



GARDEN DELIGHTS

Issaquah Garden Club

"Gardening is the only unquestionably useful job."

George Bernard Shaw

September Meeting September 4, 2013

You are cordially invited to attend the first monthly meeting of the 2013-2014 year on Wednesday, **September 4**, at 9:45 A.M. Please note that this month, we meet the first Wednesday, not the second. Following a business meeting, we will enjoy a program given by Sue Olsen, a fern specialist who has over 40 years' experience studying, photographing and writing about ferns. She lives near Bellevue, where she propagates and grows an extensive array of ferns.

Ms. Olsen is owner of The Foliage Gardens Nursery, a small retail mail order nursery near Bellevue specializing in hardy native and exotic ferns since 1967. Visitors are welcome--by appointment only--to her nursery. Ms. Olsen is also the author of the Encyclopedia of Garden Ferns, for which she was given an award in 2008 by the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Literature.

Ms. Olsen will present a slide show on "**Garden-worthy Ferns.**" This is a repeat appearance by Ms. Olsen—we enjoyed her so much the first time, September, 2011, that we wished to have her return.



Our Garden Vignette this month will feature the Chmura Dahlias

Don't forget your donations to the Issaquah Food Bank, this month!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WE GIVE TO OUR COMMUNITY

Our club is proud of 85 years of involvement in our community. Reading old Yearbooks and District Scrapbooks, I found that IGC was congratulated for helping with many projects over the years.. These include helping on city-wide clean-up days, caring for the rose garden at the historical site near the old train station, filling flower boxes in front of the old Village Theatre and helping with native gardens at the fish hatchery.

In the past, IGC created fantastic floats for the Salmon Days parade. For many years, our club has donated a prize for one lucky float contestant. In the past, IGC donated the lovely stone statue in front of Tibbett's Creek Manor. [See picture on page 6.] Other years, the Club planted trees for Arbor Day in Issaquah and gave Certificates of Appreciation to City police and firefighters.

Such projects help our community and create good will among our members—it is a great bonding experience to be a part of these events. Over the years, our East Lake Washington District, Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs and National Garden Club, Inc. have given IGC many awards for accomplishments. National awarded \$500 Awards for both the IGC “Operation Wildflower” and \$650 for “Preservation of Historical Building Gardens.”

This year we participated in Earth Day, displaying information about Growing Great Gardeners, and about membership in IGC, in a poster created by Karen Lee. There were also flyers about our annual Plant/Bake Sale in May and information about our website, accessible to check out future events (Chairman Rita Hansen).

It speaks well of us that for years we have donated lovely fresh flower arrangements for the Issaquah Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (Chairmen June Willard and Joann Morgan) and worked teaching youth sometimes at high school level and more recently for the very youngest students in Growing Great Gardeners (Chairman Dianne Tanner). Helping preserve native plants in our projects, the Issaquah Historical Museum (Chairman Gail Holmstrom) and the Willow Garden at Pickering Farms (Chairman Janet Wall) as well as at Bellevue Botanical Gardens is satisfying and important.

IGC has often brought floral designs and decorations to high-profile City events such as the opening of the new Issaquah Community Center in 1996. For many years, flower shows were given to entertain and educate the public and have been a tradition for sharing our love of the "Art of Gardening and Art of Flower Arranging". One of the best ways to learn is by helping with our club events and projects. where our members can TURN NATURE INTO ART...

June Ann Hassebroek

GROWING GREAT GARDENERS

We are starting our third year of sponsorship for all first graders at Issaquah Valley Elementary School with the **Growing Great Gardeners** Program. There are eight raised beds at the school for classes to plant their own gardens. Classroom and gardening classes take place each month to encourage our next generation of organic sustainable gardeners. The children have work sheets, listen to stories in their classrooms and work the garden. Planting seeds and starts to begin the gardens and maintaining the gardens through the spring leads to the Salad Bowl Celebration at the end of school year for all classes with harvest from their beds. Each year lettuce, radishes and carrots are donated to our local food bank weekly.

Pumpkins are planted right after the June harvest so that the students returning to the classrooms as second graders will pick their pumpkins from their first grade classroom beds and enjoy them in the classroom. Some of the pumpkins are cleaned and the seeds dried by adults. Then the next week we will roast them in a toaster oven and in teams students decorate a pumpkin with markers. The pumpkin vines will be cleaned from the beds in the Fall. Then it all starts over again.

IGC has purchased lumber for replacement of the third of eight beds. Work parties will take place in October for

bed replacement, weeding, cleanup of gravel pathways adding soil and spreading green manure seed in preparation for spring planting.

Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile program that brings joy and teaches the love and gardening to children. Please contact Dianne at 425 392 430 if you are interested joining a work party or helping any month in a classroom. All materials and lesson plans are supplied. Please look at the educational board and current information about the program that will be displayed at the September meeting.

Thank you, **Dianne Tanner**



HELP GGG

There will be a work party at Issaquah Valley Elementary School on Oct. 16 at 2 pm. The IVE PTA will take care of seven beds and we have been asked to do the eighth.

Can you come help that day? School will be held only a half day on the 16th, so no one would need to go through the security check.



The last ArtWalk of the season will be held on Friday, September 6. While IGC will not have a table this month, we thought you might still like to be alerted to the event.

Useful to know...

