



Seattle Garden Club

# All The Buzz

February 2024

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Edie Tenneson

Dundee Butcher, who spoke at our January meeting, was a total home run. She was funny, interesting, and we were transfixed as she told the story of starting her company, Phoam (<https://www.phoamlabs.com/>). We are all rooting for this product to be successful and hope to be able to purchase it in the spring when she thinks it will be commercially available. Margi Allison recommended that we bring Dundee to Seattle to speak, and Program Chair, Carlyn Steiner and Peggy-Paige Most ran with it, lucky us. Barbara Feasey and Marilee Ahalt went to the flower market to procure flowers for Dundee's arrangement, thank you to them as well.

You will have all read about the changes to our Provisional requirements, which are now in effect. The next step will be to re-imagine the Hort meetings without provisional talks. My plan is to have that be the focus of the March Business meeting, after discussing it at the board level for the next two board meetings.

Even though it is now optional, Provisional Julie English will present her talk, titled Garden In Art, Asia, on February 5<sup>th</sup>. We will also have provisional talks in March, April, and May, so please mark your calendars. I am pleased that the Provisionals decided to give their talks even though it is now optional.

Our general meeting on February 15th will feature another outstanding speaker, Robin Layton, photographer. Thank you, Kim Bishop, for spearheading this program, we are lucky to have Robin speak to our club. Please take a look at her website and bio, to appreciate her long and storied career as a photographer.

<https://www.robinlayton.com/>

PLEASE BRING GUESTS AND POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS TO THIS PROGRAM.

I have an idea that I think might be fun for our Club. The Mountaineers Club has what they are calling 'The Olmstead 50' (as in kilometers, not miles). They have created five different walks that run from the Ballard locks to Rainier Beach. Perhaps we can pick a day of the week, maybe once a month, to walk all five sections. Let me know if you are interested, and we can put together a plan. Here is the Mountaineers program [link](#) and the [link](#) to the all inclusive map.

Susan Potts  
SGC President

# February General Meeting

Don't miss our next General Meeting on Thursday, February 15th! We will be having Robin Layton, a local, world-renowned photographer who brings her artistic eye and immense talent into creating stunning images. She is a local Seattle treasure. Come hear her stories and marvel at her amazing images.

For more information and a preview visit her website [here](#)

Guests are welcome, 9:30 am Social, 10:00 am Program



## Hospitality

[We still need Feb. 15th Hospitality Slots filled! \(select here\)](#)

Thank you for signing up to bring snacks, coffee, and flowers to our ALL OUR MEETINGS! Here is the [link](#) for Sign Up Genius or go to SGC webpage.

Thank you all,  
Charlee Reed, Hospitality Chair



*Marianne Kitchell  
February 2022*

## Ways & Means

Final figures are in for our holiday auction and luncheon! Congratulations and thank you to the amazing Ways and Means Committee, as well as all our Members, for helping to raise \$73,182. The auction amount, plus \$5,818 from Reserves, allows Community Projects to grant \$79,000 to various organizations in our surrounding communities.

Reminder - There are still spots remaining in three of the upcoming auction experiences. *The Night of Cards, Dice and Dinner* is only a few weeks away and is certain to be a fun evening, especially on a cold, wet February night.

**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**

If you are interested in joining any of these events, please email Sarah Robinson or Marianne Kitchell, Co-chairs of Ways and Means. Thanks again for your support of our 2023 auction!

Sarah Robinson and Marianne Kitchell, Co-Chairs of Ways & Means

## February Horticulture Meeting

Don't forget to save Monday, February 5, for our next Hort Meeting (members only). Come enjoy each other, bring your horticulture plants to be admired or gardening questions to ask, books, and magazines that need a new home, vases that can be "rehoused." Most of all, come enjoy Julie English's Provisional Talk on Garden Art in Asia. She promises a surprise. Her travels to Japan, her research, and her background in design were contributing factors to her program. Plus, Sis Woodside will give us a bit of background on the Wetherill Preserve where our Club has spent a spring day volunteering for many years. A report from our Floral Design crew for our spring flower show is also in the works.

Coffee and more is offered at 9:15AM and the program begins at 10AM. Don't forget your coffee cup!

It's going to be a great show! Hope to see you there!

