



# GARDEN DELIGHTS

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**Issaquah Garden Club**

*“To dig one’s own spade into one’s own earth!  
Has life anything better to offer than this?”*

*Beverley Nichols, British writer of the 1900’s*

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**May Meeting**

**One week early!**

**May 6, 2015, 10:00 A.M.**

**“The Birds and the Bees—PG Rated”**



Our speaker this month is Jim Ullrich, President and owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Gig Harbor. Mr. Ullrich has owned his Wild Birds Unlimited franchise for twenty-two years, and has won awards from the national Wild Birds Unlimited company and from the city. He is a three-time Past President of the Kitsap Audubon Society chapter and has served on their board of directors for several years. For the past five years he has written articles on birds and bees for the *West Sound Home & Garden* magazine. He has also been a guest on radio programs. Mr. Ullrich is a retired Naval officer, and holds a Master’s degree in business administration from the University of Puget Sound.

Mr. Ullrich, who presented a program on Mason bees at the 2015 Northwest Flower and Garden Show, has given over a hundred presentations on this subject over the years. He promises to answer any questions we might have about the birds and the bees and to bring things for us to see. This should be a lively, informative program.

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**Don’t forget your cup, plate and utensils!**

**And don’t forget to bring your donation for the Issaquah Food Bank!**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Oh, wow! I love driving around this time of year when everything is in bloom. Streets that were ordinary before are now gorgeous. Particularly the native white dogwood. I want one! I want one! But to put one in, I'd have to take something else out. I have a pink dogwood that I planted too many years ago.

Seeing all the trees flowering makes my fingers itch to make them into flower arrangements. Which reminds me to remind you that IGC will be having a flower show in October. I've been watering the pots of my bay babies which are waiting for the plant sale.

We have an early meeting on first Wednesday in May, and then it's the plant sale! And the bake sale on May 8 and 9. Yummmm! Don't forget to bring your payment for our dues for 2015-2016.

joy



**Image of white 'Cornus Florida' taken from BING**

## SYLVIA WATSON

*Sylvia Watson passed away on March 14, 2015. For a Celebration of Sylvia's Life, an afternoon tea will be held at Tibbett's Creek Manor on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. If you come for the celebration of Sylvia's life, you are asked to write down a memory of the favorite things she liked to do at garden club. [Our Plant/Bake Sale will close at 2 P.M. on May 8 so that we can attend this memorial.]*

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## MAY LUNCHEON

Those helping the Hostess, June Ann Hassebroek, with lunch crew duties. 'MAY MAGIC' are: Audrey Ellingsen, Rita Hansen, Jean Pass, Lenda Sundene, and Janet Wall. June Ann stated that still needed are another dessert and probably rolls & butter. If you can bring these, **please contact June Ann as soon as possible.**

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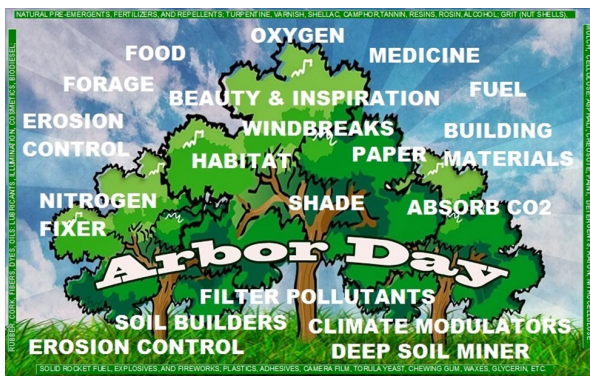
## MAY: DUES ARE DUE

**Please Note: Membership Dues for Issaquah Garden Club are due NOW! Please bring your check for \$25 made out to "Issaquah Garden Club" to the May 6 meeting. If you don't remember to bring payment of the dues, someone will have to call you about this. Surely you wouldn't like to put anyone to this trouble, would you?**

At the same time, please bring the membership form sent with this newsletter. Your officers are eager to know what subject you'd like to have discussed by program speakers.

## ISSAQUAH NURSING AND REHABILITATION EASTER PLANT THERAPY

On April 2, IGC members met at the Issaquah Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to prepare sixteen arrangements to celebrate Easter. Those who worked on arrangements were Karen Bukantz, Joan Harris, Joann Morgan—who also provided bows and ornamental Easter eggs, Cate Mueller, Diane Tanner, Shadi Wang, and Sherran Whatley. Karen Lee provided Easter eggs on sticks to enhance the arrangements.



