



# GARDEN DELIGHTS

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## Issaquah Garden Club

"Celebrating our club's 85<sup>th</sup> Year..."

*"To be a good gardener one must not only love flowers, but hate weeds." — from the 1957-1958 Yearbook*

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## December Meeting December 11, 2013

### JAPANESE FLORAL ART WORKSHOP

December is a time for giving. Giving the gift of skills for a beloved passion is what you can look forward to at our December meeting. Around the world, the love of flowers and designing with them brings universal joy. As a group experience, each of us will create a simple design to take home for the Holidays. The style is influenced by the simplicity and reverence for life taught with the Oriental flower arranging techniques.

The Mini-Ming bowl container, a kenzan for mechanics to hold up the plant materials, as well as all the lines, flowers and leaves, will be provided for each person at half the actual cost. Please bring a **check for \$5**, clippers that can cut wooden branches and a small old hand towel to protect the table where you work. We will have only five places at each table with at least one member at each table who has arranging experience to help you enjoy the process.

This is just a simple beginning to what may lead you to a grand new study of this ancient, beautiful and practical art—a gift to be enjoyed for a lifetime. ...June Ann Hassebroek

We will have a **potluck lunch** at the December meeting. Names have been divided as follows: Last names beginning with **A thru J will bring salads**; last names **K thru S will bring main dishes**; last names **T thru "Wat..." will bring dessert**; last names beginning **"We..." through Y will bring morning/coffee treats**. Rolls and butter are already planned. Those helping on the kitchen crew will be Joan Harris, Cate Mueller, Loretta Rodni and Joanne Westveer.

Our Garden Vignette this month will be presented by Joan Harris.

### **Don't forget your donations to the Issaquah Food Bank this month!**

Our members donated thirty-seven pounds of food at the November meeting. The Food Bank personnel noted that they could use canned protein, such as canned tuna or peanut butter, especially for winter. They can use empty egg cartons, too.

**And please don't forget to bring your utensils, cup, plate and napkin to our meeting.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### A DAY TO REMEMBER 85th Anniversary Celebration

Our gala event was such a special day! We owe a great big thanks not only to the talents of the Chairman, Karen Lee, but also to our outstanding "Tea Party" specialists, Rita Hansen and Jessica Liepins and their luncheon crew. They amaze us not only with delightful food they donate and organize but with dozens of gorgeous hats all sparkling on Jessica's tall hat stands. All the hats and fancy dress worn by members made it a meaningful day.



Lenda Sundene's picture of the cake table with one of Jessica's hats on a stand

Our gratitude is over the top for Karen Bukantz and her sister for providing the linens, china and flat ware for our celebration. The attention to details of lemons in the water pitchers and carafes on every table were appreciated. The lovely leaflet created by Sandy Young was a keepsake. The real surprise treasure was the pin with our new logo that Karen Bukantz provided to everyone.



Karen Lee's picture of one table before the celebration began...

It was such fun that not only the committee members, but also each arriving club member pitched in to help set up the tables, and unpack my china cups and saucers to go at each place setting. The eight unique tea pots Jessica donated were filled with very creative design centerpieces made by generous members. The lucky eight that got to take them home were delighted.



Lenda's pictures of four of the arrangements made in Jessica's tea pots

Everyone was delighted with the upbeat message and amazing pictures presented by Erica Maniez of the Issaquah Historical Museums. One highlight was learning that the IGC Yearbooks protected and shared by June Willard were used in Issaquah History searches. It made us proud to see how our garden club fit into the building of this town. It also brought home the truth of saying our club has been "serving our members and community for 85 years."



Karen Lee's picture of our speaker, Erica Maniez

A special thanks goes to June Willard for providing historical documents and to Dianne Tanner for educational displays telling all of us the great accomplishments working with youth.

Having Past IGC President (1980-82) Ann Chandler come all the way over the pass from Soap Lake was fun. I believe ten Past Presidents as well as some other members from past years were in attendance. It was great to be honored by the presence of guests, Officers from our District, State and Regional levels of garden club, and by Pickering Farm/

Seattle Tilth's Falaah Jones and by Alan Haywood, a longtime partner of IGC attending representing City of Issaquah.



Lenda's picture of our bountiful tea/luncheon table.



Karen Lee's picture of: members at our food table



Karen Lee: Karen Bukantz cutting one of the celebratory cakes.

Blessings to all of you who attended and helped. What an outstanding example of team work!! Remember to wear your IGC logo pin with pride... maybe on your coat collar as a reminder of this DAY TO REMEMBER.

