



GARDEN DELIGHTS

Issaquah Garden Club

Gardening is a habit of which I hope never to be cured, one shared with an array of fascinating people who helped me grow and bloom among my flowers."

Martha Smith, Beds I Have Known, 1990

SEPTEMBER MEETING

September 14, 2011

Our speaker this month will be Sue Olsen, owner of the Bellevue nursery **Foliage Gardens**.

A few IGC members were especially honored to tour Ms. Olsen's garden and home nursery on August 10. Ms. Olsen graciously showed us ferns and other plants in her gardens, enhanced by her late husband's passion for Japanese maples and their cultivars. We wound our way up the hillside, passing her patio, full of potted fern and other plants, all of which she hand-waters, and climbed to her greenhouse at the top of her property, and returned down the paths to her growing room below. We saw a myriad of all species and cultivars of ferns and learned some fascinating facts.

"Foliage Gardens" is a small retail mail order nursery started in 1967, specializing in hardy native and exotic ferns. The ferns are grown from spores, occasionally bulbils, or from tissue culture. All are nursery propagated and none are wild collected. According to one source, "Foliage Gardens is the oldest mail order nursery for spore grown ferns in the U.S."

Ms. Olsen states that her small nursery is "a delicatessen compared to a super market." Her goal is "to offer the best of the natives, unusual foreign species and traditional favorites to the fern loving public as well as newcomers to this fascinating area of the plant kingdom." Foliage Gardens is open for visitors by appointment only.

Ms. Olsen is also the author of the **Encyclopedia of Garden Ferns**. This impressive book was the winner of the 2008 Literature Award from the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries.

Please don't forget to bring your contribution for the Issaquah Food Bank!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm grateful to have enjoyed a beautiful summer, even though it might have been cooler than anticipated. All-in-all, my gardens have fared pretty well. The echinaceas did pull through, after all. Currently, they're in bloom, along with the last of the monarda blooms on the berm. Some of the perennials and shrubs I've planted within the last year have grown by leaps and bounds, and have been quite handsome, this summer.

I've been busy again this summer with Garden Club activities: meeting with the other officers and with the committee chairs, as well as participating in the tour of Lakewold Garden and Sue Olsen's garden and nursery.—we were rained out of the tour to Kubota Garden—and working at the Issaquah History Museum.

Your officers have come up with a realistic proposed budget. We've eliminated some of the donations and some of the activities, but I won't "steal the thunder" from the budget presentation at our meeting on September 14. Sandy has put together an exciting array of programs for this year, AND we have a special surprise in store.

Both Jackie Maresca and Martha Huey Franklin have been hard at work this summer to resolve issues: membership and luncheons. You'll read the results of their work in the Yearbook that Michele has prepared and will have ready for us on the fourteenth.

My gratitude goes to Sandy, Jackie, Michele and Martha, as well as to Laura Walker and the club members who worked to make our May Plant Sale such a success.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, September 14.

Cate

LUNCHEON NOTE

The hostess for our luncheon on the 14th will be Jackie Maresca. In addition to Jackie, those providing dishes will be Martha Huey Franklin, Jessica Liepins, Louise Luce, Cate Mueller, and Dianne Tanner.

IGC PLANT SALE

Our plant sale, held May 21, was a success, earning us well over \$700—you'll learn the final profit at our meeting, September 14. The volunteers seem to have enjoyed their participation—many who had committed for a specific time decided to stay for the rest of the day! The general consensus was that the plant sale served three functions: membership participation, community outreach, and lastly in importance, fundraising.



Issaquah Garden Club members gather at Joann Morgan's before the Plant Sale



Issaquah community participates in our sale.

JUNE ANN DOES IT AGAIN...AND AGAIN...

On May 14, June Ann Hassebroek was awarded best in show for her design at the ELWD Show, "Allure of the Silk Road," presented in partnership with the King County Iris Society. The show was presented at Crossroads Mall on May 14. June Ann's design interpreted the show title and specifically the Class, "Marco's Ports of Call." The specifications for this class called for a free-standing stretch design using all fresh plant material, including Iris, staged on table space 30" wide by 30" deep.

She suggests that you look for the bamboo bent to interpret a sail. This large design has connective tension of a small design pulling away. It included blue iris to represent water and sky.



