



Seattle Garden Club

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So many people to thank for making the holiday auction and luncheon a smashing success! The Ways and Means Committee, chaired by Sarah Robinson and Marianne Kitchell, put together an amazing auction and offered us great experiences. Not only do the experiences make a LOT of money, they are also a wonderful way to get to know each other better and introduce potential new members to the club. The Meeting Arrangements Committee, chaired by Charlee Reed, treated us to a delicious luncheon. The lovely flower arrangements were provided by the Provisionals and organized by the Floral Design Committee, chaired by Caroline Goedhart. Thank you all!

We were entertained by Burnley Snyder who played the piano as we entered the ballroom, and then again when she accompanied provisional member Sarah Owens, who sang and then led all of us in song. Music is a wonderful way to bring us all together. Laurie Ahern read a marvelous poem (page 9) about gardening friends (which I have sent on to the Zone XII chair for broader distribution). Then we enjoyed a delicious lunch and caught up with our table mates. All of us, working together, raised a significant amount of money. Thank you to all who volunteered, donated, bought, and attended with guests. Roxanne Wiley and her Community Projects Committee now have the exciting task of giving the money we raised away in the form of gifts and grants.

Our **January 18th Program at CUH** is not to be missed. **Please bring friends** and potential members to this General Meeting. The speaker is Dundee Butcher, who started out as a high-end florist and ended up working with a PhD student studying polymers to create what is now known as Phoom, a compostable floral foam. We are going to hear how she became a successful businesswoman in mid-life (there is still time for all of us!), and about the product she and her company have created. She is a wonderfully entertaining and informative speaker.

I am delighted to let you know that second year Provisionals Beth Ketcham and Christina Koons have agreed to represent the SGC at the annual National Affairs and Legislation (NAL) Conference as delegates this March in Washington, D.C. Beth and Christina have been strong members of the Conservation Committee chaired by Cindy Bostwick and we are pleased these two women are ready to jump in and get involved at the national level. They will report back once they have returned.

Happy New Year! to you all, and I look forward to seeing many of you in January. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or comments. swpotts@gmail.com.

Ways & Means

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Your generosity at the online holiday auction and luncheon made our fundraiser for Community Projects a huge success. At this point, we have raised over \$76,000! This allows our club to make significant donations to worthy organizations nominated by the Community Projects Committee.

It was great to see so many members and guests at the holiday luncheon. Charlee Reed, our Meeting and Arrangements Chair, and her committee did a wonderful job making sure that all was festive and bright. Most of the experiences have been filled and have waitlists, thanks to your incredible support.

A special thank you to the amazing Ways and Means Committee who worked tirelessly to ensure a successful auction: Suzette de Turenne, Catherine Mueller, Candace Lancaster, Roxanne Wiley, Debby Smith, Charlee Reed, Burnley Snyder, Cindy Bostwick, Erin Lea, Carlyn Steiner, Marianne Mowat, Tori Ragen, and our Greater Giving Guru, Patsy Pattison. The auction truly would not have happened without their expertise, energy, and enthusiasm!

There's still a chance to join the fun at the following experiences:

A Night of Cards, Dice & Dinner for 12 on 2/9/24 – 4 spots

Mahjong Party for 16 on 7/11/24 – 3 spots

Swiss Raclette Party for 32 on 9/6/24 – 21 spots

Reach out to Marianne or Sarah if you would like to sign up for any of the Experiences listed above.

And last, but not least, we'd like to give a special shout-out to Kim Bishop for her constant support in managing the website's auction/luncheon information and our Eblasts.

Thanks again for generously supporting SGC's 2023 auction!

