



GARDEN DELIGHTS

Issaquah Garden Club

“Most people don’t see the sun, soil, bugs, seeds, plants, moon, water, clouds, and wind the way gardeners do.”

Jamie Jobb, author

June Meeting

June 12, 2013

We’ll do things a little differently this month. While this is an official meeting, it is meant to be very informal. This gathering will be a time to relax and chat with each other. So dress casually, bring a sack lunch and meet at Pickering Barn rather than Tibbett’s Creek Manor.

We’re off to visit three of the volunteer projects Issaquah Garden Club volunteers work on. **We’ll meet between 9:30 and 9:45 A.M. at Pickering Barn**, entering the driveway across from the entrance to Costco, and parking as close to the buildings as we can. We’ll form into car pools, and **leave promptly at 10 A.M.** to visit our other sites. We’ll drive to see the Historical Society Museum to visit the historical garden planted by IGC and maintained by Chairman Gail Holmstrom and volunteers. Next we’ll visit the IGC Blue Star Marker, which Chairman June Willard maintains, including providing floral arrangements for Memorial Day each year. Then we’ll return to Pickering Barn to visit the former shade garden, installed by IGC a few years ago, to see what IGC volunteers have been doing to rejuvenate the now “Willow Garden” under the direction of Chairman Janet Wall.

IGC members donate each month to Issaquah Food Bank. Chairman Sylvia Watson delivers our donations each month and keeps track of the amount. Seattle Tilth volunteers also donate large amounts of fresh organic produce raised at the Pickering Barn gardens to the same Food Bank. Our new member, Falaah Jones, is Eastside Programs Coordinator for Seattle Tilth and will share their goals and success story. (In case of rain, Falaah has also arranged that we can have our meeting and sack lunch indoors.)

This month, we’ll skip donations for the Food Bank, since the logistics would be difficult.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Take Care” was the theme for this year. Indeed, each of our members contributed in a very real way in accomplishing this motto. You have shown talent, compassion, generosity, humor, companionship and love.

What we have gained is optimism, knowledge and appreciation. Our own lives and those of our community have been enriched by our club as a group and you as individuals. Being a force for good can begin with simple good deeds. Bless you for sending goodness out into our world. May our garden club heritage and history continue to give us guidance. Your officers and chairman are grateful for a successful year of cooperation and jobs well done. A great big THANK YOU. May we all continue to “Take Care.”

June Ann Hassebroek

Here is the prayer I wrote which was published while I was a member of the Garden Club of Georgia in 1989. This seems a prayer that I still wish for all of us today as well.

MAY OUR SPIRITS BEAR YOUR FRUIT

As You guide the seasons, may You also
guide our growth.

May our smiles be as warming as Your
sunshine,
our promises as reassuring as Your rain-
bow on high.

May we realize Your purpose for us,

and may Your inspiration help us enrich
the lives of others.

May our spirits bear Your fruit: love, joy,
peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentle-
ness and self-control.

Amen.

June Ann Hassebroek

This is reprinted from the National Garden Club book “Book of Garden Prayers,” printed 1989.

FLOWER SHOW JUNE 29

June Ann is Co-Chair of a Small Standard Specialty Flower Show ELWD is sponsoring at Bellevue Crossroads Mall on June 29. The show, “Cherish the Earth,” making use of iris blooms and foliage, is open to the public from 11 AM to 4 PM. June Ann invites you to attend.

IGC PLANT THERAPY WORKSHOP

Special thanks to members who participated in creating **Mother's Day** floral designs May 10 at Issaquah Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (INRC), including our newest member, Young Kim.

We hope you can join Joann Morgan in creating **Father's Day centerpieces on Friday, June 14 at 9:30 AM at the center.** If possible, please bring some cut stems of **foliage in fresh water** (12"-15" stems) and a pair of cutters. In creating the centerpieces, always recut foliage stems at an angle before inserting in Oasis. Please sign up at our **June 12** meeting. I'll be out of town most of next week. If you have questions, please call Joann Morgan at 425 313-5979.

June Willard

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Our annual Garden Club plant sale and a new addition, a bake sale, May 18th, was a huge success in ways one might not take time or think to count. For instance--a majority of our Garden Club members were there to help. All were full of smiles and good cheer. Joanne and Ken Morgan's home was lovely as usual, along with her hospitality (coffee, etc.). Diane Tanner's husband supplied us with sandwiches to keep our tummies comfy.

As the rain popped up time and again, the members were quick to fix the tents and move tables out of the rain, wiping down as they went. Many umbrellas surfaced so customers could stay dry.

The bake committee outdid themselves with the tables laid out invitingly. We were privy to hear many wonderful comments about the baked goods, some so relieved they now had goodies for expected company.

There are more stories that made this a good day which I think will be shared at times.

Oh yes, I guess this is important: we made \$1,357.

I would say we had a successful plant/bake sale,

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF US!

Audrey Ellingsen

THANK YOU!

Since I was unable to help on Friday, May 17 or Saturday, May 18, I wanted to let all the members know how grateful I am for the hours and hours they contributed before, during, and after our Plant/Bake Sale. I am indebted to those who came to pot, label and organize the plants at the potting/pricing parties before the sale; those who lifted all those plants into vehicles, drove them to the Morgan home and unloaded them; those who set up the sale, organized the plants, and processed the late-coming plants the morning of the sale; those who provided plants and baked goods, who staffed the sale, collected the proceeds and those who took down the sale and transported the remaining plants to the Westveers' home.

You are all super people!

Cate Mueller

CLUB DUES, 2013-2014

If you have not already done so, please arrange to send your check for \$25 payable to "Issaquah Garden Club" to our Treasurer, Shadi Wang at 16711 254th Ave SE, Issaquah, WA 98027-5204 just as soon as possible.. We must pay our dues to district by July 1, 2013.



