



GARDEN DELIGHTS

Issaquah Garden Club

*Gardening is a habit of which I hope never to be cured,
one shared with an array of fascinating people who
helped me grow and bloom among my flowers."*

Martha Smith, Beds I Have Known, 1990

JANUARY MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2011

Our program this month will be presented by a volunteer from Seattle Tilth. The subject will be **“Choosing the Right Plants for a Beautiful, Trouble-free Garden.”**

When adding trees, shrubs, and other ornamentals to your garden, it's important to use the “Right Plant – Right Place” maxim in your decision-making process. This workshop will teach you how to get to know your site, create a garden plan, choose appropriate plants, and give them a good start with proper planting and mulching techniques. It will include a PowerPoint presentation and free printed information.



Seattle Tilth inspires and educates people to garden organically, conserve natural resources and support local food systems in order to cultivate a healthy urban environment and community. Their vision is to transform the NW region into the organic gardening capital of the world.

Following our program, we'll enjoy a luncheon provided by hostess Sandy Young, and members who have signed up to provide dishes: Martha Huey Franklin, Joan Harris, Nam Kim, Joann Morgan, Laura Walker, Janet Wall, Sylvia Watson, Sheran Whatley, and June Willard.

Please consider bringing your own cup, napkin, and utensils to our meeting! (See the article, “Raffle Reinstated,” on the third page for more information.)

And please remember your contribution for the Issaquah Food Bank. (In December, we collected 110 pounds of food, just as we had in November.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that all of you who attended the December meeting had as good a time as I had! Our day could not have been nearly as enjoyable without the planning and work of our super-duper Vice-President, Laura Walker. I also thank those who brought our table arrangements, worked in the kitchen, and all who contributed dishes and gifts for the exchange. And I've heard from several members how special our program presented by Pat Roome was, and how much they learned. I certainly did.

There were a few glitches in our gift exchange, but nothing that can't be remedied next year—if we decide to continue this. Laura's "right-left" poem certainly made the exchange lively and hilarious.

My gratitude goes to all of you for your support and participation in Garden Club activities during the first half of this Garden Club year. I look forward to our working together during 2011 to make our club and its projects even better.

Cate Mueller

Please enjoy these pictures taken at our December meeting, by Rosemary Fahey.



Laura Walker explains the gift exchange.



Janet Figgins chooses her gift as Jackie Maresca and Karen Lee look on.



Rita Hansen chooses her gift.



Joanne Westveer, Audrey Ellingsen, Jean Pass, Joann Morgan, Martha Huey Franklin, and Sandy Young at their table.

RAFFLE REINSTATED

The EAT Committee will have a report for you at the January meeting. In the meantime, we wanted to give you a heads up that we will be bringing back a club raffle – with an ecological twist. There will be one raffle prize (which will not be costly but which we hope will appeal to all the members). But raffle tickets will not be sold. Instead, a raffle ticket will be given to each member who brings their own mug or cutlery. We hope this will be a fun motivation to get us in the habit of bringing our own reusable food service ware.

So remember – bring your mugs and cutlery sets to the January meeting. If you'd like information about how to prepare a simple travelling cutlery set like I have, please feel free to phone or email me.

Wishing you all a prosperous and low-waste year in 2011!

**Michele Peltonen-
Chair, Environmental Action Team**

THANK YOU LETTER

You may remember that Issaquah Garden Club members approved as part of our 2010-2011 budget, a contribution of \$500 for the "Growing Young Gardeners Program." A check for \$300 of this money was given to the Chairperson of the School Gardening Committee of Issaquah Valley Elementary School PTA, last month. Dianne Tanner, Committee Chair for our outreach program has received a letter thanking IGC for our \$300 donation to the PTA. A copy will be available at the January meeting.

PLANT THERAPY WORKSHOP

On December 21, June Willard and her assistants met at the Issaquah Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to complete seventeen arrangements for the Christmas dinner and general enjoyment by the residents during the holiday season. Members participating included Audrey Ellingsen, Joann Morgan, June Willard, Art Wight, and Sandy Young.

There will be a clipboard with sign-up form for the February workshop available at our January meeting. Please consider participation in creating the Valentine arrangements.



Pictures taken by Sandy Young—the reason she doesn't appear.

ELWD HAPPENINGS

February 28th, Monday - ELWD General Membership Meeting

The General Membership Meeting will begin at 9:30 AM at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 2650 148th Ave SE in Bellevue (near Mormon Temple). Besides the election of officers for the next term, we have a design program presented by Fanny Lau. She will provide us with an introduction to Ikebana history, the history and philosophy of the Sogetsu School followed by six Ikebana demonstrations. We will also have a flower show, "**February Frolic.**" Entry time for exhibits will be 8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

March 14, Monday - GALA XXXIII

The Gala, held at the Marriott Seattle Airport Hotel, at 3201 S 176th St, is a special luncheon and design program to support WSFGC Headquarters House (also known as the Garden House). Doors open at 10:00 am for the sales room and for viewing invitational designs. Lunch at noon will be followed by the program and auction. Tickets are \$40 for the lunch and program. This year it features the famous Tony Todesco.

Contact Lana Finegold at 425-747-5742 or lanafinegold@msn.com for tickets or further information. Lana Finegold reports that there are still seven seats open at a third ELWD table at the Gala as of December 29.

