



GARDEN DELIGHTS

Issaquah Garden Club

*"It is utterly forbidden to be half-hearted about gardening
You have got to love your garden whether you like it or not."*

*W. C. Sellar and R. J. Yeatmen,
Writing in Garden Rubbish*

Meeting, September 16, 2009

Please join us on September 16 for our first meeting of the new year, under our new President, Dianne Tanner. Following our business meeting, which will include consideration of the proposed budget, (found on page three), we'll break for a cup of coffee or tea, and a light refreshment.

We'll continue with a special program, **Landscaping with Native Plants**, a slide presentation about native plants of the Pacific Northwest. The discussion will include the values of using native plants in your landscape and the characteristics and needs of the individual plants. The presentation will include examples of trees, shrubs, groundcovers and herbaceous plants that grew in the Northwest prior to the settlement by Europeans.

Our speaker, Ed LaCrosse reports that he is a Master Gardener and Native Plant Steward. He has been a Master Gardener for eighteen years. Currently, he is the Garden Coordinator for the Neely/Soames Homestead Heritage Garden in Kent. He is also the Co-Chair for Native Plants for the Master Gardener Plant Sale.

And then we'll partake of a splendid lunch, provided by Sherran Whatley, Joan Fields, Rita Hansen, Gail Holmstrom, Jessica Liepins, Joann Morgan, and Dianne Tanner.

Please don't forget your donation for the Issaquah Food Bank!

There is special need for personal care items; feminine care products; infant formula, diapers, and wipes.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our year of programs, events and fun. I am looking forward to sharing this year with all of you. I hope that you will enjoy the many things that IGC has to offer members. Upon becoming a member of IGC, I embraced the many opportunities—education, community service and fun—offered. I will endeavor to bring these same qualities for the coming year.

Our gardens are a rare and precious gift, as is our garden club. IGC friendships, education and events weave our lives together. As we meet the challenge of our daily lives, let us find peace within our gardens. We all have our special places . . . under a giant tree, in our greenhouses, tending vegetables or design spaces within our homes. Let us bring the peace of our personal places to our club this coming year. We have great speakers, programs and special events planned. We gather in friendship to grow together.

I am truly honored to serve as your President. My fellow officers this year are outstanding and are dedicated to making this year memorable and full of opportunities for all.

Blessings, **Dianne Tanner**

. . . . the real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment...

HOW FUNNY!

[After Jeanette Mahoney shared this tale at the IGC Board meeting, September 1, I asked if I might recount it in our newsletter. She graciously agreed.]

Jeanette washed her clothes recently. She had purchased a new kind of detergent instead of her usual, Tide. When she was ready to add the detergent, she reached for the green container, and added the proper

amount. She was surprised at the blue color of the water, but thought, "Oh, well...it's a new soap." She washed and dried her clothes.

After doing so, she looked at the "detergent" container; she had washed her clothes with Miracle-gro!

Thanks, Jeanette, for your good nature in telling us this, and...Happy Birthday, September 12. (If the Issaquah Valley Seniors newsletter got it right!)

OUR PLANT SALE

Our plant sale, May 16, grossed just over one thousand dollars. This was due to the participation of so many of our club members—and the help of several of their spouses, too. I am so grateful to all of you who helped, those who donated plants and needed "furniture"; those who potted plants or labeled or priced them; those who carried plants back and forth; and especially, all those who worked the day of the sale. Many members arrived at 6 AM and stayed for seven or eight hours. Many helped set up, move heavy shelves and loads of plants, advised our clients, tallied sales, and took payments.

To all of you, I give my sincere thanks for your hard work, your comradeship, and friendliness.

Cate Mueller, 2009 Plant Sale Chair

BY THE WAY...FOUND ITEM

At the end of our sale, May 16, we found a handsome Penney's size medium red flannel man's shirt. If this belongs to you or your husband, would you please let me know? My phone number is 425 677-7289. I'll try to remember to bring it to the September 16 meeting.

