



GARDEN DELIGHTS

ISSAQUAH GARDEN CLUB

“You can’t forget a garden
When you have planted seed—
When you have watched the weather
And know a rose’s need.”

Louise Driscoll, American poet and
author

March Meeting

March 11, 2020 10:00 A.M.

Tibbetts Creek Manor

Ikebana Talk and Demonstration



Our speaker, **Chin Zimonyi**, is a floral designer and teacher. She is a registered nurse by profession (now retired), but her passion is flowers and she also works as a florist. Her floral displays have appeared at the Ikebana International Shows and at the Asian Art Museum. She has won several blue ribbons for her floral designs from the Washington Federation of Garden Clubs

Her work has also appeared at the Northwest Flower & Garden Show, and she has done demonstrations to many garden clubs and the Cherry Blossom Festival. She has been a member of Ikebana International since 1989, and she is also a member of the Alderwood Garden Club, and head of the Senke-Seishen Japanese Flower Arranging School. [Please see information about Ikebana International Seattle Chapter on page two.]

Please don’t forget your contributions for the Issaquah Food Bank, this month.

And don’t forget, too, your plate, cup and utensils!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Embrace Nature

Last week, I was skate skiing (cross-country skiing) in the Methow Valley of Eastern Washington. The snow was deep but the sky was blue and the temperatures reached the 40's in the afternoon. They called it "early spring skiing"

Because I was gone, I missed another spring like event, The Northwest Flower and Garden Show. The show has blooming flowers and wonderful creative gardens to get us ready to welcome spring into our own yards. I hope many of you were able to attend and be inspired by this Seattle event.

Happy Early Spring,

Debbie DeFilipps

SHOW AND TELL

This month, **Fay Cawley** will tell us about "Unusual Garden Solutions."

OUR LUNCHEON CREW

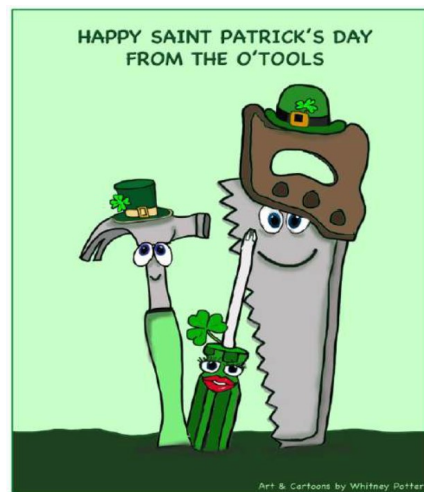
Our Hostess for March is Joy Jackson; her crew includes Peggy Abernathy, Chong Chancellor, Georgina Cone, June Ann Hassebroek, Karen Lee, Sharon Storbo, and Gloria Woo.

Ikebana International

Ikebana International is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the ancient art of Japanese-style flower arranging" by demonstrations and public exhibitions, with a deep purpose of establishing a better relationship among all people." The Seattle chapter celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2019.

"**Ike**" meaning "alive," and "**bana**" meaning "flower." "The practice of ikebana is using branches, stems, leaves and blossoms to create the living art that shows the unique beauty of the outdoor natural world."

If you attended the Northwest Flower and Garden Festival, last week, you had an opportunity to see members' arrangements made in several of the many schools of design. Some of the schools focus on classic styles, others are contemporary and creative. Each school is different, but shares its history, inspiration, philosophy, style and techniques. [exerpted from the website for Ikebana International.]



[taken from the March, 2020 issue of The Seedling, newsletter of the Falls Church Garden Club]

THE BELLEVUE DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

The King County Master Gardeners in cooperation with Bellevue Parks & Community Services manage the Lake Hills Greenbelt Urban Demonstration Garden also known as Bellevue Demonstration Garden. Each year, the garden offers free workshops on Saturday, at 10:30 A.M. Please note that space is limited and it will be first come..

Natural Yard Care

Sat, Mar 14 Join Ladd Smith from Cascade Water Alliance

Are you one of those people trying to keep your lawn looking good all summer, but not wanting to depend on a bag of chemicals to get you there. Ladd will share his vast knowledge of keep your lawn looking good without relying on chemicals.

Growing Tomatoes in the PNW

Sat, Mar 21 - Marcia Dillon, Master Gardener

Everyone loves a challenge. Growing tomatoes in this climate can present you with that challenge. The taste of tomatoes right from the garden makes people plant them every year hoping for a good crop. Marcia, who has headed the tomato garden for several years, will share what she has learned about different tomato varieties and the techniques she uses to get a good yield.



Building Healthy Soil and Composting

Sat, Mar 28 - Lisa Taylor, Cascade Water Alliance

Good gardens start with good soil. Unfortunately for us, most of our gardens are heavy clay and some are sandy. If this is the case, you have to begin by building up the soil. This can be a slow process but it can be done. Join Liz as she walks you through the steps you need to take.

Favorite Northwest Native Plants

Sat, Apr 4 - Greg Rabourn, educator, radio personality and author; presented by Cascade Water Alliance

If you want to give your yard a Northwest flavor, this workshop will highlight native plants that would make a great addition to your landscape. Whether you want shade, privacy, pollinators, birds or a hassle-free landscape, discover plant suggestions you can take to the nursery.



