring: gardening books you are ready to pass along, vases you have that are looking for a new home, and plant clippings from your yard for Hort share. If your hands aren't full- something's wrong!

Carey Davis & Ann McCutchan,  
Hort Co-Chairs



## Native Plants: *Linnaea borealis* ssp. *longiflora*

*Linnaea borealis* is a creeping evergreen herb with trailing and flowering stems in open forests, forest edges and peat lands. It grows in forested and mountainous areas on both sides of the Cascade crest in Washington.

This plants grows up to 4 inches with pinkish-white nodding, trumpet-like, fragrant on thin Y-shaped stalks. The leaves are elliptic with a few shallow teeth and are smooth and dark green. Dry nutlets with sticky hairs are produced. The Carrier, Tanana and Snohomish tribes haves used the plant for food. A poultice of the whole plant has been applied to the head to treat headaches





# Photography



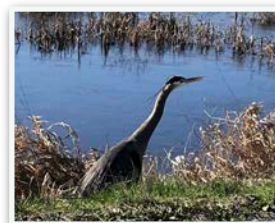
"Mudhens carefully maneuvering on the ice!", by Jo Anne Rosen  
[Link to Video Here](#)



Anne Dor, Mary Watts (friend of Suzy), Karin (friend of Michele), Michele Burton, Jenny Wyatt, Jo Anne Rosen and Catherine Parker. Photo by Kim Bishop

It was great to get out on a very chilly January 30<sup>th</sup>, for a wonderful [Nisqually Wildlife Refuge tour](#) by Michele Burton! Here is our [Nisqually Photo Gallery](#), incase you missed it or have not contributed yet (assignment is in the gallery description)!

Plan on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - Zoom Workshop with Michele Burton to review and critique our Nisqually and/or 2022/2023 Fall Winter photos. [Assignment info and upload link](#). Michele will also talk about choosing photos for a show and what makes a strong image in competition.



"Blue Heron on the Hunt!" by Anne Dor

## Photo Walks & Workshops - All 10am, unless noted.

March 7<sup>th</sup>: Volunteer Park Conservatory

March 9<sup>th</sup>: Bellevue Botanical Garden

March 20<sup>th</sup>: 9am - iPhone Workshop [Dan Burkholder](#) - Virtual

March 27<sup>th</sup>: Photo Workshop with [Michele Burton](#) - Virtual

April 5<sup>th</sup>: Arboretum or Alternative Photo Walk

April 14<sup>th</sup>: Arboretum or Alternative Photo Walk

Please [RSVP & Provide Feedback: Sign Up Link Here](#)



"Long Shadows" by Suzy Titcomb

Mobile Phones: As we journey into spring, there are many opportunities to photograph ([Sign up here for one of photowalks and workshops](#)) as well as learn more camera and mobile phone skills. Some of you have asked about iPhone photography resources and in response, I am pleased to present a virtual [Dan Burkholder](#) iPhone Workshop on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 9am! Also please look to the [GCA's site list](#) of resources and presentations by searching for [iPhone or selecting here](#). Also on our [SGC Photo Committee Page](#).



"iPhone App: DipTic" by Kim Bishop

GCA Resources:

[Entering Flower Shows](#)

[How To Enter the Photography Division](#)

[GCA Calendar](#)

[2023 GCA Photography Conference](#)

[Past Virtual GCA conferences](#)

[iPhone Resources](#)

[iPhone events on GCA Calendar](#)

[GCA Photography Committee Page](#)

[David Ulrich's Workshop videos](#)

Thank you so much to event photographers and please continue to help out with by uploading your photos to the appropriate gallery on our [SGC Photography Committee](#) page emailing or texting 206-930-5564, to Kim Bishop at [kimbsgphoto@gmail.com](mailto:kimbsgphoto@gmail.com).

Kim Bishop,  
Photography Committee Chair

## Ways and Means - Experience Spots Open

Please note there are a few spots remaining in some of the auction experiences. If you are interested in joining, please email Tori or Sarah.

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

Thanks again for supporting the auction!

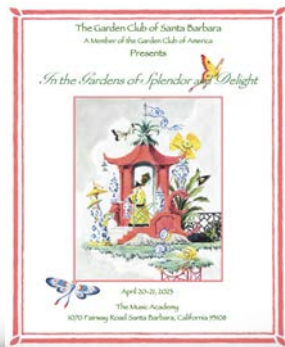
Tori Ragen and Sarah Robinson  
Ways and Means Co-chairs



## 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.

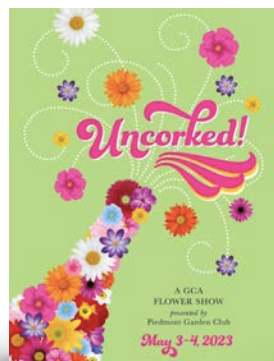
### ***A Feast for the Eyes***



Santa Barbara - April 20-21  
GCA Show



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



Piedmont - May 3-4  
GCA Show



Tacoma - May 11- 12  
GCA Show

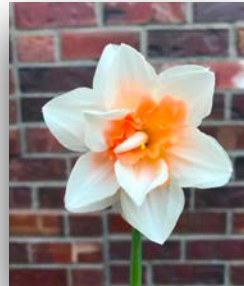
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## In Memoriam



On February 2, 2023, SGC lost an Emeritus Floral Design Judge, our oldest member, and a woman of great style and substance. Bobbie Black Lenfesty was 107 1/2, possibly proving that working with flowers is good for your health. Last October, after the GCA Floral Design Workshop was held in Seattle, Marilee Ahalt delivered some of the leftover flowers to SGC members at Parkshore. Bobbie set to work immediately making small floral arrangements for the staff. Bobbie was an SGC member since 1951, 71 years! Our love goes to her niece, Wade Garretson, who made it possible for Bobbie to attend so many of our meetings and stay connected to SGC.



