



Seattle Garden Club

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The Flower Show was front and center of our garden club year, with many members volunteering their time to make it a success. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the co-chairs Caroline Goedhart and Catherine Allan and their committee, to Betsy Larson for opening up her wonderful home and gardens for the judges dinner, to all the members who put their talents to good use by entering the show, to Cindy Bostwick and Carolyn Kitchell, Conservation Co-Chairs, and their Committee for their fabulous conservation exhibit (which will live on) and to Anne Dor and her Garden History and Design committee, for the beautiful panels at the show that described their work over the past year. Helen Blair and Erin Lea were in charge of the preview party, which was a sold-out event. A majority of our members were involved with the flower show, in one way or another, providing an excellent way to spend quality time together. We will celebrate further at our [Annual Luncheon on June 6th](#).

Our last Program of the year was ambitious, sending us all to the Pacific Science Center to watch the film 'The Arctic' in 3D at the IMAX theater. A huge thank you to Iris Wagner for underwriting this event. The movie is absolutely a must-see, I am going to take my grandkids soon. The photography is outstanding, and the movie is all about hope and beauty, making the viewing a very positive and honestly an exhilarating experience. Thank you to Carlyn Steiner and the Program Committee and Charlee Reed, chair of Meeting Arrangements – this was a lot to organize.

Beth Ketcham closed our provisional talks with another excellent presentation. This year's theme was a great choice, allowing for great diversity in subject matter for all the provisionals. Next year, the provisional class will be in charge of the May Hort meeting, and I am excited to see what they come up with. You will be hearing more about that as we begin our new Garden Club year in September. Please put September 19th on your calendar for our fall picnic, to be held in Ann Blume's beautiful garden in Madison Park.

Finally, please fill out our [2024 SGC Membership Survey](#) as soon as possible. I would appreciate 100% participation in completing the survey, as it asks which committee(s) you would like to serve on next year, as well as other important questions. Please feel free to sign up for any committee you are interested in, if you can be an active participant. It is important for the chairs to be able to count on your help and expertise.

Thank you,
Susan Potts

Flower Show



Garden Inspirations

through Conservation, Floral Design,
Horticulture, Photography & Botanical Arts

Congratulations! We Made It!

Thank you for all your help in creating a successful flower show. Everyone's participation and hard work made it possible.

The feedback from the judges, entrants and the public have been extremely positive.

We look forward to sharing more at our June lunch.



Caroline Goedhart & Catherine Allan



Do you have Flower Show photos to share? Please contribute to our [show gallery by selecting here](#).

Meet Our New Provisionals

Please welcome our new provisionals, to be introduced at our June 6th Annual Meeting, STC, 10:30 Social Hour and Receiving Line, 11:45 Luncheon/Program.

Catherine Mueller
SGC Membership Chair



Mary Alhadeff: Mary is a lifelong Bellevue/Medina resident, a new empty nester with four kids off to college and is married to husband David.

Mary is an avid gardener with a lot of things going on in her garden at all times including a chicken coop with chickens grazing throughout her property. She is especially keen on growing herbs and medicinals in addition to many vegetables in her effort to eat clean. She is a tremendous chef and has worked for years as a consultant in the food industry, still consulting off and on to this day.

Mary is the creative talent behind the interior and landscape designs at apartment rentals she and her husband own. She loves gourmet cooking, sewing, constant creative art projects and interior design projects.

She has older parents and an aunt who live together, and Mary helps them out with their various appointments and errands. She likely has a good story or two on this trio!

She is inclusive, gracious, kind, and a good listener.



Bambi Goodhew: Bambi was raised in London & France; her parents were Seattleites. She and her husband Nigel lived in Seattle for eight years before moving the family to London where she worked at Colefax and Fowler design firm and then ran her own design company in London.

She has renovated homes and gardens throughout her life, is hands on and loves the process as well as digging in the dirt. Ten years ago, they purchased a rundown home in the NE spending eight years transforming both inside and out. She learned a huge amount about plant material on the east coast and is very much looking forward to learning about our PNW flora and fauna.

Two years ago they moved to Washington Park where she has been transforming the home and gardens of their new family home. They have three daughters and grandkids locally so are here to stay.

She is an ultimate entertainer of the best kind, unpretentious and joyful, making a celebration seem effortless.

They spend summers at their home in France and both love to travel.

Words used by all her references: gracious, devoted to family/friends, creative, delightful, charming, stylish, and fun.

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Betsy Hendry: A born and raised Seattleite, Betsy and her husband Rob call Seattle their home. They have raised two daughters and are about to be empty nesters this coming fall. She is one of four sisters (one is Katie McReynolds of the SGC), and one well behaved black lab named Pepper.