Coming May 2 -- Bellevue Demo Garden Plant Sale

This is your chance to get tomatoes and maybe pick up some of the great plants mostly from the demo gardens or grown for the sale.

BBG CLASSES AND LECTURES

An Evening with Ciscoe | Tuesday, March 10, 6 p m.

Ciscoe will regale us with a few of the gardening stories in his new book, *Oh, La La!: Homegrown Stories, Helpful Tips, and Garden Wisdom*. The event includes complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres, and a book signing.

Must be 21+ to attend.

Tickets will not be sold at the door, so you must pre-register.

This event is nearly full. We recommend registering as soon as possible.

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LECTURE: The 21st Century Botanic Garden Wednesday, March 18, 7 p m.

Dr. Ari Novy is an award-winning, nationally recognized plant biologist and researcher, and President and CEO of the San Diego Botanic Garden. His primary goal is inspiring people to connect with plants and nature.

This lecture is generously sponsored by Wells Medina Nursery.

FOR TICKETS, GO TO:

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Small Garden Space Design | Thursday, March 26, 6:30-8:30 p m .

Don't let limited outdoor space prevent you from trying out your green thumb! Jason Jorgensen will cover space saving solutions and suitable plant selection to make your balcony, patio, or small garden thrive.

. \$25 BBGS members/\$35 non-members.

<https://65203.blackbaudhosting.com/65203/UGS-Small-Garden-Space-Design>

Chinese Green Tea | Sunday, March 29,

1-3 p m | \$25, member or non-member. Learn all about green tea! We will talk about where and how tea is grown in Southern China and you will practice making a pot of tea.

Register at:

<https://65203.blackbaudhosting.com/65203/Chinese-Green-Tea>

Puget Sound Dahlia Association Public Tuber Sale, Friday & Saturday, March 20 & 21, 9:30 am-5 pm both days, Free. [This doesn't appear on the list on page 5.]



BELLEVUE BOTANICAL
GARDEN
SOCIETY

March Plant Sales

[Selected from the Elisabeth C. Miller Library list of plant sales:

<https://depts.washington.edu/hortlib/events/garden-tours-plant-sales/>

NW Horticultural Society Spring Ephemeral Plant Sale

Saturday, March 7, 9 AM to 3 PM

3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle

“Rooms full of plants from outstanding specialty plant nurseries.” Sale benefits the Elisabeth C. Miller Library. Held at NHS Hall Center for Urban Horticulture.

Arboretum Foundation Display Garden Plant Sale

Saturday, March 7, 10 AM to 1 PM

2300 Arboretum Drive E., Seattle

Sale of the high-quality plants featured in the display at the **2020 Northwest Flower & Garden Show**. A full plant list with sale prices will be posted on the website. All sales benefit the maintenance and education programs at the Arboretum. Held at the Graham Visitor Center at the WA Park Arboretum.

Northwest Perennial Alliance March Mania Plant Sale

Saturday, March 14, 9:30 AM to 3 PM

Bellevue Botanical Garden, Aaron Education Center

Featuring spring ephemerals and choice garden plants from specialty nurseries and growers who are not generally open to the public. NPA will be

selling in-bloom, rare and unusual Hebebores. Experts available to help you choose plants.

Meerkerk Gardens Annual Spring Nursery Sale

Sunday, March 15, 10 AM to 3 PM

3531 Meerkerk Lane, Greenbank, Whidbey Island

Choose from a wide assortment of rhododendrons, azaleas and companion plants for all your spring planting needs. Held at Meerkerk Gardens

March Gardening Tips

Don't let recent balmy days fool you into thinking it's okay to plant warm weather annuals and veggies. Cold weather may still be in store for us! Here are some good activities to enjoy while you wait for true tomato weather:



On your next visit to the Garden, be sure to admire the cheerful *Narcissus* 'Tete a Tete', blooming now throughout the Rock Garden.

Fertilize shrubs and perennials-

Does your lawn need attention? Check out Bellevue Utilities' **Natural Lawn Care Guide** to learn how to keep your lawn and the environment healthy with less work!

Prune for shape and to stimulate new growth

Cut back ferns before croziers unfurl

Mulch to suppress weeds and reduce summer water needs .

[Information from BBGS]

FOUR REASONS FOR GROWING A POLLINATOR GARDEN

1. Pollinators support biodiversity in your garden! By creating a bio-diverse garden, you are helping heal and preserve the planet.
2. Pollinators are disappearing at alarming rates through the effects of pesticides, habitat destruction, diseases, and parasites, and without them, we're in trouble! When you plant a pollinator-friendly garden you are providing a haven for these important little animals.
3. The birds, bugs and even bats that your garden attracts will eat problem bugs while the diverse assortment of plant life will help ensure that no single pest takes over!
4. When planting a garden with your pollinators in mind you must provide a diverse assortment of flowering plants and encourage native species in your landscape. This creates a garden full of color and life!



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