



Seattle Garden Club

# *All The Buzz*

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First and foremost, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to Burnley Snyder for hosting our annual September picnic once again at her beautiful home and garden. It was the perfect start to our Garden Club year! My thanks as well to Charlee Reed (Meeting Arrangements) who organized the delicious lunch for us. Catherine Mueller (Membership) warmly welcomed our new Provisionals, while Iris Wagner (Awards) handed out Years of Service Certificates to longtime SGC members. Jenny Wyatt and Suzette de Turenne also enlightened us with a brief discussion about the origin and use of Baird Boards.

Our next meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> will be held at Climate Pledge Arena –mark your calendars! This will be a marvelous opportunity to see the arena's "Living Wall" up close and to hear firsthand insights from the wall's originator, David Brenner. With space constraints, we will be able to accommodate only 75 members for this very special meeting. To reserve your spot, please [RSVP](#) as soon as possible using the link provided in this newsletter and on the website. If extra spots become available, we encourage you to bring potential members as guests.

We have an exciting year ahead of us with interesting programs lined up for our General and Hort meetings. Carlyn Steiner is spearheading the Program Committee, and Carey Davis is chairing the Horticulture Committee. Both committees have been hard at work already. Plans for the Holiday Auction and Luncheon are well underway by Ways and Means, chaired by Marianne Kitchell and Sarah Robinson. In May, our "Garden Inspirations" flower show promises to be a collaborative effort with all our members participating. The show schedule is now available on our website, so get involved early. As always, there will be other learning opportunities through the work of committees such as Photography and Conservation. Something for everyone to enjoy throughout the year! Please read the Newsletter and check our SGC website often for upcoming events.

Susan Potts, SGC President

# Horticulture

## Hort Meeting - Monday, October 2nd

Fall is truly in the air, or actually on the ground! I feel as if I am walking in a treasure chest of golden coins. It will be good to enjoy the autumnal colors at CUH as well as regrouping as a Club. It's going to be an exciting and different year for Horticulture.!

All of our Monday programs will be talks by our Provisionals on the history of gardens. Lucy Glenn starts us off with a talk that focuses on early Egyptian gardening. She promises a surprise she discovered in her research.!

In addition, the Flower Show Committee plans to give a brief overview of our spring show including deadlines for entering various classes.

Don't forget to bring plants to share, books and magazines to pass on, vases you no longer need and come on **Monday, October 2.**

See you on Monday!  
Carey Davis - Horticulture Chair



# Nominations

## NOMINATIONS – WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR YOUR CLUB?

As we all know, SGC is a volunteer organization, and that means we depend on **you** to fill the various positions! The Nominations Committee begins working in late Fall to identify leadership for various aspects for the following year. Most positions are two-year stints. Each year, we replace approximately 50% of our Board. This year, given our switch to a two-year Presidency, the process has been revised creating an imbalance in the number of positions needed to fill. Thus, we hope you will all be keeping your minds open and recognize the importance of your involvement. We cannot exist without your help.

Suzette de Turenne, Nominations Chair

# October General Meeting

**Do Not Miss This One!**

**October 19**

**9:00-11:30 am**

**Climate Pledge Arena**

The Program Committee has planned an exciting event for the October General meeting. Our speaker will be David Brenner, 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. **Space is limited ! Members only sign up deadline is Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, to ensure room. Guest can be signed up after Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Guests are welcome, especially potential new members. Free Parking!  
October 19, 9:00-11:30 Climate Pledge Arena  
Graciously sponsored by Iris Wagner Conservation Endowment

**Please [select this link](#)  
to sign-up for Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> Tour**





# Fall Picnic

## The SGC Fall Picnic was a splendid Success!

On Wednesday, September 20th, many of us gathered and enjoyed the glorious garden of Burnley Snyder in The Highlands. We had a wonderful time, with good food, introductions of Provisionals, awards, and announcements. This promises to be a very busy year with our upcoming Flower Show in May, 2024.

