



Seattle Garden Club

All The Buzz

May, 2023

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Dear Garden Club Friends,

While these record setting rainy, grey days feel worthy of a bit of complaining, Megan Smith recently reminded me of the best part of a wet late spring – the weeds are growing so we can see them, and they are removed with the greatest of ease from the well-soaked soil! A little extra weeding time now will really pay off this summer and even into next year. Now that we have all signed the chemical free pledge, the wet soil really works in our favor. So, thank-you Megan, for your 'looking on the bright side' moment!

We especially want to thank the Tacoma Garden Club for hosting us at a wonderful joint General Meeting at the Tacoma Golf and Country Club on April 20th. The speaker from the Wild Salmon Center brought a depth of knowledge on salmon habitat throughout the west coast and Alaska. Watersheds are the unsung hero to salmon survival, and his talk was a nice follow up to the presentation by Jacques White of Long Live the Kings in January. Many members went on the tour of Lakewold following the lunch, and wonderful photos can be found on the pages below.

May brings a host of field trips, auction experiences, and the Tacoma Garden Club's GCA Show at the LeMay Car Museum.

Grab your calendars before reading much further in this newsletter as there is a lot to take in.

Our club leadership continues to impress with so many stepping up to help create our 2024 flower show. We were excited last month to announce seasoned leaders Caroline Goedhart and Catherine Allan as co-chairs. But in a sign of strength for our club, we have many newly minted Active members stepping into big roles as well. And opportunities for inspiration abound! Barbara Feasey, Marilee Ahalt and Caroline Goedhart just returned from judging the Santa Barbara show, Marilee and I will be attending the Carmel-By-The-Sea show, and we have several members judging in Honolulu. A few of us, including, Marilee and Jill Crutcher, will be competing too. We look forward to seeing pictures, ideas and ribbons won!

Happy Spring!

Peggy-Paige Most

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Newsletter editor:
Edie Tenneson

Horticulture Meeting May 1st

It feels appropriate that the final Horticulture meeting of the year occurs on MAY 1st, the traditional day for gifting friends, especially secret loves, baskets of flowers. And.. this year, the Garden Club has the good fortune of visiting a garden that grew, in part, due to two gardens growing next to each other where the owners met, fell in love, married and joined their gardens. Their family and flowers grew and eventually a portion of the garden, known as Streissguth Gardens became publicly owned by the Seattle Parks and Recreation. Of course there is much more to the story about these lovely gardens that are still maintained by the Streissguth family.

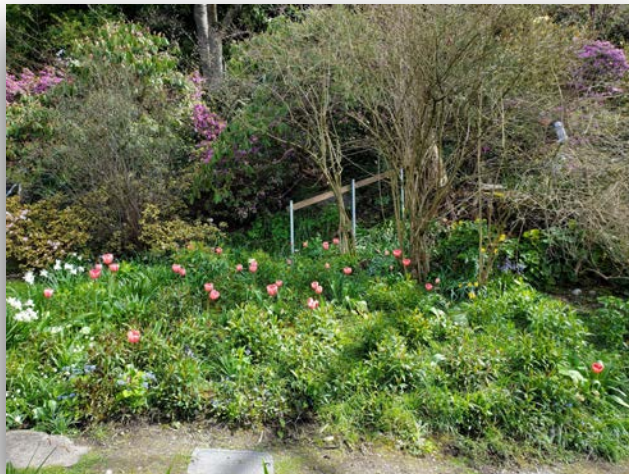
This Capitol Hill garden is a charm as blossoms cascade down incredibly steep inclines. Birdsong and frog ponds seem to block out nearby urban clatter. In addition there are tremendous views of the Olympics, Lake Union and Seattle proper.

Meet at 9:45 AM- Monday, May 1 at lawn near Blaine Stairs. Tour begins at 10 AM and lasts about an hour. There is no address for the gardens, but think E. Blaine/10th Avenue

<https://streissguthgardens.com/directions> should give you the best directions.

Parking is limited on Broadway East. There is additional parking on 10th Avenue East, BUT there are 72 steps to manage! So if you are hearty park on 10th Avenue and leave Broadway for others.

Please note the gardens are on an incline. If your legs are not up for a dozen steps, please let me know and we can arrange for an alternative. The tour lasts about an hour. Also energy bars will be provided, but sadly, too challenging to provide coffee.



SO.....

eat a hearty breakfast, wear comfortable shoes, [sign up](#) soon-spaces are limited. Happy May Day!

