



# GARDEN DELIGHTS

## Issaquah Garden Club

a 501c3 not-for-profit organization

*"The flowers of late winter and early spring occupy places in our hearts well out of proportion to their size."*

*Gertrude S. Wister, horticulturist, author, and consultant*

## February Meeting

**February 10, 10:00 A.M.**

### Magic in Floral Designs



The picture is "Treasures of the Sea," an underwater design, a photo entered in the state holiday show. The orange is coral painted (belonged to Nola Emrick, one of our early District Directors who belonged to IGC).

Our speaker, **Lana Finegold**, began teaching floral design in 1973. She has become a Master Flower Show Judge, Master Landscape Design Consultant, Master Environmental Studies Consultant, Master Gardening Study Consultant. She currently serves on the National Garden Club Board as "Multiple Refresher Chairman," overseeing symposium educational content for these courses. Lana is Past President of Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs, and is currently serving as Historian and Environmental Studies Chairman. She has taught Floral Design at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show on the DIY stage for twenty years.

June Ann Hassebroek wrote about our speaker: "Lana has gardening and designing credentials to fill this page. But it is her love of teaching that will fill your heart. Her talents and enthusiasm will answer questions for the beginning arranger. It is her way of expressing the art of interpreting a story with a flower design that will entertain and inspire the most advanced designer. Lana expressed the plan for the program so well, **'MAGIC is the theme. Now you SEE it' is the lesson. That is what design is; the ability to see and create.'**"

**Please don't forget your donation for the Issaquah Food Bank!**

For specific items that are needed for "Lunch for the Break," see the website, <https://www.issaquahfoodbank.org/lunch-for-the-break>

You are asked to bring your donations in substantial paper bags, such as Trader Joe's bags.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The Calendar tells me it's February, but the temperatures and today's sunshine don't agree. It was so nice, Ron and I went walkabout in Woodland Park Zoo. It was great observing the new shoots coming up—the hellebore flowers, the daffodil shoots—it reminds me that I've got to try to get those spring bulbs in the ground! When I brought them home it was cold and rainy, and so unappealing to put them in the ground. I still haven't bought my tickets to the Flower and Garden Show yet—I ended up going three times last year, and brought home more than I ever anticipated. I'm looking forward to hearing all the instructive things that Lana Feingold always shares. And if I'm going to try to get plants to grow for the plant sale, I better get on the stick. **Joy**

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## **PLANNING FOR 2016-2017**

**“For the common good, all must participate.”**

Some of our newest members have already volunteered for jobs this spring and for the coming year: Debbie De-Filipps is manning our IGC website, and Gloria Woo is our new PR and “Meetup” site administrator. More members are needed to help with the work of our club. Not only must we learn and share what we've learned; we must take an active part in the projects and obligations of our club. If you're unsure what is needed, see pages 9 and 10 of your Yearbook.

## **HORTICULTURE THERAPY**

Please note on your calendars that the Valentine's Centerpieces at Issaquah Nursing and Rehabilitation will be made at 10 A.M. on February 11. Our meeting is the day before; please take the time to let Karen Bukantz know that you'll be helping. This project is well worth your involvement.

## **FEBRUARY LUNCHEON**

Our hostess for the luncheon on February 10 will be Peggy Abernathy. Those bringing dishes will be Chong Chancellor, Janel Garnett, Joy Jackson, Joanne Morgan, Cate Mueller, Jean Pass, and Shadi Wang.

## **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 11 AM**

Meet at Issaquah Valley Elementary School — South Gardens. Bring pitch forks, shovels, pruners and hand tools.

We will turn cover crops in all gardens and cover with plastic to help warm soil for March, when our little gardeners work compost into their beds. We will also clean the “Good Bug, Bad Bug” garden beds. School volunteers will also be on hand, so this should take no longer than one to one and a half hours. Many hands make speedy work!

