



GARDEN DELIGHTS

Issaquah Garden Club

*In seed time learn, in harvest teach,
in winter enjoy. William Blake*



January Meeting
January 13, 10:00 A.M.



WELCOME 2016 BY:
CELEBRATING OUR HISTORY

Those of us who attended our celebration of Issaquah Garden Club's 85th Anniversary, November, 2013, will remember the visit by Erica Maniez, Issaquah Historical Museum Director, to present a program about Issaquah in the past. As June Ann wrote recently, Erica "was vivacious [and] knowledgeable and made all of us eager to learn even more about Issaquah's past." We look forward to her return to speak to us, again—this time, we'll learn what she has discovered about earlier days of Issaquah Garden Club.

SAVORING THE MAGIC OF OUR HERITAGE (High Tea)

Hostess, Karen Bukantz, hopes that those bringing appetizers or hors d'oeuvres for our tea will make something from their family recipe box. She's also stated that casseroles would be acceptable—and, of course, our usual fare of delicious desserts. **Karen hopes we can all bring our "tea party" plates, cups and saucers, with utensils and napkins, from home.**

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE (Projects and Programs)

Visiting the Issaquah Historical Museum and the native gardens IGC installed at the Gilman Town Hall, The address is 165 SE Andrews St, Issaquah. The museum is open **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 11 AM – 3 PM.**

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another year opens up before us, full of future magic.

This is a time of transitions and travel. And paying tribute to the memories of people and places of the past.

2016 will be my long-awaited trip to Munich and Berlin in the company of two of my best friends from the internet. And Ron has added Iceland to the mix, in late September and October. Never been there before. Do I speak German? Not so far but give me time.

Rita Hanson, IGC member since 1998, will be trundling off to Oregon, to be near her daughter. We will miss her greatly. Her last meeting will be January. Unless we can convince her to remain as web mistress, operating from Oregon, we might need to revisit the web-site project. ART's web-site lives in Kentucky, and ART's web-master lives in Northern California. It doesn't have to be in town to be effective.

Two other members are planning moves this spring, Sherran and Ernie Whatley, and Shadi Wang and her husband, John Reid. We'll miss these members and all they contribute to Issaquah Garden Club.

Other transitions of 2015: Joanne Dinken moving to Colorado, Sylvia Watson's passing, and some of us moving into smaller living quarters and smaller gardens.

Now is the time to start looking at those plant catalogs, and planning for the magic of spring. It's also the time to start sharpening all your garden tools, in preparation for making magic.

Let 2016 begin!

Joy

HORTICULTURE THERAPY

Due to an unfortunate circumstance, the Christmas flower arrangements at Issaquah Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on December 21 was accomplished by three people, **Karen Bukantz, Shadi Wang, and Joann Morgan**. These valiant ladies completed sixteen arrangements all on their own. Karen has asked for a special thank you for Joann. [Your editor thinks we owe all three our thanks.]

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.

THINGS TO DO IN JANUARY

Check winter mulch and replace, if needed.

Press heaved plants back into the soil.

Study mail order catalogs; order seeds, plants and bulbs for spring. **Remember to order a few extra to plant for our Plant Sale, May 6 and 7.**

Pot and chill bulbs for forcing; move already chilled bulbs indoors for forcing.

Sow hardy and half-hardy annual, vegetable, and herb seeds indoors.

Sow seeds of tender annuals that require 12 weeks or more indoors.

Spray broad-leaved evergreens with antidesiccant.

Remove snow and ice from evergreens.

2016 ELWD HAPPENINGS

Now that the holidays are over, and we've opened a new calendar, it's time to turn our attention to up-coming events.

The **Northwest Flower and Garden Show** will be held **February 17-21**. 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 if you would like to sign up.

February 22 is the date for the ELWD General Membership Meeting. Please put this on your calendar. (We'll have more information after the January 11 ELWD Executive Meeting and January 25 ELWD Board Meeting.)

ETHNOBOTANY ... plants sustaining people

“Plants give us food, drink, shelter, medicine, fiber, dyes, waxes, essential oils, perfumes and the air we breathe. Countless people before us tested and kept plants that were useful. Our cultures evolved by passing ever more sophisticated knowledge of plants along from generation to generation. Even in this age we depend on plants and their pollinators for our existence and survival.” **This message is provided by the Washington Native Plant Society.**

Issaquah Garden Club won a National Garden Club Award and cash to help reward our members' efforts in the project at the Issaquah Historical Museum native garden. To educate the visitors at the History Museum, a landscape plan and information in a detailed brochure handout about how the various plants was part of the project. This has been an ongoing project since 2003.

