



GARDEN DELIGHTS

Issaquah Garden Club

"Just living is not enough...

One must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower.

Hans Christian Anderson



Summer on the Move

A Small Standard Flower Show

June 13, 2012

On Wednesday, June 13, Issaquah Garden Club is holding a flower show in the meeting room at the Issaquah King Country Library branch under the direction of June Ann Hassebroek. This show includes horticultural entries, artistic design entries, and artistic craft entries. There will also be two educational exhibits, a membership table, and an electronic picture frame with photographs of garden club projects and ventures over the past few years.

In addition to sharing with the public our gardening talents and our friendliness, this is a chance for us to come together in a less formal atmosphere than our monthly meetings. Yes, Virginia, we will hold a brief meeting at the Issaquah Brewhouse—more about that later.

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SUMMER ON THE MOVE (continued)

Those who are helping set up the exhibit plan to arrive at 9 AM that morning when the library is open. Those who plan to bring entries to the show should arrive at 10 AM. See the article on the last page for what members will do next.

Judging will take place between 11 AM and roughly 12:30 PM. The show will be open to members and to the public from 1 PM until 6 PM, at which time members with entries should collect their entry material and help break down the show.

If you haven't retained the copy of the show program included in your May newsletter, the program is listed on our Issaquah Garden Club website, www.IssaquahGardenClub.org.

Entries in the Design Division should be registered with Rita Hansen by June 7. Entry cards will be made for these. You may download entry cards for horticulture in Division I from the ELWD website, www.elwd.org.

You will find helpful hints on grooming and entering horticulture on the same District website.



Please remember your contributions for the Issaquah Food Bank. Sylvia reports that we gave thirty-one pounds of food at the May meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The consensus is that IGC members present for Joyce Crowder's talk about birds at the May meeting were delighted. What a charming, interesting lady, that we'd all like to hear again.

We also enjoyed an interesting talk about irises by Sally Cadranel.

Rita and those who provided dishes for our luncheon tea outdid themselves. We all enjoyed a scrumptious fare.

I look forward to seeing you at next Wednesday's flower show!

Cate Mueller

CLUB DUES, 2012-2013

A total of 27 members are now registered for 2012-2013. If you have not yet submitted your payment of \$25 for next year's due, please send your check payable to Issaquah Garden Club and marked "dues" to Jackie Maresca by **June 20**. After that, the books for this year will be closed. Later payment should be sent to the new Treasurer, Shadi Wang.

IGC GIVES TO OUR COMMUNITY

On May 24, Audrey Ellingsen and Cate Mueller represented IGC members who had gardened at the Issaquah Historical Museum. Our work was recognized at the Volunteer Awards Night held at the Issaquah Train Depot.

On May 30, IGC members met to weed and sheet mulch the area along the fence line at the shade garden at Pickering Barn. Those who helped were Janet Wall, Karen Bukantz, Joan Harris, June Ann Hassebroek, Cate Mueller, Sylvia Watson, Joanne Westveer, and Art Wight. These members contributed twenty-three hours to this project. (This was in addition to the nearly ten hours Janet Wall had already worked on the project.) A special thanks goes to June Ann who brought cardboard and Karen who brought homemade cookies and fudge!

Seattle Tilth has a work party from 10 to 1 on **Tuesday, June 19th**. We could schedule our next garden work party on that day or another as convenient for members.

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Our Issaquah Garden Club plant sale took place at Joann and Ken Morgan's home on Saturday, May 12, 2012. This was a beautiful, blue sky day that

brought a nice showing of members at 8 AM for set-up, sign-making, etc. Although we had no chair, all members worked smoothly together, asking/answering questions among themselves. Plants not already three arrived shortly. These included some special plants. Although members would have liked to buy some of the special plants, it was decided that the public should have first chance.

The public commented that it was very easy to find the sale, due to the signs provided along the road. There was a full body of member working all day. Reference books were continually in use, members were talking with customers about the plants and the customers' design problems; consequently they bought a nice amount.

Karen Bukantz took pictures and also baked cookies for sale, giving IGC the proceeds. The club also earned \$18 from the sale of peanut brittle. Joann Morgan provided coffee and members shared a few goodies.