Betsy spent many years working at Hewlett-Packard in Portland as a commodity specialist and promoted as a supply chain analyst for the commercial side of HP. Prior to that, she worked as a product lead in Branding at Nordstrom Corporate. She met her husband in Oregon where they started their family. Upon moving to Seattle, she became one of the founding members of Seattle Metro's National Charity League (NCL).

Betsy loves dahlias and has been learning to divide them and pings Katie, her sis, on gardening tips/tricks. Being an outdoor lover Betsy skis, plays pickleball and swims, along with her other passions of hiking and visiting national parks.

She is described as very friendly, funny, positive, reliable, enthusiastic, and committed to excellence and 'Just Perfect for the SGC'.



Mary 'Shannon' Hoffer: Shannon is a long time Seattleite living in Broadmoor where she raised her two daughters. She is now an empty nester and enjoying all that life brings her way.

In 2022 she took on a huge two-year project decommissioning a very large pool in her backyard using our own SGC member Carol Eland as her designer and project manager. Shannon's vision was to turn that space into an extensive garden which has since come to fruition. Her garden is stunning.

Gardening is Shannon's passion, and she is a collector of rare and wonderful plants which are a joy for those who appreciate a rare find.

Shannon has been a member of the Washington Park Arboretum and President of the Arboretum Unit #1 Garden Club for the past 14 years.

Shannon is described as unfailingly kind, gracious, joyful and cheerful.



Diana Stroble: Diana and her husband Peter raised their family of three children in Seattle and are soon to become empty nesters and branch out from child rearing duties.

Diana was a very involved parent at her kids' schools including a role as lead volunteer in Bush Admissions for many years. In addition, she organized the Wolf Pack Lacrosse girls league, which is quite the feat - finding fields, coaches, referees, times scheduled with other leagues throughout the season. Working with 100s of girls in various age groups along with parents, she had to be super flexible!

Diana loves to play tennis at the STC, is a big skier, hiker, and all-around good athlete. FUN FACT: Diana played hockey at Harvard!

She is an excellent cook and her husband Peter still mentions the first dinner she prepared for him when they lived in NYC. She spends time volunteering at St Francis House and Lifelong. She wants to learn more about gardening and conservation is looking forward to being a SGC member.

Words used about Diana include curious, enthusiastic, positive, hardworking, take-charge attitude, patience, community builder and a great organizer.

Board Cocktail Party

May 22nd was a wonderful day for a Board Cocktail Party at Gary and Vicki Reed's home! Thank you to the Reeds for graciously opening up your home.

[Link to Reed's "Shinka Suru" Smithsonian Record select here](#)



Carolyn Whittlesey; Suzette de Turenne, Roxanne Wiley; Caroline Goedhart, Wade Garretson and Cindy Bostwick



Caught the Eagle on Watch, by Marilee Ahalt



Susan Potts, Beth Ketcham, Barbie Snapp, guests and Vicki Reed (right)



Megan Smith and Marilee Ahalt



Helen Blair enjoying the grand entry

[More Board Party photos select here](#)

Horticulture

Beth Ketcham gave the final Provisional talk in May. It was a wonderful presentation, integrating modern art and gardens. In addition the program included President Susan's report on her meetings with GCA and other Clubs in our Zone, as well as important information for the upcoming Flower Show. Now we look forward to a happy gardening summer!!

Carey Davis
Horticulture Committee Chair



Beth Ketcham with her sponsors, Carol Eland and Lee Rolfe



Immersion and Environmental



Beth Ketcham presents: "Gardens in Art: Modern and Contemporary, 1960 to the Present"



Cuisine



Caroline and Catherine, Flower Show Chairs, leading the last FS meeting before starting the next morning.

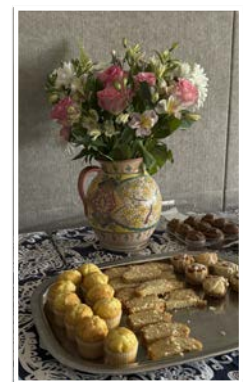


Catherine and Suzette demonstrate how to enter your cuts in the show.



Susan Potts reporting on the Zone XII meeting

[More Meeting Photos select here](#)



Grateful for Members' Hospitality!

MAY GENERAL MEETING

On May 16th, SGC Members and guests were treated to an immersive IMAX 3-D Screening of the award-winning film [“The ARCTIC: Our Last Great Wilderness”](#), generously underwritten by our SGC Member, Iris Wagner. The film was produced by Tom Campion, 2024, recipient of the Garden Club of America Frances K. Hutchinson Medal ([link to more info](#)). Sally Jewell, former US Secretary of the Interior, introduced Tom, and the film followed with an engaging Q & A.

We look forward to more exciting programs with Carlyn Steiner leading the Programs Committee again next year.