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



Holiday Luncheon



Patsy Pattison & Dabney Rohrbach



*The Ways and Means Committee **



Susan Potts and Laurie Ahern



Sarah Owens & Burley Snyder



Lynn Mowe, & Cindy Botswick,



Linda Whatley & Suzy Titcomb



Burnley Snyder & Pam Green



Rachel Stroble & Hope Stroble



Shelley Laramore, Pam Green, & Sis



Candace Lancaster & Marianne Kitchell



*Helen Blair, Marilee Ahalt, Jill Crutcher
& Jolie Rose*



Eleanor Nolan, Carolyn Whittlesey, & Caroline Goedhart



Jenny Wyatt & Catherine Parker

*Many more luncheon photos
click [here](#)*

**Ways & Means Committee-
Roxanne Wiley; Patsy Pattison,
Charlee Reed, Catherine Mueller,
Candace Lancaster, Suzette de
Turenne, Carlyn Steiner, Marianne
Kitchell, Sarah Robinson (not
pictured- Marianne Mowat, Debby
Smith & Tori Ragen)*

Horticulture

As I write this on a dark December afternoon, it's hard to believe light, warmth, and flowers will ever return. Even hard to imagine the warm camaraderie of Garden Club awaits us. But in less than a month *Sarcococca* will fill our gardens with fragrance and we can start looking for the first crocus. And.. on **Monday, January 8th** horticulture meetings will reconvene. Remember that's January 8th, not January 2nd. Rachel Stroble will be giving her talk on gardening during the early Renaissance period, and will have input for our Flower show leaders, as well as your Horticulture Share. Bring any plant for us to admire or identify or ? . Hope to see many of you at 9:15 on Monday, January 8th.

Carey Davis, Horticulture Chair

Horticulture Committee-

There is no meeting in January. If you haven't given your contribution for our Auction item, you can write a check to Catherine Allan or use Zelle and send \$15. Thanks!!



November Hort Meeting



Burnley Snyder and Pam Green



Christina Koons' Provisional Talk



Christina Koons and Susan Potts

Garden Art in the Middle Ages



Caroline Whittlesey & Catherine Allan



Hort Share



Sue Blethen, Ana Hergert, & Laurie Ahern

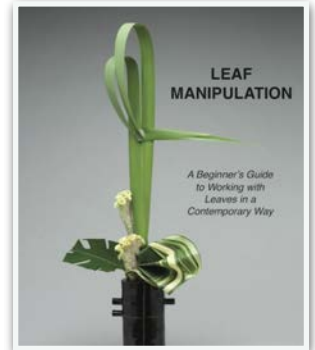


Christina Koons & Carolyn Kitchell

More photos [here](#).

Floral Design

The Floral Design Committee has had a busy fall! We started out with our November meeting where we had a workshop on leaf manipulation. Each attendee was given a set of leaves and learned how to create 5 basic designs using Gail Emmons book Leaf Manipulation as a guide. We called it a “speed workshop”, given that we only had 45 minutes for the whole meeting.



In early December, we sponsored the **Provisionals** for a workshop at the Sunset Club. The purpose of the session was to review what is in a typical Floral Design tool kit, how to condition flowers, to think through a design, and to create it. The session ended with Marilee Ahalt discussing the judging program and how the arrangements would be judged at our Holiday Luncheon. We also put together two different designs so that the Provisionals could see a variety of interpretations of the same theme, “Fire and Ice”. Many thanks to Marilee Ahalt for helping with the workshop.

I hope you enjoyed all the Provisional arrangements which are highlighted in this newsletter, and many thanks to Helen Blair and Joanne Rosen for providing two additional arrangements at the last minute!

Caroline Goedhart
Chair, Floral Design Committee



Caroline Goedhart demonstrating for Provisionals: (L to R) Molly Reinschlang, MJ Leventhal, Beth Ketcham, Sarah Owens, Lucy Glenn, Susan Dunlap, Mary Nelp, and Julie English

Floral Design

Luncheon Centerpieces



Flower Show

Flower Show Updates:

Horticulture classes opened for registration Oct. 15. A few spots remain in Classes 37 through 43, except Class 36, Baird Boards 6" or less. PLEASE go online and click on the flower show tab to register! Joan Harkins is eager to fill these classes with SGC members before other GCA members jump into the ring. **November 7** is the six-month deadline to own plants for container classes.

Floral Design and Botanical Arts classes are also open and ready to accept registration. PLEASE take a moment to check out the website and be inspired to enter our show, ***Garden Inspirations!***

If you're a Provisional, ask an experienced Floral Design, Horticulture or Photography Committee member or Judge for help to enter a class. It's a terrific way to become involved.

