



Seattle Garden Club

All The Buzz

March 2024

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It is always a pleasure to see the first sighting of narcissus in the garden, that nice pop of yellow that heralds the start of spring. January and February seem long and dark, making March even more welcome.

Provisional member Julie English presented a very informative talk on "Garden in Art, Asia", with a focus on Chrysanthemums. I think we all came away with a much better impression of the flower, which as Julie said, is mostly found tightly packed in plastic pots at the grocery store. Julie, thank you for helping us learn more about the Chrysanthemum's beauty, and the many forms it can take.

Sis Woodside spent hours putting together a wonderful slide show of SGC members working in The Wetherill Park in Hunts Point over the years. Sis, thank you for taking the time to showcase the garden and our members (and changing hairstyles!) over the years. It will be a lasting memory of working in a garden while enjoying each other's company. Here's the [link](#) to the video.

I was looking through a copy of "Country Life" (A weekly British magazine) and came across the artist Kate Kato and thought other members might also enjoy looking at her work. It is similar to Botanical Art, but the objects are made out of discarded paper, wire and thread. Take a look; her work is intricate, delicate, and stunning.



<https://www.katekato.co>.



I was reading an interview in *A Way to Garden* by Margaret Roach with Nancy Lawson ([link here](#)), about how people sometimes refer to natural landscapes as messy or overgrown, with the implication that more tidy gardens are preferable. Nancy is working to reframe how we talk about natural gardens, to describe them in a positive light. Using words such as looser, naturalistic, full and bountiful. Using the term 'pest' versus 'beneficial insect'. That perhaps we rethink lawns that require herbicides, insecticides, synthetic fertilizers as contaminated areas, rather than pristine and tidy. Interesting how our choice of words conjures up entirely different ways of looking at the world and our environment.

Our annual business meeting will be held March 21st. We will be voting on the GCA Founders Fund (there is a summary of the three projects up for a vote in this newsletter), SGC grants for Community Projects, and spend the remaining time brainstorming what our Hort meetings will look like going forward, without provisional talks. We need as many voices as possible, optimally in person at CUH although we will also have a zoom option.

Susan Potts
SGC President

Bylaw Change

Bylaw Change proposal for vote at March Business Meeting

It has been a busy and exciting year in the Membership Committee. Our committee has evaluated the various aspects of joining and immersing oneself in our garden club. We have made our application process more accessible by reducing the references from four to two, reduced the tenure of Provisionals to one year, and replaced the Provisional talk with a Horticulture Meeting produced by the Provisional team.

We have one more item we would like to propose to our SGC Membership. I presented this to the Board at the February board meeting, and it was unanimously approved. Our bylaws require a vote by our members as well, which will occur at our March 21st Business Meeting. The information presented serves as notice to our members. Section 3.3 Notice requires members are informed of any bylaw change at least two weeks prior to the vote.

Bylaw change B-8 4.2.d

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d) May propose or second a candidate for membership.

RECOMMENDED CHANGE:

d) May propose or second a candidate for membership ***after completing 2 years of Active membership.***

Rationale: Our reasoning for this change is it allows the new Actives to learn about SGC and all it offers, including the work of the committees, the volunteer aspects, and the leadership opportunities. We also think it is important that new members fully bond with current members before proposing new members. As importantly, we feel once a member is immersed in SGC she will fully understand what being a SGC member encompasses and will put forward future qualified candidates for the club.

Please feel free to reach out to me or Susan Potts with any questions.

Catherine Mueller
Membership Chair



Flower Show

Garden Inspirations

Volunteers needed!

Please click on the link below and sign-up for a time or event to volunteer for our 2024 Flower Show, Garden inspirations. Remember, you can sign-up for more than one time slot!

[Volunteer Here!](#)

If you have already been asked to volunteer, please still complete the form.

Let's try and get 100% participation!

Thank-you.

Flower Show co-chairs

Catherine Allan and Caroline Goedhart

Founders Fund

Summary of Founders Fund projects for 2024

Below is a brief summary of the three finalists for the GCA Founders fund award for 2024. Please use the link below for more detailed information on each of the projects. (As a point of reference, the SGC was awarded a Founders Fund in 2021 to restore the Rhododendron Glen at the UW Arboretum.)

Each club is allowed one vote and the SGC's vote will take place at our business meeting on March 21st.

[Link to GCA PDF of Founder's Fund Finalist Here](#) and details below:

1. **Replanting Indigenous and Historic Northeastern Species** to create an edible plant learning center at the Jay Estate located in Rye, NY.

