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Dear Garden Club Friends,

It's Happening! When a swath of daffodils pop up in my garden, I truly feel that spring has arrived. March 17th saw our first day over 60 degrees this year, which is 23 days later than average. But the sun will be back for sure and thanks to our water table being well charged this winter, our berries and fruiting trees should have a bountiful season.

In this issue, there are so many highlights - The naming of our 2024 GCA Flower Show Co-Chairs, a report from our two delegates to the 2023 GCA National Affairs and Legislation Conference in Washington DC, details regarding our upcoming biannual joint meeting with Tacoma Garden Club, links to sign ups for many informative photography workshops and Conservation field trips, plus a report on the fun and fabulous Botanical Arts workshop held last week.

Another sign up included in this issue is for the Centennial Garden work party following our Hort meeting on April 3rd in the Arboretum. It is to give hands-on, ongoing support for our SGC Centennial Project donated to the Arboretum in 2017. That project was in celebration of our 100th year as Seattle Garden Club. Six short years after our founding, we met the requirements to be considered as a GCA Club. One of the most significant requirements was that we be able to identify, fund and complete a community project. But that was something we had already been doing for several years thanks to the foresight and commitment to the Seattle community by our founding members. So, in 1923, we joined GCA and have been doing significant work through hands-on gardening and grants ever since. Please join me on April 3rd to celebrate our beautiful Centennial Garden project and finish the final plantings for the Stream Restoration project which was partially funded through our 2021 GCA Founder's Fund award. Conveniently, they are right next to each other!

Looking forward to a busy month ahead.

Peggy-Paige Most
President

General Meeting- Luncheon in Tacoma

Social: 10:30 A.M. Speaker: 11 A.M.-Noon Lunch: Noon-1 P.M. \$37 per person



Tacoma Garden Club looks forward to welcoming Seattle Garden Club members to our Joint Luncheon and Meeting on Wednesday, April 19th at the Tacoma Country and Golf Club. Our speaker will be Guido Rahr, President and C.E.O. of the Wild Salmon Center. He will present, "Preserving Wild Salmon Around the Pacific Rim."

The Wild Salmon Center was founded in 1992. Six years later Mr. Rahr joined the organization and introduced the idea of an archipelago stronghold, a Pacific rim network of protected salmon rivers. This became the first international effort to protect the habitat of Pacific salmon. Under his leadership the Wild Salmon Center has developed scientific research, habitat protection and fisheries improvement projects in dozens of rivers in Japan, the Russian Far East, Alaska, British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest, raising over \$100 million in grants, establishing eight new conservation organizations, and protecting three million acres of habitat including public lands management designations and eight new large scale habitat reserves on key salmon rivers across the Pacific Rim.

GCA members may recall Mr. Rahr as one of the speakers at GCA's Focus on Salmon presentation. The book "Stronghold: One Man's Quest to Save the World's Wild Salmon" on Mr. Rahr's work was reviewed in the GCA Bulletin in 2022.

Mr. Rahr earned a BA in English Literature from the University of Oregon and a Masters of Environmental Studies from Yale University. Before coming to the Wild Salmon Center, he developed conservation programs for Oregon Trout, the United Nations Development Programme, the Rainforest Alliance and Conservation International. He is a member of the World Conservation Union Salmon Specialist Group and is a passionate fly fisherman and fly tyer. He lives in Portland with his wife Lee and their three sons.

Please join us to learn more about this international effort that includes the rivers of our own area, and a fish so important to many aspects of the Northwest.

Following the luncheon, there will be an optional tour of nearby Lakewold Gardens offered by TGC and Lakewold docents.

Please RSVP [here](#) no later than April 14th.

Address: 13204 Country Club Dr SW, Lakewood, WA 98498

Phone: (253) 588-2161

From southbound I5, take the Gravelly Dr Exit, #124. Turn right at the top of the ramp. Go straight. After passing through a stop light, enter a round-about and take the second exit on to Gravelly Lake Dr SW. The club house entrance is the first left turn. Drive straight back to the club house which will be the large building on the right with the porte-cochere.

Horticulture Meeting April 3rd

With the Equinox behind us, spring is truly here!!! Last month's freezing cold threw us for a loop, but lovely days are ahead. Bulbs blooming, perennials emerging and flowering – all that energizing, joyful energy gets those creative garden juices flowing!