Photography classes opened **November 15**. Be looking through your photo library and consider entering. Classes have filled quickly, so secure a place before it's too late:

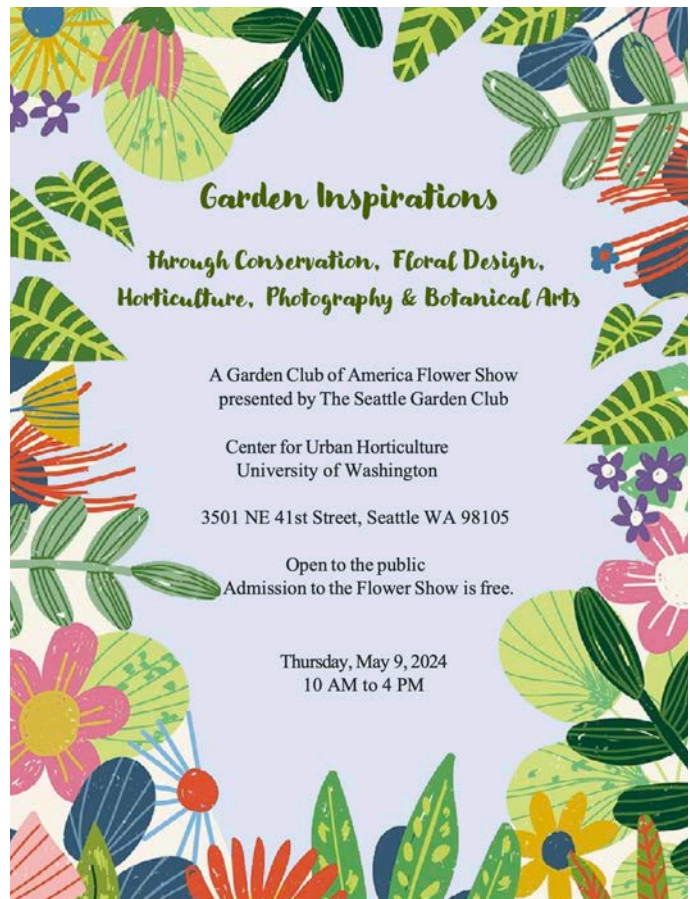
<https://www.seattlegardenclub.org/flower-shows>

We need everyone's participation, in order to inspire our members and the public to grow and show garden possibilities.

Join the excitement 🌱🍁🌸

Catherine & Caroline

Here is the Flower Show [link](https://www.seattlegardenclub.org/flower-shows)





Photography

Happy New Year!

REFLECTION: The last few months of 2023 have been busy with photographic activities!

Several members attended, learned and experimented at our **Kubota Garden photo walk** with Michele Burton ([Kubota gallery here](#)).

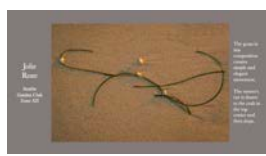
Congratulations!



SGC had a strong representation of entries at the **GCA Fall Focus Contest**. Please be sure to check out the over 200 [FOCUS entries here](#) with valuable judges comments!

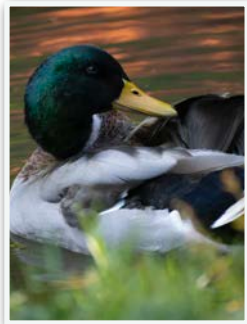


"Kubota Garden Tour - Oct. 30th. Left to Right: Joan Harkins, Edie Tenneson, Marianne Kitchell, Charlee Reed, Christina Koons, Michelle Burton and Catherine Allan. Photo by Kim Bishop. Susan Dunlap (not pictured).



We all enjoyed our **Favorite Summer photo display** at our Nov. 16th General Meeting ([Summer gallery here](#)).

Finally we saluted **Winter Solstice** with our annual member photo sharing ([Winter Solstice gallery here](#)) & Member Photo Page.