IGC 2009-2010 PROPOSED BUDGET

	Starting Balance as at 7/1/2009		\$ 8,300.47
<u>Expenses</u>			
<u>Admin.</u>	Rent (9 months @ \$100)	\$ 900.00	
	Programs	\$ 600.00	
	President's Convention	\$ 500.00	
	Yearbook	\$ 200.00	
	Newsletter	\$ 300.00	
	General Administration	\$ 200.00	
	Plant Sale	\$ 250.00	
	WSFGC Smoke Signals (40 @ \$6)	\$ 240.00	
	Dues ELWD (40 @ \$5)	\$ 200.00	
	Dues WSFGC (40 @ \$3 + \$10)	\$ 130.00	
	Dues Youth Garden Club	\$ 5.00	
	Kitchen Supplies	\$ 75.00	
	Vision of Beauty Calendars (5@\$4.00)	\$ 20.00	
	WSFGC Calendars (10 @ \$6.50)	\$ 65.00	
	08/09 Expenses Payable	\$ 220.00	
	Other Expenses	\$ 5.00	
			<u>\$ 3,910.00</u>
<u>Projects</u>	Issaquah Care and Rehabilitation Center	\$ 200.00	
	Issaquah Historical Museum	\$ 30.00	
	Issaquah Food Bank	\$ 1,000.00	
	Issaquah Valley Elementary	\$ 300.00	
	Flower Show	\$ 100.00	
	Native Plant Project	\$ 200.00	
	New Projects (TBD)	\$ 300.00	
			<u>\$ 2,130.00</u>
<u>Donations</u>	Arboretum Foundation - Seattle	\$ 25.00	
	Bellevue Botanical Garden Society	\$ 100.00	
	Issaquah Arbor Day	\$ 150.00	
	Issaquah Salmon Days Award	\$ 50.00	
	ELWD Arbor Day	\$ 50.00	
	ELWD Operation Wildflower	\$ 50.00	
	NGC Natural Disasters Fund	\$ 25.00	
	NGC Permanent Home	\$ 25.00	
	WSFGC Scholarship Fund	\$ 100.00	
	WSFGC Cons. Teachers Scholarship	\$ 75.00	
	WSFGC Headquarters House	\$ 100.00	
	WSFGC World Gardening	\$ 25.00	
	Pennies for Pines (2 trees @ \$68)	\$ 136.00	
	Other Donations (TBD)	\$ -	
			<u>\$ 911.00</u>
	EXPENSE TOTAL		<u>\$ 6,951.00</u>
<u>New Revenue</u>	Dues (40 @ \$25)	\$ 1,000.00	
	Auction	\$ 1,000.00	
	Plant Sale	\$ 1,000.00	
	Raffle	\$ 100.00	
	Awards / Donations / Grants	\$ 50.00	
	Vision of Beauty Calendars (5 @ \$4.00)	\$ 20.00	
	WSFGC Calendars (10 @ \$6.50)	\$ 65.00	
			<u>\$ 3,235.00</u>
<u>Reserves</u>	withdrawal from Starting Balance		<u>\$ 3,716.00</u> \$ 3,716.00
	REVENUE SIDE TOTAL		<u>\$ 6,951.00</u>
	Projected ending balance as at 6/30/2010		<u>\$ 4,584.47</u>

FIFTY FABULOUS YEARS! ELWD Standard Flower Show

The August 15 celebration was every bit as wonderful as we had hoped. Issaquah took a very major part in making the event a success. You might like to refer our members to the District web site to see pictures www.elwd.org

Designs were brought by IGC members **Nam Kim, Rita Hansen, Karen Lee, June Willard, Janel Garnett, Sally Cadranel** and **June Ann Hassebroek**. June Willard won a National Arboreal Award for her Clerodendron, I won a National Horticulture Excellence Award for a combination planting "Color Spot" and an Award of Merit for a daylily, "Lemon". Janel won a National Designer's Choice Award. The out-of-District Judges were especially impressed with the correct botanical naming of the quality horticulture.



Eleven of the District's Past Directors attended the event. The show was crowded throughout the day with hundreds of visitors. It was so wonderful to have so many interested in the Educational Displays...one created by June Willard explaining Blue Star Memorial Markers and one by me on Native Flowers. The Bellevue Botanical Garden was a beautiful setting and our 28 designs and 167 horticulture exhibits added an extra treat for attendees. Special thanks to all of those that helped with the planning and execution of this special occasion.

June Ann Hassebroek

Join Seattle Tilth's Issaquah Garden Crew for Work Parties in Pickering Garden!

Work alongside Tilth gardeners and other volunteers to manage and grow the Tilth teaching garden at the Pickering Barn. Meet other folks in your community who are interested in urban ecology and local organic food production, steward a community resource, and learn or share food production and sustainable landscape management techniques.

Meet on the West side of the Pickering Barn. We provide gloves and tools, you provide your enthusiasm! Wear clothes you can get dirty, and it's always a good idea to bring drinking water.

