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Last week, I was honored to represent the Seattle Garden Club at the Garden Club of America Annual meeting and flower show in Columbus, Ohio. "Where the Wild Things Are" was the theme of the show, which featured several classes of Botanical Arts and some superb floral design interpretations of a "Sustainable Contemporary Design." Representing us well, as usual, Sue Ashmun traveled to the show with framework for her arrangement and won the Harriet DeWaele Puckett Creativity Award! (See photo in the body of the newsletter.)

Marilee Ahalt also attended as the GCA Zone XII Floral Design Representative. This allowed us to divide and conquer, attending different meetings, connecting with other club reps and learning about policies and practices of other clubs. Marilee will also be co-chairing the GCA Floral Design Study group in Savannah next fall.

The entire meeting was educational and fun and everyone was a lovely ambassador for their club. The Founder's Fund winner was announced (see newsletter) as well as award recipients in the fields of: Photography, Architecture/Garden Design, Floral Design Education, Environmental Education, Civic Achievement, Preservation of Historic Gardens, Conservation Education and Service to Horticulture, Service to Conservation and Creative Vision related to GCA Special Interests were presented at a special ceremony. Each recipient gave a brief talk on their work and Jack Nicklaus (recipient of the Service to Conservation award) gave a compelling speech on combining community with environmental stewardship through thoughtful golf course design.

Currently, there are 199 GCA clubs, and the 18,800 members are a force in the world of protecting the environment. I hope each of you can experience an Annual Meeting as President, Zone Rep, Judge or Delegate sometime.

On June 8th, we are thrilled to celebrate our 100th Anniversary as a member of GCA. Please RSVP for our luncheon and celebration at the Broadmoor Golf Club. We look forward to welcoming our new Provisional Class and enjoying a special, visual review of our first 100 years!

Thank you for the opportunity to be your President. I am especially grateful to the members who have stepped up, taking on various roles to help make our club thrive.

Here's to the 2nd 100 years!

Peggy-Paige Most

Horticulture

Streissguth Garden Tour- May 1st



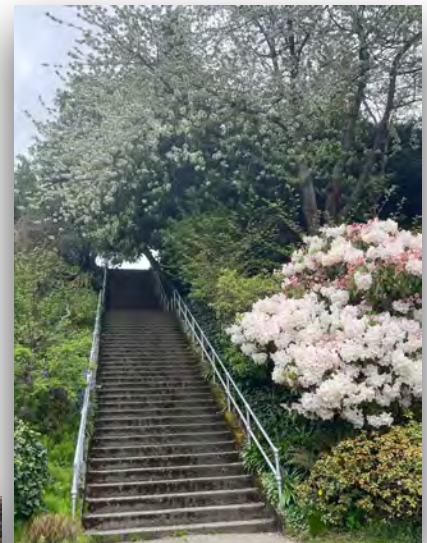
Provisionals Liz McKallor, Erin Lea, Julie English, Linda Walker, and Rachel Stroble

A sweet rain of cherry blossoms met us on our Mayday outing to Capitol Hill's enchanting Streissguth Gardens. Surrounded by tulips and scilla, Ben, son of the original owners and his wife, Jade shared the storybook tale of the place before leading us through the wandering sloping paths of everything from fragrant rhododendrons to trillions of trilliums to shooting stars to soon-to-bud shrub roses to big leaf maples. The planting is orchestrated so cleverly you hardly notice the transition from native plantings to cultivars.



Carey Davis and Peggy-Paige Most with our wonderful hosts, Ben and Jade Streissgard

In addition, wonderful views of Lake Union, Seattle itself, and the Olympics can be enjoyed from these hidden gardens next to the Blaine Steps. They are truly Seattle's "Secret Gardens".



The Blaine Steps



We were fortunate to be given a tour through the home that the architect, Dan Streissguth designed. It is a place filled with light, gardening books and photographic moments of the owners' lives. If you missed the tour, here is our [gallery link](#) and the website: www.streissguthgardens.com can give you information about visiting. Thank you for your patience and help this year with Horticulture.



This visit concludes the Horticulture Committee's Programs for the year and sends all of us to our gardens. We will reconvene in the fall when we will embark on a journey through the history of gardens brought to us by our Provisionals. Don't forget there will be plenty of opportunity for "Hort Share!"

