



GARDEN DELIGHTS

Issaquah Garden Club

"Gardening is a habit of which I hope never to be cured, one shared with an array of fascinating people who helped me grow and bloom among my flowers."

Martha Smith, Beds I Have Known, 1990

MAY MEETING

MAY 9, 2012

10 A.M., TIBBETTS CREEK MANOR

We'll change course this month to enjoy a program by Joyce Crowder, who will speak to us about "Indigenous Birds of South King County." Ms. Crowder is a member of the Des Moines Garden Club, and just by the way, is Joan Harris' cousin. She is a Master Gardener and a member of the Audubon Society. She has been speaking about birds to groups for forty-five years.

Ms. Crowder will guide us to learn to appreciate birds and to treat them well. She'll strive to give us a greater understanding of birds, and tell us how to preserve habitat for them. She states, "There is more to birds than people really think."

We'll also hear a vignette by Sally Cadranell on Pacific Coast Native Iris and Siberian Iris. (She hopes the rabbits haven't eaten all her irises!)

We'll enjoy a luncheon tea provided by hostess Rita Hansen and members who have signed up to provide dishes. Rita asks that if you plan to attend, please bring a special china cup or mug for our luncheon tea, along with your table setting.

Please remember your contributions for the Issaquah Food Bank. (Sylvia Watson reports that we donated fifty-three pounds of food last month.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to thank again the Nominating Committee for their work in finding members to fill posts. The fact that we completed and elected our slate with far less fuss than might have occurred is gratifying.

We all thoroughly enjoyed Jon Throne's presentation at our April meeting. How he can construct such interesting and effective floral designs while talking to us about what he's doing (and the theory behind it) is astonishing.

April has been a busy month for our club. ~~In addition to our monthly meeting, members~~ worked on four projects you'll read about in this issue. We continue to concentrate on our ongoing projects, the annual plant sale on May 12 and the flower show in lieu of a meeting on June 13. There is much to be done on both—more about these in this issue, also.

I look forward to seeing you at next Wednesday's meeting.

Cate Mueller

IGC OFFICERS FOR 2012-2013

The slate of officers proposed at the April meeting was elected unanimously:

President: June Ann Hassebroek
Co-Vice Presidents: Cate Mueller and
Dianne Tanner
Treasurer: Shadi Wang
Secretary: Jean Pass

CLUB DUES, 2012-2013

Because of the uncertainty regarding cub continuance, last month, we did not announce that dues for the coming year should be paid.

Please remember to bring your checks, for \$25 payable to "Issaquah Garden Club" to the May meeting to give to our Treasurer, Jackie Maresca. We must pay our dues to district by July 1, 2012.

Jackie has also stated that she would like to have all the receipts from the various committee heads by June 20th so she can close the books and get them ready for the financial review committee. Those receipts that are not received will be paid from next year's budget.

IGC GIVES TO OUR COMMUNITY

On Thursday, April 5, members June Willard, Karen Bukantz, Joan Harris Audrey Ellingsen and Cate Mueller met at Issaquah Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to create floral arrangements for the residents.

On Friday, April 20, IGC members Shadi Wang, Karen Bukantz, and June Willard, joined June Ann and Lyle Hassebroek and others from over half the Garden Clubs in ELWD to work on the native garden near the new Ravine Bridge at Bellevue Botanical Gar-

IGC GIVES... (CONTINUED)

On Tuesday, April 24, four members of IGC joined Janet Wall to begin work on the shade garden at Pickering Barn. Those who worked on this project were surprised at the magnitude of work needed, but succeeded in making a dent in the volume.

The next day, April 25, members June Ann Hassebroek, Shadi Wang, Joanne Westveer, Karen Bukantz, and Sally Cadranel came to the Mueller home to pot and label the plants Cate and Audrey had dug on Monday. A welcome addition to these plants were the several small Japanese maple trees June Ann provided.

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Please keep in mind that our annual Plant Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 12th at Joann and Ken Morgan's home.**

Contributions of plants received so far has been less than encouraging. If you can, you are welcome to drop off potted plants at the Mueller driveway before May 11. If you've read the latest ELWD ECHO, you've seen the number of local garden clubs holding sales on May 12. In view of this, we cannot have a successful sale unless more of us participate in this project. We need your plants, and we need your presence on May 12 to help with the sale.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the May 9 meeting. There will also be a document concerning the sale either distributed by email or disseminated at

the May 9 meeting. Please be aware that the time between this meeting and the sale is too brief to make last minute plans.

ART WALK ISSAQUAH

The Downtown Issaquah Association presents ART WALK ISSAQUAH, artists and live music at Gilman Village and the historic Front Street in downtown Issaquah on the first Friday of each month, 5-8 PM, May through September.

On Friday, May 4, June Ann Hassebroek will represent Issaquah Garden Club at the Opus Bank, with a floral arrangement and materials about Garden Club and flyers detailing our two upcoming events, the Plant Sale and the Flower Show.

