



# GARDEN DELIGHTS

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Issaquah Garden Club

*“Clean air; bird song; fresh flowers; and the leaves  
unfurling on the twigs.”*

*Pierre D’Alverne, French poet*

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## *April Meeting*

*Wednesday, April 14, 2010*

After our business meeting, which will include the election of the slate of officers for 2010-2011, we’ll enjoy an informative program and slide show, “Vegetable Gardening—Getting Started; and Vegetable Gardening Made Easy,” presented by Master Gardener, Lou Spader.

Mr. Spader writes of his program: “As a Master Gardener I have found a way to share my knowledge and tips of vegetable gardening with others who have the interest and would like to be successful around Puget Sound. I will discuss the following topics: why is it important to have the knowledge; what to plant and when to plant. I’ll cover basic principals of vegetable gardening, We will talk about most vegetables giving extra time on potatoes and tomatoes.

“There will be many tips on how to be successful. You can’t have a harvest without planting and cultivating. I do encourage questions during and after the program.”

Following our program, we’ll enjoy luncheon provided by hostesses Jessica Liepins, and those who have signed up to bring dishes: Sally Cadranell, Rosemary Fahey, Joan Harris, Gail Holmstrom, Jackie Maresca, Frankie Mowers, Helen Smart, Dianne Tanner, Laura Walker, and Sandy Young. These ladies will be contacted about their contributions.

**Please remember to bring donations for the Issaquah Food Bank to our meeting. Your contributions are truly needed and much appreciated.**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear IGC Members,

As I look at our world...the changes in one day from rain, hail to sun in a matter of minutes, one wonders how our gardens are faring! New beginnings everywhere! The beauty of our flowering cherries, hellebore's, daffodils magnificent! Bulbs planted and now coming up! Can I remember WHAT they are supposed to be? Time to get ready to sow vegetables if you choose. So many are embracing the ownership of growing their own food. Think of just a few edibles in a pot or try a raised bed.

Earth Day, May Tea and the Plant sale will end our garden club year. Please become an active part in our education event by contacting Karen Lee, Support our Plant Sale by joining a potting party, starting you seeds and dividing plants to share. Read your newsletter and sign up at meeting for these opportunities. I hope all take part and enjoy the installation of our new officers at our May Tea. This is by reservation and sign up with Rita Hansen. If you have signed up she will be calling you. If you have not signed up, please call her.

Thank you....**Dianne**

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## 2010-2011 CLUB DUES

Our next Garden Club dues of \$25 cover the fiscal year 7/1/2010 through 6/30/2011. **Please bring your checks, payable to "Issaquah Garden Club" to our April meeting to give to our Treasurer, June Willard.**

Receipt of these checks in a timely manner will help to facilitate a timely transition of our financial records to the new Treasurer, following the audit by the Finance Committee.

## IGC OFFICERS FOR 2010-11

The Nominating Committee reports that no member has offered to run for the office of President of our Garden Club for the next year. As announced at the March meeting, the nominees for other offices are Laura Walker, for Vice-President; Lorraine Smith for Treasurer, and Cate Mueller, for Secretary.

Nominations will be taken from the floor if the nominee has consented to the nomination in advance. [See Bylaws, in Yearbook.]

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## IGS PLANT SALE

As reported last month, Joann Morgan has graciously agreed to open her property for our **Plant Sale, May 15**. Michele Peltonen has agreed to chair the organizational aspects of the sale. The time for the sale was set for 10 AM to 2 PM, with discussion of continuing the sale until 4 PM, if agreed upon and plants remain to be sold.

Cate Mueller will host a potting party at her home on **April 21**, time to be arranged at the April meeting. You may bring plants to be potted; pots and potting soil to be provided. Or you may bring already potted plants to be priced and labeled as necessary.

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## HUMMINGBIRDS

A quote to consider...**"Legends say that hummingbirds float free of time, carrying our hopes for love, joy and celebration. The hummingbird's delicate grace reminds us that life is rich, beauty is everywhere, every personal connection has meaning and that laughter is life's sweetest creation."**



## **Earth Day Exhibit & Celebration at the Issaquah Farmers Market on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Our club will participate at the Issaquah Earth Day celebration at the Issaquah Farmer's Market at Pickering Barn. We'll have a 10' x10' booth space in the Hay Barn, with a rectangular table and 2 chairs. The Market hours are 9 am to 2 pm. Laura Walker and I will set-up the booth at 8 am to start the Earth Day event. Dianne Tanner and Gail Holmstrom will represent our club from 10 am to noon. Then Cate Mueller and June Ann Hassebroek will take over at noon until 2 pm and take down our booth. Each of us will be available during our shift to answer questions and represent our organization.