On May 23, June Ann was awarded Best of Show at the ELWD General Meeting, for her horticulture entry, a Leucothoe.

Way to go, June Ann!



AWARDS

At the state convention and later, at the August 22 ELWD Board meeting, it was announced that Issaquah Garden Club had earned the following awards:

First Place for newsletter, with the Marianne Larson Bowl, Garden Delights;

Second Place for pasive Garden Therapy, club memberships of 25 to 49;

Green ribbon, Conservation Teacher's Scholarship Donation;

100% subscriptions to Smoke Signals;

Award of Merit, World Gardening donation;

Gold ribbon, Scholarship Booster Award.

Additionally, June Willard was awarded a purple ribbon for her Scholarship Booster donation.

At an earlier ELWD General Meeting, we received a certificate given to Louise Luce, for her twenty-five years of garden club membership, 1986—2011.

THE LEGACY YOU LEAVE BEHIND

Our Federated garden clubs are SERVICE organizations. In Issaquah, throughout our ELWD District, WA State and Nation, our garden club history and our future goals teach and include service.

By belonging to a national and international group like National Garden Clubs, Inc., we add our voices, talents and money to the other thousands of members so we can teach as many people as possible how to protect and beautify our world.

Be proud to be a part of this service legacy.

June Ann Hassebroek

ELWD GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEPTEMBER 26

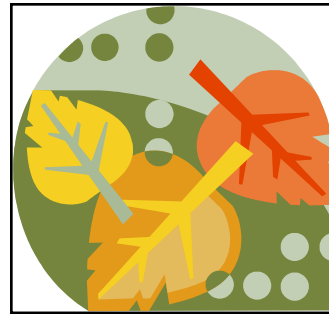
Please note on your calendars the first general membership meeting of the East Lake Washington District of Garden Clubs will be held on September 26, at St Andrew's Lutheran Church, (Eastgate) 2650 148th Avenue SE, Bellevue, WA 98007-6452. Cost of the meeting, including lunch, will be \$10. Reservations may be made with Linda Patricelli, at 425-898-7412, or by Email at lindapatricelli@hotmail.com. Please tell Linda you belong to Issaquah Garden Club when making your reservation. **[If you'll wait until our meeting on the 14th or contact Cate to give her your reservation, we can simplify things by submitting reservations altogether.]**

This should be a very pleasant time. There will be a standard flower show, "Passionate Autumn," and a program you wouldn't want to miss. Our speaker will be Rizanino Reyes, a young, talented gardener, who studied at the University of Washington. Riz says of himself that he is "an avid plantsman and certified horticulturist absolutely OBSESSED with plants, flowers and the places around the world in which they grow." He is a garden consultant and designer and owns a small nursery, Landwave Gardens. He has also presented programs at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show and to garden clubs. Riz will speak to us of his travels and the plants he has discovered along the way. He'll bring plants from his nursery to sell at the ELWD meeting.

Horticulture and designs to be submitted to the show may be brought between **8:30 and 9:30 A.M.** Those received after this time will be placed separately and not judged. Show schedules should be available at the ELWD website, <http://elwd.org/> and will be available at our meeting, September 14.

The ELWD meeting will begin with the design program, 10 AM, followed by a business meeting; a raffle, to which IGC has donated one of three items; lunch, provided by Pine Lake Garden Club; viewing of the show; and concludes with a discussion of the show.

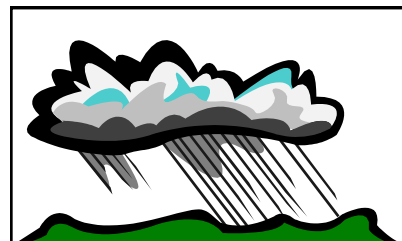
IGC members are encouraged to come to this meeting. It would be great if our club could again earn recognition for attendance.



ANOTHER FLOWER SHOW...

It was announced at the August 22 ELWD Board Meeting, that Terra Tillers Garden Club will hold a **Standard Flower Show titled "Stormy Weather," on Saturday, October 1, 12:30 to 4:30 PM, at the Redmond Regional Library.** The show includes both horticulture entries and six classes of design entries, as well as educational and youth exhibits. Advance entries in Design and Horticulture Class 6 are to be made by Tuesday September 27th. Entries should be submitted from 10 to 11 AM. Judging will begin at 11:15 AM.

