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# PRESIDENT'S DESK

*Nurture People – Nurture Plants –  
Nurture Our Planet*



Happy Spring!

“Spring has sprung, the grass has riz. I wonder where the birdies is? The birdies all have flown away. They’ll come again another day.” I remember with fondness my father teaching me that little rhyme. Do you know where the poem came from?

According to the Internet, although the poem often was credited to Ogden Nash or E.E. Cummings, it came from the very well known, “Anonymous.” I always thought my clever Daddy made it up!

So Happy Spring to all! By the time you read this, the freezing temperatures should be far behind us, our spring bulbs are in all their glory, trees are flowering, and sunshine is a more common occurrence. We made it! And so begins another season of joy in our gardens.

The WSFGC had its Spring board meeting on Zoom this year. Ahead of the meetings, we had two educational sessions about the use of websites. This had been requested by statewide Club Presidents during their monthly Zoom meeting. A session by Kathy Johnson, Hill and Dale Director, “Website Development for Districts and Clubs” was well attended. For those interested but unable to join, the session was recorded and will be available on the [wagardenclubs.com](http://wagardenclubs.com) website.

Chris Hill led another website-related session, “A Walkabout of the WSFGC Website.” Also well attended, Chris took participants through the pages of the website pointing out valuable resources and information about programs, schools, events and more. It, too, was recorded and will be accessible on the website. We appreciate the contributions of these very talented ladies.

In my last President’s Message, I encouraged members to Save the Dates for our upcoming June Annual Meeting and Flower Show, “Our Extraordinary Earth.” **THE DATES HAVE CHANGED to JUNE 10-11-12 AND 13.** The Flower Show, meetings, workshops, special activities, and the anniversary celebration will all take place at Little Creek Casino and Resort in Shelton.

You won’t want to miss any of the fun! Look for the Registration Form, Event Schedule, and Event Details in this publication or online. I encourage you to register early as there are limits on the number of participants for some of the workshops. Members must make their guest room reservations before May 21 to get the reduced rate. And plan to enter the Flower Show! It’s open to all members statewide!

Best wishes for success with your spring Flower Shows, gardening planting, plant sales, festivals, special projects, participation in NGC schools, and all WSFGC activities.

With warm regards,  
Suzann Stahl, WSFGC President 2023-2025  
[Suzannstahl1@gmail.com](mailto:Suzannstahl1@gmail.com)

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*Lilium lancifolium* (Tiger Lily)  
Height: 3-5 feet tall  
Width: 7-8 inches wide  
Blooms: Summer  
Full to partial sun  
Hardiness Zones: 3-9 (USDA)

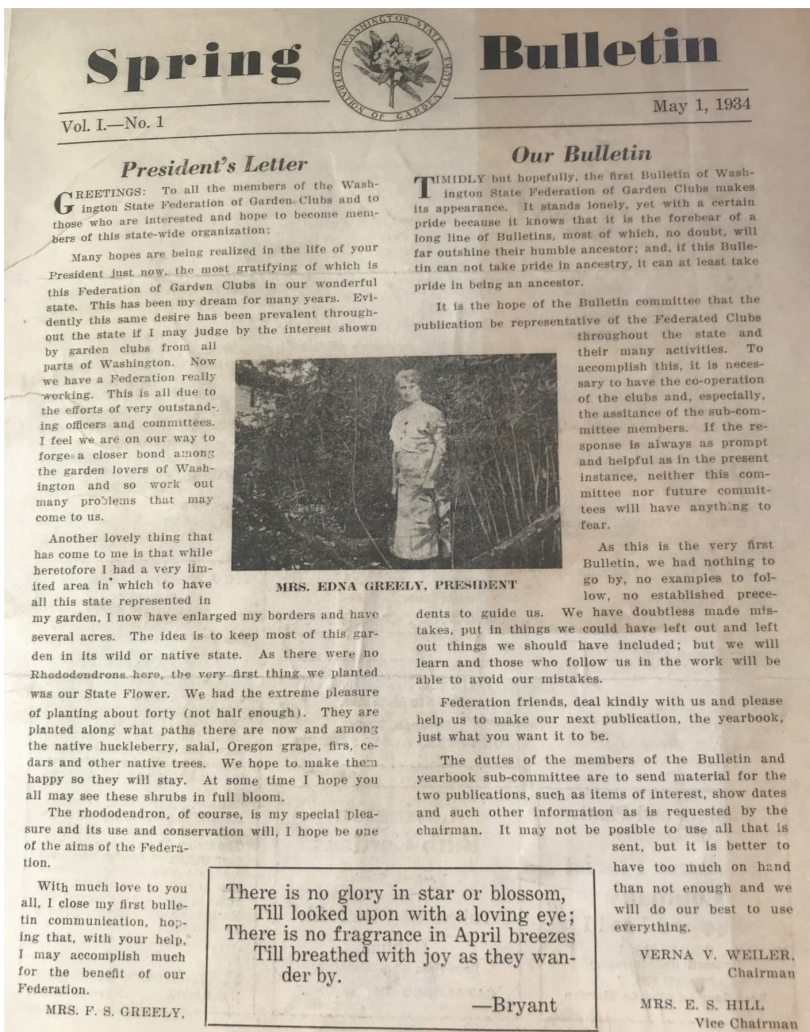
Tiger lily is a herbaceous perennial that grows from bulbs with a moderate growth rate. While it's an Asian species, a tiger lily is not rare to see in the United States. It can be planted in the fall or spring and should bloom in summer.