-Proposed by The Little Garden Club of Rye, Zone III

This project will implement a custom design by GCA honorary member Larry Weaner for planting of a 2.7-acre area that will restore edible indigenous and historic northeastern plant species to create an Edible Plant Learning Center.

Since 1992, working with other nonprofits like Mount Vernon Youth Bureau, African American Men of Westchester, American Women of African Heritage, and the Community Resource Center (formerly Hispanic Resource Center) of Mamaroneck, JHC has already brought thousands of fourth through ninth grade students, primarily from Title I schools, for free, interactive tours that interpret powerful narratives of American history and changing land usage as they are still visibly imprinted in the landscape. These students and their families will be among those to benefit from this new native classroom.

The plantings will include native vegetation with high wildlife value, enhance wildlife forage diversity, interface with nearby areas to increase habitat value and species for foraging

<https://jayheritagecenter.org/>

2. **Conserving Natives!** The Restoration of an Orchid Learning Center

-Proposed by the Garden Club of Palm Beach, Zone VIII

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden reports that more than a century ago, "millions of orchids were ripped from South Florida trees and packed into railroad cars destined to be sold as disposable potted plants in northern states. Orchid populations dwindled to catastrophically low levels." The objective of the project is to create the Pine Jog Orchid Learning Center, the hub of which will be a re-creation of Elizabeth's original slat house that once stood on the property and housed hundreds of native orchids and plants.

The Orchid Learning Center will provide volunteer opportunities, a space to reinforce the importance of native plants through educational signage, and offer learning activities such as lectures, public tours, and student field trips.

In addition to the 1,000 diverse students attending the Title I elementary school located on the Pine Jog campus, the Orchid Learning Center will be visited by thousands of additional students, parents, and public visitors each year. Link for more here <https://pinejog.fau.edu/>

3. **Green Space Becomes Caring Space:** Church Health Community Garden

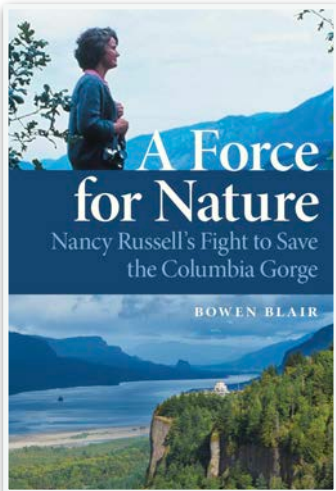
Proposed by the Memphis Garden Club Zone IX

The Memphis Garden Club project is designed to enrich the existing Church Health Community Garden (CHCG) by constructing a multipurpose pavilion. The heart of the proposed project, the pavilion, will offer a versatile space for hosting workshops, lectures, group activities, and communal gatherings throughout the year. Our partnership with Church Health will provide integrated health care to include wellness programs such as yoga, physical therapy, and occupational therapy. The pavilion will serve as a focal point for communal gardening, produce sharing, and social events. As a faith-based, not-for-profit health care institution, Church Health

believes in caring for one another as each of us would like to be cared for.

The club's ongoing support includes funding as well as the commitment of Memphis GC Garden Diggers to the garden's overall health through weeding, pruning, maintaining soil health, installations, irrigation oversight, harvesting, education, workshops, class instruction, and more. link [here](#)

Annual SGC/TGC Joint Meeting/Luncheon



Please plan to join us for our Annual SGC/TGC Joint Meeting and Luncheon, April 18th, 10:00 am at the Sunset Club featuring Helen Blair's cousin and [author Bowen Blair](#), presenting on his book: "A Force for Nature: Nancy Russell's Fight to save the Columbia Gorge".

[RSVP - Select Here.](#)

Our April Joint Meeting, as hosts of the Tacoma Garden Club, for lunch at the Sunset Club, will feature Bowen Blair, as he discusses his book ["A Force for Nature: Nancy Russell's Fight to Save the Columbia Gorge"](#), published by Oregon State University Press in October, 2022.

Briefly, Bowen Blair is an attorney and one of the country's leading experts at conveying conservation land into public and tribal ownership. As chief conservation officer for Indian Country Conservancy, senior vice president for the Trust for Public Land, and executive director of Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Blair has helped protect some of the nation's most important land.

