



All The Buzz

September 2024

Seattle Garden Club

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Newsletter Editor - Barbie Snapp

As usual, summer flies by too quickly. I have appreciated the wonderful weather that produced plenty of berries for jam. My apple trees have hundreds of apples this year and now that I know about City Fruit, I hope I can donate some to them. It is nice to have the non-profits we support through Community Projects give us the opportunity to learn more about the ways our community supports one another.

How are you doing on your BINGO cards? I have been gathering up prizes, so be sure and finish up before the fall picnic on September 19th at Ann Blume's home to ensure your name goes into the drawing for a prize. Even if you don't finish it all, please add your photo to the GCA website so new members have a fighting chance to learn our names. It is easy to do. Simply go to the GCA website, click on the Members Area in the upper right-hand corner of the landing page and you will see your name at the top - it should say, "Welcome (your name)." Below that is "My Profile." If you click on that, you can upload your photo. If you need help, reach out to me or the ever-helpful Kim Bishop.

I still need to propagate a plant. If you do too, here is a good how-to. I like Margaret Roach; I subscribe to her newsletter. To connect to Margaret's website, [Select here](#).

I have signed up for the UW Farm Dinner, also on September 19th. (It is a fundraiser for the UW Farm and for those of you who are new members, the SGC is a strong supporter of the UW Farm.) I went last year, and it was delightful. We toured the gardens, dinner was locally sourced, and we all ate on long tables in the field. If you are interested in attending, use this link [Select here](#). Let me know if you are attending so I can be sure we all sit together.

Our SGC office has moved across the hall recently because CUH needs that office for a full-time employee. I was there several times cleaning out some of the endless amounts of sugar packets (please don't bring anymore this coming year to our programs) and organizing as best I could, but there is still a lot to be done. The new office has a little less space and much less wall space. As a result, we need to have a conversation about what to do with all the art and framed awards that will no longer be able to hang on the wall.

I am looking forward to a busy start of the SGC season. Carlyn Steiner, Programs Chair, and Eliza Davidson, Horticulture Chair, are both working with their committees to come up with excellent programs again this coming year. I'm sure they will provide us with fantastic and educational meetings.

See you on September 19th at our Fall Picnic.

Susan Potts, President



The 2024 Seattle Garden Club Picnic

Thursday, September 19th

11:00AM

At the home of Ann Blume
128 Lake Washington Blvd E
Seattle 98112



There will be valet parking, but please try to carpool.
Come meet the new Provisionals and stroll through Ann's wildflower garden.
Please call Peggy-Paige Most 206-349-6678 with any questions.

RSVP by 9/15 on Sign-up Genius here:

[Fall Picnic RSVP link - select here](#)

Photography

Before the summer begins to fade away, please take time to photograph your own garden. The perennials are different now than in June, and the hydrangeas are displaying their complex fall colors. We love intimate landscapes that feature your plants, trees, some cool places to linger, or just what you love best about your garden. Please contact Kim if you need help uploading your photos to this gallery on the SGC Photography Committee page: [select here](#). (The upload link is in Gallery description under title.)



Also, our October Horticulture meeting will be featuring DAHLIAS. Try to capture these beauties in your garden or down the street.



See you all soon!!

Charlee Reed and Mary Turner
SGC Photography Chairs



Horticulture

Get ready for Dahlia Mania!



I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer! I'm looking forward to our September picnic and first Hort meeting on October 7th. Our theme will be – you guessed it – all things Dahlia. Thanks to Wade Garretson for enticing Paul Kusche, President of the century-old Kitsap County Dahlia Society (KCDS), to join us. “Papa” Kusche is brimming with information, experience and enthusiasm for his subject. After speaking, he and Wade will demonstrate how to divide tubers and promise to demystify finding Dahlia “eyes.” Be ready to try your hand, too!



There will be a Dahlia Raffle, courtesy of KCDS. The Photography Committee has been busy photographing dahlias and will mount what's sure to be a stunning exhibit to enjoy. Floral Design Committee will join the act and share examples of non-traditional dahlia arrangements – Ikebana, anyone? Finally, we need YOU to bring in your own DAHLIAS and companion plants for Hort Share. We will sort blooms into classes, then make simple bouquets to share with whomever needs a shot of joy – including ourselves. Please bring a jar or pass-along vase if you can. All in all, it will be an action-packed, hands-on, color-filled kickoff to the New Hort year!

