



GARDEN DELIGHTS

Issaquah Garden Club

*"To dig one's own spade into one's own earth!
Has life anything better to offer than this?"*

Beverley Nichols

May Meeting

Wednesday, May 12, 2010



You are invited...

As this is the last meeting of the 2009/2010 year, we are having a May Tea, hosted by Rita Hansen.

Please bring your own special cup and saucer and share some memory about it. June Ann Hassebroek is presenting a short discussion of the basics of flower arranging, such as conditioning and mechanics, and basic easy arrangements using Ikebana as her framework. Dianne Tanner is giving a five-minute talk on preparing lilacs for a flower design. We are also having our installation of new officers for 2010/2011.

Those who have volunteered to bring the refreshments for our tea, help set up and clean afterwards are: Gail Holmstrom, Janel Garnett, Jackie Maresca, Joann Morgan, Michelle Peltonen, Lorraine Smith, Helen Smart, and June Willard. Other persons bringing food are: Julie Chmura, Joan Dinken, Rosemary Fahey, Joan Fields, June Ann Hassebroek, Karen Lee, Jeanette Mahoney, Frankie Mowers, Jean Pass, Laura Walker, Joanne Westveer, and Sandy Young.

Please don't forget to bring a donation for the Food Bank!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As our year comes to a close we can all be proud of the many accomplishments throughout this year.

A big thank you to those who have participated and supported things that are of interest to them, I would hope that ALL members find projects, events or some area of opportunity next year. Our education and programs have been outstanding. We will wrap up commitments of our Native Plant Project and Issaquah Valley Elementary School by mid- June. Then our books will be closed and reviewed. **If anyone has outstanding receipts, NOW is the time to get them in.**

Jeanette Mahoney has done a wonderful job as Kitchen Chair. Without her, our lunches would not have run as smoothly. Luncheon committee sign-ups for next year will be circulated in May. All hostess positions have been filled! All you have to do is pick two months to bring food and help with set up and clean up.

Michelle Peltonen was one of my shining stars, always stepping up to help with by-laws, raffle, be the best of the best auctioneer and so much more. Sherran Whatley as head of the auction, and her committee outdid themselves.

To my fellow officers I am grateful; we somehow rode the roller coaster and survived! Rita, the greatest programs ever. Cate, outstanding minutes and newsletter. June balancing the books in January—it was a relief for me to be able to get it all in order.

Earth Day: Led by Karen Lee, with Laura Walker, Dianne Tanner, Cate Mueller, Gail Holmstrom and June Ann Hassebroek working the booth for the day. We passed out seeds and promoted garden club membership.

Issaquah Valley Elementary/Youth Gardening: This is a new project for IGC. In February through March, education began with the “Growing Great Gardeners” program. Classes started with nutrition, organic gardening, and a study of good plants vs. bad pests. There are eight raised beds and we have a salad bowl project going! I obtained special permission to go into the lower class-rooms with soil, cups and our seeds for a “Watch It Grow” project, What fun! IGC should be proud of sponsoring this venture with a local grade school. It is exciting to be a part of nurturing future gardeners. We purchased hoses, kneeling pads, bamboo poles, a digging fork, and twelve clipboards. A demonstration garden will be created this month. I have a “wish list” of desired plants for one of the raised beds. We are trying for examples of pest repelling plants. **Does anyone have salvia, artemisia, bee balm, borage, cat mint, dill, marigolds, or hyssop?** Please bring them to the meeting on the 12th or give me a call.

Thank you...Dianne



Karen Lee and Laura Walker at our Earth Day Exhibit at Pickering Barn, April 17.



2010-2011 CLUB DUES

If you have not already done so, please bring your checks, payable to "Issaquah Garden Club," to our May meeting to give to our Treasurer, June Willard.

It is imperative that checks be recorded prior to closing the books for 2009-2010 and audit by the Finance Committee.

BAG YOUR BAGS

A staggering 61,000 tons of recyclable plastic go into the King County landfill each year, and they're bags that are easily recyclable.