The plants have strappy leaves and long flowering stems. Tiger lily flowers feature curved petals and are speckled with dark spots. They're typically orange, though there also are several other tiger lily colors, including red and yellow. Tiger lilies only bloom once per year. However, they're a more profuse bloomer than most lilies, producing as many as 10 flowers per stem. And tiger lilies come back every year, as long as they're well cared for.

Beyond its beauty, what is special about the tiger lily is its meaning. The flower is said to represent wealth, pride, and nobility. However, it's important to note that while the flowers are edible, the pollen is toxic to humans. Also, tiger lilies are toxic to cats but not dogs or horses.

# WSFGC NEWS

Happy 90th Anniversary  
Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs!



## Spring

## Bulletin

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### President's Letter

**GREETINGS:** To all the members of the Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs and to those who are interested and hope to become members of this state-wide organization:

Many hopes are being realized in the life of your President just now, the most gratifying of which is this Federation of Garden Clubs in our wonderful state. This has been my dream for many years. Evidently this same desire has been prevalent throughout the state if I may judge by the interest shown by garden clubs from all parts of Washington. Now we have a Federation really working. This is all due to the efforts of very outstanding officers and committees. I feel we are on our way to forge a closer bond among the garden lovers of Washington and so work out many problems that may come to us.

Another lovely thing that has come to me is that while heretofore I had a very limited area in which to have all this state represented in my garden, I now have enlarged my borders and have several acres. The idea is to keep most of this garden in its wild or native state. As there were no Rhododendrons here, the very first thing we planted was our State Flower. We had the extreme pleasure of planting about forty (not half enough). They are planted along what paths there are now and among the native huckleberry, salal, Oregon grape, firs, cedars and other native trees. We hope to make them happy so they will stay. At some time I hope you all may see these shrubs in full bloom.

The rhododendron, of course, is my special pleasure and its use and conservation will, I hope be one of the aims of the Federation.

With much love to you all, I close my first bulletin communication, hoping that, with your help, I may accomplish much for the benefit of our Federation.

MRS. F. S. GREELY.



MRS. EDNA GREELY, PRESIDENT

### Our Bulletin

**TIMIDLY** but hopefully, the first Bulletin of Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs makes its appearance. It stands lonely, yet with a certain pride because it knows that it is the forerunner of a long line of Bulletins, most of which, no doubt, will far outshine their humble ancestor; and, if this Bulletin can not take pride in ancestry, it can at least take pride in being an ancestor.

It is the hope of the Bulletin committee that the publication be representative of the Federated Clubs throughout the state and their many activities. To accomplish this, it is necessary to have the co-operation of the clubs and, especially, the assistance of the sub-committee members. If the response is always as prompt and helpful as in the present instance, neither this committee nor future committees will have anything to fear.

As this is the very first Bulletin, we had nothing to go by, no examples to follow, no established precedents to guide us. We have doubtless made mistakes, put in things we could have left out and left out things we should have included; but we will learn and those who follow us in the work will be able to avoid our mistakes.