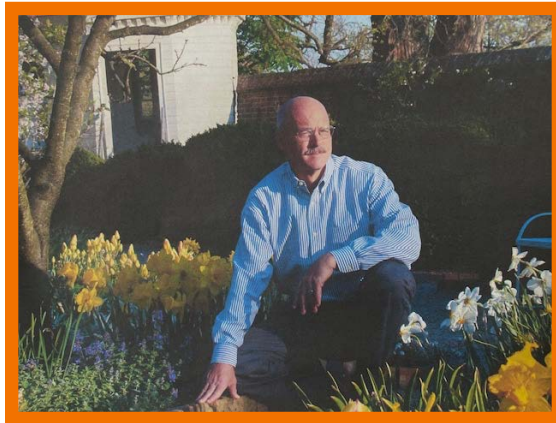
Looking further ahead, November will be All About Apples. We will be welcoming Tiare Gill from City Fruit, to showcase that remarkable organization and how our 2023-24 grant has supported their Master Fruit Tree Steward training program. Tiare will also introduce us to Apple Pruning: Why (or why not), When & How. Floral Design may share ideas for creating fruity harvest arrangements for the upcoming holidays. We'll top off the meeting with a presentation about French Cider by our own expert, entrepreneur Joan Harkins. As a prequel to November, we've arranged an opportunity to help City Fruit harvest apples at the Wallingford Good Shepherd Center's historic orchard. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for Thursday, October 17th from 10-noon for a fun and tangible way to give back to our community.

All in all, the Horticulture Committee will try to serve up interactive, practical, community-engaged programming as we move into this new era for Seattle Garden Club. We will tap into our grantees, our many lively committees and the passions and talents of our own members. Please help us deliver great programs by offering yourselves to one another as we deepen and expand our horizons in Horticulture. I look forward to working together to build up SGC's gardening spirit through the transformational year ahead!

Eliza Davidson, Horticulture Chair

Dean Norton, our guest speaker for the October 17, 2024 General Meeting

Dean is the Director of Horticulture for Historic Mount Vernon. He leads the restoration effort of principal gardens and overall landscape of the vast Mount Vernon estate. He is a renowned authority on 18th century gardening history and practices, and is a favorite ambassador for Mount Vernon. Dean has received awards for conservation from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the American Horticultural Society, and the Garden Club of America including their prestigious Elizabeth Craig Warner Proctor National Medal. He is an honorary member of the Garden Club of Virginia, the Garden Club of Providence and was recently awarded an honorary doctorate from Washington College. Dean serves on several historic property boards and lectures both nationally and internationally. Most recently, he was chosen by Presidential Appointment to serve on the Committee of the Preservation of the White House.



Guests are welcome!

Questions to Margi Allison

Dean Norton's visit is sponsored by the *Pamela Green Speaker Fund*.



Conservation



Christina and I (Beth) could not be more excited to Chair the Conservation Committee for the Seattle Garden Club over these next two years! We have just completed our provisional period and plan on bringing a lot of enthusiasm and interesting conservation programs to our Club.

Christina is a seasoned conservation advocate. She currently serves on the San Juan County Marine Resource Committee, the Northwest Straits Commission and the regional council for the National Parks Conservation Association. Christina enjoys exploring new parks; perhaps we can see a few with our members!

I am not a seasoned conservation advocate, but aspire to be one. I am more task-oriented. I am finding ways to reduce my family of four's footprint here in Seattle. There are so many little changes we can make that benefit our air, water and soil. Being cognizant of these small modifications in everyday living add up to impactful results...if we all work together. Christina and I

will share our helpful hints in making these changes, and ask for any ideas or practices you can offer to our members. Every little bit helps!

Our Conservation committee did a sensational job on the Flower Show highlighting Conservation Preservation and Sustainability. We have been asked to give quick updates on conservation issues at our general meetings and plan to showcase the work of our committee throughout the year, along with engaging educational tips and presentations.

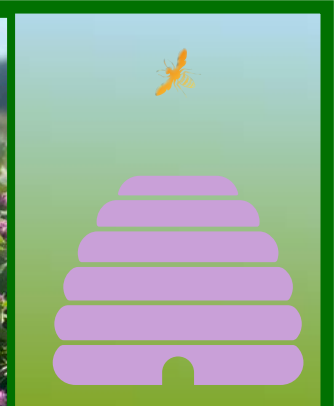
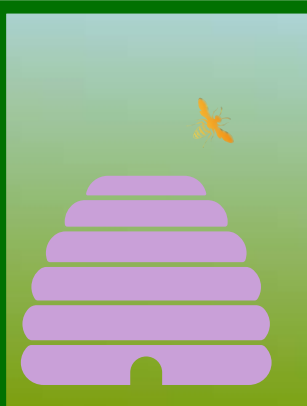
What we can promise is that each meeting will be fun, thoughtful and efficient. We hope you consider joining the Conservation Committee and look forward to seeing you very soon.

