



Seattle Garden Club

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Newsletter editor:
Edie Tenneson

I hope all of you have enjoyed this beautiful summer and are ready for the arrival of fall. I am excited to be gearing up for the start of the garden club year. Please look for the invitation to the fall picnic at Burnley's Snyder's wonderful home and garden in the Highlands, to be held on Wednesday, September 20th. Burnley hosted last year as well. Please thank her when you see her, she has been so generous about sharing her home with the SGC over the years.

Thank you also to Helen Blair, who spent hours getting the yearbook updated for all of us. She was helped by Jill Crutcher, Peggy-Paige Most, and Jolie Roze who did several rounds of proofreading.

My husband, Bill, and Cindy Bostwick's husband, Brent, made Baird boards for years but have both now retired from that position. If anyone would like to volunteer themselves or a spouse to continue the tradition of homemade Baird boards please let me know, and Bill or Brent can provide instructions. In the short term, if anyone has Baird boards they are no longer using it would be helpful if you could re-gift them to the garden club for use by other members. We can leave them in storage at CUH, available for anyone who needs one.

Please take a moment to load all of the SGC dates into your calendar – you can access this information on our website as well as in the Yearbook, which will be available at the picnic. You won't want to miss any of the wonderful programs at our General meetings, nor the provisional talks at our Hort meetings. As well, our flower show is coming May 7-9, 2024. I hope that everyone will participate and volunteer during the flower show. We will be learning more about the show in the months to come.

I look forward to seeing you at the picnic in September. Until then, enjoy the waning days of August.

Susan Potts

President

Seattle Garden Club

FALL PICNIC

THE SEATTLE GARDEN CLUB

Fall Picnic

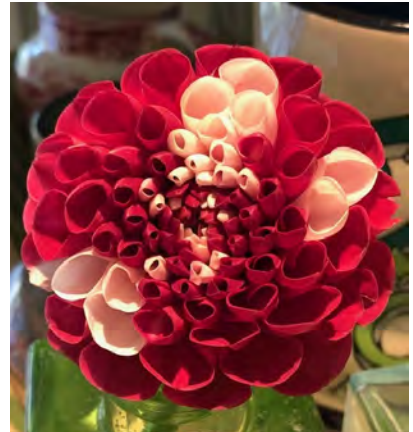
Wednesday, September 20th

11:00-1:00 at the home of

Burnley Snyder

53 Spring Dr. NW

RSVP [here](#) or contact Charlee Reed



Flower Show

Garden Inspirations



This is the first of several Flower Show updates in the months before the show in May. The name of the flower show is, *Garden Inspirations*, and will take place next May 7-9, 2024.

The names of the members on the Flower Show Committee are listed in the latest SGC handbook insert. Our first Committee meeting is Monday October 2, immediately following the first Horticulture meeting this fall. The subsequent meetings are posted on the SGC calendar. All are welcome to attend.

Our schedule for *Garden Inspirations* is in the hands of the GCA Flower Show Chair, Adrienne Bullard, for a final review. We have been polishing the schedule over the summer & hope it will be on our website for SGC members by the October 2 meeting.

Respectfully,

Catherine Allan & Caroline Goedhart



Ways & Means

Save The Dates!

SGC Holiday Online Auction

November 29th 5-7PM

Holiday Luncheon – December 7th

It's hard to believe it's already September, and our 4th annual SGC Holiday Online Auction is only a few months away! The Ways and Means Committee will meet in early September to start planning for this year's auction. Be sure to mark your calendars for November 29th, 5:00 – 7:00 PM for the online auction, as well as December 7th for the Holiday Luncheon at the Sunset Club.

Thanks to our generous and wonderful members, last year's online auction was a great success. We hope all will once again rise to the occasion to ensure we can fund the Community Projects that our club members vote to support.

The online auction will be the same format as last year. We will provide instructions and information to make sure everyone has a smooth and fun online auction experience. And once again there will be the opportunity to make an Angel Donation during the online auction or by mail.

Guests will also be welcome to join the online auction. We will be sending out an email invitation that you can forward to your friends closer to the auction date.

We can't wait to share more information with you soon!

