



GARDEN DELIGHTS

Issaquah Garden Club

"The autumn day reclines in its rich plenty..."

Friedrich Holderlin, German poet

SEPTEMBER MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2010

Please join us on September 8 for an interesting and somewhat different sort of meeting. Following our business meeting, at which we'll receive our new year-books and consider the proposed budget for this year, we'll take a short refreshment break, and then continue with a special program, **Great Plant Picks**, presented by Tanya DeMarsh-Dodson.

Ms. Dodson will inform us about this educational plant awards program recognizing plants of outstanding horticultural value in our maritime climate here in the Pacific Northwest. If you're not familiar with this program, you will want to know that this program has—to date—already selected 800 exceptional ornamental plants for garden use for those who are living west of the Cascade Mountain range from Eugene, Oregon to Vancouver, British Columbia. She'll explain how to use this resource to make the most of your garden.

Administered by the Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden, **Great Plant Picks** relies on a selection committee of horticultural experts from throughout the region. Tanya DeMarsh-Dodson has served on the "trees and conifers" group since the inception of the program. Ms Dodson is a certified professional horticulturalist who worked in retail horticulture for over 20 years, and now has a horticultural consultation business; she has been the Network Coordinator for the Garden Conservancy Northwest Network since it was formed in 2003, and past President of the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation.

Another feature of our meeting will be a **fall plant exchange**. We ask that you bring at least two labeled plants. What you bring depends entirely upon you and your garden and what you may wish to share. Remember that your extras may be just what some one else wants to grow. Or maybe you have a plant that hasn't been happy in your garden or one that you have not been happy with. Some one may want to adopt it

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all of you!

I look forward to beginning our new year and to seeing you, especially those I haven't seen since last May.

I hope the state of your gardens pleases you. My gardens have been a mixed success. The monarda (bee balm) on the berm next to our driveway, are the tallest and prettiest, ever. We've been amazed at the number of hummingbirds that have visited—sometimes four at the same time! The various, different-colored echinaceas (cone flowers) are very handsome, indeed, and the “Annabelle” hydrangeas have been quite impressive. Thankfully, the deer didn't eat the buds of these this year, so we got to enjoy the big, white, mop-head blooms for the first time, ever. My vegetable garden is another story... We'll have potatoes and a very few onions this fall, but that's about all.

I would never have imagined that this summer could have been so busy with Garden Club activities! Several of us have gone on at least one of the garden tours Laura Walker arranged for us. Some of us have worked at the Native Discovery Garden at BBG, once or twice, and the Issaquah History Museum. Your new officers have met a couple of times, once in a joint meeting with the 2009-2010 officers. The Ways and Means Committee for this year met to consider various money-raising options, one of which was held August 20—more later—and the officers and committee chairs met to consider the budget, discuss plans and hear about programs, tours, and projects for this year.

I think you'll be impressed by what your officers and committee chairs have concocted for 2010-2011.

I sincerely thank my fellow officers and our committee chairpersons for their thoughtful participation, hard work and good humor in our endeavors this summer. A special thank-you goes to Laura Walker, Lorraine Smith, and Michele Peltonen.

Cate Mueller



Tour to Kruckeberg Garden, 6-9-2010



Tour to Fancy Fronds, 8-4-2010



Work at Issaquah History Museum 8-13-2010

IGC PLANT SALE, MAY 2010

Thanks to Chairman Michele Peltonen, host Joann Morgan and all the helpful IGC members who worked hard before, during, and after the sale! We earned \$852! What a fantastic sunny day to be outdoors...and in such a great setting. Weren't we fortunate both ways!

June Willard

IGC GARAGE SALE A SUCCESS!

As Garage Sale Chairperson, I am delighted to let you all know that the garage sale on Friday, August 20th was a terrific success. Given the short amount of time we had to prepare and the fact that the weatherman was mentioning the "r" word, I was a touch concerned. But the membership pulled together and the weather gods blessed us. After deducting our very modest expenses we raised more than \$1,000!

In addition to raising funds for our club projects, I do hope I am correct in saying that a good time was had in the process – communing with garden club friends and chatting with shoppers.

My heartfelt thanks to all the members who contributed items for the sale, those who loaned tables and other equipment and, of course, those who gave of their time. Many of you spent most – or even all – of the day helping at the event. A special thanks to Joan Harris who offered her yard for the sale (even though she had houseguests at the time!). Thank you all so much. I couldn't have pulled it off without you.

Michele Peltonen

IGC PROJECT AT ISSAQUAH HISTORY MUSEUM

I want to thank everyone that weeded at the Issaquah Historical Museum on August 13th.

I have scheduled weeding the beds for **Thursday September 9th** at 10:00 am and every other Thursday through the end of October. Everyone that wants to keep the museum grounds looking good in welcome to join me on those dates.

Gail Holmstrom

OUR FLOWER SHOW ON OCTOBER 6

WHAT IS A FLOWER SHOW? It is a way for our members to share. Its purpose is to educate and entertain. So.... at our October meeting, our members take center stage. Bring some of what you have grown or created using plant materials. The specific classes of what to bring will be listed in a Schedule and sent to everyone soon.

