



GARDEN DELIGHTS

Issaquah Garden Club

"Celebrating our club's 85th Year..."

"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, 1996

May Meeting

May 14, 2014

"Nature Into Art" Standard Flower Show

Flower Shows are fun, educational and uplifting. Let us show off our skills and put our own hard work on display for all to enjoy. We grow beautiful horticulture in our gardens. Have you ever thought of bringing some of your horticulture to a Flower Show? The horticulture has to be grown by you in your own gardens. Please check the web site and also the Flower Show Schedule on how to prepare the horticulture.

What about designing a beautiful design with fresh flowers and plants. The fresh flowers can either be bought or grown in your own gardens. The flowers and plants cannot be dyed or embellished in any way. Please read the Flower Show Schedule for details.

Rita Hansen, Co-Chairman

We will have a potluck at our May meeting. Members are asked to bring either a salad or dessert to share with other members. Please remember to bring a serving utensil or two for each dish. Your help in setting up the meal and cleaning up afterwards is requested.

Please remember to bring your utensils, cup, plate and napkin to our meeting.

And don't forget to bring your donations for the Issaquah Food Bank. Members contributed forty-nine pounds of food at our April meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NATURE'S NURTURING

Our theme for the year and for our May meeting, a flower show, is "Nature Into Art." For a flower show to be a success, we need ***you*** to bring horticulture and designs. Think Horticulture and Design exhibits as if you are sharing and bringing "gifts" as entries for all to learn from and enjoy. This is a show just for our members. Call Sally Cadranell right away so you can Advance Enter to reserve your space for the design of your choice. It is a way to practice the skills that help create a well-orchestrated and beneficial flower show so next time we will feel confident that we can have a show open for all our adoring public to attend. The Our Program will consist of discussion of some of the interesting and some of the highest scoring exhibits.

In a recent issue of Flower magazine, an article about "Nurturing Gardens" caught my eye. It reviewed the thoughts about how our world is speeding up. Gardening is slow. "Put down the smart phone and pick up a spade" was the recommendation by the landscape professional Logan Ward. As we enjoy our gardens or landscapes around us, be open to and welcome the nurturing.

While selecting plant material to be used for lines, flowers and filler in an artistic, interpretive arrangement, be open to the feelings that give us energy and passion.

Mr. Ward also commented on the increase in food production in urban settings..., including the "City Chickens" being

raised in backyard coops. He asks, "Remember how fun and satisfying it is to gather eggs?" Evidently, the urban egg movement is a nationwide boom as part of farm-to-fork dining.

The more we can learn to raise food for ourselves, and teach others to do the same, the healthier our world will be. Blending in designing as food for our artistic souls adds further benefits. Gardens are a way to fill us back up after the world drains us. Working with the soil grows values that anchor our lives – hard work, patience, generosity, reverence and stewardship of the land. I can't find the original article but wanted to admit that I am sharing what I remember from reading Logan Ward's message, while adding my personal expressions.

The artistically and purposely well-designed landscape will give much peace and comfort.

Nature and gardening nurture us and provide restorative powers. Garden Club's Mission is to help you learn the skills to accomplish tasks while making friends that nurture us as well. Working together, as Officers, Chairman and volunteers will take us into a desirable future. Blessings to all of you who served our club and those who will pick up the banner of opportunities for the coming years.

JUNE ANN HASSEBROEK



OFFICERS FOR 2014-2015

The slate of officers was elected unanimously at our April meeting: **Joy Jackson**, President; **Lenda Sundene**, Vice-President; **Cate Mueller**, Secretary; and **Joan Harris**, Treasurer.

Because three of our new officers will be unable to attend our May meeting, the officers will be installed at a special meeting/picnic on June 11. A venue for this meeting has not yet been determined. We will all be notified of this as soon as possible.

Please reserve June 11 on your calendars!

