



GARDEN DELIGHTS

Issaquah Garden Club

“Autumn the bringer of fruit has poured out her riches and soon sluggish winter returns.”

Horace, Latin poet

December Meeting

December 12, 2012

We've invited Michael Aguilar, Certified Professional Horticulturist, who works at The Grange Supply, here in Issaquah. As a CPH and licensed dealer of pesticides, Mike takes continuing education courses throughout the year to learn of new developments and legal requirements.

He brings in an interesting array of landscape plants and gives helpful information about gardening and landscaping. He'll speak to us about drought-tolerant plants for our area and techniques to reduce our watering needs, giving us an outline handout.



Please try to arrive at 9:45 for our December meeting. This gives us all a chance to greet each other and have a beverage before the official start of our business meeting at 10 A.M.

Please note the alphabetical distribution for our potluck, stated on page 2.

Don't forget your contribution for the Food Bank! We gave 32 pounds of food at the November meeting. (See article on page 6.)

And don't forget to bring your table setting! (See article on page 5.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*THE ONLY GIFT IS A PORTION OF
THYSELF*

*THE GREATEST GIFT YOU CAN
GIVE ANOTHER IS TO ALLOW
THEM TO BE THEMSELVES*

*JOY TO THE WORLD,
THE LORD HAS COME!
LET HEAVEN AND NATURE SING*

These quotes are from a little calendar with quotes for each day. They seem wonderful messages for this Holiday Season.

Our club is fortunate to have such talented, caring and giving members.

Blessings to each of you and yours.

Take Care,

June Ann Hassebroek

GARDEN THERAPY

Thanks to members who helped create our beautiful Thanksgiving floral designs November 21: Karen Bukantz, Joann Morgan, Joan Harris, Dianne Tanner, new member Shirley Herman and me. And to Cate Mueller who helped me cut greenery in the cold rain; then clean, bundle and recut them indoors. The surprise was that only 13 dining tables were set up...not the usual 17; I verified the number of designs needed...we finished early! We also made a design for the front

entry room table.

Please call me or sign up at December's meeting to help make centerpieces Friday, December 21.

June Willard, Chairman
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OUR DECEMBER MEETING

At our November meeting, we discussed the potluck luncheon adopting the following distributions of dishes all members will bring: **A-G salad; H-P dessert; and R-Z main dish.** The luncheon crew, tasked with receiving the dishes, serving the dishes and cleaning up afterwards, will consist of **Sherran Whatley, Cate Mueller, Joanne Westveer and Sylvia Watson.**

We also discussed ideas for the meeting, one of which was exchanging books on design or gardening or nature poems. Each member who brings a book, may choose one from the selection provided.

We're all asked to wear **red or green clothing** to the meeting, and if desired, to incorporate plant material in our attire. Those who wish to do so might read favorite short Christmas poems.

Your Officers have arranged for each member to receive a small holiday gift at our December meeting. This is a token of our acknowledgement for the amount of work members have done on projects, as well as the time and effort that have gone into providing us with tasty lunches and handsome centerpieces. And to contributing to the Food Bank, as well.

WSFGC HOLIDAY SHOW “Celebrate”

Those of us from Issaquah Garden Club who attended the Holiday Show on November 8, commented on the artistic designs, horticulture, and educational exhibits contributed by garden club members throughout the state.

Your editor was sent a selection of 164 pictures taken at the show by Charlene Trent-Lewis. The whole array will be projected or shown in some manner at the December meeting. The following are a few of the highlights from the show.



Two views of the table winning the Award for Design Excellence, given to Rhonda Parmenter. Rhonda won an award last year, too.

KAREN LEE'S AWARD-WINNING NECKLACE

Many of you know that Karen won the top Artistic Crafts award and a blue ribbon at the 2012 WSFGC Holiday Show for her fabulous maple/seed necklace. Your editor asked Karen to write about creating her necklace: :

I started working on the necklace on Sept. 28, the day that I signed up to enter it. I went outside and picked the smallest Japanese maple leaves that were left on my tree, it wasn't much because most of the leaves were too big. Then I went online to learn how to use glycerin to preserve leaves. Due to collateral damage during the entire crafting process, I ended up with exactly 9 leaves and that is how many are on the necklace! Isn't that amazing? I finished make the necklace the evening before entering it.



PICTURES FROM THE HOLIDAY SHOW



Winner, "Cookies for Santa"



Winner, "Masquerade"



Winner, "Circle of Joy," Candle Wreath



The top Creative Design award, "Our Heritage," won by Diana Franchini



Winner, Illuminary Design, "Holiday Glow."



Winner, "Our Family," an all-fresh traditional design.

FOOD SERVICE AT THE MANOR

Reusable Food Service Ware – Green and Festive!

As our December meeting approaches, this is just a quick reminder to bring a mug, plate and cutlery for the luncheon each month. Not to worry if you forget, we always have disposable service ware available for you to use. But bringing our own is an easy way to uphold our environmental objectives and a great way to make our luncheons more festive. ☺

When it comes time for clean-up, keep in mind that all of our brown disposable service ware (including the brown plastic cutlery) is compostable. So be aware of the different bins and please put all food scraps, dirty napkins and compostable food service ware in the green compost bin.

Please do not put any food scraps or food soiled service ware, or other non-recyclables, in the blue recycling bin. That messes up the works. So when in doubt, use the grey garbage bin.

This month, as an extra incentive, we will have a special door prize. Everyone who brings their own mug, plate or cutlery will get a ticket to the drawing.

Bon appétit!

Michele Peltonen, on behalf of the
Kitchen Supplies Committee

WILLOW GARDEN PROJECT

Fall/Winter is the best time to transplant shrubs and trees and plant most potted plants. Smaller groundcover plants could probably be planted in the spring.

The difficulty is predicting a good weather day soon enough so that we can fit it into our busy schedules. Janet Wall will set up a group email list of IGC members who have helped with the Willow Garden in the past. If the weather predictions are for a stretch of good weather, Janet will send an email alert one or two days in advance to those people, then whoever is available can help me move and install plants. People that are interested in helping who haven't helped yet this year, should contact Janet Wall by phone or email if would they would like receive the short-notice email about a planting work party.

BETTY ZINK MEMORIAL

Issaquah Garden Club contributed \$50 toward an ad in the National Convention booklet. Our contribution was put together with \$145 from other sources, and ELWD contributed the last \$5 toward the ad.



SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE FOOD BANK

The Food Bank has listed items especially needed this season: canned vegetables, canned chicken, canned tuna and salmon, harvested fruit, peanut butter and jelly, dehydrated fruit, banana chips, spaghetti sauce, cooking oil, nuts, raisins, cereal, eggs, juice, and dehydrated pinto beans.

Other needs include new toys, baby formula, baby wipes, and diapers sizes 6-8, toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothpaste), laundry soap, dish soap, new socks and underwear, cleaning products, camping equipment, tarps, rain gear, and tents.

While you're gathering your donations to bring to our meeting, please keep these in mind. If you have never done so before, you might wish to view more information on the website: <http://issaquahfoodbank.org/>.



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**This month: Michael Aguilar,
on drought-tolerant plants**