Federation friends, deal kindly with us and please help us to make our next publication, the yearbook, just what you want it to be.

The duties of the members of the Bulletin and yearbook sub-committee are to send material for the two publications, such as items of interest, show dates and such other information as is requested by the chairman. It may not be possible to use all that is sent, but it is better to have too much on hand than not enough and we will do our best to use everything.

VERNA V. WEILER,  
Chairman

MRS. E. S. HILL,  
Vice Chairman

There is no glory in star or blossom,  
Till looked upon with a loving eye;  
There is no fragrance in April breezes  
Till breathed with joy as they wander by.

—Bryant

And what a find is the article above? A copy of the very first issue of what is now the Washington Garden & Design newsletter. Enjoy.

Thank you Amanda Bennett (North End Flower Club) for this gem hidden in her club's historical files.

—Veronika Dunnam, Managing Editor

# DISTRICT/CLUB NEWS

Photo credits: Cherry Pedrick

## Black Hills District News

With Valentine's Day in February, we decided to learn how to make a corsage. Sandra Zacher from Illahee Garden Club came to our meeting and demonstrated the process. Who knew that each element would require a separate wire? All our corsages were different, unique, and beautiful as modeled by the members. It was so much fun, and we all felt successful in mastering something new. Thanks, Sandra, for giving us this opportunity.

— Donna Armitage,  
President, Friendly Flower GC



Joan Mikow



Karen Smith

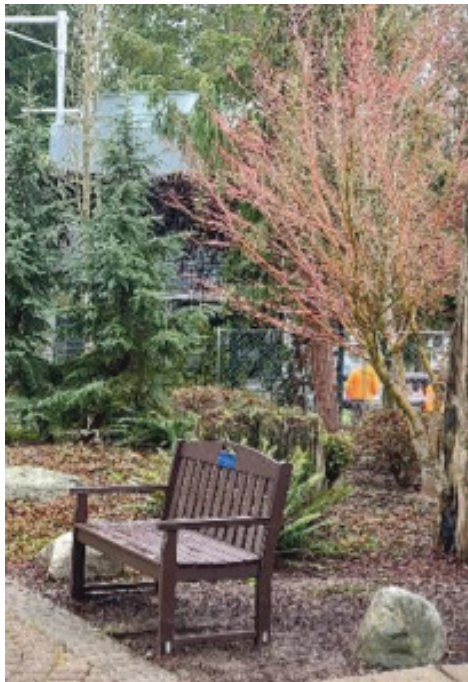
## Olympia Garden Club with Help from Friendly Flower Earn Third TREX Bench!

Thanks to Olympia Garden Club member, Jeff Johnson, Olympia Garden Club's second TREX bench was installed in February at Providence St. Peter's Hospital in Olympia. Please see photo on right. Friendly Flower GC earned their first bench last year.

This bench was earned mid-2023, before the NexTrex Challenge guidelines increased to 1,000 pounds and 12 months. I'd like to express thanks to the OGC and Friendly Flower members for their sorting, weighing, and dropping off efforts, making this additional bench possible!

At 2023-year end, Olympia and Illahee Garden Clubs began collaborating towards a third bench under the new challenge guidelines. Illahee GC should receive a bench for their communities in 2025.

— Jackie McCoy, 2nd VP,  
Black Hills District of Garden Clubs



# DISTRICT/CLUB NEWS

## East Lake Washington District News

Hilltoppers' Garden Club in Kenmore has been exploring ways we can nurture our planet as a community.

Last month we traveled to our district membership meeting in a six-passenger King County Metro Community Van. The vans are available for day trips and cost \$1.00 per senior passenger. Gas, insurance, road, and bridge tolls are included with the fare. The program includes free training for a designated volunteer driver.

This group transportation option encourages more

members to participate and it's fun getting to know each other when traveling together. We're looking forward to more trips, and have already reserved a 12-passenger van for our next gardening adventure.

—Marie Perdue,  
Co-President, Hilltoppers' GC



Hilltoppers' GC Members

## Woodinville Garden Club



### Save the Dates

The Woodinville Garden Club is celebrating our 40th anniversary, and this year, as we have in the past, we have two major fundraising events, which allow us the opportunity to offer scholarships to deserving students, give back to the garden community at large, and directly support the Woodinville Community.

