



GARDEN DELIGHTS

Issaquah Garden Club

“Every season is different in the garden and one of gardening’s greatest appeals is the changes in the forms, colors and perfumes that mark the passage of the year in a dynamic and continually interesting manner.”

Stefan Buezacki, English garden writer

October Meeting October 17, 2012

Because our program will take considerable time this month, we will begin promptly at 10 A.M. Please arrive well in advance of this time!

We’re varying our program, this month. First, June Ann Hassebroek, our President, will speak about the National Garden Club, Inc. and show a short video, “Growing Our World; Greening Our Communities,” produced by NGC.

Next, Dianne Tanner has arranged for us to share in a “hands-on” project. Twenty three members have signed up to plant color bowls to enjoy next spring. Please wear appropriate clothing (or an apron), bring gloves and a small hand trowel for this workshop. The bulbs to be planted in our bowls will include tulips in your color choice, daffodils, scilla, and grape hyacinths. We’ll plant the bowls under shelter on the deck.

Payment of \$12.50 is due before the workshop takes place. Please give checks made out to “Dianne Tanner,” or the correct amount of cash as you arrive at the meeting. If you would like to send her your check or if you will see her before the meeting, you are invited to pay Dianne ahead of time. If you do not make it to the meeting you are responsible for payment and your kit will be given to you at another time.

This should be fun. . . and it will be great to see the results next spring!

Please don’t forget your contribution for the Food Bank! We gave 43 pounds of food at the September meeting.

And don’t forget to bring your table setting!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

OUR "MOTHER"

National Garden Club, Inc. is basically the "Mother" of Issaquah Garden Club. Local clubs join together to form a District, Districts unite under State Federations, all States then form the NGC. The thousands of clubs for almost 100 years have helped shape not only our nation but many countries beyond. In fact, Mexico and South America are leading in forming clubs and teaching youngsters to grow their own food.

Our National organization and the District help clubs network and offer advanced opportunities that individual clubs may not be able to provide for themselves. By sponsoring worthy community activities, they improve garden club public image. IGC has been rewarded by NGC for projects both with Certificates of Recognition but also with Awards totaling \$1,150.

All of you receive *Smoke Signals* which is our Washington State Federation magazine. By reading that, you will learn what other clubs are accomplishing and find educational articles and events you are invited to attend.

One of the ways National Garden Clubs, Inc. raise money for college bound youth is by creating the "Vision of Beauty" calendar. NGC's proceeds from that lovely book helped a student from Washington State win a \$3,500 Scholarship last year. The designs and garden photographs are selected from thousands submitted from across this and other countries. Step up and buy them for yourself or for gifts. They will be available at our October meeting

National Garden Clubs, Inc. is why I have stayed in garden club for about 45 years in every state that I have lived in around the country. I would like you to please consider

subscribing to our *National Gardener* magazine. I am hoping that you will help all of our club feel pride in belonging to a group of such dedicated garden club members. It is great thinking of how all these people for all these years must have helped make this world and each tiny community a better place.

Please spend some of your valuable time looking closely at the web site www.gardenclub.org. The *National Gardener* is published quarterly. Rates for 1 year \$6.50, 3 years \$18. You can send your subscription check to 4401 Magnolia Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110.

Garden Club offers many opportunities. No one is expected to work on every project but every member is encouraged to select from what community service projects are offered so you learn while doing and making friends. It is what your "Mother" would know is good for you.

June Ann Hassebroek

VISIONS OF BEAUTY **CALENDARS**

Each year, NGC produces spiral-bound weekly desk calendars that include pictures of floral designs created by members all over this country. June Ann has purchased VOB calendars, which she'll make available for members to purchase at our meeting. The price has been reduced to \$5 this year. Please see June Ann to view and purchase these calendars.



OUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR IS JOINING US!

Marianne Wilkins, our East Lake District Director will attend our October 17 meeting. She'll participate in our hands-on project.

Marianne is bringing with her tickets for the **66th annual WSFGC Holiday Flower Show, "Celebrate," a Specialized Advanced-Standard Flower Show.** The show will include horticultural entries and artistic designs from members around the state. It will be presented on November 7, from 6 PM to 9:30 PM and November 8, from 9 AM to 4 PM, at the Holiday Inn, 3105 Pine Street, Everett, WA. There will also be shopping at "The Merry Merchants Gift Store, Nov. 7, noon to 10 PM, and Nov. 8, 9 AM to 4 PM. The price of tickets at the door is \$10, but the advance tickets are \$8.