Since this will be our only public display to solicit new members this year, we'll have our Membership poster on display and have the membership brochure available to give to interested people. I'll have a small display of growing vegetables in containers to encourage people to "grow their own," even if they have only a balcony or patio. We'll hand out free packets of seeds to booth visitors. Some of the seeds are from the "Plant a Row for the Hungry" national project so we'll encourage people to do just that. Most of those PRH seeds were donated to us by Hume Seeds. We purchased additional seeds from them.

We will have on display a large basket filled with gardening necessities for someone to "grow their own". The basket and contents will be the prize in a free drawing for booth visitors.

**Please bring to our April meeting** a new item for the basket if you have not already done so, something a new gardener could use or might enjoy. The basket already includes a gift certificate from a local nursery, a bag of potting soil, gloves and plant labels. Joann Morgan is making a lovely watercolor painting to fit in a picture frame donated by Dianne Tanner.

This event means a lot to me personally. I have been celebrating Earth Day since the very first one in 1970. The same goals for Earth Day have held true for 40 years - environmental awareness and conservation. At a conference in Seattle in September 1969, Senator Gaylord Nelson from Wisconsin announced that in the spring of 1970 there would be a nationwide grassroots demonstration on behalf of the environment and invited everyone to participate.

I was a freshman in high school in April 1970 and then Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey came to our school's general assembly to speak about Earth Day. In response, we formed an Ecology club at our school and named it CLEAN (Cooperative Learning about our Environment with Action Now). We read about a high school in progressive California who started something called a Recycling Center. We decided to do the same thing and became the second high school in the United States to organize a Recycling Center. It was such a success and we got so much publicity that other schools throughout the country were asking us how to start one, so we printed a brochure on how to start and operate a Recycling Center. We volunteered every Saturday, operating a Recycling Center on the school grounds where citizens could bring their glass, metal food cans and newspapers for recycling instead of throwing them away in the trash. We hand sorted all the materials and paid to have them delivered to various companies who used the materials to make new materials. They paid us by the pound and since we were unpaid volunteers, our ecology club made so much money that we were able to send donations to various environmental groups and we also started a scholarship fund. The following year we began rotating the Recycling Center duties every other week to other clubs in our school so that they could make money for their clubs (and frankly, we enjoyed having every other Saturday off). Several years later, the city shut

## **EARTHDAY, continued**

down our little Recycling Center, calling it a safety hazard and built their own Recycling Center, run by paid staff and making a profit from the start. Today, nearly every city in the country picks up our recycling from each residence and business. Isn't that amazing!

**Karen Lee**

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## **WSFGC DATES TO REMEMBER**

**April 13, WSFGC Washington Consultants Council Tour of Pacific Science Center, Seattle.**

**April 22-24; 2010 Pacific Region Convention, "Near Nature, Near Water." Spokane. Red Lion Hotel, Inn at the Park, Spokane.**

**April 27-29 Gardening Study School Series**

**April 29, Capitol District Flower Show**

**May 10th Seattle Civics' Gardener of the Year Garden House Tea \$15. Reservations taken after APRIL 1ST**

**JUNE 10-13 WSFGC 77th CONVENTION, Marriott Hotel, Tacoma.**

Please check out the latest issue of [Smoke Signals](#), for more information.

## **IGC IN THE COMMUNITY**

We had our last session of making centerpieces for the Issaquah Therapy and Rehabilitation Center on March 31. These had an Easter theme with pastel colored Easter baskets and pink and yellow mums and white baby's breath. Karen Bukantz brought some pussy willow from her garden and we thought they looked very nice. Joanne Morgan made pastel bows for them and Nam Kim helped us with the design.

**Jeanette Mahoney**

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## **WONDERMENT**

[After our excellent program about butterflies, last month, Helen Smart told me about a fascinating book she'd read about butterflies. I asked her if she could write us a review.]

"Twenty thousand dollars, delightful, beautiful, fragile and hidden away in private collections or in a drawer in some archives. The conservationists, breeders, federal government, and criminals all coveting the beautiful butterfly—with the government tracking the black-market dealers who take rare species from protected areas.