Information will be available at the IGC meeting, September 14.



IRIS SALE

The King County Iris Society will have its annual **Beardless Iris Sale on Saturday, September 17th, from 10:00 to 4:00 at Crossroads Bellevue, 15600 NE 8th St., Bellevue**. There will be many varieties of unusual, hard to find, and newer introductions of Siberian Iris, Japanese Iris, Louisiana Iris, and Pacific Coast Iris, most of which are unavailable elsewhere locally. Experts will be available to provide growing information. More information can be found at www.kcis.org.

This event may be of interest to members, as there will be several varieties of the above Iris types, as well as Spuria Iris, and species iris.



THE CREATIVE GARDEN

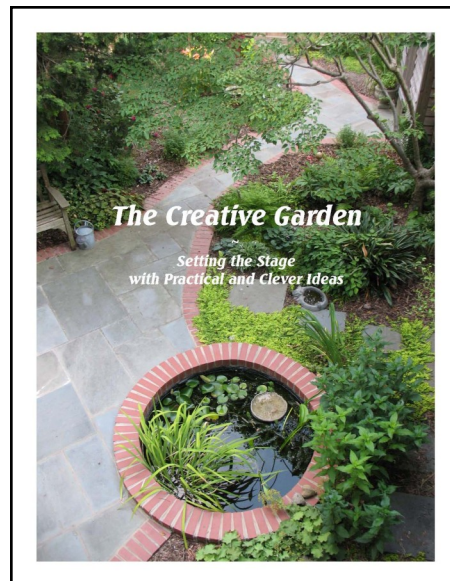
Earlier this year, the Landscape Design Council of the National Capital Area Garden Clubs (Washington, DC area) published a new, soft-cover book, **The Creative Garden; Setting the Stage with Practical and Clever Ideas**, written to spark creative ideas for those of us who are passionate about 'setting the stage' in our home garden. Filled with many examples and solutions to enhance your outdoor spaces, this new picture book promises to be an inspirational springboard to get your creative juices flowing.

The 130+ full color photographs in **THE CREATIVE GARDEN** offer a wide range of options -- some to add a touch of drama,

others to double the garden's view, create elegant flourishes or an eye-catching feature, camouflage less-than-lovely objects, apply new uses to old items, or illustrate common-sense *ah-ha's* for those difficult areas which each garden seems to have. Also, look beyond the specific captions for nuances which will further excite your garden creativity.

This is a 44-page book in an 8.5" x 11" format. Cost is **only** \$10 each for NGC members and Master Gardeners; \$14 for non-members.

ELWD has offered, as a service to district garden club members, to subsidize the mailing costs for this book. We need pay only the \$10. If you wish to purchase this book, please sign your name and the number of copies you wish on the clipboard available at the Sept. 14 meeting. If you won't be attending, but wish to purchase the book, let Cate Mueller know.



*"It is only when you start to garden—
probably after fifty—
that you realize something
important happens every day."*

Geoffrey B. Charlesworth

LANDSCAPE DESIGN STUDY

Chinook District invites you to save the dates for **Landscape Design Study Course II, October 25-27, 2011, at Normandy Park, WA.** The course will be held at Normandy Park Community Club, 1500 SW Shorebrook Dr. The registration form may be found on www.wagardenclubs.com. There are required readings for this course, “The National Gardener,” (“Landscape Design Angle” articles) and Stewards of the Land: A Survey of Landscape Architecture & Design in America, selected chapters. Both publications may be ordered from NCG Member Services, at 800-550-6007. Fees for the course vary, depending upon whether one attends full-time, or one day, whether one takes the NGC examination, and buys lunch one day or both days. There is a late fee for registering after September 30.

[Bookmarks and flyers for the Landscape Design Study Series will be available at our September 14 meeting.]

FALL PLANT SALE

Northwest Perennial Alliance, **Saturday, September 10, 10 AM to 2 PM**, Bellevue Botanical Garden. See http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/fall_plant_sale2011.php.

“Experienced gardeners know that fall is the best time of the year to plant in the Northwest, so stop by and see what you need to add to your collection.” [Your editor can attest to the great plants she purchased at this sale!]

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This month: Fern Lecture



Athyrium otophorum