Beth Ketchum and Christina Koons

Conservation Committee Chairs



The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. Alfred Austin



Garden History & Design Corner (GH&D)

This year, the GH&D Committee will focus on the Smithsonian Community Gardens Archive and the UW Farm shown below will be one of our first projects.

More information is coming, but let Anne Dor know if you are interested in attending the joint GH&D Tacoma/Seattle Smithsonian workshop to be held on Oct 9th at the Sunset Club starting at 9:30AM.

GH&D presented a new club book about Vicki Reed's Smithsonian AAG garden at the Board cocktail party. A copy of the book may be purchased at cost for \$50. Send Anne Dor a check for your copy.



FLORAL DESIGN

Are you ready to **BLOOM**?

The Floral Design Committee members ("Fleurettes") are going to "Flower School!" Each month, we'll examine one Principle of Design and practice using it. Our lesson, comments and photos of our arrangements will be posted on the SGC website under the tab, "Fleurettes Study!" All are welcome to visit our page and participate. Our schedule will start with September – BALANCE, October – DOMINANCE and November – CONTRAST. Let's BLOOM!!

Any questions, contact Jill Crutcher.



Ways and Means

It's hard to believe it is already September and our 5th annual SGC Holiday Online Auction is only a few months away!

The Ways and Means Committee met in late August to start planning this year's auction.



**Be sure to mark November 21st from 5:00 -7:00 PM
on your calendars for the online auction and
December 5th for the
Holiday Luncheon at the Sunset Club.**

Thanks to our generous and wonderful members, last year's online auction was a huge success. Let's raise even more money this year for all the brilliant Community Projects that our amazing club members vote to support.

The online auction format will be the same as last year. We will provide instructions and information to make sure everyone has a smooth and fun online auction experience.

Angel donations can be made during the online auction or by mail.

Guests are welcome and encouraged to join both the online auction and holiday luncheon. We will be sending out an email invitation that you can forward to your friends closer to the auction date.

**We can't wait to share more information
with you soon!**

Marianne Kitchell and Stacey Campbell

Ways and Means Committee Co-Chairs

*Let's go
Seattle Garden Club!!!*





MEMBERSHIP



Do you know someone fantastic? Fun? Loves to work and learn alongside others? Interested in Horticulture, Conservation, Photography or Floral Design? Doesn't mind getting their hands dirty? We would love to know them too! Bring them to a General Meeting (3rd Thursday of the Month), or a work party (all are welcome), have them sign up and participate in our Auction on November 21st, and bring them to our Holiday Luncheon. They may feel we are just as fantastic as they are!

The Membership Committee is looking forward to the upcoming year and seeing the new member applications flowing in. Well, maybe not flowing, but landing in our hands by early December for consideration for the 2025/26 year. You can submit an application any time during the year. The deadline of December 13th 2024 is for consideration of the 2025/26 year.

There are several changes with the application process. Only two references are needed in addition to the Proposer and Seconder. Candidates for Provisional Membership shall be proposed and seconded by Active (after completing 2 years of Active membership), Sustaining and Non-Resident Members none of whom shall be members of the Membership Committee, relatives, or relatives by marriage. The Provisional tenure is now one year. The procedure is:

- Proposer – fills out, submits application and letter of recommendation
- Seconder – submits letter of recommendation
- Reference #1 – provides contact information on application
- Reference #2 – provides contact information on application



Our application form is available on our website under Members Home/Forms [SGC Membership Proposal Form](#) [select here](#) you can download it, enter the information, save and submit it electronically to me, Cathmueller@gmail.com, OR you can print and fill it out with a pen then mail it to me along with the two letters of recommendation .

We do like your fantastic someone to attend meetings and events so they can meet us and get a feel for who we are prior to submitting an application.

Please reach out with any questions.

Catherine Mueller
Membership Chair

Ah, September!

You are the doorway to the season that awakes my soil!