[Select here for "THE ARCTIC" Film Preview](#)



Tom Campion, “The ARCTIC” Producer



Iris Wagner and Carlyn Steiner



Introduction by Sally Jewell
former President & CEO of
REI and former US Secretary
of the Interior.



IMAX Theater - Get your 3-D Glasses On!



Dr. Laura Wagner, Iris Wagner, Guests, Ted Wagner and Tom Campion



Roxanne Wiley and Suzy Titcomb receive their
complimentary book “WE ARE THE ARCTIC”



Jo Anne Rosen, Charlee Reed, Suzy Titcomb, Catherine Allan, Sue Blethen,
Julie English, Iris Wagner, Suzette de Turenne, Gayle Harris,
Carolyn Whittlesey, Barbie Snapp, and Burnley Snyder

[Link to more event photos, select here](#)

Conservation



Beth Ketcham, Anne Dor, Suzette de Turenne, Suzy Titcomb, Shelley Rolfe, Barbe Snapp and Cindy Bostwick

The Seattle Garden Club's Conservation Committee spent our year working on the conservation exhibit for the SGC's Floral Design Show.

We worked with the CUH farm to showcase three areas of focus: conservation, sustainability and preservation. Our exhibit featured indigenous plants, soil testing, effective tools to maintain soil health, crop rotation plants, mulch samples, bee pollinator plants, and water conservation methods.

We handed out pollinator seeds, as well as seeds included in the indigenous garden. We featured QR codes on our photos where visitors could learn more about some of the aspects of our exhibit. A makeshift Living Wall held a variety of pollinator plants. All of the plants will be sold at the UW Farm's Plant Sale.

We are proud that our exhibit was honored with the Marion Thompson Fuller Brown award "for an environmental exhibit of educational and visual merit."

We had approximately 100 visitors through our exhibit and hope that all left with useful tools to garden more sustainably. It should also be noted that the UW farm kept most elements of our exhibit to utilize again at their farm dinner fundraiser in the fall.

It has been wonderful to serve as conservation chair over the past two years. Next year's conservation chairs will be Christina Koons and Beth Ketcham (to be voted on at Annual Meeting). I know that they will be wonderful stewards of the conservation committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Bostwick
SGC Conservation Chair

[Link to more photos select here](#)



Shelley Rolfe



Barbie Snapp



Cindy Bostwick with the Marion Thompson Fuller Brown Award

Garden History & Design

The Garden History and Design Education Exhibit at SGC's Flower Show, was the first of its kind at a GCA Flower Show. It celebrated the beauty of garden design and the importance of education, with photographs of two remarkable gardens accepted by the Smithsonian this past year: [Shinka Suru, the Reed Garden](#); and [Skywatch, the Bain Condo Garden](#). Plus, visitors could look through a copy of the Smithsonian's Property Owner's guide, and a book created by the GH&D Committee documenting the submission paperwork, people, photographs, and descriptions for Shinka Suru. The exhibit won a Judges' Blue Ribbon Commendation Award and several GH&D committee chairs visiting from other Garden Clubs commented that they felt encouraged to exhibit at their Club's upcoming Flower Show.

Anne Dor
GH&D Chair



GH&D display received Judges Commendation



Nancy Bain and the exhibit of her Smithsonian Property
[Link to Smithsonian Listing \(select here\)](#)



Anne Dor and the Reed Property Exhibit
[Link to Smithsonian Listing select here](#)

[Link to more photos select here](#)



Photography

Congratulations to Everyone on a Great Show!

From our Flower Show Photography Chairs, Suzette de Turenne and Suzy Titcomb: "Thank you to all our Garden Inspirations entrants and "congratulations" to each of you! We think the show was stunning. We were very excited that 17 of our 30 entrants were novices. Please try out the voice memos below or use [this link to enjoy all entries](#).

[All Photography Results with Voice Memos select here](#)



Lynn Mowe: Class 4 - 1st and GCA BEST IN SHOW!
[Voice Memo Here](#)



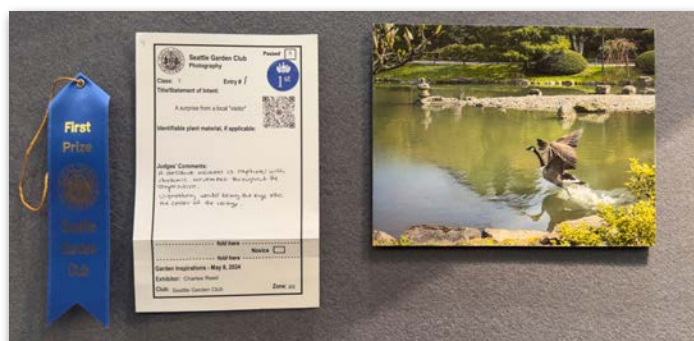
Jenny Wyatt: Class 4 - 2nd & GCA Novice Award!
[Voice Memo here](#)



