



# GARDEN DELIGHTS

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## Issaquah Garden Club

"Celebrating our club's 85<sup>th</sup> Year..."

*"The most noteworthy thing about gardeners is that they are always optimistic, always enterprising, and never satisfied.. they always look forward to doing something better than they have ever done before."*

*Vita Sackville-West*

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### June Meeting

**June 11, 2014, 11:30 A.M.**

#### **Picnic at Pickering Barn**

**Bring your own sack lunch and drinks**

#### **Installation of Officers**

No meeting was scheduled for June. However, by popular demand, a special event is planned. Please come to enjoy a casual, relaxed time to share, talk with long time friends and polish up new friendships. Bring a guest. The barn will be open if we need it.

Come early to explore the organic vegetable demonstration gardens. While our friend, Falaah Jones cannot be there, her intern, Sidd, another Seattle Tilth volunteer, will show us the gardens and explain what is being done.

You may know that IGC was involved years ago in designing and installing the landscape around the historic Pickering Farm buildings. Learn about current efforts of IGC volunteers and others to restore the shade garden area near the ancient, fallen, but still living Willow Tree..

There will be no official business meeting. However, share in the tradition of Installation of our newly elected IGC Officers. Lana Finegold, former IGC member and friend of Joy Jackson's mother will conduct the brief, informal installation,.

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**Please don't forget to bring your donations for the Issaquah Food Bank.**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Take time in advance of our meeting next Wednesday to complete and turn in the Questionnaire attached to this newsletter. Doing so will help us get acquainted and direct the club in what you would like to learn and participate in.

It has been a truly exciting year. The TEAMWORK and laughter gladden the hearts of everyone working toward our mutual goals. Bless each of you for supporting IGC worthy endeavors. Each of you has helped “Turn Nature Into Art.”

**JUNE ANN HASSEBROEK**

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## **A NOTE FROM LENDA**

A great big thank you to all of you who made the Plant and Bake Sale a success. I appreciate your generosity with the yummy baked goods donated. The bake sale was deliciously fun and very worthy.

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## **THANK YOU FROM THE PLANT SALE CO-CHAIRS**

We want to thank all the members—and their spouses and children, too—who worked on the Plant/Bake/Arts and Crafts Sale. Our gratitude goes to those who donated plants for our sale, to those who came in April to pot, label and price plants, to

those who helped move plants from Cate’s driveway and Joanne’s garden and holding area,. We thank those who came early on our “sale Saturday” to arrange plants on the table, to donate baked goods, and to those members who very kindly brought us donuts and pizza and drinks, that day. Thanks, too, goes to those who helped at the sale, especially those who meant to come for a short period and stayed until the sale was over.

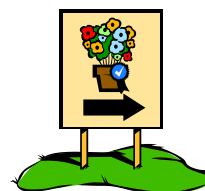
We owe a special debts: to Fay Cawley, for her generous gift of hand-made earrings—and for manning the table where she sold these. We owe another debt to Michele and Rita for publicizing our sale, to Lenda for Chairing the Bake Sale, and to Janel Garnett, for her expertise, special plants, and informative signs.

Our largest debt is to Joanne and Ken Morgan for providing their driveway and lawn for the sale, for setting up tables and providing us with water to drink.. Thanks to Ken for selling Joann’s art. Thanks goes to Shadi and Audrey, our patient cashiers. Finally, we thank those who took down the tables and returned the unsold plants and sale materials to Cate and Joanne’s homes.

What a pleasant time all the workers enjoyed during the sale, sharing friendship and conversation with each other, and helping our customers! It was altogether a success, grossing us \$1367, Shadi reports—including \$240 for Fay’s earrings.

Let’s do it all again in 2015—with less complication and more organization beforehand.

**Cate Mueller and Joanne Westveer**



## OUR MAY FLOWER SHOW

The May 14<sup>th</sup> 2014 Issaquah Garden Club “*Nature into Art*” Small Standard Flower Show was uplifting and it was wonderful to see all the beautiful horticulture and designs.

There were a total of 18 designs; 17 designs judged and 1 display-only design.

### Top Awards:

#### *Horticulture:*

NGC Award of Merit - Top score for entire perennials went to Marietta Hunziker for her Peony.

NGC Arboreal Award – Top score for Trees and Shrubs went to Joanne Dinken for her Rhododendron. (Which there was one placed on each of the tables).

#### *Designs:*

NGC Design Excellence – Top scoring award of all designs went to Janel Garnett for her table Design “Butterfly Wings”.

Club Award: Best Theme Interpretation went to Karen Lee for her miniature design “Swirling Sand”.

Club Award: Top Novice of entire show went to Karen Bukantz for her Feathery Fronds Design.

#### *Educational Exhibits:*

Exhibit of local Bees – Lenda Sundene;  
An Invasive and Noxious Weed Exhibit – Janet Wall; (Noxious Weeds are: Holly, English Ivy and Ragwort).