### Introducing New Provisionals



*Susan Potts*



*Suzette de Turenne brings  
a Baird Board*



*Jeanne Gravenkemper &  
Susan Dunlap*



*Joan Harkins & MJ Levanthal*



*Iris Wagner presenting  
GCA service awards*



*Janet Ketcham and  
Suzane Regan ~  
35 years of service*



*Cindy Bostwick & Molly Reinschlang*



*Sarah Robinson & Sarah Owens*



*Hope Stroble~  
25 years of service*



*Charlee Reed, Caroline Goedhart,  
Dabney Rohrbach, Pam Green*



*Carolyn Kitchell & Mary Nelp*

More wonderful candids on website. Click [here](#)

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*Burnley Snyder*



*Shelley Rolfe, Sue Blethen, Linda Walker*



*Marianne Kitchell & Roxanne Wiley*



*Rachel Stroble with flowers*



*Betty Paul & Jo Anne Rosen*



*Carolyn Whittlesey & Joan Harkins*



*Sarah Robinson, Ann McCutchan, & Megan Smith*



*Megan Smith*



*Ana Hergert, Catherine Parker, Eleanor Nolan, Edie Tenneson, Mary Turner & Jo Anne Rosen*



*Lucy Glenn, Beth Ketcham, Liz McKallor, Rachel Stroble*



# Floral Design

On September 20<sup>th</sup> we had our Fall Picnic at Burnley Snyder's beautiful home in The Highlands. The Floral Design Committee provided the mason jar floral arrangements for the tables. Fresh from their gardens, the mason jars represented a last blast of color from our gardens with dahlias, roses, hydrangeas and many other beautiful specimens.



The final auction item from last year's Holiday Auction was on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pam Green hosted 12 participants at her home in Washington Park. The day started with a meet and greet on the terrace followed by the group splitting into 3, each meeting with one of our fabulous judges; Marilee Ahalt, Sue Ashmun and Barbara Feasey. The judges demonstrated an arrangement representing one of our 2024 Floral Design Flower Show classes and talked about their class requirements. -Caroline Goedhart Floral Design Chair



*Barbara Feasey*



*Marilee Ahalt*



*Sue Ashmun*

# Fragrance Garden

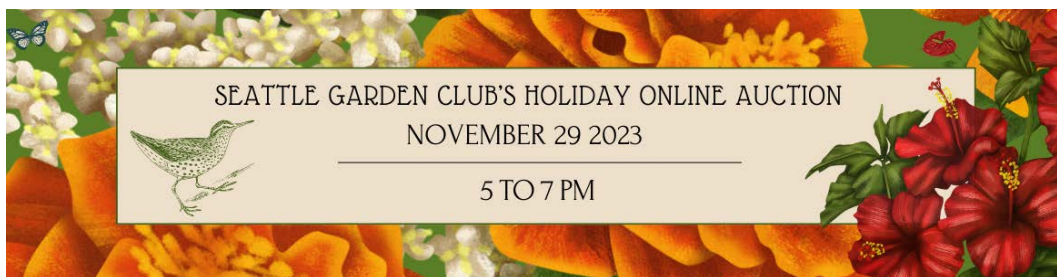
Please join us Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12pm, for a fun work party to tidy up our beloved Fragrance Garden. It's a fun time to commune with fellow garden club members, and it's so satisfying to see our accomplishments. Treats will be provided but please bring clippers and your favorite weeding implements. Please contact Carolyn Whittlesey if you can join us.

Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>  
10am-12pm



*Sue Blethen and Burnley Snyder*

# Ways & Means



Save The Date!

SGC Holiday Online Auction

November 29th 5-7PM

The holidays are just around the corner, and the Ways and Means Committee is busy planning our online auction. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, **November 29th** from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, and make sure to [register here](#) ahead of time. [Auction Website page \(select here\)](#)

We are just starting to **gather auction items** that will enhance our gardens and homes and make your gift giving easier. Please start thinking about what you can donate ([select here to donate online](#), or [here for printable form](#)), such as an item, service or an experience, that would be fun for our members and guests to sign up for or bid on. And let us know if you have a contact at some place that would be fun to visit or if there's a particular experience that you'd like to see offered. We will soon have a procurement form available on the website that can be filled out online, as well as paper procurement forms at our meetings. Feel free to contact Sarah Robinson ([mrs\\_robinson1@hotmail.com](mailto:mrs_robinson1@hotmail.com)) or Marianne Kitchell ([kitchell3@gmail.com](mailto:kitchell3@gmail.com)) with any donations or suggestions.

Again, the online auction will be the same format as last year, and we will provide all the necessary instructions and information to make sure everyone has a smooth and fun online auction experience. And just as we did last year, there will be the opportunity to make an [Angel Donation \(select here\)](#) during the online auction or by mail.

