



# GARDEN DELIGHTS

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Issaquah Garden Club

*“Like most people, I wish I could more often be the person I sometimes am—and I am most often that person in the Garden.”*

*Lee Bailey, Country Gardens*

## NOVEMBER MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2010

### **Program and Auction**

Attend the Issaquah Garden Club’s November meeting and enjoy the program, lunch and a lively fundraising auction.

We’ll begin the morning with a brief business meeting at 10 AM sharp. We’ll follow this with an even briefer coffee break. Then Ann Baron, local garden consultant, will present her program, “Fall Propagation and Preparing the Garden for Winter.” Lunch and the auction will follow.

The auction is a way to raise funds for the club’s community projects. We have a wonderful line-up of items including an overnight stay in Leavenworth, a gorgeous garden-themed quilt, Rita Hansen’s Scottish High Tea for four and a yummy chocolate-themed gift basket. The highlights are a special Village Theatre package that includes 6 tickets to a play of your choice this season, a champagne greeting for your group and a behind the stage tour; and a three-hour design class for six with Jon Throne of Countryside Floral, which includes everything necessary for your design and champagne and snacks.

We hope you’ll bring guests, including your spouses. If you will be bringing guests, please RSVP to Dianne Tanner at 425-392-7430 or at [butterdmt@comcast.net](mailto:butterdmt@comcast.net).

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our October meeting was a special treat! We enjoyed seeing and hearing about the horticultural entries and the handsome floral designs created by our talented members. All the beautiful flowers and arrangements that surrounded us were indeed impressive.

We learned from Nam Kim, who created a design in front of us and who graciously gave us books with photographs of designs. We shared a fantastic and bountiful lunch provided by our fellow members and conversation and an “origami” demonstration with special friends. And all on a crisp October day that turned out to be unusually pleasant.

My gratitude goes out to our co-chairs for the show, June Ann Hassebroek and Karen Lee; our judge and teachers, June Ann, June Willard, Sally Cadranel and Janel Garnett, and those who brought entries. I must also thank Hostess Sherran Whatley, and the members who provided the lunch. Jessica's arrangement on the luncheon table added a special touch.

Below, please enjoy pictures of our show, taken by Rosemary Fahey.

### Cate Mueller



Our judges/teachers: June Willard, Janel Garnett, Sally Cadranel, and June Ann Hassebroek, speaking.



Horticultural entries: flowering shrubs in the foreground



Rita Hansen, with her entry in the “Flowers of Joy” class—award of merit



Joanne Dinken, with her entry in the “Flowers of Peace” class, built on a metal sculpture by Betty Zink—award of merit

## NOVEMBER AUCTION

HAPPINESS will be a fun, successful and well attended IGC Auction Fundraiser. As you know, it will be held during lunch at our November meeting following our popular speaker of the day. The committee has twenty two exciting items plus a dozen sweet surprises for your bidding action.

Come early enough to view all the items.

Many members are thinking ahead to combine forces to bid competitively on the higher value items. An excellent idea!

Call or email me for more information on any part of this project. You can reach me by telephone at 425 204 0524 or Email at [sherranw@comcast.net](mailto:sherranw@comcast.net)

Sherran Whatley

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## AUCTION ITEMS

Orchidarium  
Pair of Decorator Pots  
Red Velvet Tablecloth  
Pair of Framed Prints  
Signed Garden Book, The Gardens of Georgia  
Daily Plant-It Hydrangea, 'Glowing Embers'  
Wine Basket  
Lemon Drop Punch Basket  
Rita's Scottish Tea  
Waterford Clock  
Leavenworth Overnight Package  
Village Theatre Package  
Chocolate Basket  
Quilt  
Countryside Floral Package  
Squak Mt Poinsettia's (2)  
A Salon Haircut  
Hair Care Products Basket  
A Salon Manicure  
Fischers Meats Certificate

Hayes Nursery Certificate  
Box of Chocolates  
12 Packages of Joanne's Peanut Brittle

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## WASHINGTON STATE FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS

Presents its 64th Annual Holiday Show  
*"Holiday Notes"*

A Specialized Advanced-  
Standard Flower Show  
Thursday, November 4, 2010

6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Friday, November 5, 2010

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Seattle Airport Marriott  
3201 South 176<sup>th</sup> Street  
Seattle, Washington 98188

Donations in advance are \$7.00

Donations at the door are \$8.00.

(There is also a parking fee at the Marriott.)

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## WORK PARTY AT BERNTSEN PARK

Join Washington Native Plant Stewards and Mountains to Sound on live stake and potted plantings, along with weeding and mulching at the Issaquah Creek buffer in Berntsen Park, on November 20, 2010. Time is from 9am to approx 2pm. Please bring your shovel and a piece of rebar if you have any. Come for whatever time you can spare.

