



# GARDEN DELIGHTS

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## Issaquah Garden Club

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

*Out of one wintry twig,  
One bud  
One blossom's worth of warmth  
At long last."*

*Ranstu, a Haiku*

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## March Meeting

### March 12, 2014

This month, we welcome the return of dahlia expert extraordinaire, Art Chmura, husband of our member, Julia Chmura. Art is active in the Puget Sound Dahlia Association, and is past-President of this organization. He and Julia co-edit the monthly newsletter and yearly membership directory for the PSDA. Our new members will enjoy his informative program and his generosity in sharing some dahlias with us.

Art writes of his program for us this year, "If you like the Dahlia flower, 2014 is a special year for our state. On Labor Day weekend, August 30 & 31, we'll host the American Dahlia Society National Show in Tacoma. People from around the U. S. and foreign countries are making a special trip to attend the show and the garden tours. I will share what this means for a Dahlia addict and what steps I am taking to prepare for this very special event. If you enjoy Dahlias, you may want to attend or even participate in the big show."

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Joy Jackson will present our Design Vignette this month.

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**Don't forget to bring your donations for the Issaquah Food Bank.** Wendy Lukas reported that we gave 42 pounds of food to the Food Bank at our February meeting.

**And please don't forget to bring your utensils, cup, plate and napkin to our meeting.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our club is fortunate to have such generous volunteers. Thanks to all those that helped do the much appreciated Valentine centerpieces for the Issaquah Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. It was also marvelous to hear about such a good turnout for the District meeting and flower show. Many of our members are constant in helping, time and again. We know you all help as much as you can.

The only way our club will be the valuable asset to our District organization and our community, as well as to our membership, is if everyone pulls part of the load. Of course, we all have busy schedules and many health issues. But, every little bit of help is really beneficial both to the group and to each volunteer in learning and making friends. Remember to be sure to put events on your calendar when you sign up, since this is a promise. It is your responsibility to notify the Chairman or club President if you cannot keep that promise. When it comes to signing up and making a promise that includes a meal charge, if you fail to attend, the cost should still be paid for. (What would be even more beneficial is if you find a replacement and tell the Chairman who your replacement will be.) It is understood that new members may not have heard this information. I apologize for that. It is exciting to continue reaching new people and it does take time for anyone to get up to speed with all that is available and what you can do to help.

While in Florida, I have attended meetings of the Tallahassee Judges Council Design and the local garden club. In March, both of these groups, at separate times, will be coming to our property to tour the garden,

select materials to create a design, and see designs displayed as part of the permanent decorations in our home. What I learn in Florida, I bring back to share in Washington.

I hope you are making use of the container and needlepoint from the December lesson. Look outside for the most interesting lines, add three lovely blooms and balance it all with some large leaves at the base. Spring really is coming, God's promise, so begin looking for what treasure you can bring into the house and admire in a personal appreciation of nature's art.

As "y'all" know, I have a home in Florida that we have worked on and enjoyed for over 20 years. So, that meant I would not be present at all the meetings. That may be true for many who want to travel or have family or personal health issues. However, we still need officers and chairman. All that needs happen, if you know you can only work part time, is to plan to have a back-up....then step up to leadership. Personal growth means taking on responsibility. You learn and then it becomes something you are doing for yourself. And, consequently, the rest of us are helped and we are grateful.

It has been a terrific experience to see the club run smoothly and prosperously during my absence.

The slate of officers for next year will be presented and voted on at the March meeting. You all should be saying thanks to the Nominating Committee, Audrey and Rita for their success. It is with great happiness to see that list. Your attendance is really requested to be part of this nomination celebration as we begin looking forward to our

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

next year while still being blessed with great programs, fantastic new friends and long time friends to continue relationships. Start thinking about how you can best serve and what you want to recommend that our club pursue in the future. Pass on your ideas to the soon-to-be-elected officers and give them your pledge of support .....and a hug!

Y'ALL take care of yourselves and each other and celebrate every day the blessings we have.