Learn more at <http://www.downtownissaquah.com/modules/event/events.php?eventid=162>

NOTE: June Willard has stated that she returned home from making arrangements at Issaquah Nursing and Rehabilitation with a **brown ACE poly bag with a pair of cutters** (with 1 red and 1 tan handgrip) and a **white washcloth in it**, which are not hers. She is missing her pair of red gripped **good pruners**. Her initials are in large black print on them. Please see if you have these.

ELWD GENERAL MEETING

May 21, Monday: - ELWD General Meeting with Flower Show, "Jukebox Jamboree," presented by the West Lake Sammamish Garden Club.

[Below is information reprinted from ELWD ECHO, 4/27.]

All Garden Club Members and their guests are invited to attend. You won't want to miss our morning program by Laura Sweany, owner of Terra Flora Farm speaking on "Permaculture - Self Sustaining Gardening to make Mother Nature and You One". We hope you will enter our Flower Show, "Jukebox Jamboree". The schedule is on the ELWD website www.elwd.org

Carol Stromberg, cj.blackforest@comcast.net or 425 241 9030 is the advance entry chairman for Design and Crafts; the deadline to enter is May 15th. No advanced entry is required for Horticulture. If you've never entered a show before, there is information on how to fill out the horticulture entry card on the website and tips on conditioning your horticulture. Check the schedule and see what you might have to share. For the Design Division, Elaine Pinkerton, Show Chairman, suggests that the Goodwill, Dollar or craft stores would be good places to find sheet music, notes, album covers or 45 rpm records that would fit the show theme. Sounds like fun - hope we get lots of entries and many people attending our meeting to view the show. Invite a friend - it's the best way to grow our ELWD.

Reservations are required for the GMM and the deadline is Thursday, May 17th.

Issaquah Garden Club will provide lunch for this meeting, under the direction of **Rita Hansen**. Issaquah Garden Club members signed up to help: **Karen Bukantz, Karen Lee, Joan Harris, June Beckerman, Shadi Wang, Marietta Hunziker, and Jean Pass**. **Gail Holmstrom and Audrey Ellingsen** will provide the coffee and tea as well as the table settings and table cloths.

[The reservation sign-up for additional IGC members to attend the ELWD General meeting will be available at the IGC meeting, May 9. Cate Mueller will send in the group reservation, so that you need not contact either Joyce Voldal or Linda Patricelli.]

GMM Schedule

8:30 – 9:30 Check-in for those entering Design and Horticulture. Members are limited to 6 horticulture entries. Late entries will be set aside and not judged.

9:15 – 9:50 Check -n for all others attending.

10:00 –11:00 AM Program by Laura Sweany, owner of Terra Flora Farm, speaking on "Permaculture – self sustaining gardening to make Mother Nature and You Onelli."

11:15- 11:45 Business Meeting

11:45 – 12:30 Lunch (provided by Issaquah Garden Club with centerpieces by Terra Tillers Garden Club)

12:30 – 1:15 Raffle and Flower Show Review (raffle prizes donated by Hilltoppers, Valleyvue, and Sherwood Forest Garden Clubs)





Summer on the Move

A Small Standard Flower Show

June 13, 2012

Show Chairmen: June Ann Hassebroek 425-922-8143,

Entry Time: 10:00 a.m.–10:45 a.m.; Removal Time: 6:00 p.m. Open to Public: 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Location: Issaquah Public Library, 10 West Sunset Way, Issaquah

DIVISION I - HORTICULTURE

Summer on the Move

SECTION A. Dancing Displays (Perennials)

Eligible for Award of Merit

Class 1. Blooming Perennial (under one inch, 3 blooms) Class 2. Blooming Perennial (over one inch, one bloom)

Class 3. Rose, Single Bloom

Class 4. Rose, Spray

Class 5. Foliage Perennial (e.g., Hosta, Fern)
(Clematis, Honeysuckle)

Class 6. Blooming Perennial Vines

SECTION B. Sailing in the Wind (Trees/Shrubs -Max. length 30")

**Eligible for Arbor-
eal Award**

Class 7. Flowering Tree

Class 8. Flowering Shrub

Class 9. Deciduous Branch (e.g. Maple)

Class 10. Broadleaf Branch (e.g., Aucuba)

Class 11. Artistic Branch (fresh)

Horticulture Consultant: Call Janel Garnett 360-668-6111 with any question on horticulture entries.

DIVISION II - DESIGN

Summer Fun

Eligible for Design Excellence, Novice Award, Best Theme Interpretation (Club President's Award)

Class 1. **Walking on Sunshine** Design featuring fresh plant material, scaled to fit on a 24" w x 30" d table space. Background encouraged. 4 Entries.

Class 2 **Strolling in the Garden** Creative Design may include summer fruits/vegetables, scaled to fit a 24" w x 30" d table space. Background encouraged. 4 Entries.

