



GARDEN DELIGHTS

Issaquah Garden Club Newsletter—November 2007
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As winter approaches, now is a great time to keep in mind the tips for helping our feathered friends shared by our October speaker, Ann Kronenwetter. And don't forget the Anna's Hummingbird is resident year round in our area and will come to a feeder in winter. - Michele

BACKYARD SANCTUARY CERTIFICATION

One of the topics Ann Kronenwetter discussed, was the Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary program sponsored by the Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. At the program website you can find lots of information on creating wildlife habitat. There is also a downloadable application for certification of your yard as a Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary. Some of our members' yards are already certified and some members applied shortly after our last meeting. This is something many of us could do as individuals and it would be lovely to share what we are up to with other members. Please let me know if your yard is certified or if you plan to apply.

Please note that the WDFW website address has changed! It is not the one included in Ann's materials. The new program website is: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/backyard/>

BLUE STAR MARKER DEDICATION

The IGC Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker is ready for installation. The dedication ceremony will be held Monday, November 12, at the Issaquah Veterans Memorial Park and will complement the Issaquah VFW Veteran's Day ceremony. Ours will be the first Blue Star Marker located within East Lake Washington District and we are honored that WSFGC President Marva Lee Peterschick will participate in this event. Ann Chandler, former IGC President and longtime club member, now current WSFGC Corresponding Secretary, will

also join us for this long-awaited ceremony. (See Events on page 2 for specific details.)

GARDEN THERAPY

The Garden Therapy Committee is meeting at the Gardens of Issaquah nursing home on November 20th at 9:30 am for it's first work party of the year. IGC members will prepare centerpieces to adorn the residents' dining tables for the Thanksgiving holiday. Though the facility has changed over the years, our club has been providing this community service since 1985. The other holidays for which the committee prepares centerpieces are Christmas, Valentines Day and Easter. These decorations brighten the holidays for the residents And participating in a work party is a fun way to learn more about floral design and/or share your knowledge with other members. If you would like to be a part of this ongoing project, contact Chairman Jeanette Good.



Left to right: Members Jeanette Mahoney, Sandy Young, Joanne Dinken, June Ann Hassebroek, Garden Therapy Chairman Jeanette Good, Nam Kim, Marsha Trower and Jackie Maresca having a grand time at the 2006 Thanksgiving work party.

HARVEST BISQUE SOUP

Many of you raved about the wonderful squash soup brought to our October meeting by Sandy Young. You can find the recipe in the cookbook *Simply Classic* by the Seattle Junior League. If you don't already have this cookbook you might want to put it on your Christmas wish list. It is full of wonderful recipes besides this one!

GARDEN CLUB EVENTS

November 12th - IGC Blue Star Marker Dedication at Issaquah Veterans Memorial Park The Issaquah VFW ceremony will begin at 11:00 am and last about 30 minutes. After a brief break the IGC dedication will begin. Please arrive by 10:45 am so as not to interrupt the VFW ceremony.

Park in front of the Train Depot or in the Issaquah Valley Senior Center parking lot behind the building (which will be closed for the holiday). The Senior Center is located at 74 NE Creek Way (behind City Hall and the Train Depot - from Sunset Way, turn north onto 2nd Ave. and then left just after the park ends; go towards the train cars; parking is on the left). There is a walking trail between the building and the Train Depot or walk through the park. (cont'd ...)

GARDEN MEMORY

*One of my favorite garden memories happened when I lived in England. I was visiting Rosemary Verey's wonderful garden, Barnsley House in Cirencester, near my home in Chippenham. I was wandering around alone in this beautiful and tranquil setting and spotted several plants that I didn't know and wanted to identify. I had just noticed the most fabulous true blue flower I had ever seen when I looked up and saw a woman standing near me. I thought she might be able to help me so I asked her about the stunning blue flower. When she turned around I realized it was Rosemary herself. She told me the plant was *Salvia patens* and that the genus *Salvia* had some of the bluest flowers in the plant world. She was so kind; showing me around some of the garden and answering my excited questions with the patience of a gardener who loves sharing her world. That bit of information started a lifelong love affair with *Salvia*.*

Janel Garnett

Refreshments will be provided by Issaquah Garden Club. We will set up at 10:30 a.m. in the entrance to the Senior Center. We would appreciate members bringing 2 dozen plated cookies or bars (no cakes).

We hope to see you there! Any questions, please contact Chairman June Willard, at 425 746-5336 or jawillard@juno.com.

November 14th – IGC Auction!

We will be holding our annual fundraising auction at the November meeting. Please consider if you have quality items you can contribute. If you do, please bring them to the meeting. They need not be garden related. Bring friends and relations - the more the merrier! And bring your checkbook! 😊

The luncheon will be a potluck. Please bring a dish as indicated by your surname initial.

A – G: Salad

H – P: Dessert

R – Z: Main Dish

EDITOR'S REQUEST

With six issues of Garden Delights still to go, I am running short on garden memories. If you haven't yet done so, please send me your memory so that I may share it with the rest of the members.