Thank you to all for your enthusiasm,

Carey Davis for the Horticulture Committee

To enjoy more great photos from this spot click [here](#)



Photography & TGC Driven by Design Flower Show

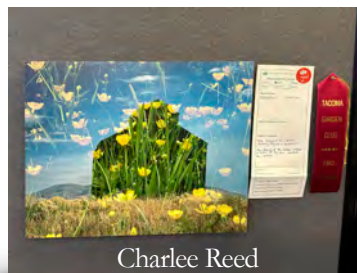
We hope you were able to visit the Tacoma Garden Club's "Driven by Design" Flower Show May 12th-13th! The Seattle Garden Club had a great showing in Floral Design, Horticulture and Photography! Gratitude to everyone who entered and warm congratulations to everyone! See [page 11](#) for more details.

Floral Design: Class 4 - The Long and Winding Road 1st - [Sue Ashmun](#), 3rd [Jill Crutcher](#).

Hort: I saw several [Suzette de Turenne](#) and [Catherine Allan](#) winning entries and sure some were overlooked.

Photography details below and lots of show documentation in [our gallery - select here](#)

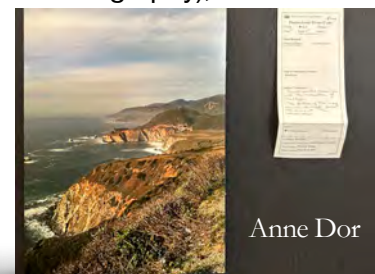
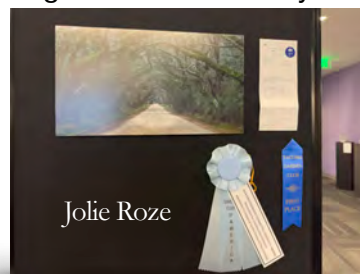
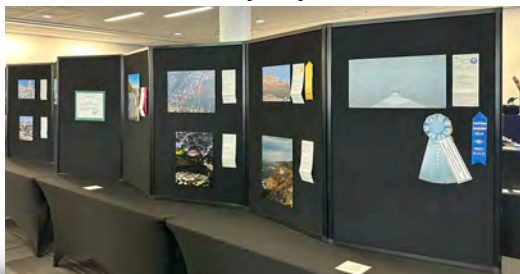
Class 1 - Rev it Up (Abstract) 1st - Catherine Parker, 2nd Charlee Reed, Mary Turner



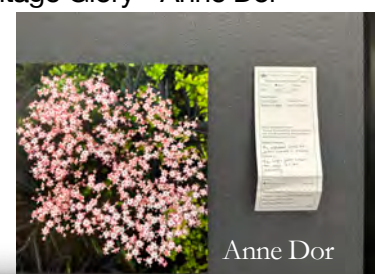
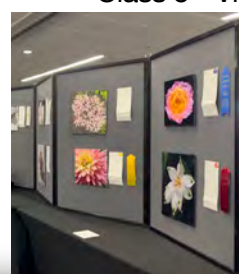
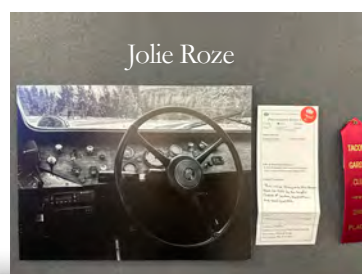
Class 2 - Roadside Attraction 2nd - Charlee Reed



Class 3 - Scenic Byways 1st - Jolie Roze (Along with GCA Creativity Award - Photography), Anne Dor



Class 4 - Classic Beauty 1st - Kim Bishop (Along with Best in Show- Photography), 2nd Jolie Roze



Class 5 - Vintage Glory - Anne Dor

We hope this encourages you to consider entering shows in the future, especially our May 2024 SGC Show! Also please submit your June 21st - Summer Solstice Photo to this gallery [link here](#). Upload only [link here](#). Kim Bishop, SGC Photography Committee Chair

May General Meeting Hosted by Photography

A Poem about Keron's Presentation:

A hush fell over the audience of women
Large floral photographs on the screen began flashing before
their eyes
Symphonies of blue, yellow, red, green, and.....bubbles?
So many cute little bubbliess!
Gentle wows, spoken almost as a sigh
With every change of photograph, the women's mouths would
open slightly and out would come gentle wows
A chorus of gentle wows
They were changed forever.

By Mary Turner



Keron Psillas, Suzy Titcomb and Mary Turner
display one of Keron's beautiful scarves



We are deeply grateful for all of Jo Anne Rosen's effort to make this event happen! Jo Anne, and all of the SGC Photography Judges have known Keron for a while. Several currently participate in her mentorship program.