Mark your calendars for: The Woodinville Garden Club's **Annual Plant Sale** has been reimagined for 2024. This year we will be offering over 2,000 perennials, trees, shrubs, natives, and houseplants, including seven varieties of tomatoes. The sale will begin on **May 11, 2024**, at 9 a.m. until sold-out, at the Woodinville

Alliance Church, 13940 NE 166th St., Woodinville, WA 98071.

Our members did some heavy lifting by digging in their own gardens last fall, which allows us to offer robust and unique plants, as well as donated plants from local nurseries. Be sure to visit us at [woodinville-gardenclub.org](http://woodinville-gardenclub.org), as future posts will highlight unique perennials, our plant list, and additional information. You can also follow us on Instagram (@woodinvillegardenclub) and Facebook.

Following our Plant Sale in May is our **Tour of Gardens**, which will include five private gardens in Woodinville and Redmond on **June 22, 2024**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets will go on sale mid-May and more information will be included on our website at [woodinvillegardenclub.org/tour-of-gardens/](http://woodinvillegardenclub.org/tour-of-gardens/), as we get closer to the date.

—Sherrill Lane-Moody, Publicity  
Co-Chairman, Woodinville GC

## Greater Seattle District of Garden Clubs News

Who says a small club doesn't have the power to make things happen.

Seattle Civic Garden Club has eight members. For the second time, Lona C. and Carolyn E. are keeping the GSD alive by spear heading two flower design events at the cove (Normandy Park). They have encouraged members to participate, work together to create a wonderful event.

Teenie D. is continuing her work with Saltwater Park in Federal Way. Laurie S. has been maintaining the grounds at the Greek Orthodox church on Capital Hill. Sean G. has been improving his knowledge with the Master Gardeners program,

passing the course to become an Arborist and earned a pesticide handling permit. Both Sean and Mitch have been working at Skipley farm in Snohomish sowing seeds, learning grafting, planting fruit trees, learning the running of a working farm. They/ we are getting plants ready for SC-GC's Mother's Day plant sale at our home. Susie S. plants and cares for a pea patch in Broadview, N. Seattle. Andrea K. along with her husband care for their rare native and East Asian garden, developed by Fujitaro Kubota, a treat to visit.

—*Mitch Grospe*,  
Director, Greater Seattle District

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## Cross Sound District News



Photo by Joyia Rubens

### Potted Plant Display,

Long Lake Garden Club hosted our March District meeting with the theme "March into the Garden." With a lunch of Irish Stew, Irish Soda bread....there's sure to be gnomes peeking out to join the fun. The program was Violet Luce giving a talk on planting, growing, preserving with "It all Starts in the Garden." Those attending were instructed to bring a potted plant for display and for a People's Choice Award. The club will celebrate Earth Day in April with booths at the Manchester Spring Festival.

A tour to Washington Floral in Tacoma was taken by members of Evergreen Garden Club. It was an opportunity to become acquainted with the floral supplies and plants available there. Our May District meeting will be hosted by Evergreen in Belfair. The Program will be by Corrie Ten-Have presenting her extraordinary Designs.

In April, Central Valley Garden Club will have a speaker on Japanese Gardens. Then their annual Plant Sale is at the end of the month. And they are planning a District-wide workshop on making Kokedamas, the moss-covered balls with a single plant that are so popular right now. For the Trex Challenge, all three clubs have been diligent in bringing plastic to meetings. We expect to have collected the goal of 1,000 pounds by the end of March to earn a Garden Bench.

—*Joyia Rubens*,  
Director, Cross Sound District

# DISTRICT/CLUB NEWS

Photos courtesy of Gretchen Taylor

## Carleton Park Garden Club Responds to the Call!

Fire Station #41 serves the Magnolia neighborhood of Seattle. Built in 1934 in the Streamline Moderne style, it was designated a Landmark in 2005. The lack of landscaping, however, did not enhance the overall look of the property! After seeing the results of our project to rehabilitate a median planting in Magnolia, the firefighters approached the club about improving the grounds around their station. We drew up a list of appropriate plants, provided a schematic for plantings and hardscape, and applied for and received a grant from the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods and a Plant America grant from National Garden Clubs. Plants were chosen to complement the predominant colors of the fire station.