Sarah Robinson and Marianne Kitchell

Ways and Means Committee Co-Chairs



June 8th Annual Luncheon



Check-in -Jo Anne Rosen & Mary Turner



Passing the Gavel - Peggy-Paige Most & Susan Potts



Iris Wagner with GCA Certificate

SGC gathered for our annual June Luncheon to celebrate 100 years of being part The Garden Club of America



Vicki Reed & Catherine Allan



Barbara Feasey, Suzette de Turenne,
Wade Garretson, & Judy Rupert



Gayle Harris, Margi Allison & Vicki Reed



Carolyn Kitchell, Mary Nelp, Ann McCutchan ,
Mary Jo Levanthal Sarah Owens, Sarah Robinson,
Susan Dunlap, and Jeanne Gravenkemper



SGC history through the decades on display



Barbie Snapp & Dinny Polson

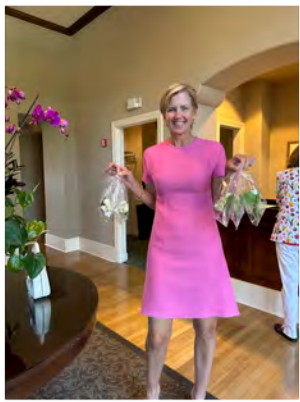


Iris Wagner, Lynn Mowe, Lee Rolfe,
& Edie Tenneson

A fabulous look back at the good old days was featured with a film and storyboards. Click [here](#) to see the wonderful film and [here](#) to check out more displays!



Floral Design



Marianne Mowat with corsages



Debby Smith



Lynn Mowe



Jill Crutcher



Ana Hergert



Helen Blair



A centerpiece representing an interpretation of each of the ten decades of SGC history was created to adorn each table.

June Awards



SGC Gold Medal - Charlee Reed



SGC Silver Medal - Jo Anne Rosen



***Marjorie Wetherill Baird Award-
Megan Smith***



***SGC Exemplary Service Award* -
Jill Crutcher***

**This award is new this year and given to a member who graciously accepts a leadership role with minimal notice in unforeseen circumstances*

Photography

Welcome back!

I hope you are still enjoying your summer and have had lots of opportunities to photograph. Our May 2024 Show will be open for submissions in early November! In the meantime, Please see the **“Primavera” Show** that still has several openings ([Schedule Here](#)) and ([Entry Form Here](#)) along with many more available on the [GCA Show Schedules](#) for submission opportunities.

Thank you to everyone who submitted to our [Summer Solstice Photos \(select here\)](#).

Volunteers needed to photograph our 2024 May 7-9th Flower Show! Please consider and review this [Helpful “How To” Photograph A Flower Show](#) and notify Kim Bishop at kimbsgcphoto@gmail.com

Focus Magazine may still have open spots in [“Inspired Adventures” \(select here for entry form\)](#)

2nd Submission allowed on Sept. 1st.

[Focus Magazine \(select here\)](#)

Visit our [SGC Photography Page](#) and review your emails for more info on our 2024 “Garden Inspirations” Flower Show, Smugmug Gallery access and more.

2023-2024 Photography Meetings and Photowalks: Please look for emails with locations and times feedback requests.

[GCA Photography Committee Page Resources \(select here\)](#)

Kim Bishop,

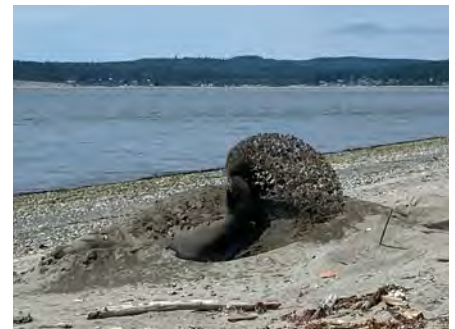
SGC Photography Committee Chair



“Waikiki Harbor”
by Jenny Wyatt



“Turtle Crossing the Road
in Acadia National Park”
by Candace Lancaster



“Ellie the Elephant Seal”
by Peggy-Paige Most



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Conservation

WESTERN FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTER OFFERS INSIGHT INTO HEALTH AND PRESERVATION OF OUR LOCAL SALMON RESOURCES

I hope you all had a wonderful summer! The conservation committee is fortunate to have members with vast knowledge of environmental issues and initiatives. Our newsletter column will feature articles by a committee member highlighting an area of conservation important to them. This month we are fortunate to have Suzette de Turenne share her visit to the Western Fisheries Research Center. Thank you Suzette!

Cindy Bostwick - Conservation Chair

In early July my daughter invited me to join her at an Urban Artworks community project at Magnuson Park. USGS (U.S. Geology Survey) Western Fisheries Research Center (WFRC) had contracted with Urban Artworks to organize the design and completion of a mural covering a small building on their research center property for their “Save Our Salmon” program.



Open to all ages and abilities, the community was invited to sign up for stints helping complete the paint-by-number mural that had been created and sketched onto the building by young artist, Austin Picinich. This was well organized and lots of fun, as well as very rewarding. In one day, the building, at first closely resembling a cardboard box with a roof and doors, was transformed into a fun, colorful piece of art representing the amazing work going on behind closed doors.