We look forward to sharing a fun online auction with you and any guests!

Sarah Robinson and Marianne Kitchell, Ways and Means Committee Co-Chairs

# Holiday Luncheon



Our Holiday Luncheon is **December 7th at the Sunset Club**. And, as we've had in the past, there will be sign-ups for fun and varied auction experiences for all to consider during the social hour.

[Select here to register for Dec. 7th Holiday Luncheon](#)



# Flower Show



Here is the Flower Show [link](#)



# Conservation

## The World on the Wing; The Global Odyssey of Migratory Birds by Scott Weidensaul



*Bar-tailed Godwits arriving at a roost. Source: Nature Picture Library*

Through vivid, evocative, and delightful short story vignette writing, Scott Weidensaul, award winning author, frames the topics involving the issues in long distance bird migration today.

Through his travels around the world, his reporting on the collaboration of scientists, committed conservation organizations, governments and new technology capabilities, he paints an indelible picture of the players in the world today who are working to make a difference.

A recent partnership between the Audubon Society, MOTUS, and The Cornell Lab of Ornithology has given birth to programs and tools that harness the wealth of Big Data that is generated today through the miniaturization of tracking tags on birds as small as Hummingbirds. Migrating birds are tracked through the MOTUS radio telemetry system located worldwide from summer nesting sites through migration paths to “Over Winter” destination refueling locations. The Audubon Explorer software viewer integrates the data and displays it in real-time for anyone to use. The ebird.com software allows birders to input sightings and keep track of individual bird lists.

Washington State is one of the few states with not one, but two flyways of bird migration from the large bird nesting sites in Alaska and Northern Canada. It is unfortunate that there are only 5 spots where the MOTUS system is installed in the state. The cost to install MOTUS runs from \$5-10,000 and tags cost between \$500-\$1,500. The Conservation Committee is looking to explore who we could partner with to facilitate the success of these programs.

*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 a book review by Anne Dor.*

*Cindy Bostwick - Conservation Chair*

# Photography



"UW Farm Sunflower"  
by Kim Bishop

**Please join us for our First Photowalk is Oct. 4th!**

We hope you join us **10:00 am, Wednesday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>**, at **CUH** for our first photo walk, featuring **Michele Burton**, to coach and advise us! This, and future walks, will strive to support your work towards entering our Our May 7-9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Flower Show, open for [submissions November 15th!](#)

**Please meet at 10 AM, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at CUH**, in the **front hall by the Miller Library**. We will go through the UW Farm, Union Bay Wetlands and Yesler Swamp.

**Photographic Terms Video by Michele Burton:** Looking at our [show classes](#), are you wondering what is the difference between an intimate landscape and a normal one, and more? Well, here is help from [Michele Burton's "Photographic Terms" \(c\) short video, select here](#) Please note this is copyright material Michele Burton has explicitly shared for use only by SGC.



"Photographic Terms" Video  
Copyright by Michele Burton

**Committee Auction Donation Ideas?** Last year we donated Camera Store Gift Certificates and they were successful. What are your ideas? Please contact Kim Bishop.

**Writers Wanted!** Please consider contributing to our next photography committee newsletter. Contact Kim Bishop.

**Other Photo Shows to Enter:** 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.



"Busy Bee at Burnley's"  
by Kim Bishop

**Show Photographer Volunteers Needed** to photograph our 2024 May 7-9<sup>th</sup> Flower Show! Please consider and review this [Helpful "How To" Photograph A Flower Show](#) and contact Kim Bishop, [kimbsgcphoto@gmail.com](mailto:kimbsgcphoto@gmail.com), 206-930-5564.



"Rain"  
by Charlee Reed

**Website & Galleries:** As always, please visit our [SGC Photography Page](#) and review your emails for more info on our 2024 "Garden Inspirations" Flower Show, Smugmug Gallery access and more.

**GCA is a "Gold Mine"** of photography "how to" and info resources: [GCA Photography Committee Page Resources \(select here\)](#)

Kim Bishop,  
SGC Photography Committee Chair



# Garden History & Design

## A Century of Documenting Gardens

by Delphine Stevens

Today we can access thousands of garden images from the Garden Club of America Collection at the Smithsonian's Archives of American Gardens thanks to The GCA's Historic Gardens Committee formed in 1914, just one year after the GCA's founding. (Link at bottom)

After the GCA Slides Committee was created in 1919, members set out to record not only the gardens of members, but also historic gardens. Between 1920-1935 they commissioned numerous glass lantern slides which were hand-tinted with translucent paints in botanically accurate colors. These were used for Club lectures and to illustrate the GCA-sponsored book, *Gardens of Colony and State*, published in 1930.