"Mallard Moment" by Kim Bishop



"Iconic Red Bridges" by Catherine Allan



"First Frost" by Edie Tenneson



Susan Dunlap and Joan Harkins by Michele Burton



Joan Harkins and Michele Burton By Edie Tenneson



"Solstice Fishing" by Candace Lancaster



"Winter Solstice" by Charlee Reed

LOOKING FORWARD:

To keep up the pace, we have several upcoming photographic related events:

Register NOW Here for Jan. 25th, GCA's **Photography Conference**, "Reimagine the World". Starts at 8:00 am PST, [Schedule Details Here](#)

Jan 5th Deadline to enter the GCA FOCUS Winter Contest, "Symphony of the Senses" [Entry Form Here!](#)

Jan 23rd, 10:00 AM, Virtual Workshop with Michele Burton - Free to all interested. More info will be sent to SGC Photography Committee soon. If you are not a member of photography committee, please contact Kim Bishop for Zoom info.

Feb 15th, Robin Layton, Photographer is presenting at our General Meeting.

March 1st - April 1st Window of time to send in your "[Garden Inspirations](#)" Entries! Perhaps you noticed some of the font in this month's article matches our "[Garden Inspirations](#)" Font!



Kim Bishop
SGC Photography Committee Chair
kimbisphoto@gmail.com

Poetry

A Gardener's Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks for a bounty of people:

For children who are our second planting, and though they grow like weeds and the wind too soon blows them away, may they forgive us our cultivation and fondly remember where their roots are;

For generous friends with hearts and smiles as bright as their blossoms; For feisty friends as tart as apples;

For continuous friends, who, like scallions and cucumbers, keep reminding us that we've had them;

For crotchety friends, as sour as rhubarb and as indestructible;

For handsome friends, who are as gorgeous as eggplants and as elegant as a row of corn, and the other, plain as potatoes and as good for you;

For funny friends, who are as silly as Brussels Sprouts and as amusing as Jerusalem Artichokes, and serious friends, as complex as cauliflowers and as intricate as onions;

For friends as unpretentious as cabbages, as subtle as summer squash, as persistent as parsley, as delightful as dill, as endless as zucchini, and who, like parsnips, can be counted on to see you through the winter;

For old friends, nodding like sunflowers in the evening-time, and young friends coming on as fast as radishes;

For loving friends, who wind around us like tendrils and hold us, despite our blights, wilts and witherings;

And finally, for those friends now gone, like gardens past that have been harvested, and who fed us in their times that we might have life thereafter;

For all these we give thanks.

~ Reverend Max Coots 1928-2009

Contributed and read by Laurie Ahern at SGC Holiday Luncheon

November General Meeting

On November 16th we had our General Meeting featuring the fascinating Provisional Talk by Erin Lea, "Gardens of the Middle Ages and the Church"



Carlyn Steiner and Erin Lea



Margi Allison



Provisional Erin Lea



Summer Photo Share



Margi Allison and Erin Lea



*Sarah Robinson & Marianne Kitchell-
Ways and Means Co-Chairs*



Catherine Allan and Caroline Goedhart -Flower Show



Summer Photos Share



*Sue Ashman and Helen Blair-
Pot-et-Fleur demonstration*

More photos [here](#)

Member Photos



Sunrise by Kim Bishop



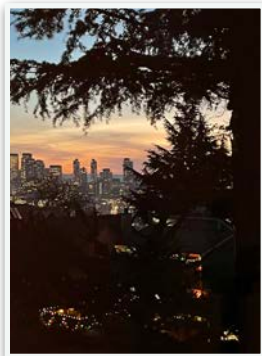
Day Started by Mary Turner



Winter Detritus by Fay Page



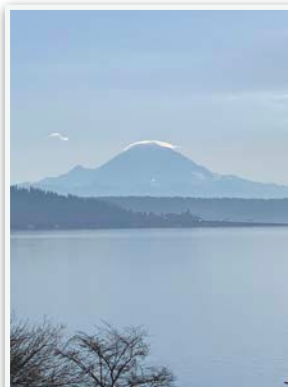
Big Blue Heron at Greenlake by Susan Dunlap