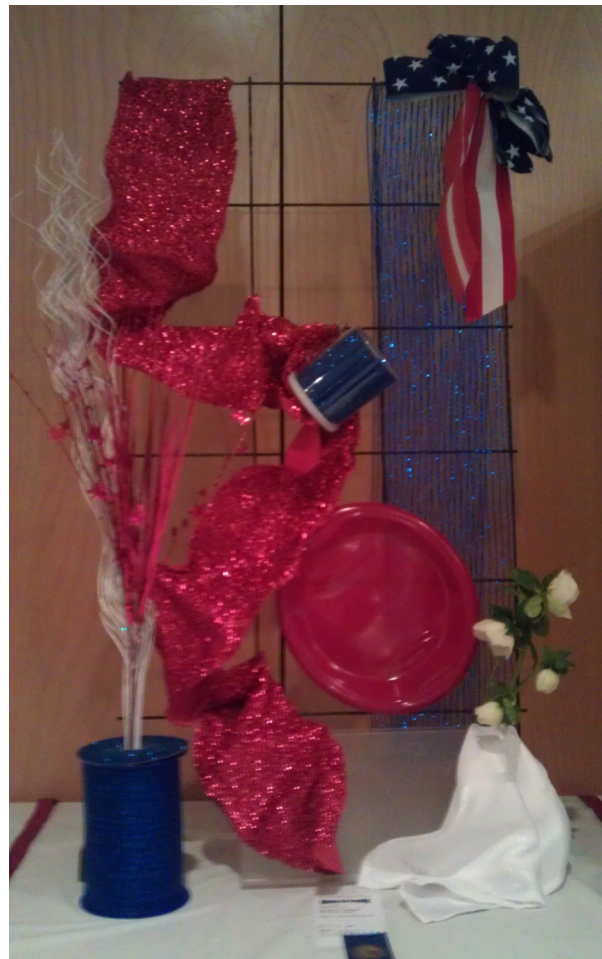
**June Ann Hassebroek**

## ELWD GENERAL MEETING

About fifteen members of Issaquah Garden Club attended and participated in the ELWD general meeting on February 24. Our Hospitality Hostesses, unch committee, and those who contributed horticulture specimen and creative designs, all had a role. The luncheon went on without a hitch, we were able to recoup \$21 from those present for surplus food, and we donated other food to Tent City, near Lake Sammamish, for which people were grateful.



ELWD Co-Directors Mary Deviny and Elaine Pinkerton, at the general meeting. They both thanked IGC for providing the luncheon.



Karen Lee's Award-winning Design

## MORE PICTURES FROM THE ELWD GENERAL MEETING



Joe Grienuer's Orchids, shown and discussed in the first program



Gale Baullinger's potted, blooming begonia, a prize-winning container plant



Gail, Dianne and Audrey working in the St. Andrew's kitchen



Rita Hansen's prize-winning jelly jar, Special Exhibit: Creative Freedom, "The Sweet Life"

These pictures were taken by Lenda Sundene and Linda Oberloh.

## GARDENING STUDY SCHOOL, 2014

You are reminded that ELWD is offering the first session of the Gardening Study School, April 22-24. Join other interested gardeners for study of basic botany, soil, houseplant basics and plant propagation in two and a half days, at the Brightwater Treatment Plant in Woodinville.

Learn details at our district web site: [www.elwd.org](http://www.elwd.org), or contact the Co-Chairs, Marianne Wilkins, 425-391-4284, or Bonnie McEachern, 425-941-0732. The deadline for applying—to avoid a late fee—is April 1.

(Study Schools are sponsored by the National Garden Clubs, Inc.)

## JON IS A WINNER!

Lenda Sundene took this picture of Jon Throne's arrangement at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show. (For our new members, Jon is the owner of Countryside Floral and Garden and a member of Issaquah Garden Club.)



## APRIL PROGRAM

We'll create an annual planter as our Issaquah Garden Club program next month. If you still wish to sign up or have not yet paid your \$15 for this container workshop, PLEASE see Dianne Tanner at our March meeting or mail her a check made out to "Issaquah Garden Club." For our April meeting, please remember to dress accordingly as this workshop will take place on the manor deck. Bring an apron and small tools for creating you color bowl. Containers, plants, gravel and soil will be provided



It might FEEL like winter, but at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 9th, daylight savings time ushers in the bloom of spring. We lose an hour of sleep, but we'll get many months ahead with an extra hour of evening sunlight. Make sure to turn the clock ahead one hour—spring forward—before heading to bed Saturday night.

## EDGEWORTHIA PAPYRIFERA

One of the knock-outs of the Northwest Flower and Garden Show was a small deciduous shrub/tree, *Edgeworthia papyrifera* (Oriental Paper Bush or Yellow Daphne), used in several of the display gardens.

*Edgeworthia papyrifera* is a deciduous shrub/tree growing ultimately to 8 to 10 feet by 8 to 10 feet. It is hardy to zone 7. It blooms from Feb to April, with clusters of somewhat fragrant creamy-yellow flowers, before the leaves appear. The leaves are dark greenish-blue leaves clothed in silky hairs beneath.

Used at one time in high-class paper making in Japan, this lovely Daphne relative is found in the woodlands of the Himalayas and China. It is named for M.P. Edgeworth (1812-81) an English amateur botanist employed by the East India Company.



### ***Edgeworthia Papyrifera***

From one English source, “The flowers diffuse a pronounced clove-like perfume and will scent the air to some distance on a calm day.”

