



GARDEN DELIGHTS

Issaquah Garden Club Newsletter—September 2007
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Greetings! I am “delighted” to welcome you all back to the garden club season.

- Michele

NEWSLETTER FORMAT

I will be doing something a little different with the newsletter this year. Email is now the primary way we distribute the newsletter, but it is hard to read anything lengthy on the computer. And I know that some of you cannot see the fancy formatting and pictures. So I will be keeping the emailed newsletter short and simply formatted. I will attach a more spiffy version with pictures as a PDF document for those who would like it. To view or print the PDF version you will need Acrobat Reader, which can be downloaded for free. I would appreciate your comments on this new arrangement. If it turns out that all members with email are able to view the PDF version either via the attachment or the website then I could switch to a single version (with a hard copy sent to those without email, of course).

WEBSITE

Speaking of the website, transferring administration of the website turned out to be a little more difficult than expected. It is finally up and running, though it is still rather spartan. Once there is more material posted, please let me know what you think of the new format and if you have any requests for content.

www.issaquahgardenclub.org

ECO-FRIENDLY GARDENING

TerraCycle is a brand of eco-friendly fertilizer available locally at Home Depot and Target. TerraCycle products are based on vermiculture compost (i.e. worm poop) from organic waste otherwise destined for landfills. On top of that

the products are packaged in garbage - reused plastic bottles. This spring TerraCycle was sued by Scotts who claimed, among other things, that the TerraCycle packaging confusingly conflicts with the Miracle-Gro® “trade dress”. Attempting to make lemonade out of lemons, TerraCycle has used the law suit as a marketing opportunity by playing up the David versus Goliath aspect. Maybe it is working. I for one had not heard of TerraCycle before, but I just went out and bought some of their product. As for the merits of the product or the law suit, I will let you come to your own conclusions. You can learn about TerraCycle at www.terracycle.net

[Please alert me to other stories that members might find interesting. Thanks to Martha Huey Franklin for this one.]

SUMMER GARDEN TOURS

We enjoyed three lovely garden tours this summer and our thanks to the hostesses: Barbara Reisinger, Janel Garnett and June Ann Hassebroek. I am sure all who attended are inspired to dig into their own gardens. I am!



Touring June Ann Hassebroek's garden.

GARDEN CLUB EVENTS

September 12th – First meeting of the season! Our program speaker will be Roy Oehler, Master Recycler and Composter and all-round gardener. Roy will teach us about improving our soil the natural way. Roy has been a valued volunteer at the Pickering Barn Community Garden and has recently come out of retirement to accept the staff position of Garden Keeper there. His lessons will be just in time for our fall maintenance.

The luncheon crew for the September 12th meeting is:

1. Dianne Tanner (lead)
2. DeeAnn Maher
3. Martha Huey Franklin
4. Janet Figgins
5. Georgina Eason
6. June Ann Hassebroek
7. Mary McConnell
8. Michele Peltonen

September 24th - ELWD General Membership Meeting, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Bellevue. Continental breakfast and two great speakers!

November 14th – IGC Auction! Start putting aside quality items to contribute.

May 3rd – IGC Plant Sale returns to the Saturday before Mother's Day. Save the date!

GARDEN MEMORY

Last but not least, a garden memory from one of our members:

"My fond garden memory is of a patch of Mammoth Russian sunflowers that I planted from seed in our yard in Denver. Some grew to be 10 ft. tall with stalks 2 inches in diameter. It was a jungle! The kids loved them. So did the birds!"

- Dona Pope

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fashion Show: September 15th, 11:00 am; fundraiser for the Issaquah Valley Senior Center; tickets \$15; fashions provided by Chico's, a nice lunch, entertainment, a silent auction and door prizes; for more information or tickets contact 425-392-2381 or 425-747-5989.

Lecture: September 29th, "Gardens of the Arts and Crafts Movement", speaker Judith Tankard, for information contact www.historicseattle.org or 206-622-6952

Plant Sale: October 20th, Washington Native Plant Society, Magnuson Park, Seattle, for information visit their website www.wnps.org

Free Plants: A local homeowner is renovating her garden. She has four *Escallonia*, some variegated *Vinca* and a few other things. All are free. Call Sara at 425-677-7330. Or if you have some 5 gallon pots let me know and maybe we could obtain some of the *Escallonia* for next year's plant sale.

Resource Conservation Office Update:

Sept. 8th - Fall Recycling Event, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Issaquah High

Sept. 13th or 20th - Salmon Watcher Training, for info www.dnr.metrokc.gov/salmonwatcher

Oct. 6th and 7th - Issaquah Salmon Days

Oct. 13th - Salmon Viewing Event, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Pickering Barn

For more detailed information visit the Issaquah RCO website: www.ci.issaquah.wa.us/rco