We celebrate the SGC's legacy of Conservation with a program focusing on conservation activity in the public and private arena. Conservation Committee chair, Cindy Bostwick, has worked with Horticulture to give us an illuminating and interesting meeting.



Horticulture Meeting
Graham Visitors Center
Monday, April 3, 2023
9:30AM – Social
10:00AM - Meeting

Our first speaker, Lou Stubecki, is the Program Manager, Trees for Neighborhoods. Graduating from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Lou has 36 years of experience in arboriculture and urban forestry. He has worked for private tree care firms, as well as the UW Botanic Gardens, the Seattle Department of Education, and, currently, Trees for Seattle (treesforseattle@gov.com).

Next, we have Olivia Price, the Adult Education Program Coordinator for the UW Botanic Gardens. As the Trees for Neighborhoods Crew Lead, Olivia led outreach efforts and participant communications for the Trees for Cool Neighborhoods Program, and managed the distribution of trees to all program participants this past fall. She recently graduated with her MPA from the UW Evans School of Public Policy.



On the landscape design side of conservation, we have Jason Jorgensen, the owner and designer for Third Spring Landscape Design. He received his degrees in Landscape Design and Ornamental Horticulture from Edmonds College. He also studied in Japan where he came to appreciate the concept of “wabi-sabi”. Jason was on the Northwest Horticultural Society Board of Directors from 2016-19, then President of the NHS from 2019-21. He has a Podcast called “Always In The Garden With Jason Jorgensen”.

Let's celebrate this exciting time of the year with lots of **Hort Share!** Bring your vases to share. It's really become a fun part of Hort meetings!

Please use our Horticulture Hospitality SignUp Genius [select here](#) so that we can have some delicious treats and sustenance.

Our next Hort meeting will be a field trip to the Streissguth Garden on May 1. Directions to the garden, located in Seattle, will be included in our next article in the Newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you all!

**April 3rd - Monday: Sign Up
For Founder's Fund Planting
and Centennial Garden Spruce
up following the Hort Meeting.
Please bring gloves & boots.**

Work Party

[Sign-Up-Here](#)



Native Plants: *Primula* sect. *Dodecetheon* “Shooting Star”

I was delighted to find seed packets of this charming ephemeral perennial that I am accustomed to glimpsing in Mt. Rainier National Park. A distant relative of the primrose/*primula* family, the plant was named “*dodeca*” or “12”, and “*theon*” for “god” for the twelve gods who, according to myths, guard this enchanting native. The unique flower shape resembles a streamlined rocket or a shooting star. The stamens are thrust out with the sepals bent back. Bumblebees grab hold of the petals and gather pollen by buzzing their wings (buzz pollination).

-Carey Davis



Hort Meeting 3/ 6



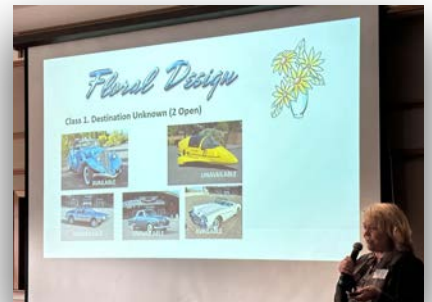
Helen Blair, Cindy Funes, Carey Davis, Ann McCutchan



Cindy Funes of Garden Revelry



Karen Larkin and Debi Schmid from Tacoma Garden Club



Presentation on Tacoma's upcoming Flower Show



Megan Smith



Hort Share



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Plants I Love, Plants I Hate

Pacific NW Wildflower Seeds

by Megan Smith and Helen Blair

Horticulture cont.



Sprouting wildflowers = HUGE SMILES ... for you and the bees

- ◆ Native wildflowers are fantastic pollinator plants!
 - Meadow mixes can contain invasives! **Yikes!**
 Pick single species packets for true natives and a color combination you like, as well as seasonal variation
- ◆ Store seeds in a cool, dry, dark place (think frig) until ready to cast
- ◆ Prepare a clean canvas using a native soil
 - ◆ Try to remove weeds within your wildflower patch if you can. If you're planting a meadow, your patch can get a little messy, but that's a meadow!
 - ◆ Cast native wildflower seeds in the fall when mother nature intended; many seeds need:
 1. Stratification -- the natural conditions that seeds must experience to trigger the end of dormancy so germination can occur... think cold and moisture... can be mimicked indoors as well.
 2. Scarification -- some hard-shelled seeds need a weakening of the outside coat to encourage germination; this can happen through freeze-thaw, mechanical, heat or acid
- ◆ Follow directions carefully to increase seed germination.
- ◆ Sources for Wildflower seeds: Northwest Meadowsapes, Willamette Wildings, Klamath-Siskiyou Seeds, and Inside Passage