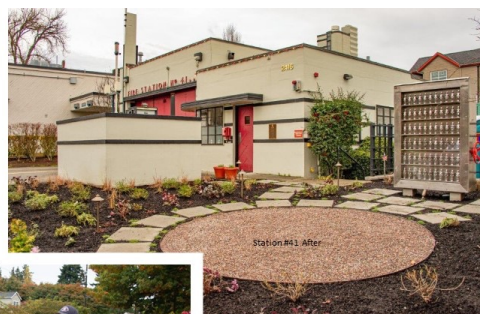
A local landscaping firm, Rainbow of Magnolia, donated the cost

of labor for removal of sod and ivy, soil enhancement, and installation of irrigation, hardscape, and lighting. The club paid for plants and other materials for the project, which Rainbow provided at cost.

Removal of English ivy revealed a damaged trellis, which we restored and replanted with Boston ivy. Work on the project was begun in October 2023, was put on hold for an unexpected water line replacement and finished in mid-December before winter arrived.

City restoration of the 1987 kinetic art installation “Hot Cha Cha” added the finishing touch to what is now a point of pride for Seattle Fire Station 41 and Magnolia Village. We’re planning a ribbon cutting ceremony in the spring – the plants should be showing off by then!

—Kathy Carr, Carleton Park GC





## Olympic Peninsula District News

This winter the Tri-Area Garden Club has been focusing on our spring plant sale, adding to the appearance of the Tri-Area Community Center where we meet and continue to collect for the NGC Penny Pines Program. We have also been wearing our new Tri-Area GC vests and aprons to our meetings.

Inclement weather forced us to cancel our January meeting and scheduled tour. Because of the unpredictable weather in January and February, we are considering changing to just having informal gatherings for those who still want to attend. We are looking forward to meeting in July and August when gardens are blooming rather than January and February when the weather is unpredictable.

Preparation for the plant sale is year around. In the winter months the committee is working on signage, price tags, and making "Garden Guardians." As plants sprout, members are dividing and potting them so they will look nice for the plant sale in May.

Our newest project is the Tri-Area Community Center. We have



Daffodils in bloom



Garden Guardians

enlisted the help of the entire club to give the grounds a major sprucing up over the next ten months. We will be

having clean up days at least once a month: clearing limbs, trimming shrubs, planting wildflowers,



Work Crew with brush pile #3

and updating the flower boxes. In the fall, we will be adding more shrubs and bulbs. Our focus is on drought tolerant plants and pollinators. We've had two work days in March and were delighted with the number of members who signed up to help. The first one turned bitter cold while we were working, but it was amazing what we were able to get done in a very short amount of time. We followed it up with pizza and hot beverages. Some rewards are already showing as some of the 700 bulbs we planted in the fall are starting to bloom.

To accomplish this project, we plan to apply for the WSFGC Project Grant. And we will be applying for matching funds from our Scholarship/Grant committee.

Penny Pines has been coming along nicely. We have jars on every table at our meetings, and they continue to be filled. So far, we have been able to purchase two trees. Hoping for a few more by the end of the year. Many members have also ordered from the online Flower Power FUNdraiser.

Happy times in the garden await all of us!

—Maribeth Lynch,  
Co-President, Tri-Area GC

# DISTRICT/CLUB NEWS

Photos courtesy of Gerry Douglas

## Clubs-At-Large News

Members of the Tulip Valley Garden Club began the renovation, redesign, and maintenance of the Emma Jarvis Memorial Garden in downtown Mount Vernon several years ago. Over the years members decided that the garden is important to the community and that we as a club might not be able to complete some of the maintenance required. Therefore, the club decided that a fund benefiting the garden would ensure that it would be cared for into the future.

Fundraising efforts by TVGC members have occurred over the years with the goal of reaching \$25,000 to establish a fund through the Skagit Community Foundation to benefit the garden in perpetuity. With that in mind, we planned, organized, and implemented the *MOUNT VERNON GARDEN AND ART FAIR* in

2022. The goal was to raise money for the garden fund but also create a community about gardening, environmental conservation and having fun serving and contributing to our community.