On April 20, 2010, the county launched a new public education campaign called the **Bag Your Bag** program. "One of the things that we found with consumers is that they don't understand: **A.** the importance of recycling plastic bags, and **B.** where and how they can do that," said Patti Southard, who runs the program. "So we've partnered with a great group of retailers, big box stores like Fred Meyer and Safeway, and smaller markets like Red Apple and Metropolitan Market to get the message out."

These plastic bags get made into things. "Ninety percent of the plastic bags picked up at grocery retailers in King County end up getting made into recycled plastic lumber. The Trex company takes those plastic bags and turns them into benches, decking and building material. So there are some really good options once you've gotten the bags to the grocery stores for people to recycle," she said

One hundred and twenty five retailers throughout the county will now let you bring back plastic food bags, bread bags, dry cleaning bags and plastic wrappers from toilet paper or paper towels.

IGC Plant Sale 2010!

The date of our plant sale fast approaching – it will be held May 15th from 10 am to 2 pm at the home of member Joann Morgan. A huge thank you to Joann for very generously offering us the use of her large driveway/parking area for the sale!

We already have quite a few plants potted up, labeled and ready for the sale. Thanks to Karen Lee, Jean Pass, Laura Walker, and Michele Peltonen for helping at a potting party at Cate Mueller's and of course to Cate for hosting the potting party. Thanks also go to June Ann Hassebroek for letting us raid her garden.

We encourage all members to contribute plants if they can, and to help at the plant sale if they can. It can be a lot fun. Michele Peltonen will be emailing members more detailed information about the plant sale in the next couple days. Please be watching for it.

So until the 15th--everyone think "Sunshine!"

Michele Peltonen, on behalf of the plant sale volunteers

ELWD TOUR

The ELWD tour this year will go to Minter Gardens in British Columbia. No date has been announced, but this will probably be in August. You will need a passport or enhanced driver's license to go on this bus trip. . The gardens sound beautiful - 32 acres - and there is a gift and plant shop, too. There ts lunch available at the gardens.

This is not a fund raiser, but just a fun trip to share with other gardeners and look at some wonderful gardens.

For information about the Minter Gardens, see www.mintergardens.com



FILL A FRAME WITH COLEUS

The most recent issue of Garden Gate magazine on-line had a fascinating article about making a stand-up frame and filling it with coleus:

<http://www.gardengatemagazine.com/extras/093/frame-how-to.php>



PHOTO: Courtesy of Lenore Erickson

If I were just a little handier, I'd certainly try this—just as I've always wanted to make a hypertufa planter for rock garden plants.

In case you don't have luck with the link above, I'll bring a copy of the page to our May meeting.

TAKE A TRIP WITH US!

Since we have not planned garden tours for this summer, your officers devised an alternative. Why not go as a convoy to visit a well-known garden in the metropolitan area? We'd thought of going to the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden, in the city of Shoreline. Private tours for groups are available by arrangement, or one might take a free self-guided tour with a pre-recorded "Talking Trees" narration by Dr. Kruckeberg on your cell phone.

[An inquiry has been made for more information.]

We might go on our usual meeting day, June 9, but there is a full garden tour on June 12, and there is a special tour on "Native Plants of the KBG," on June 26, for \$10.

"This four-acre public garden contains a unique blend of Pacific Northwest native plants and unusual exotics in a naturalistic wooded setting. It may take multiple visits to see the more than 2,000 species, which include native and exotic conifers, hardwoods, rhododendrons, magnolias, ferns and groundcovers. Birdwatchers have identified more than 40 species of birds while visiting the Garden."

For those of us that can't resist a new plant...the KBG Foundation operates the on-site MsK Rare and Native Plant Nursery, open during Garden hours.

PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO SEE, THIS SUMMER

King County Iris Society Juried Iris Show at Crossroads, May 29, 10 AM to 5 PM. Bearded irises are the main feature with a splash or two of beardless varieties. There will be many KCIS members available to answer questions.