Carey Davis
for Ann McCutchan & Carey

Horticulture

April 3rd Recap



Marianne Kitchell, Roxanne Wiley, Sheila Wyckoff, and Mary Jo Bench



Carey Davis, Jason Jorgensen, Lou Stubecki, Olivia Price, Cindy Bostwick, Peggy-Page Most



Sandy Hanower, Sue Ashmun, Suzy Titcomb

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

Lou Stubecki, the Program Manager, Trees for Neighborhoods (treesforseattle@gov.com), and Olivia Price, the Adult Education Program Coordinator for the UW Botanic Gardens, gave informative presentations on the Trees for Neighborhoods program that included outreach efforts, and managing the distribution of trees to all program participants this past fall.



Olivia Price



Jason Jorgensen

On the landscape design side of conservation, Jason Jorgensen, the owner and designer for Third Spring Landscape Design gave a wonderful talk about water wise landscaping, providing ideas and resources for achieving an environment more adapted to drought and heat.



Hort Share



Before and After at Jason's yard



Camilla Array

April 3rd - Founder's Fund Planting and Centennial Garden Spruce up



Carolyn Whittlesey, Shelley Rolfe, Catherine Allan and Catherine Mueller



Carolyn Whittlesey, Catherine Allan, Jenny Wyatt, Catherine Mueller and Peggy-Paige Most



New GCA Founders Fund Grant Plaque



Eliza Davidson



Christina Koons, Marianne Kitchell and Carolyn Kitchell



Rachel Stroble, Suzy Titcomb, Jenny Wyatt, Helen Blair and Linda Walker

Planting
and
pruning



Helen Blair, Linda Walker, Suzy Titcomb, Peggy-Paige Most and Rachel Stroble

May 18th General Meeting

Hosted by Photography: 9:30 Social time, 10:00 am Program at CUH.



We are extremely fortunate to have our May general meeting guest, Keron Psillas Oliveira, in person, all the way from her home in the Ribatejo region of Portugal, where she lives among her beloved Lusitano horses. She will be speaking about her Ice Flower projects and more. Sure to be a one of a kind presentation. Guests are Welcome!

She is a passionate photographer, publisher, bookmaker, writer, instructor and mentor, with an extensive background in the print and publishing industry. Her published works include the highly acclaimed *Forty Years Later*, *Meditation for Two*, *The Alchemy of Lightness*, and *Dressage for the New Age*, with long-time collaborator Dominique Barbier. She self-published *Four Days in Havana* and *Loss and Beauty*; creating solace in a land of infinite sorrow.

Keron teaches week-long photography courses, equine photo workshops, and maintains a robust mentoring program for students in the US and abroad. She is the former director of the Art Wolfe Digital Photography Center. Keron is a longtime assistant to and continues to teach with photographic legends Sam Abell and Arthur Meyerson. She co-leads photography tours in Europe and other locations with Charlie Waite, Arthur Meyerson, Strabo Tours, and other professionals. She leads private tours (groups of 2-6) in Great Britain, Europe, Eastern Europe and South America. [Keron Psillias' website here](#)



From this to...



by Suzette de Turenne



by Suzy Titcomb



by Jo Anne Rosen



by Mary Turner



by Ana Hergert

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

Board Nominations

SGC Nominations Committee Proposed Governing Board Officers and Core Committee Chairs for 2023-2025

This slate was approved by the Board at the April meeting and will be presented to our members for approval at the June Annual meeting.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NOMINEE</u>
Recording Secretary	Carolyn Whittlesey
Corresponding Secretary	Helen Blair
Community Projects	Roxanne Wiley
Membership	Catherine Mueller
Program	Carlyn Steiner
Ways and Means*	Marianne Kitchell
*Joining Co-Chair Sarah Robinson	

There is no President-elect nominee on the slate because the Board has voted to recommend revising our Bylaws to return to a 2-year presidency. Members will have the opportunity to hear about this change and vote on a proposed bylaw revision at the June annual luncheon meeting.

SGC Member Survey

Please fill out the [2023 SGC membership survey](#) by clicking on the [link](#) below.

It is important we receive responses from all of you, so we can fill committees, learn who is interested in a leadership position, find out if you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a new member, if you would like to host a tour of your yard for visiting gardens and more! The estimated time to complete the questionnaire is 6 minutes. Thank you for filling this out at your earliest convenience.

Also, there will be a second, anonymous survey coming out in a month or so, which will help direct the future of the club.

Questions? Please contact me at swpotts@gmail.com or 206-914-9584 (mobile)

Thank you.