Carey Davis -Horticulture Chair

### Horticulture Committee

We will have a meeting prior to the program on Monday, February 5 at 8:45AM at CUH. Be thinking of mini talks each of you can give on horticulture issues. Looking forward to seeing you.

## January Horticulture Meeting



*Rachel Stroble, Carey Davis, Hope Stroble & Patsy Pattison*



Monday, January 8th Rachel Stroble gave an informative provisional Talk about Renaissance Art.



*Jeannie Gravenkemper*



*Christina Koons, Erin Lea, & Susan Dunlap*



# Horticulture

## **Native Plants: *Tellima grandiflora***

Three plants came to mind when I was about to write this article – *Tellima grandiflora*, *Tiarella trifoliata* and *Vancouveria hexandra*. After perusing all of my books at home on these three, I settled on *Tellima grandiflora*, since there is only one species of this plant, making my job easier(!), and I have some in my yard!



In this very cold rainy winter we are having, the dry days of summer are hard to imagine, but we will be there again, before we know it, wondering if our plants are getting enough moisture. *Tellima grandiflora* is one of those Northwest Natives that can survive in a broad range of conditions, from full sun to shade and even is categorized as being appropriate for the dreaded category of dry shade by several garden experts. Of course its favorite spot would be in moist soil with partial shade. This plant is considered to be a hardy evergreen perennial but that all depends on what kind of winters we have – so, perennial definitely, evergreen maybe.

*Tellima grandiflora* is a member of the Saxifrage family. It has the benefit of serving as a good groundcover with its basal growth of soft green rounded to scalloped hairy leaves almost like a maple leaf. Thin hairy stalks shoot up to 2 feet in the spring bearing clusters of fragrant, dainty little fringe-edged flowers of light green, white and cream, which then age to a dark red. Common names for this plant are Fringe Cups, Alaskan Fringe Cup, False Alum Root, Bigflower Tellima and Fragrant Fringecup.

I have always thought of this plant as a great mainstay for an inviting shady place, and it has the added benefits of being a groundcover with pretty good drought tolerance. The Skagit nation used this plant to make a tea to help with loss of appetite. The plant has been found to have some antiviral qualities as well. *Tellima grandiflora* deserves a spot in your shady happy place.

Roxanne Wiley



# Floral Design Committee

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Hort Meeting February 5th at CUH! we will have the following at the meeting:

- Vase Exchange
- **Second annual event!!** – we are asking members to bring a three-stem composition from their garden, no need for labeling the plants, below is an example from my garden. On the left are a series of containers and a frog, and on the right are two examples of a composition with three stems. One in a slate container with a built-in frog (my favorite) and the second in a bowl with a frog. This exercise allows us to mix hort and floral design! All it takes is a container, frog and a walk in the garden. I have an arrangement year-round on my kitchen table!



Don't forget the GCA Floral Design Conference on Tuesday, February 6th from 8-12:30pm. The last day to register is Tuesday, February 4th.

You can register by going to the GCA website— Floral Design Committee or to the following [LINK](#)



I look forward to seeing your arrangements on the 5th!

Caroline Goedhart, Chair Floral Design Committee

# Awards



The SGC Awards Committee wishes to inform you that on January 8, 2024 the Garden Club of America released the names of the 2024 National Medalists. Each year, the Garden Club of America honors up to 10 amazing individuals or organizations for distinguished achievements in areas that align with the purpose of the GCA. This is the Garden Club of America's highest honor.

This year Tom Campion, Seattle, Washington has been awarded the Frances K. Hutchinson Medal for distinguished service to conservation, environmental activism, and internationally lauded work to protect irreplaceable wilderness areas.

In mid 2022, The Seattle Garden Club Awards Committee began the proposal for Tom Campion. An "Intent to Propose" a National Medalist was accepted by The Garden Club of America Awards Committee, in October 2022. The proposal required securing a seconder for the recipient and 6 supporting letters, plus a great deal of additional material related to Tom's dedication to conservation and the environment. The proposal was submitted to The Garden Club of America Awards Committee, in January 2023. The Garden Club of America will present the medal to Tom at its 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in April, 2024 in Hartford, CT.

Tom Campion is more than deserving of this Conservation medal. He has been recognized for his conservation and environmental efforts, including receiving the 2016 Environmental Leadership Award from the League of Conservation Voters. He is a founding board member of Conservation Northwest, is chairman emeritus of the Alaska Wilderness League, and is active in The Wilderness Society. Tom is a true environmental champion, who according to Governor Jay Inslee in his seconding letter, stated "Tom has done more than anyone on the globe to save the Arctic."