What does this have to do with Conservation, you might ask? Well, part of the experience included a tour of the much larger research facilities located directly across the parking lot of the small office building. The tour organizers were thrilled that so many volunteers were interested in the tour, which had been pulled together by a handful of the on-site scientists. The reality was that hardly anyone involved with the volunteer painting even knew that this facility existed and definitely were unaware of what they do there. Research at the WFRC “focuses on the environmental factors responsible for the creation, maintenance, and regulation of fish populations including their interactions in aquatic communities and ecosystems.” This particular research center focuses on salmon, their physical and habitat health. The Fish Health Program (FHP) “conducts science focused on understanding the control, distribution and severity of infectious diseases affecting hatchery and wild fish”...and “...focus on fish health issues in the western landscapes of the Columbia River, Puget Sound and Klamath Basin”. Our tour was an anomaly, as the government facility is typically only available to employees, scientists and research professionals. Yet, there



is hope that the success of this tour and the obvious interest shown by the public, will inspire them to consider periodic organized access. In the meantime, check out their website at <https://www.usgs.gov/centers/western-fisheries-research-center> .

Crabbing at Sandy Point



Iris Wagner



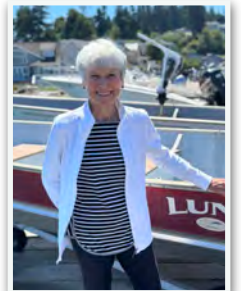
BJ Anderson



A fun time was had crabbing at this auction experience hosted by Carol Eland and Iris Wagner on July 13th.



Carol Eland



Jane Harder

Clams & Oysters at Dabob Bay



Mary & Jo Anne

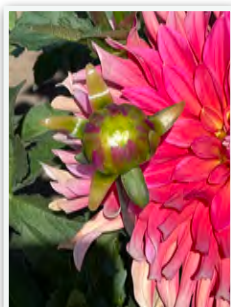


Suzette, Suzy, & Mary

On July 19th, a clear, sunny day on Hood Canal provided an opportunity to fully enjoy finding and eating clams and oysters for a feast at this auction event at hosted by Suzy Titcomb, Suzette de Turenne, Mary Turner, and Jo Anne Rosen at Suzy's lovely home.

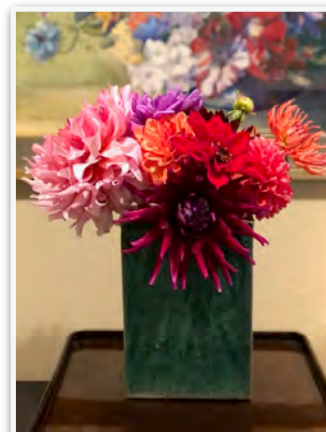


Dahlia Time!



When I found myself down near Canby, Oregon on August 10th, I was delighted to find time to visit Swan Island Dahlia* Farm, the “nation’s largest & leading dahlia grower”. Forty acres of blooming plants, all well labeled, from the yellow “A-Peeling” to the bold red “Zorro”, were stunning. Pick up tubers now for spring planting or order them; If you can decide which ones!

www.dahlia.com



I contacted my friend and fellow Garden Clubber, Wade Garretson, who grows dahlias herself. She gladly shared photos of some of this summer’s colorful bounty from her garden.



**Dahlia* is a genus of tuberous plants that are members of the Asteraceae family. There are over 42 species with thousands of hybrid varieties.

-Edie Tenneson

The Reed Garden - Shinka Suru

On June 2, 2023 the Smithsonian Archive of American Gardens accepted Seattle Garden Club member Vicki Reed's garden - Shinka Suru. WA065 is the catalogue number and the pictures are stunning.

Set on Lake Washington, the Reed Garden - Shinka Suru is a suburban garden designed in what the owners and Landscape Architect Terry Welch refer to as "Japanese Fusion," a fusion of Japanese landscape design principles, within the Northwest landscape.

The Japanese term "Shinka Suru" means "unfolding" in English. The entire garden sits on just over an acre and is shaped roughly as a rectangle with a handle. Japanese gardens develop their structure from an empathic response to nature, mountains and water. In the Reed Garden-Shinka Suru one doesn't feel the property as lines, but as curves which lead and unfold different viewpoints and vistas with color, texture and layers of levels.

Typical Japanese design elements usually include water and mountains which match well with the lot placed by the existing lake and its views of Mount Rainier. In addition, an asymmetrical bridge over two ponds was created to reach the entrance of the house where the sound of water greets you from a hidden fountain.