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

On May 19, ELWD will hold the last General Meeting of the year. The meeting will include a small standard flower show, "Summer Vacation," two programs, one on sedums and one, a design potpourri, presented by New Century Designers, lunch, and a "White Elephant" table.

The registration fee is \$10.00 for lunch and programs--check to "ELWD" or exact amount preferred. Make your reservation by the Thursday May 15th deadline. Joyce Voldal will be taking reservations for this event; contact her at javoldal@hotmail.com or phone 425-712-7638 (in Edmonds, long distance for most). Please give her the name of your club when placing your reservation.

Flower show entries should arrive between 8:30 - 9:30 AM. Registration will be held between 9:00 and 9:45, with the morning program beginning at 10 AM. This is followed by the business meeting and flower show comments, lunch presented by Elawags, and flower show viewing. The afternoon program follows at 12:30, and the meeting concludes at 1:30 PM.

The Chinook District invites all garden club members to the 81st annual Convention of the Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs (WSFGC), "It's Just Ducky," **June 1 through 4** in Tukwila. Please see pages 8-10 of the Spring issue of Smoke Signals for more information and the registration form, due before May 16.



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>

GROWING GREAT GARDENERS

On April 25, Issaquah Garden Club members shared in the work at Issaquah Valley Elementary School. The rain held off while June Ann Hassebroek and her husband, Lyle, Shadi Wang, Chong Chancellor, Karen Lee and Dianne Tanner were on hand to refurbish the two "Good Bugs. . .Bad Bugs" beds for the May classes. Weeding and planting of a marigold perimeter, catnip seeds and starts of rosemary and lavender took place. Parent volunteers weeded the gravel surrounding all beds and eradicated some of the horse tails that have appeared in the north side beds.

Thank you to all IGC members for support of the Growing Great Gardener Program at Issaquah Valley Elementary School. What a great way to teach and encourage our gardeners of the future!

Dianne Tanner

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our current Treasurer, Shadi Wang, will not be present at our May meeting. You may bring your check in payment of the \$25 yearly dues, made out to "Issaquah Garden Club" to our meeting to give to Dianne Tanner, who has agreed to collect them, or you may mail your check to either Shadi or to our Treasurer for 2014-2015, Joan Harris.

Those who have paid their dues as of May 3 are: Ms.'s Abernathy, Beckerman, Bukantz, Chancellor, Chapman, Cone, Dinken, Eldridge, Hansen, Hassebroek, Holmstrom, Hunziker, Jackson, Lukas, Moskowitz, Mueller, Pass, Peltonen, Sundene, Tanner, Teckmeyer, Wall, Wang, Westveer, and Willard.

Since Shadi will close the books by June 30, she asks that you submit any vouchers and receipts for expenses well before that date. (She'll return to Issaquah on May 15.)

FINAL REPORT ON IGC AND THE IRS

On April 10, IGC received approval from IRS for our tax exempt status. . .we are classified a charity.

We are now able to generate a tax donation slip or letter for personal donations to our club. The general practice for this is a thank you letter as donation occurs, with instructions to attach receipts or total of services. If we have a fund raising activity (such as auction) a donation form could be generated for tax purposes upon receiving the item. . or again donation of services.

These documents should be signed and generated by the current treasurer or records/correspondence secretary or assigned member. I would suggest using our logo on any receipt created or letterhead for acknowledgement "thank you" letter.

Dianne Tanner

LAKE WILDERNESS ARBORETUM PLANT SALE

You will remember that our club didn't take part in the Hellebore Tea this year. Another fundraiser for the Lake Wilderness Arboretum is the plant sale their foundation sponsors.

Your Editor thought some members might wish to attend this and take advantage of better weather to visit the gardens there. "...The plant sale is next Friday, May 9 (10-6:00) and Saturday, May 10 (10-4:00). Please consider stopping by to shop for plants to fluff out your garden and fill those spots where you have perhaps lost plants due to the ravages of winter. We have some really nice plants and your support is needed and appreciated..."