*Past recipients of this conservation medal include Rachel Carson, Douglas Brinkley, The Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Roger Tory Peterson and Edward O. Wilson.*

Iris Wagner

Awards Committee  
Iris Wagner, Chair  
Jolie Roze  
Sheila Noonan  
Carlyn Steiner

For more information The Campion Advocacy Fund and Tom click [here](#).

# Flower Show



Hibernation will need to be postponed until next winter, as the flower show committee continues to tackle preparations for the spring dates: May 7, 8 & 9 at CUH.

We met January 18, both before and after the general meeting to discuss details. A handful of us rolled up our sleeves in the back shed on a cold, damp morning to open boxes and determined whether the floral design pedestals needed painting. Following the general meeting, we heard updates from each division. We're working to plan each day's details and will be sending a sign up soon ask for volunteers. Be thinking of your spring garden and what you might find to enter in the horticulture cut section. Flowering branches to early blooms are welcome! Please try to set aside time during these early May dates to join the fun and make our flower show a team effort. The more the merrier!!

Catherine & Caroline

Here is the Flower Show [link](#)



*Hellebores*  
Ann McCutchan  
02/2022



*Jo Anne Rosen*  
Lichen



# Photography

SGC Photography Happenings:

**The Photography Committee welcomes [Robin Layton, Photographer](#) as our February 15<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Speaker.**

**We hope to see you there! Guests Welcome, 9:30 AM Social**

During her 25 years as a photojournalist, renowned photographer Robin Layton has produced countless notable photographs and earned a place among the world's top photographers. By age 24, she was honored by LIFE magazine as one of the eight most talented photographers in America. In 1991, her image of a young departing soldier, embracing his daughter on the USS John F. Kennedy, was used globally for ads including AT&T and the USO and was on the cover of LIFE Magazine's The Year in Pictures issue. Her photo story on runaway teens in downtown Seattle was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. Sports enthusiasts will remember her iconic photograph of Ken Griffey Jr. from the 1995 American League playoffs ("The Smile at the Bottom of the Pile"). She has been a Nikon Ambassador since 2013.

Seattle Magazine voted her one of the most influential people of 2020.

After an award-winning career at five newspapers, including staff positions with the Virginian-Pilot and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Robin embarked on a freelance career that has taken her on assignments around the world. Along the way, she has photographed everyone from prom queens to actual kings, street people to presidents; personalities from Jennifer Aniston to Oprah Winfrey.

Since 2007, she has been commissioned to create artwork for commercial buildings and private residences including multi media such as: video art, wallpaper/wall coverings and even high quality hand woven rugs that are made in Nepal, created from her images. She has also expanded the boundaries of traditional photography, combining her images and video with vintage found objects to create critically acclaimed and highly sought art pieces.

What pictures do best is capture a moment in time. Robin's work illuminates the life within that moment. She compels you to take a second look, a new view of the world around us.

Robin will have her ["Rain"](#) and ["The Lake"](#) books available at the meeting.



Just Released: ["rain"](#)



Best Seller: ["the lake"](#)

If you missed GCA's Jan 25<sup>th</sup> Photography Conference, "Reimagine the World" [select here for replay](#)



Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> Virtual Workshop with [Michele Burton](#) going in-depth with processing help on your Flower Show entries, recording is available on the [SGC Photography Committee Page](#). Screenshots below from workshop



**Upcoming Photo Walks:** Please keep an eye on your email and SGC Calendar for upcoming Michele Burton Photo Walks, as soon as the schedule is finalized.

**Photo entries due: March 1<sup>st</sup> - April 1<sup>st</sup>** is submission window for your ["Garden Inspirations"](#) Entries!

**GCA News:** [Winter 2024 GCA FOCUS Magazine just released](#)

Kim Bishop  
SGC Photography Committee Chair

# Garden History & Design

## **Smithsonian Workshop**

### **“Learn how to Document your own garden for submission to the Smithsonian AAG”**

When: February 8

Where: Miller Library Conference Room, CUH

Time: 9:30am – 11:30am

### **All welcome!**

Outside speaker, Suzanne Bishop will lead the workshop and answer all questions.