**Please sign up at our February meeting.**

## FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

The **Northwest Flower and Garden Show** will be held **February 17-21**, at the Washington State Convention Center, located at the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and East Pike Street, Seattle. [Your editor has found that the easiest way to get there is to take the Sounder Express bus #554 to a stop near 4th and Pike, walk down the street to the intersection with Pike and three blocks up to the Convention Center.]

The theme this year is “**America the Beautiful.**” Visit the website for all sorts of information about the demonstration gardens, the seminars, the vendors, how to buy tickets, and blogs, that give you even more information, including information especially for “first time goers:”

<http://www.gardenshow.com/the-show/>

Tickets are available at: The Grange Supply, Squak Mountain Greenhouses and Nursery, Bellevue Botanical Garden-Trillium Store, Bellevue Nursery, and Marenakos, Inc. Tickets may also be purchased on line, but have a \$.99 fee attached.

Seminars are free with your NWFGS ticket; you’ll need to queue up early to attend each seminar.

As in previous years, Ginger Knutsen will again be looking for Garden Club members to man the WSFGC Booth. A free pass is offered for the day you help. Please contact Ginger at [ginger-knutsen@msn.com](mailto:ginger-knutsen@msn.com) if you would like to sign up, and receive a free ticket for working two hours in the state booth.

## ELWD GENERAL MEETING

On **February 22**, our East Lake Washington District will hold the second General Meeting of the 2015-2016 year, at St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church, Eastgate. Registration for the meeting will be held at 9 A.M. The meeting will begin at 10 A.M. The registration fee, for lunch and two programs, is \$10. You may pre-register in advance, on a clipboard available at our meeting on February 10. If you wish to register separately, you may email Joyce Voldal at [javoldal@hotmail.com](mailto:javoldal@hotmail.com), by Thursday, **February 18**.

If you sign up but don’t attend the meeting, you will be asked to pay \$15. This charge was imposed last year, to defray the food expense and other problems caused by people pre-registering and not attending,

The horticultural program will be given by Tristan Herberlin, landscape designer. His topic will be “Gardening and the Five Senses.” The horticultural program will be given by Betty Burkhart and Marian Nancarrow, WSFGC gardening consultants and flower show judges, well-recognized for their floral design. They’ll create six table designs, demonstrating use of form, line and texture.

Lunch will be provided by Pine Lake Garden Club; raffle items will be contributed by Valleyvue, Terra Tillers and Willowmoor Garden Clubs.



## GALA XXXVIII

The 38<sup>th</sup> Gala of WSFGC, to benefit Headquarters House in Seattle, will be held **March 21**, at the Red Lion Hotel, Olympia. The theme this year is “Experience the Unexpected!” The Designer is Shane Looper, from South San Francisco. In addition to her program, lunch, a silent auction, and a workshop, there will also be a vendors’ room. Tickets, cost \$40; tickets for the workshop by Ms. Looper, on leaf manipulation, 4 to 6 P.M., are \$30, but space at the workshop is limited. As of Monday, January 21, tickets were still available. Contact ticket chairman Ellen Williamson. (See page 15 of Washington Garden & Design, for more information.)



## 2016 STATE CONVENTION

The WSFGC Convention, “Imagine That!”, will be held **June 7-10** at **Embassy Suites Hotel, Eastgate**. Plans for the convention, hosted by our district, are in progress. Each club will be asked for a monetary contribution and to supply two people to give out tickets at one of five meals and additional people to place table favors.

Volunteers will also be needed to man an information desk and help with other duties.

The speakers at the meals have been set; there will be three workshops offered as well as a self-guided tour of Bellevue Botanical Garden and a tour at Snoqualmie Falls. Various favors will be given at each meal; floral designs by the designers guilds will be featured on lunch and dinner tables. There is a vendors’ room; and hospitality room with no-host bar each of the three nights of the convention, which culminates in an awards dinner and reception honoring the NGC President. On Friday Morning, there will be a meeting featuring a skit for the 2017 Convention.