The Fair met with success in so many ways that we are now planning the third annual event on the last weekend in June, the 29th and 30th at Edgewater Park. For two years it was a one-day event; this year it will be a two-day event. We have prioritized finding local vendors who produce a product that relates to our mission in the community.

We invite you to check out our event on our websites: [mvgardenandartfair.org](http://mvgardenandartfair.org) and [tulipvalleygardeners.org](http://tulipvalleygardeners.org).

—Gerry Douglas, Tulip Valley GC



Tulip Valley GC members care for the Emma Jarvis Memorial Garden

## Gardening for Wildlife

As garden club members we should be aiming to practice sustainability in our personal landscapes. Habitats are being lost to development and we can hold the key to preserving them for future generations. As development pushes natural habitats further and further back, we can encourage wildlife to co-exist with us in our own landscapes. Biodiversity is a key to successful wildlife habitat. You get to choose the wildlife you want to encourage. It may be only birds, small mammals, and insects. You can provide food, water, cover and places for animals and insects to raise their young. Work to reduce areas of lawn. Make conscious choices when choosing plants for your garden. Look for plants that are native and keep away from invasive species. Good plant choices provide

fruit and seeds for native wildlife. Native trees make good choices. Keep a clean water source such as a small fountain or birdbath, or if you have enough property, build a pond. Provide a wood pile or leave a dead tree.

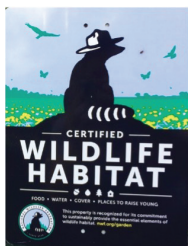
For more information on *How to Turn Your Backyard into a Wildlife Habitat* Google the title.

There are several organizations that have a backyard certification program where you can post a sign in your yard and be recognized for your efforts. Please see the different groups listed below. Go to the links listed to fill out their application forms.

—Kathy Johnson,  
Director, Hill and Dale District



National Garden Clubs Application: <https://gardenclub-website.wufoo.com/forms/z16n6ku90w6df5v/>



National Wildlife Certification Application: <https://certifiedwildlifehabitat.nwf.org>



WA Department of  
Fish & Wildlife Certi-  
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Habitat at Home Ap-  
plication ([arcgis.com](http://arcgis.com))

# YOUTH AWARDS

## The 2024 Smokey Bear Contest Celebrates Smokey Bear's 80th Birthday!

Outreach totaled 59 youth through a public school and garden clubs. This contest reaches out to youth in grade levels 1-5. The youth posters demonstrate through original drawings of Smokey Bear their understanding of wildfire prevention.

A total of 13 posters were received from:

### District

Black Hills

Central

Chinook

Club At Large

### Club

White Pass

Queen of Spades

Parkside Garden Club

Rosalia

All participants will receive a participation certificate for their entries.

### WSFGC Winning Posters

#### Grade Level

3rd Grade

4th Grade

#### Name

Amelia Hornby

Skyler Guffey

#### District/Club/Other

Black Hills/Illahee/White Pass Elementary

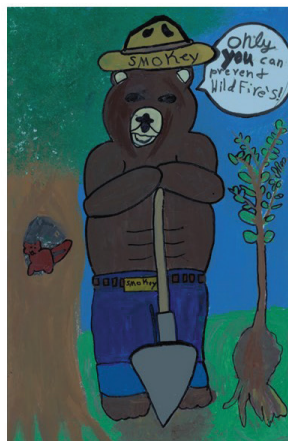
Black Hills/Illahee/White Pass Elementary

The creators of the winning posters receive a certificate with a ribbon and Smokey Bear trinkets.

—*Evie Marwood*, Chairman,  
Smokey Bear 80th Birthday Youth Poster Contest



Above: Skyler Guffey; On Right: Amelia Hornby



## BLACK HILLS FLOWER DESIGNERS

Presents

### *"OFF to the RACES"*

Friday, April 12, 2024  
12:30 - 2 p.m.



An NGC Standard Flower Show

Thurston County Fairgrounds  
Sokolik Building  
3054 Carpenter Rd SE, Lacey, WA 98501  
360-786-5453

Admission is free and open to the public  
Member of

Black Hills District  
Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs  
Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.  
\*National Garden Clubs, Inc.

