



GARDEN DELIGHTS

Issaquah Garden Club

*"A piece of the sky and a chunk of the earth lie
lodged in the heart of every human being."*

Thomas Moore

January Meeting

January 14, 2015, 10:00 A.M.

"Magical Plant Sale Social"

A Tea Party

We are having a social time this month. This will be an opportunity for us to get to know each other, and particularly for us to get to know our newer members.

We should make plans for our annual Plant/Bake Sale, our one revenue-making venture for the year. By brainstorming together, we'll come up with new plans for publicity and organization. Perhaps we'll discover unknown talents to enhance our project. So, please come prepared to contribute to our discussion.

Don't forget your cup, plate and utensils!

And don't forget to bring your donation for the Issaquah Food Bank! Items particularly needed are: cereal and toiletries, including toilet paper. Also needed are: diapers sizes 4-6, baby formula, flour, sugar, cooking oil, rice, dehydrated beans (pinto), fresh produce, pasta, snacks for children's lunches, evaporated milk, and canned fruit. Please remember that families in crisis means pets in crisis – with a desperate need for pet food, too.

At the December meeting, members donated 110 pounds of food.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

For those of us who were raised in California, it's always a struggle to get out of bed for the 8 am start of the Rose Parade, especially after playing ukuleles at a friend's house until the wee hours. Flipping between NBC and ABC, with constant checking on the Spanish Channel 29, Univision, trying to by-pass all the commercials and promos for new TV shows, and keeping the eyes open. But I can't miss it. And this year they managed to mention all the flowers specific to Hawaii. One thing I found interesting was the use of horses to indicate that someone had died. The Grand Marshall, Louis Zamperini died two months after being selected. A white riderless horse was lead in his honor. That was also true for someone in the Buffalo Soldiers unit. I wondered if they followed the old custom of having the stirrups reversed.

What did I get my 98-year-old mother for Christmas? Well, it's not Christmas without a box of See's Candy, a favorite with Californians. And Trader Joe's had amaryllis, upright and ready to bloom. Perfect!

January's meeting will be the tea party. I'm sorry I won't be there--Ron and I will be on the west side of Vancouver Island, at Ucluelet--the middle of no-

where. I'm anticipating bad weather, so I'll have my computer with me to write on my science fiction book, and I know that Ron plans to bring the ukuleles. Maybe some DVDs might be a good thing. No gardens to visit at this time of year.

I know we will need to get busy with sprouting seeds for the plant sale, helping Growing Great Gardeners, locating garden tips and recipes for the cookbook, and pulling together a nomination committee. Are we going to have things to do! Setting up for the magic of Spring. See you in February.

Joy

JANUARY TEA/LUNCHEON

Gail Holmstrom will be our Hostess this month. Those who have volunteered to bring dishes for our coffee break and luncheon are **Fay Cawley, Georgia Cone, Carol Eldridge, Audrey Ellingsen, Janel Garnett, Cate Mueller, Jean Pass, Michele Peltonen, and Janet Wall.**



For our newer members...perhaps you haven't heard...the statue of the "Garden Lady" in front of Tibbsett's Creek Manor was a gift from Issaquah Garden Club.

**Good Gardening and Good Grub:
85 years with
the Issaquah Garden Club**

I came up with this project because I was so impressed with the kind of food we are treated to at the monthly luncheons of the IGC. There was so much diversity!

I didn't realize that we didn't have many records of the years that went before. Some of the ladies who have been in the club for a long time may have been collecting recipes from their friends who used to belong to the Garden Club. I heard rumors that a cookbook was started once, but the recipes involved are among the missing. I have a couple of cookbooks from other local clubs that contain recipes of Betty Zink and my mother Lorene Jackson, both ladies once with IGC, so I think it would be interesting to include those.

Because we are a gardening club, it would seem reasonable to have a section devoted to gardening tips, maybe separated by seasons. So far, we have 2 recipes for that section. If you don't consider yourself a cook, how about sharing gardening tips? When do you do all the thousand and one things to get your garden in tip-top shape?

I would like to have this ready to publish and sell by the May Plant Sale. It might be hard to accomplish that soon. January and February are months when we have more time, before we spring into action with our gardens. If everyone could have a look in their papers from the past, and their recipe cards, and envision past information and gatherings. I'd like to know more about all those years and folks from the past. What worked and what didn't, so

we don't try that again.

This could be a book to be proud of. We could have this be an historical record of what we once were and are yet again.

Below is a listing of recipes that have made their way to me. I know these are going to be just the tip of the iceberg. Everyone has stories, memories of great recipes, good times. We need to share these with each other, and the Good Gardening and Good Grub is the perfect opportunity.

IGC recipes so far: Jan 1 2015

Soups: Squash soup: Joanne Westveer

Cookies: Biscotti: Joanne Westveer; Joanne's oatmeal cookies: Joanne Westveer; Kolaches: Gail Holmstrom; Lenda's Bon Bons: Lenda Sundene; Dream Bars: Audrey Ellingsen

Entrees: Pork Tenderloin: Joanne Westveer

Desserts: Raw Apple Cake: Joanne Westveer; Rhubarb crisp-: Joanne Westveer; Buttermilk pumpkin pie-- Gail Holmstrom; Cranberry Raspberry pie-: Gail Holmstrom; Apricot Surprise: Audrey Ellingsen; Yummy Chocolate dessert: Audrey Ellingsen; Lemon Sponge Cake: Audrey Ellingsen

Vegetables: Baked Corn Casserole: Gail Holmstrom; Green Rice Casserole: Audrey Ellingsen; Chile Relleno Casserole: Audrey Ellingsen

Joy Jackson



GARDEN THERAPY

On December 22, members of our club met at Issaquah Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to create floral arrangements for the Christmas season. Those who helped were Karen Bukantz, Chong Chancellor, Joan Harris, June Ann Hassebroek, and Cate Mueller.