Susan Potts

Chair, Policy and Planning

Link to Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZWBPVTB>

Photography



By Ana Hergert



By Suzy Titcomb



Yukmi (snow viewing) lantern and friend by Charlee Reed



Flossflower by Jeannie Gravenkemper



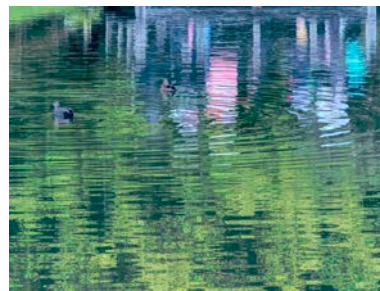
Flowering Quince By Ana Hergert



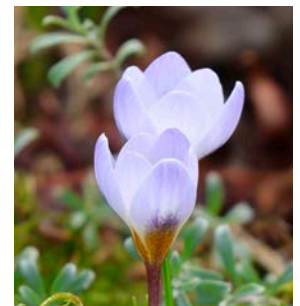
Koi Story: by Kim Bishop [more here](#).



Bromeliad by Anne Dor



By Suzy Titcomb



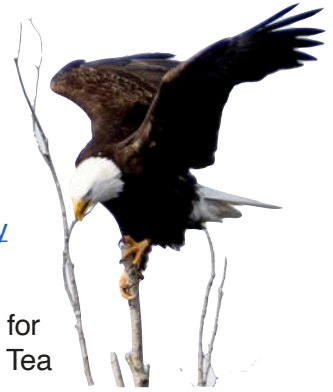
Double Crocus By Catherine Allan

COMING UP:

Photography Hosts the May 18th General Meeting

We are so lucky to be having world class photographer, publisher, artist and instructor [Karen Psillas](#) featured in person, all the way from her home on Portugal, at our May meeting. She will be speaking about her current work including "Ice Flowers" which several of you have worked with - [select here for our 2021 Gallery of work](#). Please see [page 5](#) for more information.

SGC Photography Committee finished up its planned photo walks for the season with two Arboretum visits; Foster Island and Japanese Tea Garden. [Gallery link](#) Please visit any of these galleries or workshop replays at our [SGC Photography Committee Page](#).



By Kim Bishop



Catherine Parker, Charlee Reed & Suzy Titcomb



Jeannie, Ana Hergert & Anne Dor



Jeannie Gravenkemper, & Marianne Kitchell

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 kimbsgcphoto@gmail.com or texting 206-930-5564.

Kim Bishop, SGC Photography Committee Chair



Rhododendron

Native Plants

Native Corner

Lysichitum americanum/ Skunk Cabbage or Swamp Lantern

It is a mystery why this unique plant was given the unfortunate name of “Skunk Cabbage” as it neither smells like the black and white mammal nor is closely related to the cole slaw vegetable. Instead this buttery yellow plant will brighten boggy areas of Pacific Northwest gardens that are often difficult places to improve. The “flower” of this plant is most unusual. There’s a brilliant yellow wrapper that protects male and female flowerlets. Blooming comes as a surprise in March and April and can last into the autumn when magnificent green leaves thrive. In recent years this Northwest native has been renamed “Swamp Lantern” in hopes of improving its popularity.



Submitted by Carey Davis, Hort Co-Chair

June 8th Annual Luncheon

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Seattle Garden Club will be on Thursday, June 8th at 10:00 a.m. at the Broadmoor Golf Club.

We will have lunch, awards, and voting on nominations and by-laws.

As in the past, we are looking for volunteers to make floral centerpieces for our annual meeting on June 8th. We will be celebrating 100 years of the SGC being a part of the GCA (1923-2023).

We thought it would be fun for each centerpiece to represent a decade. Your inspiration could be a garden, a historic event (national or a local) or fashion, as long as it represents your chosen century. We ask that you ensure that the design size and shape is appropriate for a centerpiece. There will be no judging, but please provide a card covering the "intension" of your design!

We have the following decades still available: 1920, 1930, 1940, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010 & 2020.

Please email Caroline Goedhart at cbhazard@hotmail.com with your chosen century, we are looking at 1920 to 2020.

First come first serve, so if you are interested, respond as soon as possible.

[Link to PDF of Details select here](#)



As an example, this is an arrangement that portrays the 1920s.

Poetry

Today

By Billy Collins

If ever there were a spring day so perfect,
so uplifted by a warm intermittent breeze
that it made you want to throw
open all the windows in the house
and unlatch the door to the canary's cage,
indeed, rip the little door from its jamb,
a day when the cool brick paths
and the garden bursting with peonies
seemed so etched in sunlight
that you felt like taking
a hammer to the glass paperweight
on the living room end table,
releasing the inhabitants
from their snow-covered cottage
so they could walk out,
holding hands and squinting
into this larger dome of blue and white,
well, today is just that kind of day.

