



GARDEN DELIGHTS

Issaquah Garden Club

"Celebrating our club's 85th Year..."

*"What do you suppose? A bee sat on my nose.
Then what do you think? He gave me a wink
And said, "I beg your pardon,
I thought you were the garden."*

English Rhyme

There is **NO MEETING** this month!

There are some events in the next few weeks that we thought you'd like to have pointed out.

First-of-all, **ArtWalk** in downtown Issaquah is taking place on the **second Friday of the month, July 11**. (It would be pretty hard to hold this on the first Friday—that's crammed full.) So, plan to stop by Opus Bank between 6 and 9 PM, or, better yet, give June Ann a hand by helping "man the desk" (sit at the table?) for Issaquah Garden Club, that evening.

Secondly, you can still sign up for the **Wildflower Workshop on July 28**. This trip to Mt. Rainier costs \$57—pretty inexpensive if you know that a commercial tour to Mt. Rainier in a smaller bus costs \$119. The bus leaves promptly at 8 A.M. from St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Bellevue. The deadline for submitting a registration is July 21; the form can be downloaded from <http://elwd.org> .

Thirdly, Pine Lake Garden Club, our neighbor in Sammamish, is holding a **Garden Tour on Saturday, August 9th**, 10 A.M to 4 P.M. for \$15.00. Tickets are available the day of the tour at the John L. Scott Real Estate Office at 718 228th Avenue, NE, Sammamish. Proceeds go to the Lake Washington Institute of Technology Horticulture program.

WSFGC HAPPENINGS

The Garden Study School, Course II will be September 15-17, 2014, at Lake Washington Institute of Technology. Topics covered include “Understanding Plant Diseases and Pests,” “Container Gardening,” “Techniques for Growing Vegetables,” “How New Plants are Developed and Evaluated,” and “Techniques for Lawn and/or Lawn Alternatives.”

Full information and the registration form are found in the Summer Issue of Smoke Signals

BELLEVUE BOTANICAL GARDENS

The Bellevue Botanical Garden Society is pleased to offer the following educational opportunities. Location is in our new education center unless otherwise noted.

LECTURES (No registration required. Pay at the door.—\$5 for BBGS members, \$15 for non-members)

July 8, 2014, 7 PM: Great Plant Picks, Gardening for Fragrance - Richie Steffen

August 12, 2014, 7 PM: Great Plant Picks, Made in the Shade - Richie Steffen

[Richie Steffen is curator of horticulture for the Elisabeth C Miller Botanical Garden in

Seattle, where he manages the rare plant collections and leads the acquisition of new plants. He is an active member of numerous horticultural societies in the area and lectures widely about garden-worthy plants.]

October 22, 2014, 7 PM: Collecting Seed and Plants in the Mountains of Northern Vietnam - Sue and Bleddyn Wynn-Jones

CLASSES (Preregistration required)

July 15, 2014 Backyard Birds of the Garden: How to Attract them to Yours

July 26, 2014 Photography Class

August 20, 2014 Goin' Batty!

August 23, 2014 Photography Class

September 18, 2014 For Best Results - Plan Your Spring Vegetable Garden Now!

September 25, 2014 Ferns for All Seasons

October 4, 2014 Edible Perennials (Onsite)

October 11, 2014 Edible Perennials (Offsite at 21 Acres Kitchen in Woodinville)

October 25, 2014 How to Create a Self-Maintained Garden Based on Natural Ecosystems!

ANNUAL MEETING & TRILLIUM CELEBRATION (Preregistration required)

August 5, 2014 Exceptional Underused Plants for the Pacific Northwest—Exciting Plants Debut at the Bellevue Botanical Garden - Dan Hinkley.

See <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/society.html> for more details

CONGRATULATIONS, KAREN LEE!

Our own Issaquah Garden Club member, Karen Lee, has had her decorated birdhouse chosen to appear on the Michael's bill board on Times Square! How about THAT! We're thrilled that she has had this recognition, Way to go, Karen!



SUMMER READING

[This was “appropriated” from the July, 2014 issue of The Gardener’s Club Newsletter,” Santa Cruz County, CA.]

“We frequently feature recommended books **about** gardening in this newsletter, but, hey, it’s summer—time to give you a list of garden-related fiction to read while on vacation or during afternoons relaxing in the garden. Below are suggestions provided by the Douglas County (Oregon) Library System. ...”

Susan Wittig Albert – China Bayles series; Darling Dahlias series

Sarah Addison Allen – Garden Spells

Reginald Arkell – Old Herbaceous: A Novel of the Garden

Kage Baker – In the Garden of Iden

M.C. Beaton – Agatha Raisin and the Potted Gardener

Elizabeth Buchan – Consider the Lily

Jill Churchill – Mulch Ado About Nothing

A. Carmen Clark – The Maine Mulch Murders

J.M. Coetzee – Life and Times of Michael K.

Alisa Craig – The Grub-and-Stakers series

Sandra Dallas – Alice’s Tulips

Anthony Eglin – English garden mystery series

Marianne Fredriksson – Two Women

Jan Gleeson – The Serpent in the Garden

Philippa Gregory – Earthly joys series

Peter F. Hamilton – The Nano Flower

Gerald Hammond – Down the Garden Path

Karen Harper – The Thorne Maze

Rosemary Harris – Dirty business mystery series

Janis Harrison – Bretta Solomon series

Patti Hill – Garden gates series

J. Lynn Hinton – Hope Springs series

Naomi Hirahara – Mas Arai series

Maureen Howard – Big as Life: Three Tales for spring

Linda K. Hubalek - Planting Dreams series

Helen Humphreys—The Lost Garden

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Prue Leith – A Lovesome Thing

Jo-Ann Mapson – Bad Girl Creek series

Sujata Massey – The Flower Master

Patricia McKillip – Od Magic [title is correct]

L. Joan Medlicott – The Gardens of Covington

Barbara Michaels – The Dancing Floor

Robin Pilcher – An Ocean Apart

Ann Ripley – Gardening mysteries series

Francine Rivers – Leota’s Garden

Louise Shaffer – The Ladies of Garrison Gardens

John Sherwood – Celia Grant series

Leslie Silko – Gardens in the Dunes

E.L. Swann – Night Gardening

Nancy Thayer - Everlasting

Gail Tsukiyama – The Samurai’s Garden

Lori Wick – The English Garden series

Marcia Willett – The Prodigal Wife

BRING ON THE CHEERIOS...

To return the “Glee” to dull-looking July and August gardens, add late-blooming cheerleaders such as coneflowers, rudbeckia, perennial hibiscus, yarrow and sedum. These carefree, heat and drought tolerant perennials are available from garden centers now. Once planted, they’ll come back to bloom year after year, producing lots of color with little to no attention. Artemisia, lavender, lamb’s ears and many other plants with silver or grey leaves are also drought tolerant, as are most ornamental grasses. —*Sally Ferguson, Ferguson Caras LLC* [This is a full-service public relations agency in Vermont, specializing in the gardening, horticulture and outdoor living sectors.]



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