REGIONAL PROJECT

A big thank you, to all our Issaquah Garden Club members: 100% of the active membership responded with their volunteer hours given to the community, for the period September 2011 through August 2012. On September

12, I notified Gale Baullinger, Pacific Region Project Director, that thirty four (34) active IGC members gave 4735 hours of their time to the community.

Give yourselves a big smile.

Audrey Ellingsen

IGC WINS AWARDS

At the WSFGC Convention, our club and one member were presented with the following:

Honorable Mention for our Yearbook; Award of Merit for 100% Smoke Signals subscription; Award of Merit for our contribution for World Gardening; a certificate for having contributed to the Conservation Teacher's Scholarship, and a "Scholarship Booster Award for our scholarship donation.

June Willard was awarded a gold "Scholarship Booster Award" for her contribution to the State fund.



WSFGC Convention—Gale Baullinger, June Willard, and June Ann Hassebroek among other WSFGC past and present officers..

WE HELP THE COMMUNITY

On **October 10**, Issaquah Garden Club members are invited to help Dianne Tanner on the “**Growing Great Gardeners**” project at Issaquah Valley Elementary School. We’ll meet at 1:30 PM to clean the beds and the gravel walks between the beds.

On **October 16**, IGC volunteers will meet at the Willow Garden at Pickering Barn to continue our project there. We’ll remove blackberries and buttercups, lay cardboard and bring in wood chips to prevent regrowth of invasive plants. Work will take place 10 AM to 1 PM.

On **October 19**, IGC members will go to June Ann’s prior home, to dig perennials for our plant sale next May. We’ll winter over the plants at Cate Mueller’s home, to be potted in the spring. The plan is to leave Issaquah at 11:30 AM, and return in the early afternoon.

THANK YOU

Last spring, when our new officers were installed, the Garden Club gave me a lovely houseplant in a terra cotta cat-shaped container, and a gift certificate from Squak Mountain Nursery.

After our meeting, last month, I went with Jean Pass to the nursery, where I purchased a lovely Japanese Maple “Waterfall.” I’ve planted the little tree, appropriately, next to the waterfall in my back yard.

Thank you all so much for these reminders of my time as your President. **Cate Mueller**

BBG WORK DAY

Please volunteer to plant and protect native plants at Bellevue Botanical Garden on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26 1:00 PM**. Meet at BBG Visitor Center and bring appropriate clothing for weather, your gloves, water bottle and small hand tools.

It is important to know how many will be attending so staff knows what plans to make. There will be a sign-up sheet at our meeting, October 17. If you won’t be there but wish to let June Ann know you’re coming, you may contact juneannhas@aol.com or call 425-922-8143.



The new Ravine Bridge at BBG

Take a Walk on the Wild Side...

An exciting new project lies in the heart of the forest at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. A 1/3 mile nature trail crosses a deep ravine into the most pristine of our wild spaces. A 150’ suspension bridge spanning the ravine allows visitors to observe unique topography, native understory, wildlife, and soaring conifers without disturbing the forest floor.

ELWD GENERAL MEETING

East Lake Washington District held the first General Meeting of the 2012-2013 year on September 24. The meeting included an informative program given by Don Marshall, Director of the East Lake Washington Institute of Technology Environmental Horticulture program, a business meeting, an unjudged horticultural show of landscape plants, and a design show commemorating Betty Zink. The arrangements were all completed all in containers made by Betty Zink, many in her style.



Janel, discussing horticulture entries.



The silent auction of the design workshop offered by Jon Throne was also held at this meeting. It earned \$305, which will go to benefit the National Convention, "RainShine," next May.

Way to go, Dianne!

COMFORT FOOD FOR OCTOBER
Pomegranate Apricot Chicken

The Jewish Woman's Weekly Planner, Devorah Rosen Goldman. Serves 8.

4 – 5 lbs boneless skinless chicken breasts
1 cup orange marmalade
½ cup pomegranate juice
½ cup fresh orange juice
7 oz whole dried apricots
7 oz Craisins® (dried cranberries)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Place chicken in roasting pan and spread with marmalade. Cover with orange and pomegranate juices. Bake for 20 minutes.

Remove from oven and scatter apricots and Craisins® around the chicken and bake an additional 45 minutes. Can be habit forming.

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