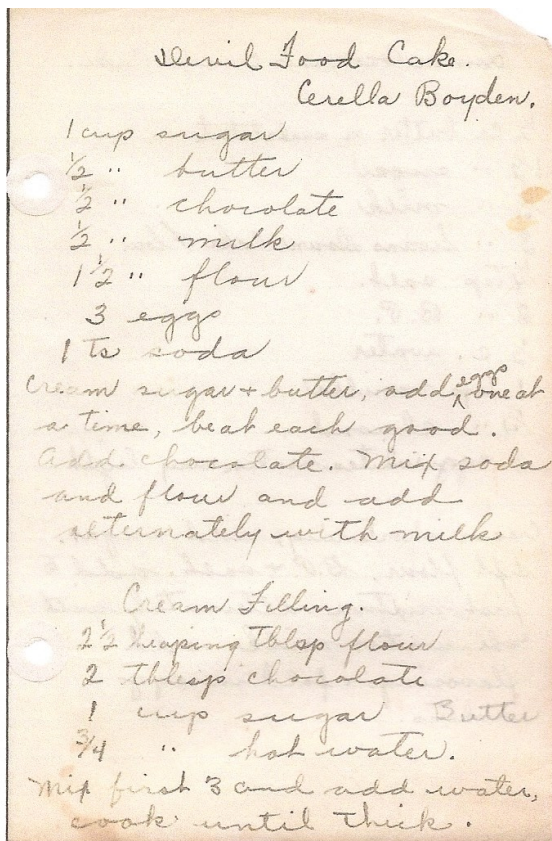
**June Ann Hassebroek**

## “DEVIL FOOD CAKE”

Erica S. Maniez has sent us the chocolate cake recipe she mentioned during her talk at our celebration, November 13. Here’s what she wrote Lenda:

“The recipe for Cerella Boyden’s cake is attached – the big challenge is the lack of specific baking instructions, since baking a cake in that era was much more “loosey goosey,” and you couldn’t set a specific temp on the stove.”

Erica added: “Cerella Boyden was born in 1894, and married in 1925, so I would date the cake recipe to the 1925-1935 era.”



## Recipe for Cerella Boyden’s “Devil Food Cake”

- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup butter
- ½ cup chocolate
- ½ cup milk
- 1 ½ cup flour
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon soda

Cream sugar and butter, add eggs one at a time, beat each good. Add chocolate. Mix soda and flour and add alternately with milk.

### Cream filling:

- 2 ½ heaping tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons chocolate
- 1 cup sugar
- ¾ cup hot water

Mix first three and add water, cook until thick.

## 67th HOLIDAY SHOW

The Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs presented the 67th Annual Holiday Show, “Winter Dreaming,” on November 6 and 7. Several members of Issaquah Garden Club, including two fairly new members, attended the second day, riding in June Ann’s car pool. They had time to get to know each other as well as June Ann, Joanne Dinken and Sally Cadranel. June Ann, Lenda Sundene and Peggy Abernathy all submitted their impressions of the Holiday Show:

“Everyone seemed to be really enjoying the event. It is always fun to be with people attending their first big flower show. The displays were creative and the educational exhibits were better than usual with multiple levels and bold print. In fact, all of the show staging was a tad more creative with acrylic riser boxes to add interest and lots of blue fabric and white painted trees to set a nice mood.

“Most fun was having Marianne Wilkins win a blue ribbon for a terrific design and also top award for a collection of evergreens! [We were sad] that Janel once again won 2nd place for her functional buffet table. [It] was absolutely grand, unique and glorious... It was scored above 95 points so that is some consolation. Functional Buffet tables are about the biggest challenge of all. So many components to carry and coordinate.



Karen Lee's picture of Janel's table

“We stayed at the show until it was getting pretty late. No one seemed in a hurry. [It was] nice for Lenda and Peggy to get acquainted. ... Joanne, Sally and I read every Judges’ comment on the entry cards and really took our time going over the methods, and selection of components...good sharing time...” **June Ann**

“Fabulous Holiday Show. I highly recommend it to all our IGC members. Since it was the first Holiday Show I have ever attended, I was overwhelmed. The location was convenient to get to and the hotel was most accommodating. This is a ‘must do!’”  
.....**Lenda Sundene**

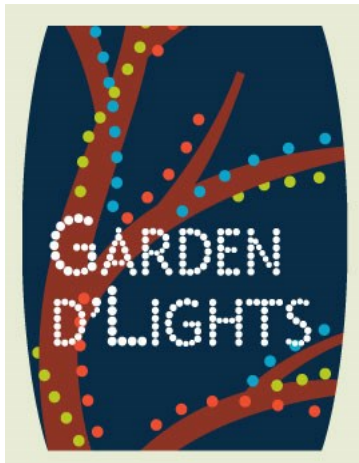
“To say that I was OVERWHELMED would be an understatement. Thanks to June Ann who took her time to explain the Judges’ comments to us newbies. With her vast knowledge and judging skills it became clearer to me. She reminded us that the awards were the opinion of the judges—which helped explain my idea of first place versus the judges’ opinions.”