June Ann has just learned that since we are a non-profit entity, we can hold small meetings free of charge at the Hailstone Feed Store and Shell Gas Station on Front Street. Chairmen might wish to schedule committee meetings there. To make arrangements, contact Reisha Holton at reishaholton@gmail.com or 425-213-3640. For more information, see the website: <http://www.downtownissaquah.com/about-us/feed-store-rental/> including a calendar showing open dates.



The historic Hailstone Feed Store and Shell Gas Station, Front Street, restored to its 1940s glory.

THE SAGA OF IGC AND THE IRS

IGC has completed the ELWD request for all clubs to comply with IRS requirements! After hours of research, documentation and creation of past history (full disclosure of last five years), the present and future of IGC, over a pound of paper was sent to the IRS.

Our request with forms 1023 is to be granted. A 501c was acknowledged and a 990n has been filed for our last fiscal year. We will now be able to give tax receipts for any donations given to our

club. We have received email confirmation and acceptance of our 990n. A formal letter is supposed to be coming. Yeah!

Dianne Tanner IGC/IRS contact

ELWD GENERAL MEETING

On Monday, September 23, our district will hold the first General Membership Meeting of the 2013-14 year. The day will begin at 9:00 A.M. at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Eastgate. The program will include a judged show of various late summer horticulture, a display of designs in containers from the 2013 national and state conventions, a horticulture program, a short business meeting and a luncheon prepared by Willowmoor Garden Club. There will also be a raffle and a White Elephant sale of garden books.

The speaker on lavender will be Tom Frei, owner of Woodinville Lavender Farm, who will present as a Master Gardener. (He will exhibit but not sell lavender plants.)

The schedule for the meeting will include registration and check in for horticulture entries at 9 A.M., program, a fifteen-minute break; business meeting; lunch; the raffle, presentation of artistic designs and talking about the Flower Show until 1:30 P.M. The cost of the meeting will be \$10.

As a service to IGC members, reservations for the ELWD General Membership Meeting will be taken at our IGC meeting, September 4, and will be forwarded to the Registrar. If you wish, you may email the Registrar, Leone Lane, at leone.lane@comcast.net.

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB

June Ann has copied the following information from the NGC website:

“MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE- Choices Matter

NGC 2013-2015 President's Special Project

Marion Hilliard, Special Project Coordinator

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The President's Two-Year Special Project was initiated to highlight through State Programs and Garden Club Projects the basics stated in the NGC Conservation Pledge:

“I pledge to protect and conserve our natural resources of planet earth and to promote education so that we may become caretakers (stewards) of our air, water, forest, land and wildlife.”

The National Garden Club firmly believes that education is the key that opens the doors to the responsible decision-making process that allows us to make responsible decisions pertaining to conserving and protection our natural resources — Air, Water, Forest, Land, and Wildlife.

The Special Project will present outstanding NGC State programs and NGC Club projects with monetary awards and certificates of recognition.“

June Ann is thinking of ways our club might develop one of our projects to coordinate with the conservation pledge.

THE AUTUMNAL EQUINOX

September 22 marks the equinox, the first day of Autumn. The word *equinox* comes from the Latin words for "equal night." The fall and spring equinoxes are the only days

of the year in which the Sun crosses the celestial equator, creating equal day and night.

This is a time to celebrate “balance”—the concept of equal day and equal night. In the northern hemisphere, these periods are nearly-equal because the sun takes longer to rise and set in places farther away from the equator.

From here on out, the temperatures begin to drop and the days start to get shorter than the nights (i.e., hours of daylight decline).

19th Annual Miller Memorial Lecture

Join us for the FREE 19th annual Miller Memorial Lecture, featuring Tony Avent, renowned plantsman and horticulturist. Mr. Avent will speak on *So Many Plants, So Little Time: Little Known Perennial Favorites to Delight & Excite!*



Tony Avent is the owner of Plant Delights Nursery and the Juniper Level Botanic Garden in Raleigh, North Carolina. Mr. Avent is a well-traveled botanical explorer, author, plant breeder and an exceptional plantsman. His travels

have included Mexico, China, Korean, Argentina, Taiwan, and Vietnam to name a few along with extensive exploration of the rich floral communities of the southeastern United States.

DETAILS

- Thursday, September 19, 2003
- 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:15), followed by free reception with refreshments
- Meany Hall on the UW campus
- Email: info@millergarden.org for a free e-ticket!

LOGO COMPETITION

On August 19, Sandy Young, Chair of the Logo Committee, announced that Karen Lee had been voted winner of the Logo competition. As such, Karen will receive a \$50 award.

The logo will appear on our 2013-14 Yearbook, in printings for the upcoming celebration of our club's 85th anniversary on November 13, 2013, and on future publications of Issaquah Garden Club.

Congratulations, Karen!



BECOME A MORE SAVVY GARDENER

Seattle Tilth teams up with the Saving Water Partnership and other local experts to bring you the Savvy Gardener series. Join our educators in these FREE classes and meet fellow gardeners while you learn tips and tricks to use at home.. **Join us for September and October Savvy Gardener Classes!**

Did you know that fall is one of the best times to plant trees, shrubs and perennials? Get expert fall gardening advice and plenty of inspiration from our classes.

Many of our classes require pre-registration through Brown Paper Tickets (online or by phone). Classes at retail locations are on a first come, first served basis. See the schedule and register at:

<http://www.savingwater.org/savvygardener/>

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