Valet Parking

February Hort Meeting

On Monday, February 5th, our Horticulture Meeting featured Julie English's Provisional Talk on Garden Art in Asia. Her travels to Japan, her research and her background in design were contributing factors to her excellent program. We also enjoyed a bit of background on the The Wetherill Nature Preserve where our Club has spent many a spring day volunteering over the years, presented by Sis Woodside. To watch the Vimeo show click [here](#). Our spring Flower Show is fast approaching, and we were informed of the great progress thus far.



Julie English

Carey Davis -Horticulture Chair



Carey Davis



Wade Garretson, Julie English, Peggy-Page Most, Betsy Larson

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





Photography

SGC Photography Happenings:

Great to see all of you that made it to our Arboretum Foster Island photo walk with Michele Burton on Feb. 26th! Check out our photo gallery, [link here](#).

Our next photo walk with Michele Burton is March 18th, 10 am and will either be at the [Highline Arboretum](#) or [South Seattle College](#), depending on conditions.

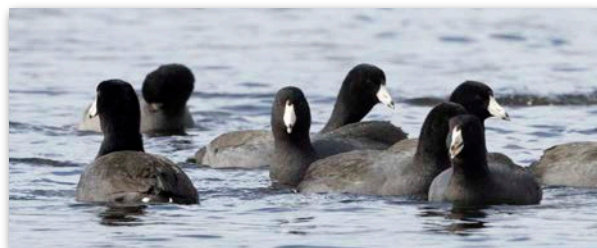
Congratulations to our SGC Member winners at the Atlanta Botanical Garden "[Primavera](#)" Flower Show: Suzette de Turenne, Suzy Titcomb, and Jo Anne Rosen. Their photos are below, and [select here for link to whole show](#).



Feb. 26th Foster Island Photo Walk: LtoR is Jolie Roze, Susan Dunlap, Catherine Parker, Charlie Reed, Anne Dor, Christina Koons, Bev Martin, Mary Turner, Michele Burton, Jenny Wyatt, Candy Lancaster and Suzette de Turenne. Photo by Kim Bishop

GCA Public Banner Page seeking your Spring Submissions - Deadline March 15th:

Submit your "SPRING" photos and be featured on the [GCA Public Banner Page](#). The theme is Spring. Anything that speaks to spring is welcome. The photos must be landscape orientation, 1-5 MB jpg, file name: name, club and Zone XII (example: KimBishop_SeattleGardenClub_ZoneXII) Please email them to susan.s.vantassel@gmail.com, by March 15.



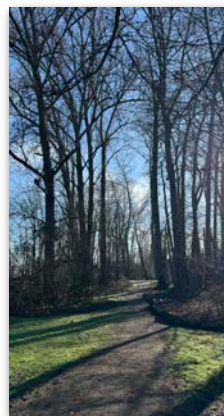
Just Released: "[rain](#)"



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

We thank Photographer, Robin Layton for her Feb. 15th Presentation! Please select one of the book thumbnail photos at the left, to find out more about ordering her signed limited editions.

[Robin's Layton's website, select here](#)



Blue Heron, Arboretum, Foster Island

Deadline Approaching:

The [Garden Inspirations Show](#) Submission window is open March 1st - April 1! Please make sure your entries are delivered to Suzy Titcomb by the **April 1st deadline**. [Select here for the photography entry form](#) to attach to your photo.

Please help by volunteering to photograph at our Garden Inspirations Flower Show May 7th-9th!

[Garden Inspirations Show](#) photographers needed for each of the Divisions, behind the scenes (set-up, passing and candid) and Preview Party. Please let Kim Bishop know if you are interested, ASAP! kimbsgcphoto@gmail.com, 206-930-5564 (text or call). Thank you so much for volunteering!

Kim Bishop
SGC Photography Committee Chair
kimbsgcphoto@gmail.com



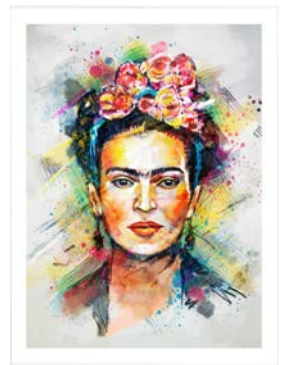
Christina Koons, Susan Dunlap, Michele Burton and Kim Bishop.
By Charlie Reed

Horticulture

Monday, March 4-9:15AM Social/10:00AM Program

March reminds me of a racehorse waiting to race or explode into the blossoming of spring in the Pacific Northwest. So perhaps, Liz McKallor's talk on Frida Kahlo's artistic infusion into warm-blooded plants will take the chill out of us and provide us with rich Latin American color. Megan Smith follows Liz with some gardening words of wisdom. Feel free to bring plants to be admired during Hort Share, vases to exchange, and gardening books looking for a new home. The program ends with the crew from the Flower Show who will advise us on how to fill out cards for the upcoming event.