NORTHWEST NATIVE ANNUAL SEEDS



COLLOMIA GRANDIFLORA



COLLINSIA
GRANDIFLORA



GILIA CAPITATA



LIMNANTHES
DOUGLASII



CLARKIA AMOENA



PLECTRITIS
CONGESTA



MADIA ELEGANS



LIMNANTHES
ALBA



PHACELIA
TANACETIFOLIA



LUPINUS
MICRANTHUS

BEE-U-T-FULL!

Photography



SGC Photography Committee has been active in a flurry of photo walk and workshop options this month, including the following:

March 7th: Volunteer Park Conservatory

March 9th: Bellevue Botanical Garden

March 20th: 9am - iPhone Workshop With [Dan Burkholder](#).

March 27th, [Michele Burton's](#) Nisqually and fall/winter photo critique and advice for entering Flower Shows.

March 7th, Volunteer Park Conservatory Photo Walk photos by Anne Dor, Ana Hergert, Jeannie Gravenkemper, Suzy Titcomb and Kim Bishop
[Link to Gallery Select Here](#)

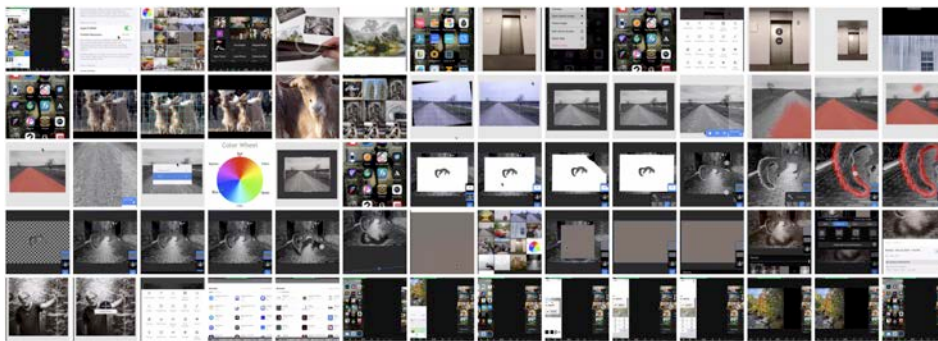
Upcoming Photo Walks

April 5th: Arboretum or Alternative Photo Walk

April 14th: Arboretum or Alternative Photo Walk

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

March 9th, Bellevue Botanical Garden Photo Walk photos by Catherine Allan, Carolyn Whittlesey, Jenny Wyatt and Kim Bishop
[Link to Gallery Select Here](#)



March 20th, Dan Burkholder iPhone Photography Workshop with several SGC Members and guests.
[Link to Gallery Select Here](#)

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.

Kim Bishop,
Photography Committee Chair



iPhone App: DipTic

Visiting Gardens

“On the Road” (OTR) with GCA events can be a fun way in which to extend travel, education and to discover something new, such as visiting other public or private gardens in the area around the OTR event. Further details and registrations are on the GCA website. Additional OTR events are being planned for this summer so check the website periodically.

Innisfree & Wethersfield, NY: Registration is open. Last day to register is May 4, 2023. Note: The registration limit has been exceeded so any additional registrations will be placed on a waitlist. ([link](#) here)

Florescence, Houston, TX: April 26, 2023 - Registration is Open ([link](#) to Flower show)

Columbia River Gorge, Portland, OR: April 17, 2023 - Registration is Open ([link](#) here)

It has been nice to hear from so many of you who have been inquiring about Member to Member garden visits throughout the United States. Zone XII members are ready to travel again and to see beautiful private gardens and in return have been planning to open their gardens to members outside of our Zone.

Calling SGC members interested in opening your garden to visiting GCA members. Please contact Sue Ashmun or Helen Blair so we can generate a list.

Conservation and the NAL Conference

Iris Wagner and I were fortunate enough to attend the GCA 2023 NAL conference in Washington DC. The **National Affairs and Legislation** Committee was established in 1969 as a separate entity from the Conservation Committee.