Poetry Contributed by Barbie Snapp



Allium
By Edie Tenneson

Spring

*The air is crisp, the skies are blue
everything is coming back to life
The trees are greener, the flowers are growing
and the feeling is just divine
Here, amidst the colors of the season
It's as if you're dreaming
The landscapes are painted by Spring
The wind feels like a caress
and so I must profess
This is nature's beautiful
offering*

**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**

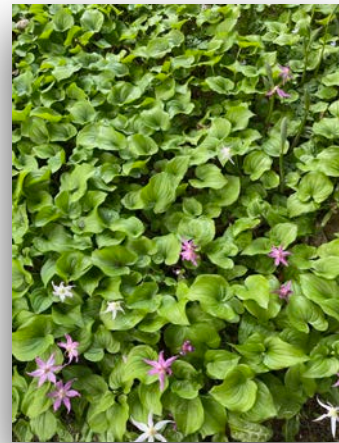


Member Photos



Fawn lilies
Erythronium revolutum

Bev Martin
Lakewold Gardens



Faye Page - *Euphorbia Millii* Crown of Thorns
"This desert plant welcomes people at our front gate.
The salmon colored blossoms are big and dramatic,
some opening every day!"



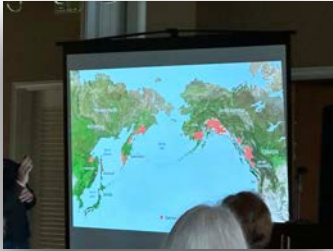
Charlee Reed -
Lakewold Garden

Ana Hergert
Arboretum Wetlands



Joint Meeting- Luncheon in Tacoma

On April 19th the Tacoma Garden Club welcomed Seattle Garden Club members to the Joint Luncheon and meeting on Wednesday, April 19th at the Tacoma Country and Golf Club. Our speaker was 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.



Guido Rahr



Delphine Stevens, Pamela Transue, Kim Bishop, TGC President Karen Larkin and Debi Schmid



Jane Harder, Theresa Walters and Sis Woodside



Carla Pelster, Sharon Iverson and Julie English



Provisionals Erin Lea and Rachel Stroble

After the lunch, there was a guided tour of nearby Lakewold Garden.



Charlee Reed



Bev Martin



**LAKEWOLD
GARDENS**

Tacoma Flower Show



Link to schedule [here](#)



GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA FLOWER SHOW Presented by The Tacoma Garden Club

LeMay-America's Car Museum
[2702 East D Street, Tacoma, WA 98421 \(map\)](#)

Free and Open to the Public:

Friday, May 12, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday, May 13 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Garden Speakers: Marianne Binetti on Friday, May 12 at 3:00 PM
Ciscoe Morris on Saturday, May 13 at 10:00 AM



“Get Your Kicks on Route 66”
May 12th - 5:30pm
TGC Flower Show Celebration Party
[Deadline for reservations April 27th.](#)

Join your Tacoma Garden Club friends for an evening celebrating the Driven by Design Flower Show. Full access to the LeMay museum and the show exhibits. Enjoy food from Chicago to LA along Route 66. Wine and beer provided. All guests are welcome!
Price \$125 per person. [Deadline for reservations April 27th.](#)

RSVP Here: <https://tacomagardenclub.org/product/driven-by-design-route-66-celebration-dinner/>

May Calendar

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select here](#)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:45AM - 11:30AM Hort Meeting at Streissguth Garden - field trip - 9:45 am Gather, 10:00 am Tour	2 9:30AM - 1:00PM Wetherill Work Party	3	4 8:00AM - 5:00PM Birdwatching with Barbie and Burnley- Auction 10AM - 12PM SGC Board Meeting - Sunset Club	5	6
7	8	9 10:00AM - 1:00PM Washington Park Tree Walk with Steve Lorton and lunch after at Jenny Wyatt's- Auction	10	11	12 Tacoma Garden Club Flower Show - "Driven by Design" May 11-13th 5:30AM "Get Your Kicks on Route 66" May 12th - 5:30pm TGC Flower Show Celebration Party	13 Tacoma Garden Club Flower Show - "Driven by Design" May 11-13th 10:00AM - 12:00PM Work Party Today! Volunteer Park Committee - Every 2nd Saturday
14	15	16 8:30AM - 4:00PM Skagit Valley Adventure- Auction	17 11:00AM - 12:00PM Conservation Committee Meeting	18 9:30AM - 11:30AM General Meeting -Keron Psillas Photography 9:30 Social, 10:00 Meeting 11:30AM - 12:30PM Floral Design Committee Meeting	19	20 Deadline for SGC June Newsletter Articles- Send to Edie Tenneson
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Upcoming: June Calendar

[Link to Calendar
select here](#)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 10AM - 1PM In-Out Board Meeting - 10 am - 1pm, location TBA.	6	7 10:00AM - 1:00PM Garden Tour and Lunch at Norcliffe- Auction	8 10:00AM Annual Meeting, Luncheon and Awards -	9	10
11	12	13	14 10:00AM - 12:00PM Waterfront Project Tour- Auction 5:30PM - 7:30PM Board Progressive Garden Party- Auction	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	