Berntsen Park is on the SW corner of NW Juniper and 4th Ave NW. From Gilman and Front St, take diagonal left onto NW Juniper, then take first left just after the Juniper Bridge over Issaquah Creek.

## APPLYING FOR AWARDS

The theory behind Awards is to celebrate accomplishments of what garden club mission is all about. It helps validate the hard work. Even when I did not contribute to an Award won by anyone in our IGC, I feel proud that they are continuing to be dedicated to National Goals. Some clubs end up just being self centered and social. I would never be proud of nor belong to such an organization.

Hopefully when other individuals hear what our members do because of the Book of Evidence and Awards, they may be inspired to do some of the same work. The BOE are also very nice things to help record the history of our group. June, Karen Lee, Rita and Dianne have all done winning BOE. Maybe others as well. Having **pictures and records as we go along** is the key to applying for awards. Since ELWD has no Awards Chairman, we would have to look to WSFGC and state awards, right now.

Thanks for helping — at least give it a chance.  
**June Ann Hassebrook**

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## ISSAQUAH FOOD BANK

Our contribution to the Food Bank at the October meeting was 48lbs of food. I asked if anything was in short supply or in abundance. They would welcome baking supplies, e.g. flour and sugar for the holidays; they also need baby formula but have plenty of baby food (jars) on hand at this time.

**Sylvia Watson**



## PICKLED CARROT SALAD

[This was such a treat at the October meeting that I asked Sylvia if she would share the recipe.]

2lbs carrots (sliced and cooked without salt and well drained, I steam mine)

1 green pepper, chopped

1 medium onion, thinly sliced

1 can condensed tomato soup

1t. Worcester sauce

1t. dry mustard

1/2 cup sugar

3/4 cup vinegar (Cider or Wine)

1/2 cup salad oil (Crisco, etc. I have never used olive oil, but I think it would be OK)

1. Combine liquids mustard and sugar in large bowl, stirring well.
2. Stir in carrots, green pepper and onion.
3. Cover bowl and place in refrigerator at least overnight. It will keep longer.

**Sylvia Watson**

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## RECYCLE TIP

How to seal a bag and make it air-tight!

Cut up a disposable water bottle and keep the neck and top, Insert the plastic bag through the neck and screw the top – to seal. The bottle is made to be air-tight, such that water will not leak. The secret lies with the top and screw!



## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that chrysanthemums originally came from China and have been cultivated for centuries? “Chrysanthemum” comes from two Greek words, meaning “golden flower.” Confucius wrote about the golden chrysanthemum over 500 years before Christ was born. Sometime around the fifth century, a Chinese scholar and botanist by the name of T’ao Yuan Ming was breeding chrysanthemums and developing new species.

Over the years, the chrysanthemum made its way to Japan. In the year 797, the ruler of Japan made this flower his personal emblem. He issued a decree that only royalty could use the flower and that only gardens and nobles could cultivate the plant. Viewing the plants at the Imperial Chrysanthemum Gardens was the social ambition of the elite.

In the year 910, it became the national flower of Japan. Through the years, many dramatic forms and colors of the plant were developed. In 1876, the emperor created the Order of the Chrysanthemum, the highest honor one could receive. Not until World War II did these rules change in Japan, to include the ordinary individual in the viewing, buying and growing of this beautiful plant.

Meanwhile, however, the plant was making its way around other parts of the world,—to England, France, and Holland— although it didn’t seem to gain much interest until about 200 years ago. Many varieties were imported through the East India Company. A National Chrysanthemum Society was formed in

England in 1846 when nearly 4000 varieties were available.

The first chrysanthemum to reach America arrived in 1798. By 1840, about forty varieties were available to the general public for use in American gardens. Although they were gaining in popularity and were available as cut flowers throughout the later part of the 19th century, most varieties had to be grown in the greenhouse or conservatory. At about the turn of the 20th century, nurserymen in America began in earnest to produce plants that were garden hardy and would survive our cold winters and hot summers.

The Chrysanthemum Society of America was founded and held its first exhibit in 1902. Interest has continued to this day, and these are now more than 160 species of this plant and thousands of varieties to choose from. It is the number one cut flower in the United States and keeps gaining in popularity.

[Reprinted from an article written for the Falls Church Garden Club newsletter, [The Seedling](#), in 1987.]



This really is a chrysanthemum.



June Ann's arrangement of native plants, discussed by Janet Wall at our October meeting

Picture by Rosemary Fahey

### **PLANT THERAPY WORK**

Issaquah Garden Club members will meet at the Issaquah Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on **November 22 at 9:30am** to complete seventeen floral centerpieces for the residents for Thanksgiving. Please sign up at our November 10th meeting to volunteer to help at this workshop.

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

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**This month: our spectacular auction! Invite a guest.**