The sale was slow but steady; everyone was happy. Plants went for half price at 1:30 PM. The sale closed at 2 PM with the "Busy Bees" then making things spic and span.

We earned just over \$707 during the day, with a little more coming in subsequently.

Audrey Ellingsen

MORE ON THE PLANT SALE

Our Treasurer reports that, in addition to the \$707.35 taken in the day of the sale, we earned \$165.00 last July by way of the sale of plants left over from the plant sale that year. This makes a grand total of \$872.35 from the sale of plants. The revenue forecast in the adopted budget was \$900.00. [An additional amount of money for subsequent plant sales has been given to the Treasurer, nearly bringing this year's total to the forecasted amount.]

IGC GARAGE SALE

The date has been set for the garage sale this summer: **Friday, August 17th**. Once again, it will be at Joan Harris house. Please mark your calendars! We will need help the day of the sale from early in the morning through the afternoon. Please let me know if you will be able to help and, if so, for what part of the day.

We will also need tables (even light card tables are fine for this event). I already have the names of several of you who have tables, but if you have one (or more) suitable tables that we could use please let me know.

Last but not least we need items to sell. Many of you have already contributed. If you haven't, now is a fine time to de-clutter. We already have a good sized stash in Audrey's garage to trans-

fer to Joan's this morning. So I would ask that you bring any additional contributions directly to the sale that day. However, if the day of the sale is impossible for you (because of vacation or what have you) please contact me and we will arrange something.

Anything left over at the end of the day will be donated to Goodwill (except books and DVDs, which will be traded in at Half-Price Books). If there are things you would be willing to put in the sale but would rather keep if they don't sell, you will have to pick them up by the end of the sale. We will not put them aside for you and so if they aren't picked up they will be donated.

I will have more information coming to you soon, such as a map to Joan's house. **For now please let me know if you'll be able to help at the sale.** And do look around to see if you have anything you'd like to contribute - knick-knacks, collectables, household items, kitchen stuff, toys, kids clothes, tools, men's and women's clothes, books, etc.

Our last garage sale was a great event. The members who took part seemed to have a lot of fun. I hope many of you can participate again this time.

Michele Peltonen
Garage Sale Chair
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GROWING GREAT GARDENERS

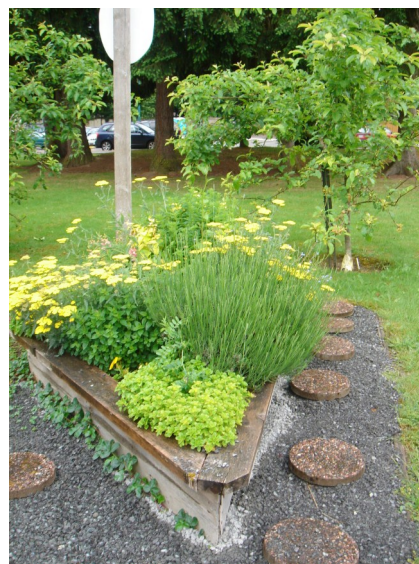
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In spite of a serious injury a few weeks ago, Dianne Tanner has pulled herself together to continue her work with this project at Issaquah Valley Elementary School, which she chairs and has maintained since 2009. (Dianne reports that the classes have continued the last two months under the direction of others.).



She has recently ordered three hundred packets of seeds from Ed Hume Seeds at small expense, \$45, to be distributed to children in the six classes on Friday, June 8 at the annual Salad Bowl celebration. In preparation for the celebration, harvesting of lettuce and radishes began on Monday, June 4 and will continue throughout the week

IGC has recently purchased gravel to refurbish walkways around all eight raised beds.



ELWD GENERAL MEETING

On Monday, May 21, ten or so Issaquah Garden Club members attended the ELWD General Meeting with a flower show presented by West Lake Sammamish Garden Club.

Gail Holmstrom, assisted by Audrey Ellingsen, served as hostess, preparing beverages for the meeting and supervising tablecloth placement. Rita Hansen provided the excellent luncheon. Gail and Audrey helped her purchase the food. She was aided in preparing the luncheon by Joan Harris, Marietta Hunziker, with additional help from June Ann Hassebroek, Janel Garnett and Karen Lee.