Edgeworthia is not particular about either the type (sandy to heavy) or pH of the soil. It prefers well-drained soil with high organic matter. It will grow at the sunny edge of a woodland garden, in dappled shade, or a shady edge. No serious diseases are listed.

The flowers are damaged by frost, so the plant is best grown on a south or west-facing wall. Plants resent root disturbance and should be put into their permanent positions as soon as possible.

[Carole, at Squak Mountain Nursery, told me on March 3 that they have two *Edgeworthia p.* in five-gallon pots for \$99. She stated that, while they haven’t had much demand for the tree, she would order a few in a smaller size. If you’re interested, please let her know. ]

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## Northwest Art Alliance

*Nurturing and promoting the NW arts and fine crafts community*

*Best of the Northwest*

**SAVE THE DATE - March 29-30 - SPRING SHOW at the Historic Hangar 30 in Seattle's Magnuson Park**

“Invitations have gone out to 110 of the region's best artists and craftspeople for a return to Hangar 30 for our Spring Show. This beautiful park is a local favorite with free parking and heavy foot traffic. “

## FROM SEATTLE TILTH

### Shop Our March Edible Plant Sale

“Our mild maritime climate makes it possible to grow food year round. When much of the country is still in deep freeze, we are planting peas and greens, and harvesting full salads! Jump-start your spring gardening by picking-up cool season plant starts at our [March Edible Plant Sale](#) on **Saturday March 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** Find us at the [Pacific Market Center](#), easy to access from I-5 and Hwy 99..

“Avoid the crowds and get first pick of the plants by shopping the [Early Bird Sale](#) on **Friday, March 14; 6-7:30 p.m.!** Or [sign up to volunteer](#) and get in for free. “

[Seattle Tilth is taking part in “Compost Days,” from March 15 to April 15. with Cedar Grove Composting. Click on a link at <http://cedar-grove.com/about-us/compost-days> for a coupon for one free bag of Cedar Grove Compost if two bags are purchased. While this is designed for use at Fred Meyer, you may also use at Cedar Gove Composting facilities.]

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## THE XERCES SOCIETY

**The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, based in Portland, OR, is a non-profit organization that protects wildlife through the conservation of invertebrates and their habitat. Established in 1971, the Society is at the forefront of invertebrate protection worldwide, harnessing the knowledge of scientists and the enthusiasm of citizens to implement conservation programs.**

Butterflies, dragonflies, beetles, worms, starfish, mussels, and crabs are but a few of the millions of invertebrates at the heart of a healthy environment. Invertebrates build the stunning coral reefs of our oceans; they are essential to the reproduction of most flowering plants, including many fruits, vegetables, and nuts; and they are food for birds, fish,

and other animals. Yet invertebrate populations are often imperiled by human activities and rarely accounted for in mainstream conservation. **The Society uses advocacy, education, and applied research to defend invertebrates.**

**From the website:** “Pollinators are essential to our environment. The ecological service they provide is necessary for the reproduction of nearly 70 percent of the world’s flowering plants, including more than two-thirds of the world’s crop species. The United States alone grows more than one hundred crops that either need or benefit from pollinators, and the economic value of these native pollinators is estimated at \$3 billion per year in the U.S. Beyond agriculture, pollinators are keystone species in most terrestrial ecosystems. Fruits and seeds derived from insect pollination are a major part of the diet of approximately 25 percent of all birds, and of mammals ranging from red-backed voles to grizzly bears. In many places, the essential service of pollination is at risk from habitat loss, pesticide use, and introduced diseases.”

Information from <http://www.xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/> :

**“Gardens:** Pollinators require two essential components in their habitat: somewhere to nest and flowers from which to gather nectar and pollen. Native plants are undoubtedly the best source of food for pollinators, because plants and their pollinators have coevolved. Many varieties of garden plants are also good for these important insects.

In many landscapes, flowers have been pushed to the margins, surviving on roadsides and field edges, as well as in wild areas and gardens. Providing patches of flowers is one thing we can do to improve the environment for pollinators. Creating foraging habitat not only helps the bees, butterflies and flies that pollinate these plants, but also results in beautiful, appealing landscapes.”

## 2014 Plant/Bake Sale

**It has been decided to move the annual IGC Plant/Bake Sale to Saturday, May 31. Please make this change in your Yearbooks and in/on whatever calendar system you use, so you can help us for that day.**

We will need to establish dates for the potting and pricing “parties” which we usually hold in April. Let’s aim for April 23 and 30, with perhaps, another work day May 7 and/or May 21. We’ll have sign-up sheets for at least the two April dates at our March 12 meeting.

If you haven’t yet done so, March and April are the months to start seeds, divide and pot up perennials, and designate unwanted or duplicate tools and decorative pots for our sale. If you have perennials to donate, but are unable to dig them, let your editor know.



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March: Program on  
Dahlias by Art Chmura