Peggy Toney Horton



IN AND OUT BOARD MEETING



SGC ANNUAL MEETING - SEATTLE TENNIS CLUB



[Select here for more photos](#)

The Seattle Garden Club Certificate and Medal Awards for Members 2024

The Seattle Garden Club Certificate of Merit
Margaret Allison



Margi

The Seattle Garden Club Bronze Medal
Sue Ashmun



Sue

The Seattle Garden Club Silver Medal
Caroline Goedhart



Caroline

The Seattle Garden Club Silver Medal
Elizabeth Woodside



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The Seattle Garden Club Certificate of Merit for Non-Members
Megan Black



Iris presenting to Megan

PROVISIONALS

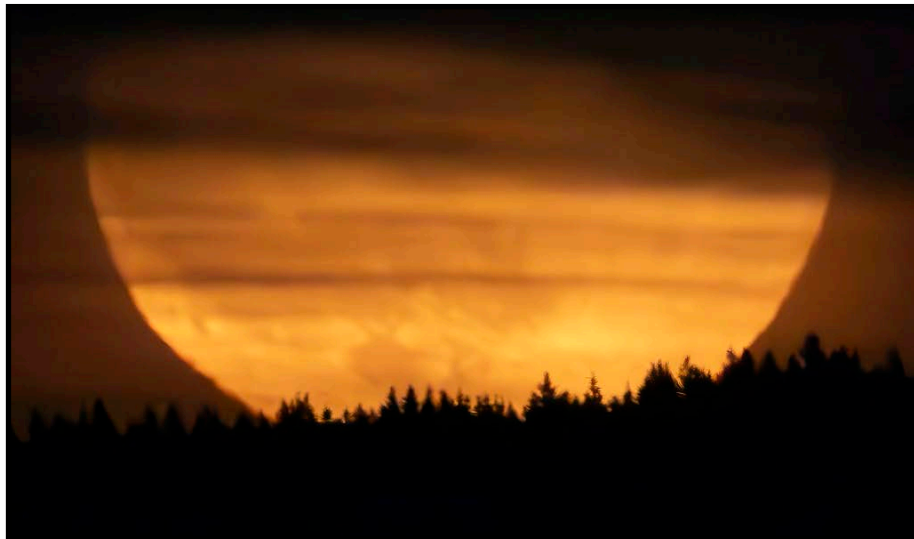
On July 15th, our 2024 Provisionals gathered for a morning tour of Sally Nordstrom's beautiful garden on Hunts Point. The tour began with a peek at the garden layout from an upstairs window as Sally explained how the landscape design evolved. After exploring her walled "secret" garden, the group toured the upper orchard before heading off to a fun waterside lunch in Kirkland. Sincere thanks to Sally for sharing her garden with our newest members. It was the perfect start to their Provisional year!

Marilee Ahalt & Jolie Roze - Provisional Co-Chairs



Left to Right: Bambi Goodhew, Mary Alhadeff, Shannon Hoffer, Jolie Roze, Sally Nordstrom, Betsy Hendry, Marilee Ahalt, Diana Stroble

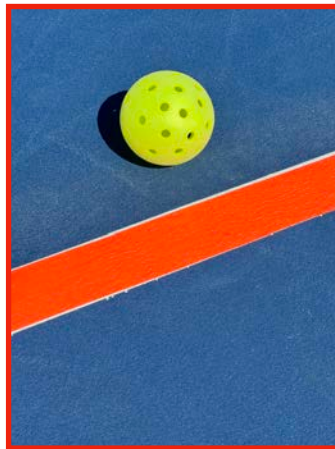
SUMMER SOLSTICE



"June 21st, Strawberry Moon Rise over Bellevue" By Kim Bishop



Saxe Pointe, Victoria, BC
By Catherine Allan



By Charlee Reed



By Joan Harkins



"Heading further north toward the Pole, Svalbard Archipelago, where the sun will never set this time of year." By Jenny Wyatt



Messing around
with boats. By ?



Desolation Sound
By ?