Club members are encouraged to go to convention, even if only for a dinner and design workshop. Registration forms, with registration fees, will be available in the next issue of Washington Garden & Design (formerly Smoke Signals). The price per room per night at Embassy Suite is \$169 for four people, which includes free parking; a free, made-to-order breakfast; and two drinks at the no-host bar each evening. Should you wish to add another person to your room, there will be a \$15 charge to do so, The registration deadline will be **May 17**.

Should you wish to help on Convention planning, the next meeting of the Convention Committee will be held **February 19** at the Redmond Library at 10:00 A.M.





## BEES

“Bees are undoubtedly the most abundant pollinators of flowering plants in our environment. The service that bees and other pollinators provide allows nearly 70 percent of all flowering plants to reproduce; the fruits and seeds from insect pollinated plants account for over 30 percent of the foods and beverages that we consume. Beyond agriculture, pollinators are keystone species in most terrestrial ecosystems. Fruits and seeds derived from insect pollination are a major part of the diet of approximately 25 percent of all birds, and of mammals ranging from red-backed voles to grizzly bears. However, many of our native bee pollinators are at risk, and the status of many more is unknown. Habitat loss, alteration, and fragmentation, pesticide use, and introduced diseases all contribute to declines of bees.

The Xerces Society advocates on behalf of bees. “We are working with scientists and citizen monitors to understand the status of declining bumble bees and other rare species. We also work with lawmakers on legislation that encourages pollinator-

friendly habitat restoration. Xerces Society staff consult with farmers, homeowners, and land stewards to restore the landscape for the benefit of bee pollinators.”

Visit the Xerces Society website at  
<http://www.xerces.org>

[Xerces Society prints interesting articles about the effects of pesticides. Here’s the first paragraph of an article last November, to whet your appetite: ]

“Pesticides have been used to control insects for millennia. We know that the ancient Romans burned sulfur to kill insect pests; centuries later, in the 1600s, people were using a mixture of honey and arsenic to control ants. By the end of the 19th century, U.S. farmers were employing a variety of toxic chemicals to control pests, including copper acetoarsenite (known as Paris green), calcium arsenate, and nicotine sulfate.”

## ALAN HAYWOOD

Mr. Haywood, who spoke to us in November, now has a website:

<http://www.haywoodarborist.com/contact.html>

with information about his background and his business, and on which you might contact him for all sorts of assistance. Here’s information in a nutshell:

### Haywood Arborist & Horticulturist

PO Box 1086  
 Enumclaw, WA 98022  
 email: alan@haywoodarborist.com  
 office phone: 360-802-0891  
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## **GROWING GREAT GARDENERS KICK OFF TO SPRING**

Classes for all first graders at Issaquah Valley Elementary have started!

On January 26, 20 parent volunteers met for program orientation. These include returning mothers from years past who now have another first grader, and two fathers! On January 29, 15 parents met at the garden shed to find and review the items they will need to bring into the classroom and a tour of the garden. Introduction took place and a discussion about “Your Healthy Garden. . .What Does it Need?” Leaders are in place and ready to read Jack’s Garden, and do a “show and tell” of garden tools. Students will then complete the “Garden Tool Mix Up” worksheet. Next, they’ll fill a four-cup measure with fruit and vegetables, talk about daily nutrition, and students will complete a worksheet, “My Plate,” by drawing their favorite foods on a balanced four-unit plate. A short walk outside to visit their garden site ends the first class.

In the coming months first graders will work in their gardens and classrooms to learn about “Super Seeds,” “Rockin’ Roots,” “Stellar Stems,” “Wonderful Worms,” “Good Bugs and Bad Bugs” and “Leaves” and ending with a Spring Harvest: a Salad Bowl Celebration with parents invited.

Issaquah Garden Club members make this program possible by supplying classroom and garden supplies and by the garden work parties! Thank you all for supporting our next generation of gardeners.

**Dianne Tanner, Chairman**

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