This past March 12-15, over 300 GCA Members gathered together to learn about the environmental challenges facing our earth and advocate for legislation that will restore and protect our precious planet. Iris, two members from Tacoma GC, and myself met with top aides for Senators Murray and Cantwell and discussed the GCA's legislative priorities.

Attached below are a few video links that explain why GCA established the NAL conference and some of the instrumental bills we have helped pass, including the Clean Water Act! The videos feature interviews with a variety of GCA members and are highly informative. Link [here](#)

I also encourage you all to visit the NAL page on the GCA website. There is a wealth of information including details on the legislation we are advocating for this year. A ZOOM advocacy training workshop was presented in February and remains accessible on the NAL page. There are also environmental position papers written by GCA members.

Finally, please sign up for the April 27th Duwamish River Tour. (Link [here](#)) It will be highly informative and fun!

Floral Design



Caroline Goedhart, Marilee Ahalt, Sarah Boynton, Peggy-Page Most

On March 16th at our General Meeting we were thrilled to have Sarah Boynton from Boston as our speaker. She presented on Botanical Arts followed by a workshop. We were all wowed by Sarah and her beautiful botanical art.

Following Sarah's presentation, we had a packed botanical workshop of 20 participants. I have rarely seen such concentration as our workshop attendees put together their botanical pins. Sarah provided all the basics for the workshop attendees to create their pin.



Sarah Boynton, Joan Harkin



Jill Crutcher, Sue Simmons



Here are just a few examples of the beautiful work done by our members. The pins can be kept "as is" or the next step is to paint them using a variety of materials. Many thanks to Marilee Ahalt for arranging Sarah's visit.

Caroline Goedhart, Floral Design Chair



Peggy-Page Most, Suzette de Turenne, Jeannie Gravenkemper



Susan Potts, Julie English, Ana Hergert



Sue Blethen, BJ Anderson, Phoebe Andrews

**Announcing our Co-Chairs for
the 2024 Seattle Garden Club
Flower Show!
Caroline Goedhart and Catherine Allan**



**May 7th- Set up at CUH
May 8th- Judging & Preview Party
May 9th- Open to Public
& Late day take down**



Mexican Train Party

Ole !

**Sarah Robinson and
Christine Davis hosted
the Mexican Train dinner
Event from the SGC
Auction on February 24th
at Christine's home.
It was a brilliant fiesta with
yummy food, festivities,
and a fun competition!**



Peggy-Paige Most, Suzette de Turenne, Jeannie Gravenkemper



[Link to gallery here](#)

Fragrance Garden - Work Party

The Fragrance Garden benefited from the hard work of a group of SGC members on March 14th. Caroline Whittlesey was joined by Burnley Snyder, Susan Potts, Catherine Mueller, and Sue Blethen on a lovely sunny day at CUH.



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.*

Hospitality Sign-ups

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

Ways and Means - Experience Spots Open

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

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
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.

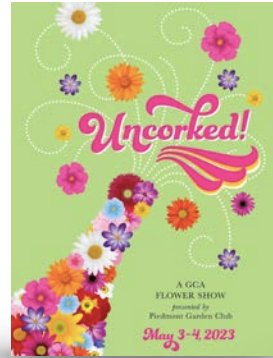
A Feast for the Eyes



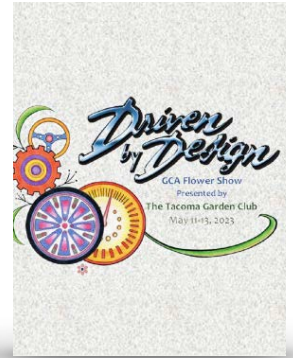
Santa Barbara - April 20-21
GCA Show



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



Piedmont - May 3-4
GCA Show



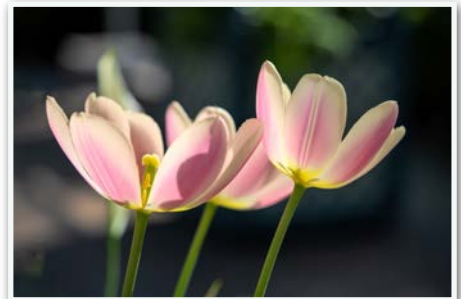
Tacoma - May 11-12
GCA Show

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Poetry

Capricious April! when we fain would find
A fitting emblem for inconstancy,
Thy changeful moods such emblem well supply;
For thy wild sallies sure no laws can bind,
No counsel tame. One moment, and the wind
Brings storms of sleet and "blossom-bruising hail;"
The next, not Summer breathes a softer gale,
Or looks upon us with a glance more kind.
And lo! to greet thee in thy alter'd mood,
Glad Nature hastes her fairest wreaths to bring,
Blithe daisy, nodding cowslip, and each bud
That owes allegiance to the early Spring.
May such sweet wooing chase thy frowns away,
And be thy smile as constant as 'tis gay!