## GARDEN D'LIGHTS

June Willard reports that she and Bill attended the Bellevue Botanical Garden's light preview on November 24..."It's their **best** display ever." She hopes that a lot of us will attend, this year.

Tickets are \$5 and are not required for children 10 and under. Tickets may be purchased and printed on the website at <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/prodInfo.asp?pid=129&cid=2>  
Free nights are: December 2, 3, 4, 5 and December 9, 10, 11 and 12 .

For information, call 425-452-6844. During construction, park in the Wilburton Hill Park parking lot at the intersection of 124th Ave NE and Main St. The best route is NE 8th St to 124th Ave NE heading south. Walk about one-third of a mile and enter the garden through at the back gate of Yao Garden via the Lake-to-Lake Trail; look for signs in Wilburton Hill Park parking lot.



## SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR

A new tradition begins this year with the first parade of boats decked out in holiday lights on Lake Sammamish, **5 PM, December 7**, at Lake Sammamish State Park beach. The rain date is Dec. 8.

For more information, go to the website: <http://www.issaquah360.com/christmas-boat-parade-on-lake-sammamish>

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June Ann has forwarded this from John Scheepers Kitchen Garden Seeds

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## THE POWER OF PLANTING

Encourage your family and friends to garden with seeds and flower bulbs. It really is easy magic. For the coming holidays, you can give favorite packets of vegetable, herb or flower seeds; magnificent Amaryllis and Paperwhites; or gift certificates. These simple gifts are hopes and prayer for bountiful gardens and life's goodness and beauty. You may order our seeds online at Kitchen Garden Seeds. The 2014 *Kitchen Garden Seeds* catalog will be available around January 14th while the website will be ready December 11th. Our wonderful Amaryllis and Paperwhite bulbs are available through both Van Engelen and John Scheepers (there are still some outdoor bulbs available in our End-of-Season Sale too). You can always call us for personal assistance Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You can email us at [customerservice@kitchengardenseeds.com](mailto:customerservice@kitchengardenseeds.com) or call us at (860) 567-6086. Lance Frazon, our seed specialist, is happy to help you in any way possible. He loves to talk seeds.



## JUNIOR GARDENERS — GIRL SCOUT CLUB

On November 6, our second Junior Gardeners group, a Girl Scout troop, participated in a “Design in a Coffee Mug” session, facilitated by Dianne Tanner with June Ann Hassebroek’s help and plant materials donated by June Willard and Karen Bukantz. The meeting included a discussion of plant conditioning as well as of elements and principles of design, with receipt of a printed reading assignment.



This is one of several projects the Girls Scouts are completing to earn a special patch, the National Garden Clubs Native Plants Patch. The sixteen girls have already planted a native garden at their elementary school, taken a class on care of the environment and will tour the native garden at Issaquah Historical Museum and the native garden and organic gardens at Pickering Barn in the Spring.



## PRUNING CLASS IN JANUARY

Alan Haywood is offering a free pruning class at Squak Mountain Nursery on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 10:30 AM. It is advertised in the nursery flyer, as well as on their website, [www.squakmtnnursery.com](http://www.squakmtnnursery.com). The class will last about two hours and questions are welcome throughout the class. Alan will stay as long as it takes to answer questions after the class too. No registration is required. Attendance usually ranges between 50 and 100 people.

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## 2014 HELLEBORE TEA

Maria Van Zanen of Late Bloomers Garden Club wrote your editor on November 14 to announce the Hellebore Tea, to be held on **Sunday, March 9, 2014**. She stated, “ We like to have most of our table hostesses by January. Please consider supporting the Lake Wilderness Arboretum by being a table hostess this year. The ticket price will be the same as last year, \$15.

“This is always a fun event and an important fundraiser for the arboretum. It's not too hard to do—kind of fun, really. Sell your 10 tickets, set the table with your dishes, or have your guests bring their own, or share this job with one of your guests, and bring six dozen special tea treats. We have only 24 tables and we almost always fill up, so I'm hoping you will participate to help make the 2014 Hellebore Tea the best yet!!”

Your editor hopes we might discuss participation during the coffee break at next week's





Here are two shots taken of those who attended our 85th Anniversary celebration on November 13, 2013. The first was taken by Falaah Jones, and the second, by Tibbett's Creek Manor personnel.



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