June Ann and Joanne Dinken both participated in the flower show, winning awards for their entries. Joanne brought a beautiful stem of pink bearded irises and an artistic design. June Ann won first place in horticulture with her yew spray.

During judging, we were treated to a fascinating program presented by Laura Sweany, speaking on "Permaculture: Self-sustaining Gardening." We came away with gems of information, such as the plan to add to the kitchen garden an herb spiral, with the plants needing the least water on the top, and those needing more at the bottom. Another idea that comes to mind is planting tomatoes near a fish pond surrounded by big rocks. The

rocks will make the soil warm, which helps tomatoes thrive. One can ladle water containing fish poop onto the tomato soil, which feeds the tomatoes. In turn, the shade from the tomato plants will benefit the fish during the warmer summer days.

A raffle item obtained by IGC to benefit the 2013 National Convention—a certificate for a \$35 Fuschia basket—was well received.

FUTURE EVENTS

The National Dahlia Show will be held in Portland, Oregon, September 1st and 2nd, from 12:30--5:00pm, at the Red Lion Hotel on the River, Jantzen Beach (909 North Hayden Island Dr. (503) 283-4466). This show is hosted by the Portland Dahlia Society and they are expecting thousands of dahlias from all over the U.S. There will also be a large display of baskets and arrangements. The arrangement section will have 11 different categories. For more information check the Portland Dahlia Society's web site.

Can't make this one? Next year's show will be held in Tacoma at the Tacoma Exhibition Center on August 25th & 26th. More information will be available when details for the show are finalized.

People can contact me via email at juliachmura@comcast.net.

KRUCKEBERG BOTANICAL GARDEN

On June 15-17 KBG is holding a wetlands and rain gardens weekend. On these days, the MsK nursery will reduce the price of many plants suitable for stream edges, rain gardens and other moist spots.

There is a garden tour 2:30 to 4:30 on June 16. There will be a free “Bog-In-a-Bucket” seminar that day at which you can learn to plant bog plants in a container. On Sunday, June 17, there is a one-hour tour of wetland plants in KBG.

For more information, about the above and other events, visit the KBG website: <http://kruckeberg.org/events/eventlist>

FUTURE EVENTS, CONT.

On **Wednesday, September 19, 2012**, the Issaquah Happy Hatters are sponsoring a one-day bus tour to Vancouver, BC. The bus leaves the Issaquah Valley Senior Center at 8:00 A.M. and will return before 8:00 P.M.

The tour includes a visit to the Van Dusen Botanical Garden and the Queen Elizabeth Park and Conservatory. If time allows, the trip will include a short tour of Vancouver.

The total cost will be \$85.00 per person, based on 40 commitments. Price includes transportation, travel via modern bus with facility, one full meal in Vancouver, the two

garden tours entry fees and tax where applicable and some light snacks. Those taking the trip are responsible for having an up-to-date/active passport or an Enhanced Driver's License ID for crossing the Canadian Border. The deadline for signing up with payment in full: **August 19, 2012.**

To put your name on the reservation list, Please call: Viola Ong at 425-747-5989 or E-mail: viola3@comcast.net or mail in the reservation application. (Your editor will send the reservation application to anyone who wishes it.)

PROGRAMS FOR IGC

Your program committee is hard at work coming up with programs for the 2012-2013 schedule. We've already had a positive response from some of the speakers invited to give a program for us. We expect the remainder contacted to respond shortly.

Additionally, instead of vignettes this year, each month we'll ask a member who designs arrangements only for use in their homes to bring an arrangement and talk about it.



FLOWER SHOW DAY

Sandy Young has the Issaquah Brewhouse reserved for us on Flower Show day, **June 13th, from 11:30 to 1:30**. Members will be going there for the business meeting and talk by Helen Smart about photographing flowers, after walking over to the Native Garden at the Salmon Hatchery first. There will be individual checks for lunch so each member will pay for their own lunch/drinks and for those of anyone they might have invited (hint, hint).

If you have not done so, please email or call Sandy immediately to let her know for sure that you will be there.

[Note about the picture at the bottom of the preceding page: your editor left her home and garden in Arlington, Virginia just about exactly five years ago. I thought you might be interested in seeing one shot of the garden of forty years I left behind...]

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