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Suzy's Dabob Bay Auction Event With Co-host Suzette



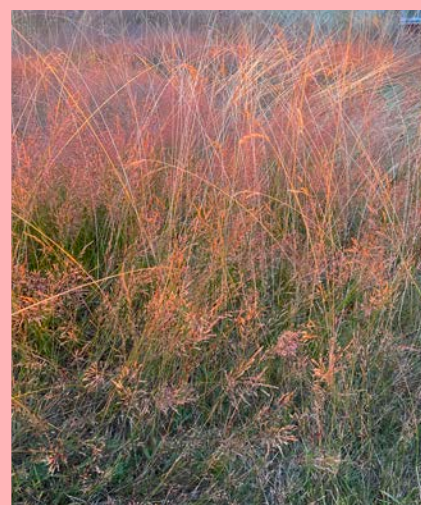
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I Meant to Do My Work Today

I meant to do my work today
But a brown bird sang in the apple tree
And a butterfly flitted across the field,
And all the leaves were calling me.

And the wind went sighing over the land
Tossing the grasses to and fro,
And a rainbow held out its shining hand -
So what could I do but laugh and go?

-Richard LaGallienne



FROM OUR GARDENS



Fern & Hosta
Suzette



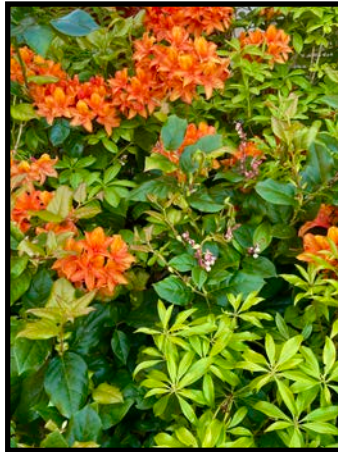
Astrantia & Paris
podophylla - Suzette



"Garden Snapshot"
Delphine Stevens



Silvespot's first bloom
on summer solstice
Kim Bishop



Exbury azalea, salal,
pieris japonica - Barbie S.



Fuchsia
Barbie S.



"My Back Porch"
Debby Smith



Special Geraniums
Edie Tennison



Vicki Reed's Corn Patch

IMPORTANT!!

Help make our meetings flavorful and beautiful, **please remember to sign up to bring snacks, coffee and flowers** to our meetings. Here is the link for signup Genius or go to the SGC website.

Thank you,

Peggy Paige Most - Hospitality Chair

Link: [Select here to sign up](#)



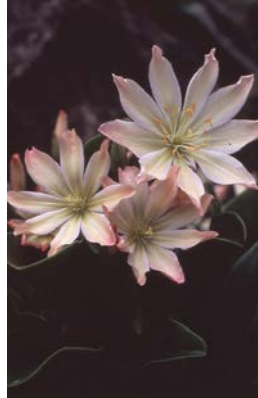
2024-2025 SGC Board Slate

President: Susan Potts
President Elect: Cindy Bostwick
Intermediate Past President: Peggy-Paige Most
Recording Secretary: Carolyn Whittlesey
Treasurer/Finance: Patsy Pattison
Corresponding Secretary: Helen Blair
Club Communications: Kim Bishop
Community Projects: Roxanne Wiley
Conservation: Beth Ketcham and Christina Koons
Floral Design: Jill Crutcher
Horticulture: Eliza Davidson
Meeting Arrangements: Peggy-Paige Most
Membership: Catherine Mueller
Nominations: Appointed by the President
Photography: Charlee Reed and Mary Turner
Program: Carlyn Steiner
Provisionals: Marilee Ahalt and Jolie Roze
Ways and Means: Marianne Kitchell and Stacey Campbell

New from the archives!

Slide scans from 1980:

[Endangered and Sensitive Species](#)



Slide scans from 1985:

[Floral Design and Hort Show at CUH](#)



Seattle Garden Club Event Calendar September 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 10AM - 1PM GH&D Meeting Delphine Stevens Home	5 10AM - 12PM Board Meeting	6 6PM Swiss Raclette party (Auction experience)	7
8	9	10	11	12 10:00AM - 12:00AM Ways & Means Committee Mtg.	13	14 6PM Japanese Tea House dinner(Auction experience)
15	16 10:00AM Floral Design Committee Meeting & Workshop	17	18	19 Fall Picnic at Ann Blume's	20 Newsletters Articles Due to Barbie Snapp at newsletter@seattlegardenclub.org	21
22	23	24	25 11AM - 12:30PM Membership Committee meeting 1:00PM - 2:30PM Horticulture Committee meeting	26 10:00AM - 12:00AM Ways & Means Committee Mtg.	27	28
29	30 10AM - 1PM Provisional Mtg - at Sunset Club					

It is not what you gather in life, but what you scatter in life, that tells the kind of life you have lived.

Helen Walton

submitted by Suzy T.