Decades later, in 1987, this historic 3000+ glass lantern slide collection formed the core of an extensive collection of garden images that was donated to the Smithsonian to create the Garden Club of America Collection. GCA clubs continue to contribute images to the Archives of American Gardens and to document landscape history and contemporary garden design, reflecting how gardens are an integral part of the cultural and social life of the communities they are located in.

**Fast Smithsonian Garden link:** <https://sova.si.edu/record/AAG.GCA>

(Click the link and type " Shinka Suru or WA065", the page for Vicki Reed's garden will appear as a link titled WA065. Once at The Reed Garden page, the WA State Directory will be on the left to select other gardens. i.e. Green/Greer)



Mrs. J. E. Jardine Garden, Pasadena, CA.



' Baymeath,' Louise DeKoven Bowen Garden,  
Bar Harbor, ME.

*Glass lantern slides from the Garden Club of America Collection at the Archives of American Gardens.*

## Hospitality Sign-Ups

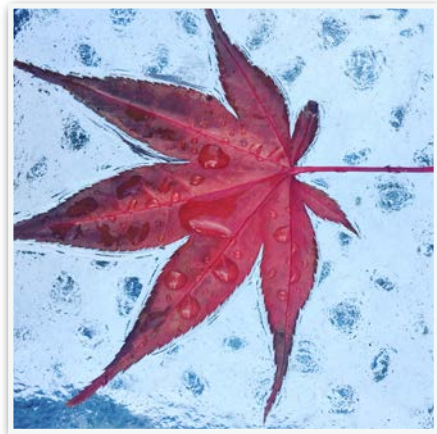
Please remember to sign up to bring snacks, coffee, and flowers to our Meetings! Here is the [link](#) for Sign up Genius or go to SQC webpage.

Thank you all,  
Charlee Reed, Hospitality Chair

## Poetry

*O hushed October morning mild,  
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;  
Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild,  
Should waste them all.  
The crows above the forest call;  
Tomorrow they may form and go.  
O hushed October morning mild,  
Begin the hours of this day slow.  
Make the day seem to us less brief.  
Hearts not averse to being beguiled,  
Beguile us in the way you know.  
Release one leaf at break of day;  
At noon release another leaf;  
One from our trees, one far away.  
Retard the sun with gentle mist;  
Enchant the land with amethyst.  
Slow, slow!  
For the grapes' sake, if they were all,  
Whose leaves already are burnt with frost,  
Whose clustered fruit must else be lost—  
For the grapes' sake along the wall.*

"October" by Robert Frost



*"Just before the death of flowers,  
And before they are buried in  
snow,  
There comes a festival season  
When nature is all aglow."  
- Author unknown*





# October Calendar

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Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar October 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 8:45AM - 9:15AM Horticulture Committee Meeting 9:00AM - 10:00AM Floral Design Committee Meeting 9:15AM - 11:30AM Hort Meeting - CUH 11:30AM - 12:30PM Flower Show Committee Meeting	3	4 10:30AM - 12:30PM CUH Photo Walk with Michele Burton - "Garden Inspirations" Flower Show Subjects!	5 10AM - 12PM Board Meeting, Sunset Club/Hybrid  zoom link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83062907644?pwd=Uk8rYTU1WjBwUkVGV1BvT3h5aUxMdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83062907644?pwd=Uk8rYTU1WjBwUkVGV1BvT3h5aUxMdz09</a>	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 10AM - 12PM Fragrance Garden cleanup 10AM Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference	19 8:45AM - 9:45AM Conservation Committee Meeting 9:00AM Climate Pledge Arena Living Wall 12PM - 2PM Community Projects Meeting	20 Deadline for submissions for Newsletter Please send to Edie Tenneson <a href="mailto:Edie5548@msn.com">Edie5548@msn.com</a>	21
22	23	24	25 11:30AM - 12:30PM Membership Committee meeting	26	27	28
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# Upcoming: November Calendar

[Link to Calendar  
select here](#)

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