HELLEBORE TEA 2015

Late Bloomers Garden Club will sponsor their annual Hellebore Tea on March 8, 2015, at 2 PM. This is a fund-raiser for the Lake Wilderness Arboretum, and is held in the Lake Wilderness Lodge. You may remember that we decided not to attend the Tea last March. At our meeting in December, we discussed participation this year, six members indicated an interest in participating this year, with two additional members considering this. We could need at least two more members or guests or perhaps four, to make our table of ten.

The tickets for the 2015 event will be \$18. In addition to purchasing the tickets—Cate Mueller would collect the money and forward it—members would also need to provide a centerpiece, table settings, dishes and tea/coffee pots, and plates of at least six dozen small sweet treats or savories suitable for a tea. We would need to arrive early to set up our table and contribute at least half of our contributions to the buffet table and bring back the same amount (30—40) of others' contributions for our table. We are asked to have our table ready for the tea by 1:40 PM.

There is a centerpiece competition and a hat competition; a silent raffle or two, and

a silent auction as well. Each attendee is given a small hellebore seedling, and there will be plants grown by Arboretum volunteers for sale as well.

DATES TO REMEMBER— ELWD and WSFGC Events

See the Winter 2015 issue of Smoke Signals, for more information.

February 23: East Lake Washington District General Meeting.. This includes a visit by our state President, Brynn Tavasci, who will make floral arrangements. There will be a horticulture show which will not be judged—ELWD is looking for whatever we have growing in our gardens. There will be a raffle, and an arts and crafts show.

Tickets will be \$10 but may cost \$15 at the door if the person has not pre-registered. (Registration sign-up will be available at our February 11 meeting.)

March 9: GALA XXXVII, “A Carnival of Flowers,” with Jon Robert Throne as guest designer. Holiday Inn, Everett, WA. Tickets for \$40 are available.

April 7-9; Gardening Study School Course III, in Woodinville.

April 14-16: Flower Show School Course I, sponsored by Chinook District, held at Zion Lutheran Church, Kent, WA

SPEAKING OF SMOKE SIGNALS...

If you haven't yet done so, please have a look at the printed information and the stunning pictures of top exhibitor awards at the Holiday Show, “Holiday Jewels,” held last November.



"Issaquah's Architecture" January 10

Join the Issaquah History Museums as we present Charlie Sundberg's take on Issaquah's history as seen through architecture. From the original mining company houses on Squak Mountain, to the recreated Pickering Barn, to the expansion of new neighborhoods throughout the community, we continue to shape history and our community with more than wood and concrete. This free program is open to the public at the Issaquah Depot Museum starting at 11:00AM on Saturday, January 10, 2015.

Old buildings, new buildings, the very fabric of Issaquah's built environment is a textual expression of its history in motion-while standing in place. Our individual and communal aesthetics combined with our needs for space and evolving building techniques leave an imprint on our community identity in a very tangible way. What that stands today will be regarded as "historic" to the future?

Charlie Sundberg, a preservation planner for King County, will share a slide show of photos and history about the architecture here in Issaquah. The talk will be followed by a conversation with the audience. Ask questions about how we build, how we plan, and the nature of what is "historic" architecture. What lasts and what gives way to the new?

To learn more, contact the Issaquah History Museums at info@issaquahhistory.org or by calling (425)392-3500.



Your editor has purchased her two tickets for the 2015 Northwest Flower & Garden Show, on line. She can't wait to attend the show, especially to sit in on some of the seminars. If you haven't yet looked at information about the show, go to

<http://www.gardenshow.com/>

This is a "can't miss" event, offering gardening ideas, shopping venues, lectures and opportunities to join good friends and new acquaintances.

As in prior years, volunteers are needed to man the WSFGC and The Garden House Booths. Hosts are needed for three hour stints during the day and two hours in the evening, (except on Sunday). Hosts receive a free pass for the show for the full day. Sign up now through January 31 to volunteer. Email Ginger Knutsen, GingerKnutsen@msn.com, 206-362-2525.



NEW - JUST PUBLISHED! THE RENEE'S GARDEN COOKBOOK

The Renee' Garden Cookbook combines expert gardening advice and delicious recipes that showcase the colors and flavors of freshly picked kitchen garden produce. Whether you are a beginning or experienced gardener or shop at a farmers market, Renee's gardening advice will help guide you to growing each vegetable and herb to perfection.

The 300 easy to make recipes offer fresh ideas for enjoying the garden's bounty and are organized alphabetically by vegetable type, making them easy to use for cooking ideas as you harvest from the garden or shop at the market. These nutritious, colorful, great tasting dishes will be your "go to" favorites for both simple everyday meals and special occasions, illustrating Renee's conviction that the pleasures of growing fresh ingredients is completed in preparing them well and fully enjoying the results.

Wonderful watercolors of vegetables and herbs created by seed packet artist Mimi Osborne are showcased throughout this beautifully designed book.



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Hellebore

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Plant Sale Discussion**