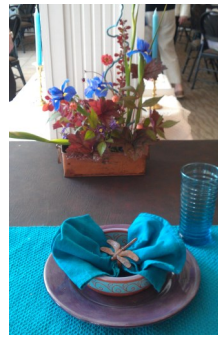
Growing Great Gardeners – Dianne Tanner  
Girl Scouts received NGC Girl Scout Badges – Dianne Tanner

Special thanks go to the following persons:  
Joann Westveer for making the coffee, etc.;  
Jean Pass for helping Janel with the horticulture;  
Nam and Young Mi Kim for help setting up, cleaning up and carting things to cars, etc.;

Thanks goes to Peggy Abernathy for setting up Jessica Liepins’ Table Design (Jessica was unable to attend). Thanks goes to everyone for bringing the food and helping out where they could. A big thank you goes all of you for coming to a great and lovely flower show.

Rita Hansen & Karen Bukantz  
Co-Chairmen

Rita Hansen



“Butterfly Wings,”  
Janel Garnett



“Swirling Sand,”  
Karen Lee



“Feathery Fronds,”  
Karen Bukantz



Joanne Dinken’s  
Rhododendron



Marietta Hunziker’s  
Tree Peony

Thanks to Lenda Sundene for the first picture and Karen Lee for the last four pictures.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our current Treasurer, Shadi Wang, asks that the remaining six members who have not renewed, send their checks to her. Since Shadi will close the books by June 30, she asks that you submit any vouchers and receipts for expenses well before that date.

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## SPECIAL INVITATION

**You are invited to a special Korean Flower Arrangement Exhibition on Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7, 10AM – 6PM. This exhibition will be held at 15225 NE 20th Street, Bellevue WA**

Young Mi Kim, member of Issaquah Garden Club, invites you to this event presented by the Wha-Kong Society. The goal of the exhibition is to spread the appreciation of Korean floral art in the United States.

Please come and enjoy the beautifully and expertly arranged flowers on display!

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## ART WALK

This Friday, June 6, marks the first “Art Walk” in downtown Issaquah. June Ann Hassebroek and Joan Harris will represent Issaquah Garden Club, again in front of Opus Bank. They will be distributing seeds from Ed Hume, a donation arranged by Dianne Tanner, to which are affixed IGC stickers, complete with our new logo created by Rita Hansen.

**Art Walks are held, June thru September – 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

“Every first Friday of the month from June through September, *ArtWalk* transforms the historic downtown businesses into artists’ galleries for the night. Issaquah *ArtWalk* is a lively, festive event with a variety of artistic styles, interactive art demonstrations, live music and dance in multiple locations throughout the historic downtown. This free event includes hands-on art projects and some special surprises.” [From the Downtown Issaquah website]

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### WSFGC WILDFLOWER TOUR

On **July 28** the WSFGC will hold a Wildflower Workshop/Tour to Paradise Park, Mt. Rainier National Park. The bus leaves from St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Eastgate. Check-in will be at 8 AM; the bus returns at 4 PM. See the registration form at <http://elwd.org/Events/Wildflower%20Workshop%20Brochure.pdf>

## WSFGC CONVENTION

I just experienced my first state convention this month and I loved every minute of the informative speakers, fabulous garden tours, getting to know new garden club members from all over our state, and enjoying the scheduled meetings which were enlightening. The Embassy Suite accommodations nearby in Tukwila were convenient and good.

There are many people in our East Lake District who were honored with various awards. I was pleased to share their excitement when they were awarded. I learned all it takes is submission to our District for the awards and then this same application to be submitted to State and then the project may also be submitted to National. Unfortunately, some awards go without honors as the garden club and/or members do not submit an application.



The theme this year was “It’s Just Ducky,” and it was all very “Ducky”! Fun! Fun! I suggest you try it next year!

The 2015 convention of the Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs will be held June 2 – 5, 2015 at the Red Lion Hotel in Port Angeles. The theme will be “From the Mountains to the Sea.”

**Lenda Sundene**

[Look for information in the 2015 Spring issue of Smoke Signals, the official magazine of WSFGC.]

## THINGS TO DO IN JUNE

When going on vacation, group plants in containers together near a water source and out of the afternoon sun. Grouping them will help plants conserve water, and shade will help reduce the need for water. If plants are located together near a hose, the neighbor who comes to water won’t overlook any.

Leach container soils occasionally to remove built-up mineral salts from fertilizers and hard water. Brown leaf edges and crusting on the sides of clay pots are two indicators of a salt problem. To leach large containers, water until the soil is soaked, then allow water to run slowly from your hose into the pot for about twenty minutes. For small pots, water each container until it drains freely from the bottom holes, wait a few minutes and repeat.

Climbing roses don’t really climb—they just have long canes which require support. You’ll need to loosely tie the canes to trellises with broad strips of material. Do not use wire, as it can damage the cane.

Bronze-leaved varieties of begonia do particularly well in full sun. Keep the foliage dry and provide good air circulation around the plants.

Take stem cutting of woodies and perennials now. Also collect seed of firepinks, poppy, wild indigo, and bleeding hearts. Fall bloomers that get too tall, such as chrysanthemum, can be cut back by about one half now to reduce their fall height.

If you cut into a few bulbs while planting annuals, you may not have to get rid of them. As long as each piece has part of the basal plate (hardened stem tissue attached to the roots) and a growing point, it will sprout again. Even with a basal plate and growing point, a damaged bulb may take a year or two to recover and bloom.



## TOUR OF TWO GARDENS, WSFGC CONVENTION

Lenda Sundene attended this tour on June 3, and took these pictures.



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June Ann's Design,  
May Flower Show

**June Meeting: Picnic and  
installation of officers**