If you enjoy it, then maybe someone else in our group will also want to learn about it. Find out the proper botanical name in advance so you will be able to fill out a card for your exhibit. All Horticulture Division must be grown by you or your family. In Design Division, it is okay to borrow or buy. Be prepared to possibly explain how the design was created or what you were using to tell your story or interpret the theme.

All the world loves flowers, so prepare to share.

June Ann Hassebroek

BLUE STAR MARKER

June Willard will be IGC Blue Star Marker chairman for 2010-2011, She'll continue to take flowers to the marker on specific days, such as for Independence Day. She states that it normally wouldn't be necessary to have a chairman, but if anything comes up it's nice for one person to be the contact; she'll then pursue ways to take care of any situation...landscaping, vandalism, etc.,...with the City.

IGC in SALMON DAYS PARADE?

Your Officers and Chairs have been thinking about our having some involvement in Salmon Days, perhaps marching in the Grande Parade, Saturday, October 2. Karen Bukantz has looked into the prospect and has registered two of her vehicles so that some members might ride in her truck. We'll discuss our participation in the parade at our September meeting.

The theme for Salmon Days 2010 is "something up our leaves!" That sounds just like our cup of tea.



ELWD GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 27

The General Meeting, held at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Bellevue, will include a small standard flower show, chaired by our own Sally Cadranell and Janel Garnett. It will also include two programs, held during judging, one on landscaping and one on floral design. The show program will be forwarded to IGC members, as soon as possible.

JUNE ANN WINS AWARD

This is the WSFGC Past President Award for an Educational exhibit at a Standard Flower Show. It is called the Carol Klingberg trophy after the Past President that initiated it. The exhibit was first displayed at the District 50th Fabulous Years Anniversary show at Bellevue Botanical Gardens.

The arrangement is all native plants from the Hassebroek garden. June was awarded this trophy at WSFGC State Convention.



NEW WFSGC WEBSITE

WSFGC has a new Web Site address as follows: **wagardenclubs.com**. Please discontinue using wagardenclubs.net.

ISSAQUAH VALLEY GROWING GARDENERS

The program is a unique opportunity for children to learn about the benefits and joy of gardening. This last year with the support of IGC it was a most rewarding experience. The emphasis is health, nutrition, organic gardening practices with hands-on work in raised garden beds. The children learn about plants, the importance of gardening for health and nutrition, they have the opportunity to plan and grow vegetables in their own class garden.

Last year we had eight raised beds and are going to expand to the other side of the school next year with sixteen beds in all. The indoor curriculum is based on a school enrichment program from Washington State University Cooperative Extension 4-H. To end last year we had a "Insectery" class teaching the benefits of using plants that encourage beneficial insects. We planted two beds with donations from IGC that are being maintained by parent and youth volunteers this summer. A "Salad Bowl Celebration" was held for 120 students at the end of last year. It was a great success with many parents attending. Seeds from IGC were passed out to all at that time for their home gardens.

For the 2010-11 school year we will work with the first grade classes. There are 95 students enrolled at this time. The entire school enrollment is around 500. This will allow us to work with the teachers who embraced the program last year. This program has many adult parent volunteers. They so appreciate the tools, plants and supplies that we were able to donate this past school year. The students are a joy to work with.

Dianne Tanner

INVASIVE PLANT ALTERNATIVES

Instead of using *Liriope* as a groundcover, try blue sedge (*Carex*). You won't get the purple flowers, but you will get the same effect--green gracefully arching foliage and spiky flower stalks.

Buddleia davidii otherwise known as butterfly bush) is a favorite in butterfly gardens. It's not a native plant however. Bottlebrush buckeye (*Aesculus parviflora*) is a great substitute, and butterflies love it just as well.

Who doesn't love roses? The problem with some of them, the multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*) for instance, is that they spread everywhere. With its fragrant pink flowers, the Carolina rose (*Rosa carolina*) is a terrific alternative.

Lesser Celandine (*Ranunculus ficaria*) is a pretty yellow flower in the buttercup family that is on the noxious weed list in 46 states. Try another pretty yellow flower called green and gold (*Chrysogonum virginianum*) instead.

WSFGC GARDEN STUDY

It was announced at the ELWD Board meeting, August 23, that there would be a Gardening Study Course IV held by the Chinook District on September 21-23. If you are interested in a landscaping course, please contact Cate Mueller, who will send you the multipage brochure as an Email attachment, or, if necessary, mail it by USPS. There will be a copy of this brochure available on September 8, for your review. Gale Baullinger is forming car pools to go to South Seattle Community College, where the course takes place.

PLANT SALES

Northwest Perennial Alliance: Fall Plant Sale, Saturday, September 11, 10 AM to 2 PM, Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street, Bellevue. Visit www.northwestperennialalliance.org For more information.

King County Iris Society: Beardless Iris Sale, Saturday, September 18, 10 AM to 5 PM, at Bellevue Crossroads Mall, 15600 NE 8th Street, Bellevue, WA. Visit www.kcis.org for more information.



View at Kruckeberg Garden

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