[Your editor finds this picture totally charming. According to the source, the Hummingbird Society stated that the photographer of this picture was unknown. For this reason, your editor believes she can reprint this.]

OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Hi, I'm Joy Jackson. I've only been in the Issaquah Garden Club for a year and a half. Consequently, I was stunned to be approached by June Anne and the Nominating Committee, requesting me to be President of IGC. On the balance of knowledge of both Issaquah and the various things that IGC is supporting, I am sadly in arrears. So for my term of Presidency to be successive, it will depend upon all of the other IGC members to continue with those tasks and assignments in which they are interested.

A little about me: I joined IGC in the wake of Betty Zink's funeral. To honor her memory, I joined "her" garden club. Betty was a great friend to my mother, Lorene Jackson. I knew Betty from all the flower shows that she and my mother attended and judged. Mother, at 97, doesn't enjoy going out to meetings anymore, so I usually stop by and let her know what transpired.

I live in the Wallingford area of Seattle, a half-hour drive from Issaquah on a good day. I have a small side-yard, on the south side of the house. Deer are not a problem.

I am "retired" after 33.5 years at Seattle Public Library. I am very involved with American Radio Theater. We have 14 actors, and we meet twice a month, to record audio drama. Once it is recorded, then it's up to me to edit the recordings into a finished product using my computer. Please have at our website for more information,

www.AmericanRadioTheater.org.

We have a number of our shows that you can download and listen to.

That's a snapshot at what makes me tick. I hope we will have a great time, and be a great team.

Joy

Orange Cranberry Coffee Cake-ettes—

Joy Jackson (made for IGC's Bake Sale 2013)

2 Tbsp melted butter
 ¼ c. packed brown sugar
 ½ chopped pecans (or walnuts)
 ¼ tsp cinnamon
 Orange zest
 ¼ tsp orange extract
 2 cups biscuit mix
 2/3 c water or milk
 2Tbsp sugar
 1 egg
 Orange "Craisins" (cranberry "raisins")

--Mix butter, brown sugar, almonds cinnamon and orange extract and set aside.

--Combine biscuit mix, sugar, egg and 2/3 c of water or milk and beat vigorously for 30 seconds.

--grease with shortening the small rectangles of the pan

--Drop the batter into the rectangles, filling only half-full. Sprinkle the brown sugar mixture on top and add orange cran-raisins to the top (if using 2/3 c. whole Cranberry sauce, add a little to the tops.)

--Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes

Glaze (if you want a glaze, I didn't use one for the Bake Sale)

1 c. powdered sugar
 ½ tsp vanilla extract
 1 Tbsp milk

--Combine all glaze ingredients and drizzle over warm coffee cake

FLEA MARKET GARDENING

Your editor has found the most interesting, informative website that somehow popped up on my Facebook page, much to my delight. This site full of good ideas, many of which cost little or NO money, also much to my delight. There are oodles and oodles of contributions from other readers. I "walked through" dozens of gardens that were just to my fancy. The site includes garden tours, photograph albums, and a shopping site. <http://www.fleamarketgardening.org/>

2014 PLANT/BAKE SALE

Plans are well underway for our annual Plant/Bake/Art and Craft Sale for May 31. Many of our members have helped pot plants, some donated from their yards, some from Janel's garden, and some held over from last year's sale. We'll meet again on May 7 and perhaps May 21 to label and price these plants. Many are preparing donations for the bake sale. Fay Cawley is making earrings to donate, and Joann Morgan will be offering her work for sale with a percentage to go to Issaquah Garden Club.

Members are needed to transport plants from the Mueller and Westveer homes to Joann and Ken Morgan's home on Friday, May 30. Members are also needed to set up on Saturday morning, beginning at 7:30 or 8:00 AM for the sale held from 10 AM to 2 PM. Other members will be needed to transport the plants to their keeping place and the sale equipment to return to the Mueller home.

Please come prepared on May 14 to sign up for these necessary tasks. This is our one, big fund-raiser. We need everyone to participate to make this a success.



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