-Rebecca Hey

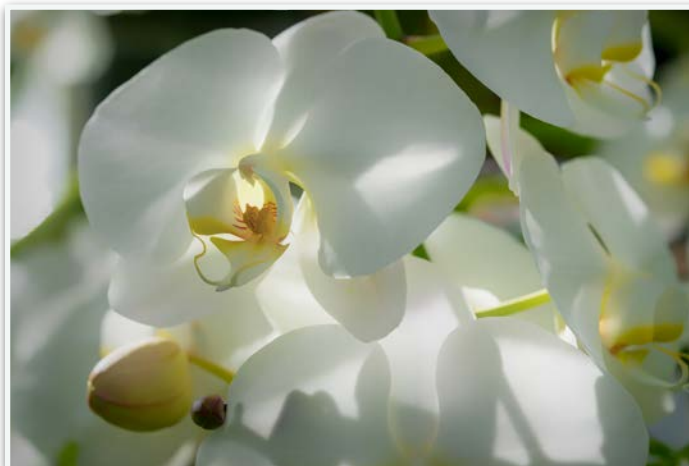


Suzy Titcomb

Member Photos



Jeanne Gravenkemper



Suzy Titcomb



Ana Hergert



Kim Bishop



Ann Dor



April Calendar

Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar April 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 9:15AM - 11:30AM Hort Meeting - GRAHAM VISITOR'S CENTER- Jason Jorgensen: Conservation 9:15 Social, 10 meeting 11:30AM - 12:30PM Provisional Introduction to SGC at Graham Visitors Center Wisteria Hall Sponsors, Seconders and Friends Invited	4	5 10:00AM - 12:00PM Photo Walk: Arboretum or alternative, 1 of 2	6 10AM - 12PM SGC Board Meeting - Sunset Club	7	8 10:00AM - 12:00PM Work Party Today! Volunteer Park Committee - Every 2nd Saturday
9	10	11	12 11:00AM - 12:00PM Conservation Meeting	13	14 10:00AM - 12:00PM Photo Walk: Arboretum or alternative - 2 of 2	15
16	17	18	19 10:30AM - 1:30PM Joint Meeting with Tacoma @ Tacoma Country and Golf Club Guido Rahr, Wild Salmon Center "Preserving Wild Salmon Around the World" 10:00PM - 12:00PM Waterfront Project Tour- Auction	20 Deadline for SGC May Newsletter Articles- Send to Edie Tennison	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 10:00AM - 1:00PM Duwamish River Boat Tour - 10:00-1:00 12:00PM - 2:00PM Work Party Following Meeting - Founder's Fund Planting and Centennial Clean Up	28	29
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Upcoming: May Calendar

[Link to Calendar select here](#)

Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar		
Date	Time	Description
1 Mon	9:45AM - 11:30AM	Hort Meeting at Streissguth Garden - field trip - 9:45 am Gather, 10:00 am Tour
2 Tue	9:30AM - 1:00PM	Wetherill Work Party
4 Thu	8:00AM - 5:00PM	Birdwatching with Barbie and Burnley- Auction
	10AM - 12PM	SGC Board Meeting - Sunset Club
9 Tue	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Washington Park Tree Walk with Steve Lorton and lunch after at Jenny Wyatt's- Auction
13 Sat	10:00AM - 12:00PM	Work Party Today! Volunteer Park Committee - Every 2nd Saturday
16 Tue	8:30AM - 4:00PM	Skagit Valley Adventure- Auction
17 Wed	11:00AM - 12:00PM	Conservation Committee Meeting
18 Thu	9:30AM - 11:30AM	General Meeting -TBA 9:30 Social, 10:00 Meeting
	11:30AM - 12:30PM	Floral Design Committee Meeting
20 Sat		Deadline for SGC June Newsletter Articles-Send to Edie Tennison