SGC volunteers Anne Dor, Debby Smith, Mary Turner, and Jo Anne Rosen all collaborated with Vicki Reed to create a submission that was accepted by the Smithsonian in a record 3 days on June 2, 2023

-Anne Dor



"Ripe Dwarf Crab Apple in January Dusting with Snow"

Member Photos

Summer Solstice 2023



Suzette de Turenne



*Bonneville Powerhouse #1
and dam by Kim Bishop*



Fallen Leaf Lake



Joan Harkins



*"Red Rose, Red Toes"
Bev Martin*



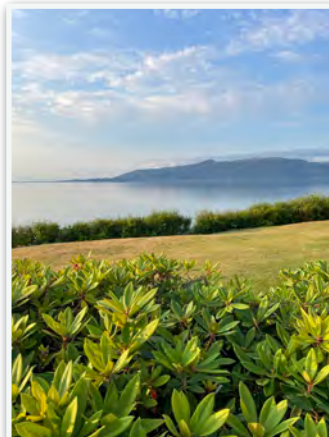
Suzette de Turenne



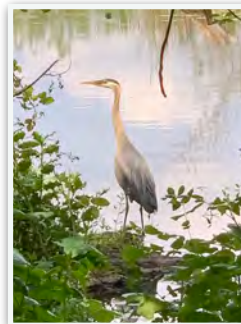
Waikiki Harbor - Jenny Wyatt



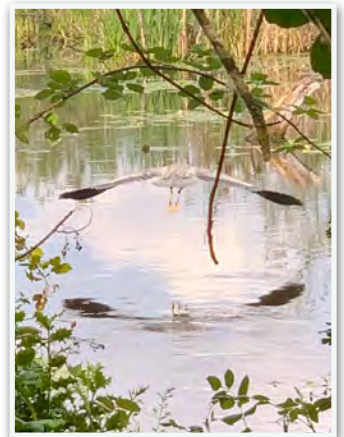
Charlee Reed



"Sea to Sky" Ana Hergert



*Heron by
Jeanne Gravenkemper*



October Meeting



The Program Committee has planned an exciting event for the October meeting. David Brenner will be our speaker, the Founder of Habitat Horticulture, and a pioneer in the field of vertical gardens. Even more exciting, we are going to hear him talk at the Climate Pledge Arena, where one of his living walls has been installed. You won't want to miss this lecture.

Guests are welcome, especially potential new members.
October 19, 9:00-11:30
Climate Pledge Arena

[Info on Climate Pledge Arena's iconic living wall \(select here\)](#)

[More info on David Brenner \(select here\)](#)

Awards

With a new year underway, the Awards committee will be meeting again to recognize the members who've made exceptional contributions to our club. The SGC Green Book has a full listing of the various awards and medals with descriptions of what is merited for each. This list includes both SGC and GCA awards and medals at the club, zone and national levels. As always, the committee welcomes your input and suggestions for both members and non-members worthy of recognition.

Feel free to contact Awards Chair, Iris Wagner, at igarden@comcast.net.

In Memoriam

On July 15th, 2023 we lost our esteemed
Seattle Garden Club Honorary Lifetime member

Marion (Diggs) Docter.

Born in 1918 in Seattle, she was a long time resident of Bainbridge Island and joined our garden Club in 1968. She was involved in numerous organizations in Seattle, including SGC, the Sunset Club, the Arboretum Foundation, and the Bloedel Reserve as a docent.



Married to Jack and mother of three, she was an avid skier whose energetic presence as one of the founders of Crystal Mountain will not be forgotten.

September Calendar

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Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar September 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 12PM - 1:00PM Conservation Committee Meeting	5	6	7	8 5:30PM - 7:30PM Raclette Party at Katie McReynold's- Auction	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 5:30PM - 7:30PM Japanese Tea House Dinner at Norcliffe- Auction
17	18	19	20 Deadline for submissions for Newsletter Please send to Edie Tenneson EdieSS48@msn.com 11:00AM - 1:00PM September Picnic at Burnley Snyder's The Highlands	21	22 10:00AM - 1:00PM Floral Design and lunch at Helen Blair's- Auction	23
24	25	26 11:30AM - 12:30PM Membership Committee meeting	27	28	29	30

Upcoming: October Calendar

[Link to Calendar
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15	16	17	18	19 12PM - 2PM Community Projects Meeting	20 Deadline for submissions for Newsletter Please send to Edie Tenneson EdieSS48@msn.com	21
22	23	24	25 11:30AM - 12:30PM Membership Committee meeting	26	27	28
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