Seattle Rose Society Annual Rose Show, June 19 and 20: "Roses at the Sea, at Factoria Mall. Cisco Morris will be present Sunday. No times appear on their website:

<http://www.seattlerosesociety.org/seattlerosesocietyeventsactivities.html>

Sequim Lavender Festival, July 16-18. See www.lavenderfestival.com

Fronderosa Frolic, presented by Fancy Fronds Nursery, a festival of guest nurseries and garden artists on August 14-15, 10 AM to 3 PM.

Don't forget tours offered by the Northwest Perennial Alliance and various Garden Clubs!

PARTNERS IN PLANTING

The East Lake Washington District is proud to be considered a partner with the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Since the Garden first opened, our district has volunteered to help protect and enhance the native plants that are such a treasure.

Plant to help on **Friday, June 18, at 1:00 PM.** Meet at the Native Discovery Garden entrance. A map of the Garden is available in the kiosk, as well as at the Visitor Center. Bring your gloves and small hand tools.

Please RSVP to June Ann Hassebrook, june-annhas@aol.com, 425-333-6949, or to Janel Garnett, janel@garnettco.com, 1-360-668-6111.

This ongoing project is our District's main Civic Involvement project and it is a way to further the public's knowledge and enjoyment of native plants. The goal is to encourage ways to preserve natives and use them in our own landscaping.

MAY ELWD NEWS

ELWD General Membership Meeting (Flower Show, Programs, Lunch): Monday, May 24

We hope you will plan to attend this meeting, open to members and their guests at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 2650 148th Ave. SE in Bellevue. The cost is \$10, which includes both programs and the luncheon. **The reservation deadline is Wednesday, May 19;**

please contact Linda Patricelli at lindapatricelli@hotmail.com or 425-898-7412.

Here is the timing for the day:

8:30-9:30 Entries accepted for the Flower Show - advance entered designs and horticulture which you just bring to enter during this

time. Check schedule - what's growing in your garden? Please share.

9:30-9:50 Registration for programs/lunch - \$10, exact cash or check (ELWD) preferred.

9:50 Assemble in back room for the Bellevue Botanical Garden presentation

10:50 to 11:00 break

11-11:30 Meeting and flower show awards

11:45-12:45 Lunch and view flower show

12:45-1:30 Afternoon Program - *Designing Women*

HELPFUL TIP

June Ann reminds us that good information on horticultural labelling for show entry tags, and conditioning and grooming of horticulture specimen may be found on the ELWD website, www.elwd.org. See the example, below:

Here are some examples of properly groomed plant material displayed in containers of appropriate scale and proportion to the entry. The concept is to show the most "perfect" exhibit compared to its ideal type (in reference to color and form) as well as maturity (not too early, but not past its prime, e.g. going to seed).



Thank you to the members of Capitol District for sharing this information, published in their *Horoscope*, District Newsletter, April 2010.

PLANT SALES

May 7-9, 10am-5pm, MsK NURSERY'S 23RD ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY SALE AND OPEN HOUSE: KRUCKEBERG BOTANIC GARDEN. At MsK Nursery's traditional spring sale, you'll find a selection of the year on choice spring bulbs, trilliums, exotic trees and shrubs, and native plants. See the website: <http://www.kruckeberg.org/md10.htm>

May 7 & 8, 10 AM to 6 P M: Lake Wilderness Arboretum.
http://lakewildernessarboretum.com/arboretum/daily_events.asp?dd=7&mm=5&yyyy=2010

May 8, Saturday, 10 AM to 4 PM: Native Plant Sale of the Central Puget Sound Chapter of the Washington Native Plant Society, at Bellevue Botanical Garden. Features NW native wildflowers, ferns, shrubs, and trees; books on gardening, botany, insects, and ecology; experts available for help in plant selection. Please bring your own trays or boxes. www.wnps.org or call 206-527-3210.

May 8, Saturday, 10 AM to 3 PM: Spring Plant Sale, Friends of the Conservatory in Volunteer Park. Address: 1400 East Galer, Seattle—North Capitol Hill near the Seattle Asian Art Museum. Orchids, cacti, bromeliads and many other unique indoor plants like those in the Conservatory. www.volunteerparkconservatory.org

May 15, 10 AM to 2 PM: ISSAQUAH GARDEN CLUB. See the article inside this issue—we'll need your help!