So far this garden club year, Chairman Georgann Lennon and helpers Janet Wall, Cate Muller, Audrey Ellison, Chong Chancellor, and Lyle and June Ann Hassebroek took on renovation by removing plants that had reproduced too aggressively and replacing the original natives that had been lost. A new educational list covering the Ethnobotany of these native plants is soon to be ready for the Historical Society to use in educating visitors.

The future plans also include coming up with a sign that would be posted on the gardens listing IGC as the group that raised the money, created the landscape plan, planted, maintained and recently renovated the native plant area. All of our current and past members that have continued to help with this project are to be congratulated. It is a small garden with a mighty message. Volunteers will be needed to continue so let Georgann know if you are interested.

June Ann Hassebroek

2016 STATE CONVENTION

The next meeting of the Convention planning committee will be held at Redmond Library on January 22 and February 26. If you haven't already done so, please post the convention dates on your 2016 calendar: **June 7 through 10, 2016**, at the Embassy Suites in Eastgate.

Million Pollinator Garden Challenge

In an unprecedented collaboration, dozens of conservation and gardening organizations have joined together to form the National Pollinator Garden Network and launch a new nationwide campaign – the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge. The National Pollinator Garden Network collectively represents nearly one million active gardeners and 15,000 school gardens. The Network is challenging the nation to reach the goal of one million additional pollinator gardens by the end of 2016. The Network will work to provide resources for individuals, community groups, government agencies and the garden industry to create more pollinator habitat through sustainable gardening practices and conservation efforts. Designed to accelerate growing efforts across America, the Network is launching the Challenge in support of the President's call to action to reverse the decline of pollinating insects, such as honey bees and native bees, as well as monarch butterflies. The Network is rallying hundreds of thousands of gardeners, horticultural professionals, schools, and volunteers

to help reach a million pollinator gardens over the next two years. Pollinator gardens provide one way to reverse that decline by offering food, water, cover and places to raise young for honey bees, native bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinators. Any individual can contribute by planting for pollinators and joining this effort to provide a million pollinator gardens across the United States. Every habitat of every size counts, from window boxes and garden plots to farm borders, golf courses, school gardens, corporate and university campuses. Everywhere we live, work, play and worship can, with small improvements, offer essential food and shelter for pollinators. For more information, go to <http://pollinators.wpengine.com/>.



"Have you ever noticed a tree standing naked against the sky? How beautiful it is? All its branches are outlined, and in its nakedness there is a poem, there is a song. Every leaf is gone and it is waiting for the spring. When the spring comes, it again fills the tree with the music of many leaves, Which in due season fall and are blown away. And this is the way of life."
- Krishnamurti

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JANUARY IS NATIONAL SOUP MONTH

There are so many ways to celebrate National Soup Month! You could go to a local thrift shop and treat yourself to a new soup mug or bowl. You could cook up a pot of soup—an old favorite recipe or try a new one. Invite a friend or family member over to share it. Or enjoy your solitude—slurp your soup whilst reading seed catalogs to plan what new and exciting soup ingredients you'll plant in your garden in the spring. Soup for supper on a hurried weeknight? You can do it in less than 30 minutes, according to Michelle Slatalla and have fun experimenting with ingredients:

(<https://homes.yahoo.com/news/recipe-irresistible-vegetable-soup-30minutes-less-170000959.html>). Just remember the magic numbers: **4, 2, 1.**

4-2-1 Vegetable Soup

4 cups of any raw root vegetable (or combination of vegetables, depending on what you have lying around), such as cauliflower, broccoli, carrot, celeriac, or potatoes.

2 cups stock (chicken, beef, turkey, and vegetable stock—all work equally well)

1 cup of dairy, such as heavy cream, whole milk, yogurt, or sour cream.

Salt and pepper and chopped fresh herbs to taste Simmer veggies and herbs in stock until soft (10-12 min.) Puree mixture and return to saucepan. Stir in dairy, warming slowly over low heat. Serves 4.

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