It's going to be a great program! Hope you can come! Coffee, treats and friends will be waiting!



Native Plants

My Love Affair with *Erigeron glaucus* 'Bountiful' by Megan Smith

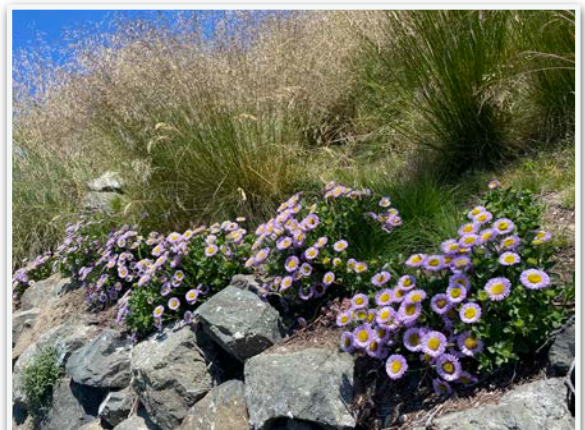
My mission was clear. I needed a plant that checked all the boxes. Full sun... check; drought tolerant... check; west coast native... check; pollinator plant... check; and lastly, able to deal with sandy dry soil... check.



Introducing *Erigeron glaucus* 'Bountiful' – one of my new favorite perennials!

This lovely semi evergreen perennial never ceases to amaze me with her cheery presence. Lavender rays encircle a large yellow floret disc that entertains our pollinators (and me!) from April through mid-November. Yes, you heard it right, eight months of visual joy. To ensure success, I waited until October to plant this beauty promising myself to do whatever it takes to NOT be a slave to watering. The temperature was lower at that time and *Erigeron glaucus* 'Bountiful' took it all in stride soaking in one large drink at planting time and then subsisting on little to no water for the rest of the fall.

Growing only six to twelve inches tall by two feet wide, this picture of perfection with her rounded gray green leaves looks smashing at the front of the border. In my beach house garden (see right photo), I partnered her with two other west coast natives, *Deschampsia cespitosa*, or tufted hairgrass, and *Sedum spathulifolium* 'Carnea'. The silver foliage of the sedum takes on a light lavender hue and the color



echo with the erigeron flower rays is to die for. The nuances of this color combo make me swoon with delight!

Erigeron glaucus 'Bountiful' or seaside fleabane is native to the coastline of California and Oregon. A member of the Asteraceae family, this somewhat succulent free flowering knock-out is also deer tolerant but toxic to dogs and cats. Maintenance is minimal. Give Ms. *Erigeron glaucus* 'Bountiful' a haircut in midsummer if she starts looking a little peaked from working so hard. Water, then whisper sweet nothings into those little leaves. You'll be rewarded with more blooms, buzz from your pollinator friends, and beauty for your garden.

Megan Smith

Conservation



GCA's "C-Change Conversations" is a Dynamic Force in Climate Change Education

For those of you who were members in January 2018, you most likely attended the Iris Wagner Conservation Lecture at the Seattle Aquarium with guest speaker and founder of "C-Change Conversations," Kathleen Biggins. Shelley Rolfe and Barbie Snapp met Kathleen at NAL in February of 2017 and were delighted to secure her for our event. Under Kathleen's guidance, C-Change, a non-partisan educational outreach program highlighting how climate change impacts each of us, has continued to flourish. Barbie has kept up the connection the Kathleen through emails and the C-Change newsletter. Through Kathleen's tireless work with C-Change Conversations, she had the great honor of attending the annual international climate change conference: "COP 28 (Council of Parties) on Climate Change," a gathering of representatives from 197 nations held in Dubai, UAE. Once home from Dubai, Kathleen presented a zoom session to share what she learned from this enlightening experience. This was especially interesting as this COP took place in the heart of the MidEast oil-producing countries. While SGC has been focusing on our regional issues, Kathleen opens our eyes to climate challenges and solutions on a world scale. She points out the economic cost of climate change denial, demonstrating that recuperating from climate disasters is far more expensive than taking actions to mitigate carbon emissions. Please take the time to watch her zoom video as she relates her interesting and even handed assessment of her time in Dubai. Click on the green square (then expand the viewing screen) to open this fascinating COP28UAE link.