ISSAQUAH HISTORY MUSEUMS PRESENT: PRESERVING YOUR PAST

On Saturday, January 15, the Issaquah History Museums will present Preserving Family Photos and Heirlooms. Learn about the basics of preservation and how they apply to your own personal artifacts. The workshop will include hands-on demonstrations and the opportunity

to brainstorm solutions to your preservation challenges. Attendees will also receive a copy of "Preserving Family Heirlooms and Photographs."

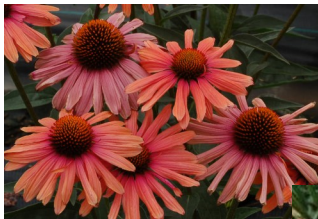
The workshop will be presented by Collections Manager Julie Hunter and Museum Director Erica Maniez. Together, Julie and Erica have more than forty years of museum experience.

The program starts at 11 AM at the Issaquah Depot Museum (50 Rainier Boulevard N), and will last until approximately 12:30 PM. This program is FREE, and open to the public.

Please call the museums for more information (425-392-3500).

FLOWER CATALOGS

It's the time of year when flower and seed catalogs begin to arrive in our mailboxes. In fact, January has been named "National Mail-order Gardening Month" by the Mailorder Gardening Association, your headquarters for gardening by mail. What's great about perusing flower catalogs at this time of year is seeing all the wonderful pictures. In gardening, a picture truly is worth a thousand words. This is a chance to review new varieties that won't appear for months and months in the Garden Centers. Having a catalog in hand gives one a chance to study each plant with its particulars, and make choices, if only "wish for's" for our spring and summer gardens.



Echinacea
"Mama Mia"

Rudbeckia
"Cherry Brandy"





The 2011 Northwest Flower and Garden Show
is coming
February 23 - 27, 2011 to the Washington State Convention Center

Tickets are now available at The Grange Supply, local nurseries and on-line.

Prices: Early Bird \$16.00 (must be purchased by February 22, 2011, to receive discount); \$20.00 beginning February 23.

Youth (13 to 17 years) \$5.00

Group Tickets (20 or more) \$15.00

Twenty-two groups of garden designers and landscapers will be creating dramatic show gardens, most using a beloved book or fairy tale as the source of their inspiration. The show gardens are the heart and soul of a world-class garden show, and the Northwest Flower & Garden Show, now in its 23rd year, is pulling out all the stops to produce **“Once Upon a Time...Spectacular Gardens with Stories to Tell.”**

Those of us who visited **Judith Jones’ “Fancy Fronds,”** last summer will be interested to learn that she will again be collaborating with **Vanca Lumson**, of **ALBE Rustics** to create a garden at the show. Their next garden will be based on the beloved masterpiece, *The Wind in the Willows*, by Kenneth Grahame. They will be creating a scene of Badger’s wild woods, with Portly Otter’s rain garden swale, and a meadow gracing Toad Hall. And Judith and Vanca, along with the **“Slightly Askew Troupe”** will also be creating a madcap musical for the **Sprout Stage** to entertain children, called **“The Riverbank Adventure.”**

There will be 125 gardening seminars, including one by Lana Finegold presenting “Novel Ideas..Create Budget-Friendly Floral Designs,” on Thursday evening at 7:15 on the DIY Stage. Seminars will be given in four new rooms at the Convention Center. Since the seminars are in new, larger rooms, passes for seminars will not be required, but try to arrive at the seminar site a half hour before the seminar starts.

For day-to-day information about the Show, please check out the NWFGS Blog site: <http://www.mygardenblogs.com/NWblog/> for all sorts of interesting information about the gardens planned for the show, the seminar presenters, and even including recipes.

This year, WSFGC will have two adjoining booths, one entitled “Grow With Garden Club,” and the other, “Celebrate At The Garden House.” As usual, there will be a need for hosts to welcome visitors to our booth as well as designs to be displayed on pedestals. Host schedules are 9 am – noon, noon to 3 pm, 3 – 6 pm and 6 – 8 pm (except Sunday). Please contact Ginger Knutsen at: gingerknutsen@msn or 206 362-2525 to help at the WSFGC educational space.



“First Breath of Spring,” the 2010 show-stopping blooming display by the Flower Growers of Puget Sound--as seen on the blog.

HELLEBORE TEA

On Sunday, March 13, the Late Bloomers Garden Club will sponsor the 8th annual Hellebore Tea, their fundraiser for the Lake Wilderness Arboretum. Issaquah Garden Club has received tickets for two tables seating ten each at the Tea. To date, members have signed up for nineteen of the twenty places available at the tables. **The tickets will be sold at our January meeting.** Your President will appreciate it if you could give her \$15 cash for each ticket; however, she'll accept checks, made out to "Catherine V. Mueller," especially if you're buying multiple tickets. (She'll arrange to have one cashier's check for the full amount drawn to Late Bloomers Garden Club .)

Specific information about the tea will be forwarded to attendees at a later date. To summarize, each table is responsible for providing any desired table runner, a centerpiece, six dozen individual food items (half to be shared with other tables), a teapot, coffee pot, sugar and creamer set, serving plate or dishes for food items, and a place setting for each guest to include a dessert or salad plate, a cup and saucer, silverware and napkin. Additional optional items include place mats, place cards, party favors, and small baskets for new and used tea bags.

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