## Poetry

"March bustles in on windy feet  
And sweeps my doorstep and my street.  
She washes and cleans with pounding rains,  
Scrubbing the earth of winter stains.  
She shakes the grime from carpet green  
Till naught but fresh new blades are seen.  
Then, house in order, all neat as a pin,  
She ushers gentle springtime in."

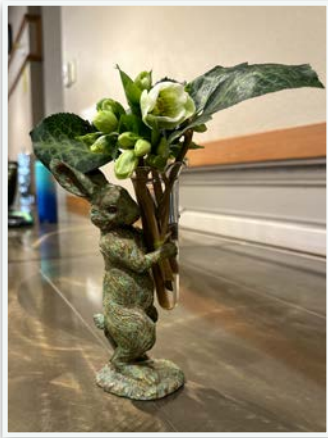
- Susan Reiner, *Spring Cleaning*



"*Daffodils,*  
*That come before the swallow dares, and take*  
*The winds of March with beauty.*"

- *William Shakespeare*

# Member Photos



Hort Share  
by Sis Woodside



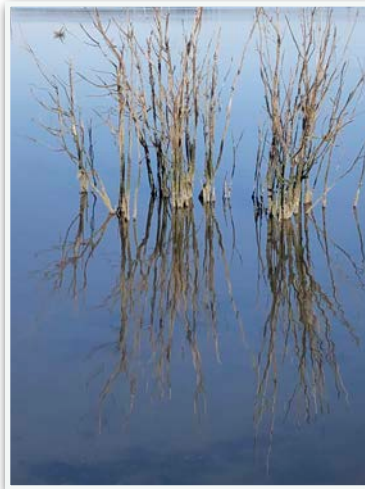
Honolulu Japanese Garden  
by Joan Harkins



"Honolulu Japanese Garden"  
by Joan Harkins



"Something No one Else Saw"  
by Suzy Titcomb



"Reflections" by Anne Dor



"Heron" by Jo Anne Rosen



"Reflection of One Old Barn into the Other; Days of the Past"  
by Jo Anne Rosen



"All Signs Point to" by Suzy Titcomb



# March Calendar

[Link to Calendar select here](#)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 10AM - 12PM <a href="#">SGC Board Meeting - Sunset Club</a>	3	4
6 9:15AM - 11:30AM <a href="#">Hort Meeting - CUH - Cindy Funes - "Garden Revelry"</a> 11:30AM - 12:30PM <a href="#">Provisional introduction to SGC - Sponsors, Seconders and Friends invited</a> 11:30AM - 12:30PM <a href="#">Hort Committee Meeting</a>	7 10:00AM - 11:30PM <a href="#">Photo Walk - Volunteer Park Conservatory</a>	8	9 10:00AM - 12:00PM <a href="#">Photo Walk - Bellevue Botanical Garden</a>	10	11 10:00AM - 12:00PM <a href="#">Work Party Today! Volunteer Park Committee - Every 2nd Saturday</a>
13 5:30AM - 1:00PM <a href="#">NAL Educational Day-live-streamed via GCA</a>	14	15	16 9:30AM - 11:30AM <a href="#">General Meeting - Sarah Boynton, "Botanical Arts"</a> 12:00PM - 3:00PM <a href="#">Botanical Arts Workshop</a>	17	18
20 <a href="#">Deadline for SGC Apr. Newsletter Articles-Send to Edie Tennison</a> 9:00AM - 11:00AM <a href="#">Photography Workshop: Dan Burkholder iPhone Artistry and Tools - Virtual, Free</a>	21	22 11:00AM - 12:00PM <a href="#">Conservation Committee Meeting</a>	23	24	25
27 10:00AM - 12:00PM <a href="#">Michele Burton Photography review and critique Nisqually and Fall/Winter photos. Virtual &amp; Free</a>	28	29	30	31	

## Upcoming: April Calendar

[Link to Calendar select here](#)

Date	Time	Description
3 Mon	9:15AM - 11:30AM	<a href="#">Hort Meeting - GRAHAM VISITOR'S CENTER- Jason Jorgensen: Conservation 9:15 Social, 10 meeting</a>
	11:30AM - 12:30PM	<a href="#">Provisional introduction to SGC at Graham Visitors Center Wisteria Hall Sponsors, Seconders and Friends invited</a>
5 Wed	10:00AM - 12:00PM	<a href="#">Photo Walk: Arboretum or alternative, 1 of 2</a>
6 Thu	10AM - 12PM	<a href="#">SGC Board Meeting - Sunset Club</a>
8 Sat	10:00AM - 12:00PM	<a href="#">Work Party Today! Volunteer Park Committee - Every 2nd Saturday</a>
12 Wed	11:00AM - 12:00PM	<a href="#">Conservation Meeting</a>
14 Fri	10:00AM - 12:00PM	<a href="#">Photo Walk: Arboretum or alternative - 2 of 2</a>
19 Wed	10:30AM - 1:30PM	<a href="#">Joint Meeting with Tacoma @ Tacoma Country and Golf Club Guido Rahr, Wild Salmon Center "Preserving Wild Salmon Around the World"</a>
	10:00PM - 12:00PM	<a href="#">Waterfront Project Tour- Auction</a>
20 Thu		<a href="#">Deadline for SGC May Newsletter Articles-Send to Edie Tennison</a>
27 Thu		<a href="#">Duwamish River Boat Tour - 10:00-1:00</a>