## ELWD NEWS

The East Lake Washington District Board meeting and Arbor Day observance will be held on **May 4, at 9:30 A.M. at Bellevue Botanical Garden.** Treat yourself by attending this observance. Arrive at the entrance/Gathering Place before 9:30. The BBG Garden Manager, Nancy Kartes will give a brief talk about past Arbor Day trees donated by garden club and then matching trees will be installed at the Short's House. This is just a very short walk to what was the old Visitor

Center. The Arbor Day Celebration will be followed by a District Board Meeting under cover at the Gathering Place. Come one, come all.

**June Ann Hassebroek,  
ELWD Arbor Day Chairman**

## BBG "GO NATIVE" Friday, May 15, 10 - noon

More volunteers are needed to help on this day. If you can do so, please contact: [juneannhas@aol.com](mailto:juneannhas@aol.com)

This is a great way to learn from BBG staff and also the Washington Native Plant Society members planting and weeding side by side with ELWD volunteers.

Volunteers will gather just inside the main entrance and wait in the covered area referred to as “the Gathering Place.” **Please arrive promptly** or a bit early so we can all sign in. With enough volunteers, we’ll work in the three main native plant areas: Native Discovery Garden, Ravine Experience and near the new native area east of parking. Bring gloves, water and small hand tools. Shovels and all other equipment will be provided by BBG.

As a Partner with BBG, ELWD has had numerous meetings (free of charge) at the lovely new Education Center. Volunteering to help protect and increase the native plants is our District's way of showing our Partner support. It is a honor for BBG to have been a Partner since the BBGS was first founded. It is a botanical treasure for education and beauty.

## STATE CONVENTIONS

You are reminded that the **2015 WSFGC convention** will be held on **June 2-5**, at the Red Lion Hotel in Port Angeles.

For more information, please see the WSFGC website:

[www.wagardenclub.com](http://www.wagardenclub.com)

## 2016 STATE CONVENTION

ELWD will sponsor the 2016 convention to be held at the Embassy Suites at Eastgate, June 7 through 10. Subsequently, we'll be given more information and asked to help with this convention, a unique opportunity since it's right in our "backyard."

## KING COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED UPDATE

This organization has alerted us to two events, May 9—the second day of our sale. If you're working at the sale on May 8 and can spare the time on the ninth, you might wish to consider these.

KC Weed will have a noxious weed information booth, complete with live weed specimens, lots of free information on weeds, and great advice from our friendly weed specialists, will be at both events:

[Tukwila's Backyard Wildlife Fair](#), May 9, 9-3, Tukwila Community Center

[Washington Native Plant Society's Native Plant Sale](#), May 9, 10-4, Mercerdale Park, 77th Ave SE & SE 32nd Street, Mercer Island

## REQUEST FROM "THE LILY LADY"

"Thank you for having me speak at your meeting. I was wondering if you could print this for me, please.

"I would like to see how your lily bulbs do this summer. Would you please snap a picture of them in bloom and email it to me at:

[beanvalley@cablespeed.com](mailto:beanvalley@cablespeed.com)

I am hoping to get as many pictures as possible this year.

"Again, thank you so much."

**Paula Rogers**

## APROPOS OF NOTHING...

I thought this quote might cause members to reflect. I first reprinted it from a good friend's garden club newsletter in May 2003, and just came across it.

*Show me your garden, provided it be your own, and I will tell you what you are like. A garden that one makes oneself becomes associated with one's personal history and that of one's friends, interwoven with one's tastes, preferences, and character, and constitutes a sort of unwritten, but withal, manifest.*



## NEWS FROM BELLEVUE BOTANICAL GARDEN



THE TRILLIUM STORE

### Spring Clean Up Sale

Thursday, April 23-Sunday, May 3  
50% off selected items!

#### Store Hours

**April:** Thursday-Sunday, 12-4pm

**May:** Thurs - Mon, 11am - 4pm

Grow Your Garden,  
Grow Your Mind!