DIVISION II - DESIGN, continued

- Class 3. **Enjoying Cool Treats** Capsule Table Design staged on a card Table, designer's choice of plant material. 4 Entries. (Capsule Design - A full sized centerpiece design with one representative place setting.)
- Class 4. **Gazing at the Stars** Small Design no larger than 8" in any dimension, staged on a section of a 8" deep acrylic shelf, 18" above the table; designer's choice of plant material. 4
- Class 5. **Spotting Lightning Bugs** Miniature Design no larger than 5" in any dimension, staged on a section of an 8" deep acrylic shelf, 18" above the table; designer's choice of plant material. 3 Entries.

Design Consultant: Call Rita Hanson 425-392-2108 by June 7 with questions or to register entries.

DIVISION III - SPECIAL EXHIBITS

Summer Activities

Section A. Artistic Crafts

- Class 6. **Basking in the Sunshine** A decorated sun visor, to be hung on a hall tree. Must have some plant material. No artificial plant material

Section B. Educational Exhibits

- Class 7. **Weeding the Garden** An exhibit on Noxious and Invasive Plants
- Class 8. **Motivating our Youth** An Exhibit on Youth Projects

See page 7 for horticulture and design rules.

Apropos of nothing—just to fill this space...

17th Century Garden Design for Women

The 17th century author William Lawson is credited with making gardening popular for women, with his book, A New Orchard and Garden which was printed together with the first horticultural book written solely for women, The Country Housewife's Garden. Beautifully illustrated with charming woodcuts, it tells the 17th century woman everything she needs to know to have a productive and visually attractive garden.

For those of you fascinated with garden history, the books have been reissued. The perfect Mother's Day gift, perhaps?

[from my cousin Pam's garden club newsletter, Santa Cruz, CA.]



Horticulture Rules - Division I

Grooming tips available on www.elwd.org under Flower Shows

1. All horticulture entries must be fresh plant material grown by the exhibitor.
2. The exhibitor will provide clear, clean glass or sturdy plastic container of appropriate size.
3. All specimens must be correctly named to include genera, species and variety/cultivar if possible.
4. Good grooming and conditioning are important. No enhancement of foliage is permitted.
5. All entries should consist of one specimen unless otherwise stated.
6. Classes will be subdivided if each is a different variety, cultivar, type or color.
7. Exhibitor can make more than one entry per class if each is a different variety, cultivar, type or color.
8. Cut Specimens should not have foliage below the water line.
9. Wedging is permitted. Suggestions include plastic wrap, celery plugs, wood plugs.
10. No cut specimen shall be more than 30" from tip to cut end.
11. All exhibits must be named properly by the binomial name (*Genus-species*) to be eligible for a Top Exhibitor Award.
12. Horticulture entry cards should be filled out in advance, if possible, using pencil or water-proof pen to avoid water damage. Horticulture tags can be downloaded from the ELWD website, www.elwd.org.

Design Rules - Division II

1. **Advance entry required for all Design classes. Call Rita Hanson 425-392-2108 by May 7.**
2. Novices are invited to enter all Design classes. A Novice has won 0-3 blue ribbons in a Standard Flower Show. Please specify if you are a Novice when calling to enter. Entry card will be marked "N"
3. Exhibitor must provide substitute if unable to participate.
4. An exhibitor may enter as many classes as desired, but only one exhibit per class.
5. Each design must be the work of one individual.
6. No artificial flowers, fruit or foliage permitted.
7. All designs must contain some plant material. Fresh plant material should be emphasized.
8. Fresh plant material may never be treated, or embellished in any way.
9. Dried plant material may be treated, painted or embellished.
10. Permitted are a) living plants with exposed roots, b) plants growing in containers, c) accessories, featured objects and draping.
11. Exhibitor may use additional staging but must use properties provided and only the space allowed.

By the way...June Ann Hassebroek has asked that Issaquah Garden Club members IGC members to go to District Web www.elwd.org for helpful hints on grooming and entering horticulture in a flower show.

YARD ART

[Here's the third and last installment of a discussion of garden art to make at home. These were taken from an article in the March/April, 2003 issue of The Virginia Gardener, the newsletter published each month by Virginia Tech and the Virginia Cooperative Extension.]

Don't limit your creativity with grape vine trimmings to wreaths. These strong, flexible vines can be twisted into baskets, topiary frames and unique sculptures. Use weed seed heads, dried flowers, and old bird nests to decorate. Although most people wait until late winter to prune grapes, the vines can be trimmed anytime between Thanksgiving and the end of December. Other strong vines such as wisteria and honeysuckle that need trimming or removal from trees can be cut off and worked into fun or functional garden art. Make sure to avoid dark vines with coarse, hair-like attachments—they could be poison ivy!

Use your imagination to create an artistic birdhouse, mailbox, or planter from logs or construction scraps. Use up the dregs from old paint cans to paint your masterpiece.

Make a scarecrow with recycled construction lumber and a few out-of-date pieces of clothing. Arm and leg holes are tied shut and stuffed with leaves or hay. For an amusing scene, fashion an entire family of garden guardians.

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