The 12th Annual Downtown Issaquah Art Walk Season kicks off Friday, June 7, 2013. Issaquah Garden Club will have a table in front of Opus Bank. This is already fully-staffed by Joan Harris, Wendy Lukas and Cate Mueller, but anyone who would like to visit and spell one of us is welcome. June Ann is providing an arrangement, Joan Harris the table and chairs, Dianne Tanner seed packets donated to us by Ed Hume, and Cate Mueller printed material.

The theme for IGC Art Walk is having garden club help teach "Art of Gardening," "Art of Landscape Design," Art of Floral Design," and "Art of Environmental Stewardship" Plus fun and friendship!!! We'll invite people to grow the free seeds and to visit our web site and consider belonging to our group.

Art Walk is the first Friday of each summer month. **We're looking for our members willing to volunteer part or all of the time between 5 and 9 on July 5, August 2 or September 6.** It is only necessary for one or two to be at the booth at any time. It is fun to take turns so everyone gets a chance to walk the show and maybe even invite the vendors to IGC. **If you're interested in helping IGC in this way, please contact June Ann Hassebroek.**



The summer solstice will be on June 21. Celebrate the day that has the most sunlight of the year!

GROWING GREAT GARDENERS

"GGG" has been sponsored at Issaquah Valley Elementary School by Issaquah Garden Club for three years. This year I have worked with 102 first grade students in six classrooms. We teach "Organic Sustainable Gardening" both in the classroom and in "hands-on" work in eight raised beds.

This year we have a bumper crop of lettuce and radishes. Two classes harvested their beds on Monday, June third, two on Tuesday, and two on Thursday and then on Friday, June 7, there will be a Salad Bowl Celebration for the school. This is a busy week!



NATIONAL CONVENTION “RainShine”

NGC National Convention 2013 was held May 24-26 at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Seattle. I was excited because I'd never been at an NGC Convention before. I'd heard about all the cool stuff you can get in the Sales Room. My Avant Designers Guild had volunteered to make the table centerpieces for the Saturday luncheon and I had signed up to help. I was also looking forward to seeing the designer, Rene van Rems, scheduled to present at the Design Banquet Friday evening, especially since he is Dutch. (I have admired famous Dutch painters ever since I studied them in college art classes.)

Friday afternoon I checked into the hotel and headed off to the convention floor. To my surprise, Marianne Binetti was just starting a talk about drought tolerant plants, so I decided to find a seat and watch her slide show. She is always a fun speaker.

After her presentation, we had an hour before the dinner program, so I walked around the Sales Room to see what I could find that was new and exciting. I was disappointed because most of the vendors were from this area and regulars at our Washington State conventions. But the people from out-of-state were quite excited buying products from them.

I went back to my room and dressed for dinner. I had volunteered to be a table hostess for two meals and headed off to find my table. It was a bit confusing because the tables weren't really in numerical order. The ladies who sat at my table were from all over the country and I talked with them during dinner.

Rene van Rems was a delightful speaker. His designs were fun and mostly in bright

colors. He was quite funny and made lots of jokes. His designs were the type you would find in a florist show or the lobby of a large hotel, different from our usual NGC designs.

The next scheduled event was lunch the next day, but I had to be in the design room at 9:30 to help make designs for lunch. It was well organized, so the work went smoothly. After we finished making the centerpieces, I helped set them out on the banquet tables.



Avant Guild members working on arrangements for May 25 lunch

Again, I was a table hostess. This time, two ladies from Mexico were among those seated at my table. Since the lady next to me didn't speak any English, the other lady from Mexico had to interpret for us. After lunch, I circled the Sales Room once again to make sure I hadn't missed anything, and placed an order with Joy Parker, who makes acrylic design holders. She had sold out of most of her items, especially the one I wanted, but I ordered three of them to pick up at State Convention next week..

I hadn't signed up for anything else at the convention so I went to the design room to see if they needed help with designs for Saturday's dinner. I also checked the next morning on designs for Sunday lunch—again, they didn't need any help.

I'm glad that I finally attended my first (and probably only) National Convention. Now I can say that I have “been there, done that.”

Karen Lee

LOGO COMPETITION

[We're repeating information printed in the May issue, to be sure our members all take notice.. Sandy also spoke on this subject at our May meeting. So...get your thinking caps on, and see what you can design. We know there's a lot of creativity in our club!]

The Issaquah Garden Club is approaching its 85th year of existence and yet in all that time, there doesn't seem to have been a club logo. Wouldn't you say that "it's about time?" So we're having a contest among our club members to design a logo. The winner will receive a crisp \$50 bill. Here are the details:

Ask your friends and family to help you! You may use *non-copyrighted* graphics or clip art.

Make it simple enough to use on business cards/yearbooks/signs. Colors? YES!

Create something that will be easily identifiable as Issaquah...Garden...Club! Look at District and State logos for inspiration. Multiple entries are allowed.

Your final entry must be in a digital format, however those without computers may send paper entries to: **Sandy Young, 201 Union Ave. SE #180, Renton, WA 98059.**

Submit digital entries via email to Sandy Young at sandyjv@comcast.net.

The deadline for entries is **Sunday June 30, 2013.**

A committee will be formed to review entries to determine whether to proceed with a vote, based on appropriateness of submissions. Membership will vote, date to be determined, for their favorite via email, or by calling Sandy at 425-890-0124.

The goal is to have our logo selected and ready for use for the 2013-14 Yearbook and our upcoming celebration of our club's 85th anniversary on November 13, 2013. Please give this your best shot!

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