**The Bellevue Botanical Garden Society** is pleased to offer the following educational opportunities. Location is in The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden unless otherwise noted. See the website for more information and arrangements for pre-registration, when necessary. <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>

**LECTURES** Unless otherwise noted there is no pre-registration for lectures. Pay at the door. \$5.00 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society Members. \$15.00 Non-members. (Doors open at 6:30pm)

**May 12, 2015 Container Crazy (and Plants for Small Gardens)** - Dan Heims

**May 13, 2015 6:30pm - 8:30pm, "Tomatoes and Heat-Loving Plants in Containers"** Limited to 24 Participants. Pre-registration Required. \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society Members. \$35 Non-members. (See website below.)

**May 27, 2015 An Illustrated Walk through the Wespelaar Arboretum in Belgium** - Dr. Koel Camelbeke, Arboretum Wespelaar, Belgium

**August 4, 2015 Annual Meeting and Trillium Lecture with Kathryn Gustafson** (Pre-registration required)

**October 13, 2015 Creating a New Dream - On a 20-Acre Canvas** - Tom Hobbs

**CLASSES (Pre-registration required)**

**April 30, 2015** *Grow Herbs and Salads in Containers*

**May 2, 2015** *Outdoor Photography*

**May 13, 2015** *Tomatoes and Heat-Loving Plants in Containers*

**May 30, 2015** *Growing Lavender in the Northwest*

**June 6, 2015** *Companion Planting for Vegetables*

**June 20, 2015** *Outdoor Photography*

**June 23, 2015** *Pruning Class (PowerPoint Presentation)*

**July 23, 2015** *Unique Raised Garden Beds*

**July 25, 2015** *Outdoor Photography*

**August 20, 2015** *Save Seeds from Your Garden!*

**August 7, 2015** *Flower Arranging from the Garden*

**September 24, 2015** *Must-have Plants for Fabulous Fall Color*

**October 8, 2015** *Preparing Your Garden for Winter - and Spring!*

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## NATURAL WEED KILLERS

Gardeners who are interested in environmentally-friendly weed killers will be interested to know that there are two options that work. The first is corn gluten meal, a byproduct of making cornstarch that inhibits the germination of weed seeds. It works on crabgrass and dandelions, and other annuals, but will not kill weeds that are already thriving. Corn gluten meal should be applied at 20 pounds per 1000 square feet in very early spring.

If weeds are already present, try vinegar, which is technically an acid. It's possible to use store bought vinegar, which is 5% acetic acid, but it may not be as effective as vinegar that is 15 or 20% acetic acid. Studies have shown that the age of the weed determines what strength works best. For example, a weed that is in its first two weeks of life can easily be killed by several spray applications of a 5% solution; whereas an "older" weed needs a stronger concentration of 15 to 20% acetic acid applied to it. At stronger concentrations there is an 85 to 100% success rate for complete eradication of the weed. Vinegar does not discriminate and will kill all plants, not just weeds, so be sure to spot spray only the weed you want to get rid of.

## **IGC PLANT/BAKE/CRAFT/WHITE ELEPHANT SALE MAY 8 & 9**

Joanne Westveer and Cate Mueller and their helpers, Shadi Wang, Georgann Lennon, Gloria Woo, Karen Bukantz, and Janel Garnett, have potted up twenty-five hanging baskets with annuals, transplanted tomato seedlings that Joanne started, and potted donated perennials at two “potting parties” held at the Muellers so far. (There is another April 29 and a work party at the Westveers the next day to refurbish left-over plants that Joanne has fostered for a year.) Janel Garnett, Joanne Dinken and Karen Bukantz have donated plants. One unidentified member dropped off plants at the Mueller driveway, this week. Audrey Ellingsen has many pots of perennials at her home to donate, and we’ve heard that Karen Lee and Loretta Rodni have plants potted for the sale as well.

**We are looking for members to help move plants from the Westveer home and the Mueller home on Thursday, May 7. Loading will begin at the two places at 1 P.M., to have the plants at Joann and Ken Morgan’s home at 2 P.M.**

**Joanne Westveer has the sign-up sheet of those members who volunteered to work before and during the sale May 8 and 9. Plans for final disposition of leftover plants has yet to be made. Your officers meet Thursday, April 30, to discuss this, among other issues.**

**We’ll appreciate the help of as many members as possible for this event, our one money-generating project of this year. If you haven’t yet signed up to help, please consider doing so at our May 6 meeting.**



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