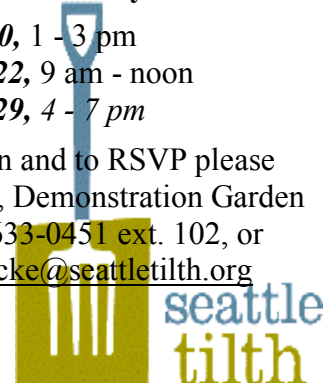
September's Garden Workdays are:

Sunday September 20, 1 - 3 pm

Tuesday September 22, 9 am - noon

Tuesday September 29, 4 - 7 pm

For more information and to RSVP please contact Katie Pencke, Demonstration Garden Coordinator, at 206-633-0451 ext. 102, or email her at katiepencke@seattletilth.org



THINGS OF NOTE IN SEPTEMBER

September 12, Saturday, 11 AM to 3 PM – The Northwest Perennial Alliance is holding their Fall Plant Sale at Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street Bellevue.

September 27, Sunday, 1 pm - Northwest Perennial Alliance Annual Meeting and Lecture with Val Easton, Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle. Doors Open at Noon for Plant, Book, and Seed Sales. NPA members free/Nonmembers \$5. See their website for more information: <http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/>

Offerings at the Master Gardener Bellevue Demonstration Garden, 15500 SE 16th Street, (between 148th Ave SE and 156th Ave SE), Ranger Station, next to the Garden. No registration required.

September 12, Saturday, 10:30 AM to noon – Free Workshop: Ornamental Grasses, with Eric Nelson (whom Louise Luce verifies as a true expert) at the Master Gardener Bellevue Demonstration Garden.

September 19, Saturday, 10:30 AM to noon – Harvest Festival
Tasting of over 24 tomato varieties. Sample grilled vegetables, salads, pestos, breads, fruit desserts, oriental vegetable dishes. Take the Potato Challenge, the Herb Quiz. Create an Everlasting bouquet, pick up a fresh Dahlia and see the concrete leaf demonstration. Visit the Children's Garden for a Scavenger Hunt and activities. Enjoy the Music!

September 26, Saturday, 10:30 AM to noon – Free Workshop: Container Plantings for Winter, Ann Baron.

For the location of all King County Master Gardener Foundation Demonstration Gardens, see <http://www.mgfk.org/locations/index-gardens.php#alpha>

For more information on each Garden, click on it on the map.

Check the following websites for programs offered by our local nurseries:

Hayes Nursery at <http://www.hayesnursery.com/specials.html>

Squak Mountain Nursery at <http://www.squakmntnursery.com/date.htm>

Molbak's Nursery at http://www.molbaks.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.display&page_id=66

Wells Medina Nursery at <http://www.wellsmedinanursery.com/nursery.aspx>

AUCTION IN NOVEMBER

Our Auction Chairman, Sherran Whatley, reports that we have already received some handsome items for our auction to be held at the November meeting, including quilts and other fabric art and books. If you have already identified nice quality things you intend to donate for the auction, you are welcome to bring them to the September meeting. (Sherran is preparing storage space in her home for donations.)

Please think ahead for our auction. Invite friends now. Talk up the auction, telling them it will be a pleasant event they will enjoy. This is our first opportunity to accrue funds we'll need for our community outreach projects--the Native Plant Project, gifts to the Issaquah Food Bank, our arrangements for the Issaquah Care and Rehabilitation Center, for instance--as well as our donations to the district and state projects.

THINGS TO DO IN SEPTEMBER

According to Molbak's Lawn Expert, Debbie Cogswell, September is a good month to repair lawns to reap benefits during the coming year.. First, thatch or aerate the lawn to increase air circulation and water absorption. Next, broadcast good lawn seed, adding a thin layer of compost and starter fertilizer. Finally, water the lawn as necessary so that it gets at least a half inch of water a week.

Cucumber beetles, squash bugs Colorado potato beetles and European corn borers pass the winter in the debris left in the garden. Remove dead plant material and compost or plow it under. This will limit your pest population next year to the insects that migrate into the garden.

If infected plant materials are to be composted, be sure that your compost heap is an active one in which plant material really decays. This is evidenced by the warmth generated by the decomposition reactions in the pile. Tossing plant materials on a rubbish pile will not destroy disease organisms, but hot composting them will.

If you have a sunny area to naturalize with small, flowering annuals, sow seeds of sweet alysum or Johnny Jump-ups. They will come up this fall or early spring and bloom extra early next spring. Both are very hardy and self-seed readily to maintain the natural area.

Fall cleanup and planting in the garden can provide enjoyable exercise on sunny days. One hour of gardening chores (cultivating, pruning, weeding) burns about 300 calories!



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Program:
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