The SGC Photography Committee had the pleasure of hosting the May 18 General Meeting with Keron Psillas, all the way from Portugal. She enchanted us with her presentation The "Edge of Revelation" We were mesmerized by the passion and creativity of her work shared during the meeting and through her slideshow. We were able to enjoy her beautiful scarf samples, hand made books, cards and Lusitano horse fine art photography books.

Keron explains her project: "About the flowers: 'Edge of Revelation' is my latest project. Flowers and plants have always been an important part of my life and the opportunity to integrate this passion into my photography has been incredibly rewarding. It took months to learn about the ice, discover which flowers will freeze and which ones won't, and then begin to incorporate my knowledge of composition to create compelling arrangements."

[Keron Psillas Website select here](#)



[Link to photo gallery.](#) By Kim Bishop, SGC Photography Committee Chair

GCA Annual Meeting



Sue Ashman won the Harriett DeWaele Puckett Award for Creativity at the GCA Annual meeting and Flower Show held May 21-24, 2023 by Zone X in Cincinnati, OH.

Each class required the entrants to interpret a page from Maurice Sendak's book "Where the Wild Things Are." Sue's class was assigned the page illustrating Max's Room. The bed coils, all the way from Decatur Island, certainly captured the imagination of the judges.



Founder's Fund

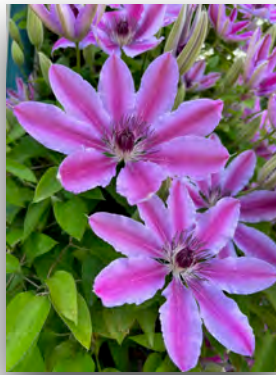
At our February General Meeting we voted for one of the three proposals. The winner receives a \$30,000 GCA grant that is called the Founder's Fund. The two runner's up each receive \$10,000. This year's winner is the Garden Club of Evanston, IL for their Food Share program which will extend educational programming and advance food equity. Here's [link](#) for more information on the GCA website.



Skagit Valley Tour



Ana Hergert put together another wonderful outing in the Skagit Valley on May 16th for lucky bidders at last December's SGC auction. We visited the Sakata Seed Company, sakata.com, located in Mount Vernon, for a fascinating tour. Did you know that Washington State provides most of the spinach seeds for the entire world?



Bill Johnson, PhD gave a fascinating tour of the seed production at Sakata Seed America

Following the tour, we had delightful lunch provided by Ana in the charming 1888 schoolhouse, located at Christianson's nursery, christiansonnursery.com. We were also able to sing happy birthday to longtime SGC member (and past president) Cathy Parker.

Thank you, Ana!

This is just one example of the many wonderful 'experience' auction items that are available each year at our SGC holiday event. One of the best ways to get to know our fellow SGC members and always a lot of fun.



Cathy Parker



Lunch included!

June 8th Annual Luncheon

The Seattle Garden Club Annual Meeting
Thursday, June 8th, 10:30 a.m., Broadmoor Golf Club.
Come help us celebrate our 100th Anniversary with GCA!



Ten Decades! You'll be in for a treat -
a real blast from the past.
We will have lunch, awards, voting on
nominations and changes to the Bylaws.
Please RSVP [here](#) or contact Charlee Reed.

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.

POSITION	NOMINEE
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 proposed bylaws revisions at the June annual luncheon meeting.

Yearbook

MOVED?

NEW EMAIL?

NO LANDLINE/FAX ANYMORE?

Please check your listing in the yearbook and send all changes to Helen Blair ASAP at hblairday@gmail.com. Thank you!

TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS for 2023/24:

Please send your confirmed committee lists ASAP to Helen Blair at hblairday@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Member Survey

A very important part of being an Active member in our club is signing up for committees, and now's the time. If you have not filled out the member survey yet, PLEASE do so now!

It is important as it gives you an opportunity to sign up for Committees, express your interests, give input, contribute your time, etc.
Thank You!

[Select here for survey](#) or it is on our members home website.

Common Ground

SGC Common Ground Special Committee approved by Board

The ad-hoc Committee on Building Diversity was formed in 2021, mirroring GCA's newly established committee with a similar name. Last year the GCA Board created a new standing committee with the name "Common Ground" to build on the work begun with the ad-hoc committee. SGC Immediate Past President Barbara Feasey was appointed to the GCA Common Ground Committee in June 2022 for a two-year term as a club representative.

With the move by GCA to further integrate this important effort into their structure, the SGC ad-hoc committee thought it would be advantageous to do the same for our club. We requested, and received, board approval to become a special committee called Common Ground. Look for more information on this committee in the coming year, and please contact any of the current committee co-chairs (listed in Yearbook on page 41) with questions or suggestions.