Susan Potts: Class 2- 1st Place [Voice Memo here](#)



Jenny Wyatt: Class 3- 1st & SGC Noreen Raymond Frink Award
[Voice Memo here](#)



Charlee Reed: Class 1 - 1st Place - [Voice Memo here](#)



Jo Anne Rosen: Class 5- 1st Place- [Voice Memo here](#)

TO ALL SGC MEMBERS: [Summer Solstice Photos Due on June 20th!](#)

Following a time honored SGC tradition, all SGC Members are encouraged to take a photo(s) during the 24 hours of solstice and share with all of us! Please take a photo(s) on June 20th and upload: [Gallery select here](#)

To [upload only, select here](#) (also in the [gallery description](#))

Kim Bishop, Photography Chair

Paying Your 2024 SGC Dues

As I announced at our May 6th Hort Meeting, SGC is using a new online dues paying system where we can now pay online with credit card, PayPal and Venmo, along with Zelle. You will need to look for an email at the beginning of June to process your payment. Please see the detailed instruction below to assist in the process.

Thank you,

Patsy Pattison, SGC 2024-2025 Treasurer

1. Early June, please look for an email invoice from SEATTLE GARDEN CLUB with the Subject Line: "Pledge xxxxx from SEATTLE GARDEN CLUB"
It may go to spam and underlying email is from: quickbooks@notification.intuit.com
2. Click on "PAY INVOICE" Button.
3. You will see the different ways you can pay; credit card, debit card, bank account, PayPal & Venmo.
4. Before paying, look at the box on the top right which has a box that says 'View Invoice'. You are being billed for Club dues, and if Active or Provisional, you are also being billed for Meeting Arrangements.
5. There are some other options you can add on to your payment amount:
 - a. Binders – an extra binder is \$15
 - b. Inserts – extra inserts are \$10
 - c. Meeting Arrangements -\$250 – for Sustainers, Non-Residents or Honorary Members who wish to pay for this.
6. You can click on Pay Invoice at the bottom of the page or click to go back – you end up in the same place.
7. If you need to add additional charges onto your invoice, you can easily edit the amount.
8. You may also pay:
 - a. ONLY AFTER JUNE 1ST - You may pay by Zelle through your bank. When paying via Zelle, send to treasurer@seattlegardenclub.org, and in indicated field note what you are paying for – ex. Dues, meeting arrangements, 1 binder, 1 extra insert.....
 - b. By check – send to Adrienne Haley – c/o Seattle Garden Club, 8400 Entiat River Rd, Entiat, WA 98822. Also note what you are paying for.
9. Questions?
Contact Patsy Pattison at (206) 940-9901 or patsypattison@gmail.com.



Membership Survey

If you have already submitted your Membership Survey, thank you so much! If you still need to, please [select here or use the button below](#). The survey was emailed at 6:00 AM on Saturday, May 25th via Survey Monkey. If you did not receive it, you may want to check your spam folders and make sure Survey Monkey emails from sgcsurveys@seattlegardenclub.org are a friendly contact.

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Thank you for your time,

Susan Potts,
SGC President

Begin Survey
Select Here

Poetry



JUNE

Oh what is more sweet than the month of June
When our senses thrill and our hearts keep tune
To the song of the birds and the rose in bloom?

O, Summer Queen! you are gone too soon
With your sunny days and your shining moon,
With your golden grain and your wealth of bloom.

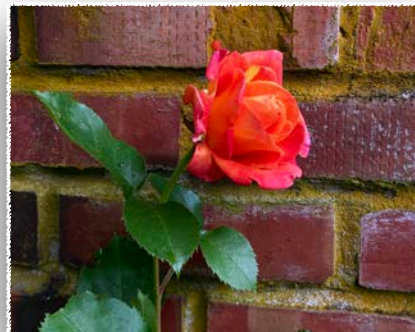
And if we could hold in some magic way
To your trailing robes for a single day,
Dear month of June, we would bid you stay.

by Annette Wynne

"A Summer Day"

*This is the way the morning dawns:
Rosy tints on flowers and trees,
Winds that wake the birds and bees,
Dewdrops on the fields and lawns—
This is the way the morning dawns.*

by George Cooper



Poetry Submitted by Barbie Snapp

June Calendar

[Link to June Calendar
select here](#)

Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar June 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Prov Corsage Making/Membership Committee	6 Annual Meeting and Luncheon	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 10AM - 1PM In/Out Board Meeting	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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September Calendar

[Link to Sep Calendar
select here](#)

Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar September 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 6PM Swiss Raclette party (Auction experience)	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 6PM Japanese Tea House dinner(Auction experience)
15	16	17	18	19 Fall Picnic Ann Blume's Home	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					