The Dangerous World of Butterflies, written by Peter Laufer, PhD, leads him on a quest for butterflies from the moment he is intrigued at a gathering of butterflies to a breeder's home in Central America. As you read this delightful book, your eyes will be opened to the dangerous world of butterflies."



*Issaquah Garden Club  
General Meeting  
March 10, 2010*

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM by President Dianne Tanner. Dianne began by giving an over-view of her President's message in the March issue of Garden Delights, and reading a poem, "Spring Miracles," about the beginning of blooms. She welcomed guests, Joey, Joanne Dinken's grand-daughter; Janet Comerata, Sylvia Watson and former member, Joanne Westveer.

It was moved that the Minutes of the February 10 meeting be approved. This was seconded and approved by vote.

Pennies for Pines: Issaquah Garden Club has the option of planting two trees in honor of someone. After discussion, it was agreed that the trees would honor Agnes Schmoe and Ruth Morgan.

Michelle Peltonen spoke of her Email regarding the care packages of personal items being prepared for military personnel by the Redmond VFW. Michele will pass on items donated by club members.

Michele also stated that she would sell raffle tickets at the end of coffee break. The first person whose ticket was chosen would have first choice of eight raffle items.

Dianne reminded members to make contributions to the Food Bank, and noted the "Sharing Table," where donations might be picked up.

Gail Holmstrom noted that the first day that was sunny, she would go to the Historical Museum to work.

Jeanette Mahoney stated that the Issaquah Care Center had been giving IGC a special room on the first floor to make arrangements. She stated that IGC volunteers would meet on Wednesday, March 31, to make fourteen arrangements for Easter.

Karen Lee stated that the City of Issaquah had offered IGC a free booth for the Earth Day celebration at Pickering Barn on Saturday, April 17, 9 AM to 2 PM. **A motion was passed to participated in the Earth Day celebration.** Members were asked to bring items for a gardening basket to be raffled at our booth.

Approval of the Plant Sale, tabled at the February Meeting, was discussed. After offering possible venues, it was agreed to have the sale at Joann Morgan's on May 15. It was further noted that everyone who brought plants would take home their own plant that didn't sell.

The Nominating Committee, Jeanette Mahoney and Gail Holmstrom, announced the slate of officers for 2010-2011: Laura Walker had accepted nomination for Vice-President, and Lorraine Smith had accepted nomination for Treasurer. Cate Mueller would run for continuing as Secretary. No member had volunteered to run for President. The slate will be presented and voted on in April.

Dianne announced Gala, on March 15, in support of the Headquarters House, and our involvement with the Hellebore Tea on March 14, in support of Lake Wilderness Arboretum. She also announced that she had received the Spring bulb offer from "Flower Power." She stated that no summer garden tour was planned but that we have an opportunity to form trips to Kruckeberg Garden or Lakewold Garden.

Michele Peltonen suggested that we "Go Green," by bringing our own mugs and/or our own cutlery to future meetings.

Karen Lee was complimented for the luncheon centerpiece.

Following the raffle, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 AM

Submitted by Cate Mueller, Secretary.

## PLANT SALES

**April 18 Sunday**, 10 AM to 3 PM: Northwest Perennial Alliance, North Seattle Community College, indoor.

See: [http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/member\\_plant\\_sales\\_spring.php](http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/member_plant_sales_spring.php)

**May 1 & 2**, Master Gardeners' Plant Sale and Learning Fair, Center for Urban Horticulture. 8 AM to 5 PM on May 1; 10 AM to 3 PM on May 2

**May 2, Saturday**. 10 AM to 3 PM: Highline Sea-Tac Botanical Gardens, featuring Puget Sound Daylily Club, King County Iris Society, Puget Sound Fuschia Club and Seattle Rose Society.

**May 7 & 8**, 10 AM to 6 P M, Lake Wilderness Arboretum.

[http://lakewildernessarboretum.com/arboretum/daily\\_events.asp?dd=7&mm=5&yyyy=2010](http://lakewildernessarboretum.com/arboretum/daily_events.asp?dd=7&mm=5&yyyy=2010)

**May 15, 10 AM to 2 PM (or 4 PM, if plants remain): ISSAQUAH GARDEN CLUB**

**May 22**, Seattle Tilth Sale at Pickering Barn



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