



GARDEN DELIGHTS

Issaquah Garden Club

God gave us our memories so that we might have roses in December.

James Matthew Barrie, Scottish novelist



December Meeting

December 10, 2014, 10:00 A.M.

“Magic Tricks with Wreath Making”

At our meeting this month., we'll have a demonstration of wreath and swag making by three of our members, **Karen Bukantz, Joanne Dinken and June Ann Hassbroek**. They will be working with fresh greens, grape vines, and pine cones in their creations. **There is no need for you to bring your supplies to this meeting.** Just come enjoy the educational tips and tricks in using these materials for your next fun holiday project. Please bring a friend to share this demonstrated wreath information.

Following this, we'll enjoy our **potluck luncheon**, for which you are each requested to bring a dish and the necessary serving utensil. Names have been divided as follows: last names begin with letters A through D should bring main dishes; E through K should bring salads; L through M morning/coffee treats, and P through Z desserts. We'll share in the clean-up of both the demonstration and the luncheon. (Volunteers for the clean-up crew for this luncheon is listed on the next page.)

Don't forget your cup, plate and utensils!

**And don't forget to bring your donation for the Issaquah Food Bank!
We donated seventy-five pounds of food at our November meeting!**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

December greetings!

Well, my tree is UP!!! And the 16 large plastic bins that contained all the fixings are back in the storage shed. I love to see all the twinkling lights—the beauty of it—dare I say magic—uplifts my heart, so I leave it up until the end of January. Yes, my tree is now artificial. Even the noble firs, the kind of tree I used to buy, had it tough staying up until the end. I'd like to think my allergies do better with the artificial tree.

This week I trimmed some of the holly trees at my mother's, so she could enjoy the sight of holly leaves and berries up close and personal. Those flower arranging classes that June Ann has been teaching have really paid off with the arrangements generated at Thanksgiving and decorating for Christmas. Yea, June Ann!

I developed a new recipe at Thanksgiving. I prepared the whole meal at Mother's, but I couldn't find dressing in the stores. So I made it from scratch from 2 different recipes. It turned out with more liquid, so I was calling it a dressing soufflé. It tasted pretty good. I'll see if I can figure out what I put in it.

Happy Holidays!

Joy

DECEMBER'S LUNCHEON

Karen Bukantz will be our Hostess this month. The crew assigned to help Karen are Marietta Hunziker, Karen Lee, Cate Mueller, and Sylvia Watson, but all members are asked to share in set-up and clean-up for the luncheon.

PLANT THERAPY AT ISSAQUAN NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER

On **Tuesday, November 25, 2014**, the following IGC members met at the Issaquah Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to create twenty Thanksgiving centerpieces: **June Ann Hassebroek, Shadi Wang, Joan Harris, Joanne Morgan, Karen Bukantz, Sherran Whatley and Dianne Tanner.**



Picture by Dianne Tanner

GROWING GREAT GARDENERS

Displayed below are the new books purchased by IGC for classroom use for our Growing Great Gardeners program at Issaquah Valley Elementary School. We have once again registered 92 students as a junior gardening club, sponsored by IGC. We have already used the books Pumpkin Jack and From Seed to Pumpkin for our October classes, in preparation for our pumpkin harvest. Purchase of these books will enhance education for our "Super Seeds" and "Insectomy" class on good bugs, bad bugs. Those of us who work with the students in the garden and classroom thank IGC members for the ongoing support.

Dianne Tanner, IGC Youth Chair



IGC FLOWER ARRANGING CLASS

In response to requests, June Ann Hassebroek held a second flower arranging class on November 19 at Issaquah Library.

She reported that the class was a lot of fun, saying further "I believe everyone learned...including me. The creative students included Shadi Wang, Jean Pass, Karen Bukantz, June Beckerman, and Joan Harris. June Ann is pleased that those who attended asked for continuing classes.

She demonstrated construction of the quick mass designs that we create for the Issaquah Nursing Center. She also showed various mechanics and tips that help with this arranging process.

Below is a flower and vegetable design June Ann brought to the class. The arrangement contains three long purple eggplant for the line, purple onion, purple cauliflower and Brussel sprouts wired into a "bunch" to cascade over the front edge. All softened with autumn colored mums. The greenery is Oregon Grape.



June Ann repeated material members learned last summer: how to make a "Simple as One, Two Three" with each unit holding one line, one flower form and filler. As a variation, June Ann placed each unit in a different bud vase and then setting the three vases together as a completed unit arrangement. Those present created a "Simple as One, Two, Three" design using the small bowl to take home.

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL

Chinook District will be sponsoring a new Flower Show School in 2015, in the Kent, WA area. Esther Banholzer is the chairman for the four courses starting with FSS I April 14-16, 2015. Details are being finalized as of this writing, more information coming soon.

[June Ann advises that this is probably the closest the school will be to us in a long time.]

NEW CLUB PROJECT

You are reminded that we have begun collecting gardening tips and recipes for the Club cookbook, called “Good Gardening and Good Grub: 85 Years in the Issaquah Garden Club.” Joy has asked that you send these to her at: jackley602@aol.com

[You might submit the recipe for the dish you’ll be bringing to our pot luck next week. I’ll submit mine, “Dixie’s Mystery Beans.” You won’t believe how simple and how tasty it is—at least, it was, the last time I made it!]



GARDEN D'LIGHTS 2014

Tickets for Garden d'Lights are on sale NOW!

Garden d'Lights runs from November 29, 2014 through January 3, 2015 every evening from 4:30 - 9:30 pm, including holidays (last entry at 9 pm).

Be assured of getting into the event by purchasing your ticket online at

<http://www.gardendlights.org/>.

Tickets are date specific and space is limited. Tickets are \$5.00 per person (children 10 and under are free and do not need a ticket or a reservation).

HELLEBORE TEA 2015

We have been contacted by the Maria Van Zanen of Late Bloomers Garden Club: “The Hellebore Tea is scheduled for March 8, 2015. As 2015 is the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Arboretum Foundation, we are hoping to make the Tea extra special by including as many supporters and friends of the arboretum as possible, and hopefully making some new ones.” You may remember that we decided not to attend the Tea last March.

The tickets for the 2015 event will be \$18. To participate as a club would entail “selling your 10 tickets, setting the table with your dishes and centerpiece, and baking 6 dozen 1-2 bite savory or sweet tea treats (all one kind, a variety is not necessary).” We’ll discuss this at our meeting next week.

PICTURES FROM THE 2014 WSFGC HOLIDAY SHOW

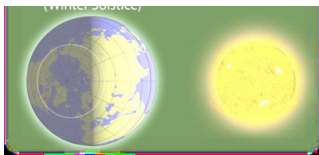
Our President, Joy Jackson, very kindly provided pictures that she took at the Holiday Show, “Holiday Jewels,” held on November 5 and 6. Your editor selected those she liked and/or that won prizes—truly difficult to chose—and fairly subjective.



FORCING BULBS IN A POT

Select a shallow 6” ceramic pot and fill the bottom with an inch of gravel. It may be necessary to place a crock or large rock over the hole in the bottom of the pot. Next, fill the pot with moist potting soil.

Place your bulbs in the soil mix, leaving just the tips exposed. A good rule of thumb is 15 crocuses, 6 tulips, 6 daffodils, or 3 hyacinths per six-inch pot. After you’ve finished planting the bulbs, place the pot in a cool place. A refrigerator works great for this. [Or an unheated garage.] After the bulbs have been cooled for about six weeks, remove the pot. Place the pot in a sunny, warm location and keep the soil moist but not wet. In a few weeks the bulbs should start growing.



Winter Solstice
Longest night: December 22

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