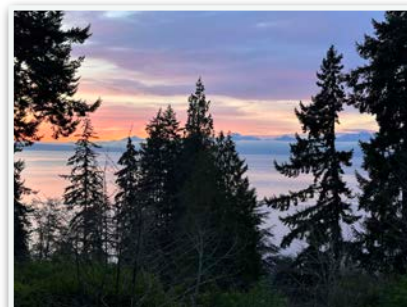
Bev Martin



Bellevue Square Tree by Kim



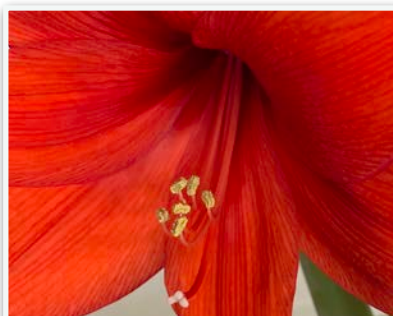
Solstice by Jeannie Gravenkemper



Olympic Mountains at Sunset by Sandy Hanower



Fading Light by Delphine Stevens



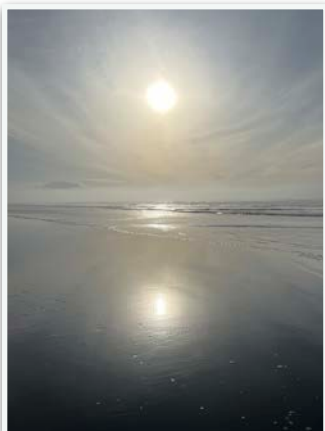
Bev Martin



Suzy Titcomb



Debbie's Door by Debbie Smith



Oregon Coast Solstice Sunset by Edie Tenneson



Astra Lumina at SeattleChinese Garden by Kim Bishop



Day Ended by Mary Turner

January General Meeting

January 18th CUH

Phoam Labs is a compostable foam company on a mission to help free the world of plastic waste and be part of the movement helping to pave the way for a planet-positive future by inventing Phoam Labs' Floral Foam, a biobased foam solution made without compromise.

When certified "Compostable", this product will be a big step forward in helping the floral design industry become more eco-friendly. Already, there have been several GCA shows with a class dedicated to designs that are made of recyclable or compostable materials.

Dundee Butcher, Co-founder and CEO, has had a long career in the floral design industry as well as being a 5.0 tennis player! She will create an arrangement using a variety of plant materials using Phoam. This is a 'don't miss' event for Floral Design and Conservation Committee members. For more information on Dundee and how the company was founded, please go to <https://www.phoamlabs.com/about>



Hospitality

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 SGC webpage. Thank you all,
Charlee Reed, Hospitality Chair



In Memoriam

Barbara Pringle

On December 6th, 2023, at the magnificent age of 96, Barbara left this world with her mind intact and her heart full. An enthusiastic member of the Seattle Garden Club since 1979, her sense of humor and positive attitude will be greatly missed. She smiled and said “Wonderful!” all the time, especially when enjoying a chocolate milkshake.



January Calendar

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select here](#)

Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar January 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7	8 8:45AM - 9:15AM Horticulture Committee Meeting 9:15AM - 11:30AM Hort Meeting - CUH: Rachel Stroble's: "Garden in Art, Renaissance Europe" 11:30AM - 12:30PM Floral Design Committee Meeting 12:00PM - 1:00PM Provisional Brown Bag session to follow after Hort meeting	9	10	11 10AM - 12PM Board Meeting, Sunset Club/Hybrid zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83062907644?pwd=Uk8rYTU1WjBwUkVGV1BvT3h5aUxMd2o9	12	13
14	15	16 11:30AM - 12:30PM Membership Committee meeting	17	18 8:15AM - 9:30AM Community Projects Meeting 8:30AM - 9:30AM Conservation Meeting 8:30AM - 9:30AM Conservation Meeting 8:30AM - 9:30AM Conservation Meeting 9:30AM General Meeting - at CUH "Phoam" Floral Foundation Inventor 11:30AM - 12:30PM Flower Show Committee Meeting	19	20 Deadline for Newsletter Submissions to Edie5548@msn.com
21	22	23 10AM - 12PM Photography Workshop - Michele Burton - Miller Library & Hybrid	24	25 SAM Calder Tour 8AM - 12:30PM GCA's National 2024 Photography Conference - Virtual, Open to all - Link to Register	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10AM - 12PM Board Meeting, Sunset Club/Hybrid zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83062907644?pwd=Uk8rYTU1WjBwUkVGV1BvT3h5aUxMd2o9	2	3
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