Bylaw Changes

Please review these important Changes to our Bylaws to be approved by the membership at our June meeting. The role of President elect has changed, see pages B-12 &13 in Yearbook.

Proposed Bylaws Changes May 2023

Section 5.3.1 President.

(Replaces section 5.3.1, page B-12)

- a) remains the same (see page B-12)
- b) During the year when a President-elect is a member of the board, the President shall consult with the President-elect on all appointments including, but not limited to: (1) a chair for each Special Committee; (2) a chair and members for each Ad Hoc committee; (3) delegates to GCA Annual and Zone Meetings; and (4) delegates to other SGC related meetings.
- c) The Governing Board shall approve all appointments (see B-13)

Section 5.3.2 President-elect.

(Replaces section 5.3.2, page B-13)

The President-elect shall serve on the Board of Directors, assist the president, serve as the presiding officer in the absence of the president, and become the president after completing a one-year term as President-elect. She may vote at board meetings. She shall administer a member survey each year, in consultation with the president.

Reimbursement Policy Changes

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IV. General

- 1. Reimbursements
 - a. (remains the same)
 - b. SGC members attending either the GCA Annual Meeting or the National Affairs and Legislation Meeting (NAL) shall each be reimbursed for registration fees, airfare (not to exceed \$1,000), and other trip expenses (not to exceed \$1,000). Reimbursement shall be limited to two SGC members for each of the two meetings.
 - c. SGC members attending the GCA Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference, Zone XII Meeting or Zone XII Presidents' Meeting shall each be reimbursed for the registration fee and a maximum of \$700 of expenses. Reimbursement shall be limited to two SGC members for each of the three meetings.

Congratulations to TGC on Flower Show Success!



Susan Ashmun

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Please see [page 4](#) for photography exhibits by our SGC members. [Here is a gallery of Show](#)



Jill Crutcher



Suzette de Turenne

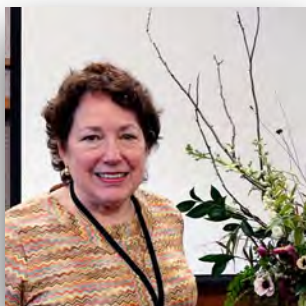


Catherine Allan

2024 SGC Flower Show: “Garden Inspirations!”

"Please say yes to help with the flower show in May 2024. We are a small club where everyone's participation counts! Please set aside time next May 6-9 to help with the numerous jobs. It's especially enjoyable to work together!"

Thank you, Caroline Goedhart and Catherine Allan



May 6th- Set up at CUH
May 7th- Judging & Preview Party
May 8th-9th Open to Public
May 9th - Take down



Native Plants

Camas (Camassia quamash)

Now is a great time to find an excuse to drive south to Portland or beyond as the roadsides are abloom with the beautiful blues of the camas flower. This bulb, also known as the “Indian Hyacinth” played an important part in the diet of native peoples, and is still eaten today. It makes for a lovely and easy to grow garden plant here in the Pacific Northwest because it does best in dappled shade, and moist fairly heavy soil.



Originally, it was thought to be of the lily family, but it actually is more closely related to asparagus. Like the vegetable, the star-shaped blue flowers of the camas climb up the cladodes or leaves of the stem. Their yellowish stamens twitch about not unlike a cat's whiskers. There are also several other varieties that bear pale blue, violet and even white blossoms. Enjoy! Carey Davis



Plant photos from Streissgart Gardens by Carolyn Whittlesey

Wetherill Work Party

For our 20th year volunteering at the Wetherill Nature Preserve, an eager group of SGC members participated in a planting project on May 2nd with beautiful results. Thanks to Sis Woodside for organizing another successful work party!



Carolyn Kitchell



Eliza Davidson



Carolyn Whittlesey

before...



After!



Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey



Erin Lea



Sue Blethen



Phoebe Andrews, B.J. Anderson, and Sis



Eliza Wins the Shovel!



Julie English

June Calendar

[Link to Calendar
select here](#)

Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar June 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Please Submit your Summer Solstice Photos!	2	3
4	5	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 10AM - 1PM In-Out Board Meeting - 10 am - 1pm, location TBA.	15 5:30PM - 7:30PM Board Progressive Garden Party- Auction	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Upcoming: July Calendar

[Link to Calendar
select here](#)

Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar July 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10	11	12	13 9:00AM - 4:00PM Sandy Point Crabbing- Auction	14	15
16	17	18	19 9:00AM - 4:00PM Clamming and lunch at Dabob Beach- Auction	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					