May 22, Seattle Tilth Sale at Pickering Barn

June 4 and 5, Fern Festival 2010, Hardy Fern Foundation. At Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle. www.hardyferns.org



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General Meeting April 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 AM by President Dianne Tanner. She welcomed guests.

The Minutes of the March 10 meeting as published in the April newsletter were approved.

Michele Peltonen announced that she would draw six names for the raffle at the meeting. She stated that last month's raffle had made \$54.

Members were asked to sign up for the May Tea, indicating if they were bringing guests and the number of such. It was stated that members should bring their own cup and saucer, and were encouraged to wear a hat. Installation of officers for 2010-2011 will take place.

June Willard, Treasurer, reported that IGC had an opening balance of \$8017.60 and a closing balance, as of April 14 of \$7493.63.

The Plant Sale, to be held May 15, was discussed. A sign-up sheet was passed. There was a gift of hellebores through Jean Pass. A potting party will be held on Wednesday, April 21. It was noted that members were responsible after the sale for plants they had donated. They should label their donations and take home their own that didn't sell. The official time for the plant sale will be 10 AM to 2 PM. Joann Morgan stated that members could bring plants the day before the sale, ringing her intercom to gain entry. She also stated that those who wished could bring crafts to sell, donating 20% of their profit to Issaquah Garden Club.

June Willard noted that membership dues of \$25 were due today. Members should send a check to her if unable to submit the check at the April meeting.

Our participation in Earth Day, April 17, was reviewed. Members have signed up to work two-hour shifts at the booth in Pickering Barn. We have a flyer to distribute, printed by Rita Hansen. Five hundred seeds from Hume Seeds, a lettuce mixture and carrots, have been purchased for distribution. A basket of various garden supplies donated by members will be raffled after the event closes.

Jeanette Mahoney discussed the Plant Therapy at Issaquah Care and Rehabilitation Center. IGC has completed the final, fourth session at the Center. There will be a luncheon on Sunday, April 18 at 2 PM for volunteers at the Center. Karen Bukantz and June Willard will assume the Chair for Garden Therapy for the next year.

Gail Holmstrom spoke of her work at the Historical Society. She will be weeding with her grand-daughter on Thursday, April 15.

It was stated that we gave 56 pounds of food to the Food Bank in March. Donations are needed.

Following the report of the Nominating Committee, the problem of not having a candidate for President was discussed. June Willard suggested there might be Co-Presidents. It was stated that the club could not function without a President. Members agreed that a new President would have the backing of the whole club, with the past Presidents to guide. Catherine Mueller's name was placed in nomination for President; after discussion, she accepted the candidacy. June Willard offered to take the office of Secretary. The vote was taken, to elect the proposed slate: **Catherine Mueller, President; Laura Walker, Vice-President; Lorraine Smith, Treasurer; and June Willard, Secretary.**

Dianne Tanner announced, in response to prior inquiries, that no summer tours or field trips had been organized.

Dianne inquired whether members had received the spring issue of Smoke Signals. She stated that the next general meeting of ELWD would be held on May 24, with a small standard flower show, "Friends and Family." She encouraged members to register for the meeting and luncheon.

Janet Wall spoke of the new class in training for the Native Plant Stewardship program. There is a team of four people from Issaquah, of a total new class of 36 people. Training begins Friday, April 16. Janet stated that the program would be looking for volunteers to help the team at Berentsen Park at 4th and Juniper Street. There will be major changes: removal of rocks along the street, and an observation platform will be built. Work will continue on May 1, in June and July, with major planting in the fall, after rock removal.

The sale of the Native Plant Society on May 8 at Bellevue Botanical Garden was announced.

On June 4 and 5, the Hardy Fern Foundation will hold the Fern Festival, with plant sales both days, and a lecture on Friday evening. For information, contact the society at www.hardyferns.org.

June Ann Hassebroek announced that the Iris Society show would be held on May 29.

June also noted that Issaquah Garden Club members all belong to East Lake Washington District, and share talents and expert knowledge.

Following the raffle, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM

Submitted by Cate Mueller, Secretary.