She is past President of The Portland Garden Club, GCA GH&D Vice Chair 2022-23, Regional GH&D Zone XII Representative, Portland Chair GH&D and current member of GCA Archive Committee.

Please let Anne Dor know if you are interested in attending at [annehdor@gmail.com](mailto:annehdor@gmail.com).



**NEWS:** The GH&D Committee is pleased to announce the Smithsonian has accepted :

**Skywatch** – Bain Condo Garden to the American Archive of Gardens. It is one of only a handful of rooftop gardens in the collection. Catalogue # WA066. We will be highlighting this garden at the May Flower Show GH&D Exhibit along with the Reed Garden – Shinka Suru.

Anne Dor-GH&D Committee

# Conservation

I hope that you have been enjoying the conservation committee's newsletter submissions. I know that I have learned so much. I wanted to update everyone on the **National Affairs Leadership Conference** in Washington D.C. that the Garden Club of America organizes every year. The conference will be held March 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. Beth Ketcham and Christina Koons will be our two representatives this year. I know that they will return to SGC with a wealth of information that will help all of us advocate for legislation that promotes and ensures healthy gardens and a healthy planet.

The GCA website has great information about NAL, GCA legislative initiatives, and the status of where the bills we support are in the legislative process. I encourage you all to delve into the NAL pages to learn more about this important part of the GCA and SGC. As a reminder the conservation priorities for all GCA clubs are as follows:

- Agriculture
- Clean Air
- Climate Change and Energy
- Land Conservation
- Native Plants
- Oceans
- Transportation and Infrastructure
- Waste Management
- Water

There are links to each of the above areas on the GCA site that provide great information.

Finally, the Garden Club has worked tirelessly to ensure that the national FARM BILL currently in committee in the House of Representatives contains environmental measures that will, among other things, restore healthy soil. The bill is running into roadblocks so please educate yourselves (again, the NAL pages on the GCA website has information) and write all of the Washington State legislators to make that the GCA priorities remain in the final bill!

Thank you!  
Cindy Bostwick  
Conservation Chair



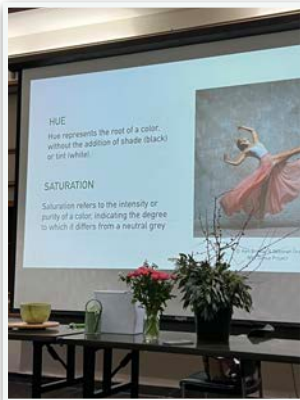
# January General Meeting



At our last General Meeting on January 18th, Dundee Butcher, Co-founder and CEO of Phoam Labs Floral Foam, gave us a fascinating presentation. She talked about her background, and how she ended up seeing a need for a biodegradable, compostable substitute for tradition Oasis floral foam. After explaining the long journey to finding a suitable plant-based product, she created an arrangement using a variety of plant materials using Phoam which included a tutorial on aspects of Floral Design



*Dundee demonstrating floral techniques*



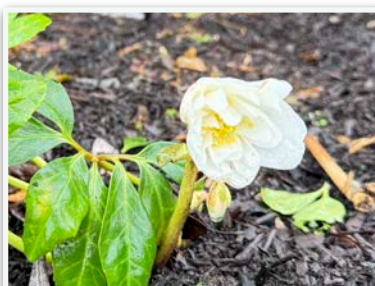
*Margi Allison & Dundee Butcher*



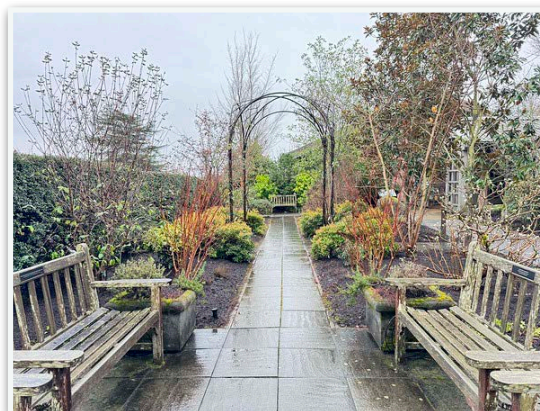
*Flowers by Marilee Ahalt*



*Barbara Feasey, Marilee Ahalt, Dundee Butcher, Margi Allison, and Susan Potts*



*Fragrance Garden  
in Winter  
by Kim Bishop*



# February Calendar

[Link to Calendar](#)  
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