To learn more about C-Change, please visit: <https://c-changeconversations.org/>

Questions regarding either of these subjects? Ask Barbie Snapp: araby1957@aol.com

February General Meeting



We had a wonderful presentation by Robin Layton, a local, world-renowned photographer brings her artistic eye and immense talent into creating stunning images. She is a local Seattle treasure. We also heard from our Flower Show Chairs.

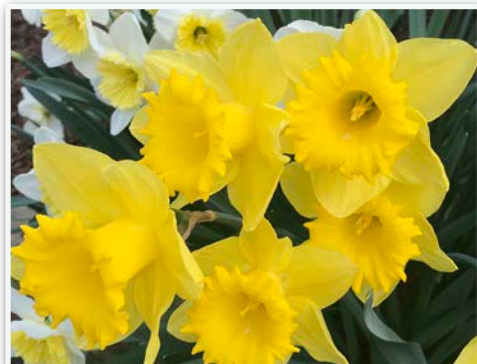


<https://www.robinlayton.com/>

Poetry

It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade. ~Charles Dickens, *Great Expectations*, 1861

March so fickle, March so fair,
Pouting, shy, with wind-blown hair,
Nut-brown shawl and crocus cup
Smile that lights the whole world up.
~Sara L. Vickers Oberholtzer, "The Lady
March," *Souvenirs of Occasions*, 1892



March Calendar

[Link to Calendar](#)
select [here](#)

Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar March 2024						
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3	<div>4</div> <div>8:45AM - 9:15AM Horticulture Committee Meeting</div> <div>9:15AM - 11:30AM Hort Meeting - CUH: Liz McKallor's Provisional Presentation: "Garden in Art, Latin America"</div> <div>12PM - 1:00PM Conservation Committee Meeting</div> <div>12:00PM - 1:00PM Provisional Brown Bag session to follow after Hort meeting</div>	5	6	<div>7</div> <div>10AM - 12PM Board Meeting, Sunset Club/Hybrid</div> <div>zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83062907644?pwd=Uk8yTU1WbWUkVG1BVTJh5aUxMzZ09</div>	8	9
10	11	12	<div>13</div> <div>11:30AM - 12:30PM Membership Committee meeting</div>	<div>14</div> <div>GCA's National Affairs and Legislation Conference - "NAL Virtual Advocacy Workshop" Open to All - Link to Register</div>	15	16
<div>17</div> <div>GCA's National Affairs and Legislation Conference - "2024 National Affairs & Legislation Conference" Hybrid</div>	<div>18</div> <div>10:00AM - 12:00PM SGC photo walk with Michele Burton</div> <div>12:00PM - 1:30PM Tacoma Joint meeting preparation</div>	19	<div>20</div> <div>Deadline for Newsletter Submissions to EdieSS48@msn.com</div>	<div>21</div> <div>9:30AM Annual Business Meeting - CUH</div> <div>11:30AM - 12:30PM Flower Show Committee Meeting</div>	22	23
24	<div>25</div> <div>12PM - 1:30PM General Program Meeting</div>	26	27	28	29	30
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April Calendar

[Link to April Calendar here](#)

Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar April 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<div>1</div> <div>9:00AM - 9:45AM Flower Show Committee Meeting</div> <div>9:15AM - 11:30AM Hort Meeting - CUH: Linda Walker's Provisional Presentation "Garden in Art, Post Industrial"</div> <div>12PM - 1:00PM Conservation Committee Meeting</div> <div>12:00PM - 1PM Provisional Brown Bag session to follow after Hort meeting</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Birding trip-Seward park (Auction experience)</div>	<div>3</div> <div>11:30AM Luncheon at the home of Nancy Bain (Auction experience)</div>	<div>4</div> <div>10AM - 12PM Board Meeting, Sunset Club/Hybrid</div> <div>zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83062907644?pwd=Uk8yTU1WbWUkVG1BVTJh5aUxMzZ09</div>	5	6
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21	22	23	24	<div>25</div> <div>11AM Everyday Flower Farm tour - Skagit Valley (Auction item)</div>	<div>26</div> <div>GCA Annual Meeting - "The GCA's 2024 Annual Meeting" - In Person, Limited invites</div>	<div>27</div> <div>GCA Annual Meeting - "The GCA's 2024 Annual Meeting"</div>
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