The public is invited to attend the Black Hills District Annual Spring NGC Standard Flower Show "Off to the Races" presented by the Black Hills Floral Designers on Friday, April 12, 2024, from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. held at the Thurston County Fairgrounds Sokolik Building, 3054 Carpenter Road, SE, Lacey, WA 98503. This event is open to the public and is free.

The purpose of this beautiful show is to educate the public about plants that grow in our area and by local designers creating unique floral arrangements. The Black Hills District of Garden Clubs encompasses Thurston and Lewis Counties with five garden clubs of which new members are always welcome.

For more information about the Black Hills District of Garden Clubs, please contact President Becky Flaherty at 360 995-1708.

Let's Get Down & Dirty  
with



## Gardening School

Courses 1 - 4

### GARDENING SCHOOL COURSE CONTENT

**Course 1** – Botany, Soils, Techniques for Growing Outdoor Flowers, Plant Propagation

**Course 2** – Plant Diseases, Garden Pests, Irrigation and Water, Lawn Alternatives and Growing Grass, Growing Fruits, and Growing Vegetables

**Course 3** – Factors that influence Plant Growth, New Plant Development and Evaluation, Container Gardening Outdoors, Houseplant Basics, Native Trees, and Shrubs

**Course 4** – Plant Classification and Nomenclature, Outdoor Identification of Plants, Specialized Garden Styles, Techniques of Growing Woody Ornaments, and Pruning

**Sponsored by**

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**Save the Dates!**

**April 29-30 & October 28-29 2024**

**April 28-29 & October 29-30 2025**



## Flower Design Fun

October at Flower Show School III in Portland, Oregon. I volunteered a Creative Line Mass design for the students to Point Score. I used a tree root painted black for the line material, purchased chrysanthemum blossoms, manipulated *Fatsia japonica* leaves and a pottery container. (Below left)



November 14 at the 7 Cedars Casino for a State Meeting and a lovely invitational design consisting of a pottery container, copper coil, dried allium heads designed by Mary Lou Paulson. Stunning! (Above right)



The Hill & Dale Designers did a design program for their District on November 28 using all foliage.

A beautiful design does not need flowers to be lovely. Variegated foliage and a plastic "ribbon" really catch your eyes and show movement throughout the design created by Jo Martin. (On right)





Chinook District held a fund-raising luncheon December 6. The Hill & Dale Designers reserved a table and entered the Table Decorating part of the event and came away with one of the two People's Choice Awards. Lucky us! The funny part is that this was truly a group effort or collaboration as they say in the art world. Judy's red napkins, Debbie's napkin rings, Linda's painted glasses, Rachel's gold chargers and dishes and more. It just seemed to work well! Why? If we consider the Elements and Principles of Design, it had color contrast!



What is happening in Design in your area? I can't put it in the magazine unless you send me a photo, describe the plant material and type of design, the information on the event, and who did the work ([dunespill@gmail.com](mailto:dunespill@gmail.com)).

# IN MEMORIAM



## Joyce I. Johnson July 7, 1918 to February 26, 2024

- Former President La Conner Civic Garden Club and long-time member
- Former President Floral Arts Garden Club and long-time member
- Former Director Chuckanut District 1989-1991, 1991-1993 and long-time member
- Chuckanut District Judges Council former President and long-time member
- WSFGC Nominating Committee for Chuckanut District 2007-2015
- WSFGC Credentials Chairman 2003-2015
- WSFGC and Pacific Region GC Life Member
- NGC Master Flower Show Judge 2000-2022, Emeritus standing 2022
- *Washington Garden & Design* poet laureate, contributor, 2009-2021
- Skagit County Fair, Former Flower Show Superintendent

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, all her siblings, two husbands, son Clifford Glenn Olson, and great-grandson. She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law: Avis and Danny Ziebell, and Donna Hyatt and Pat Kelly, and six grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews. "God has another gardener in His Heavenly Garden."

We will miss Joyce. Her serenity, humor, and enthusiasm for design arrangements, horticulture, flower shows, and poetry were an inspiration to us and to everyone she met.

—Gerry Douglas, Judith Juno,  
Daphne Ruxton, Anne Sullivan



Photo by Judith Juno

Joyce with her Invitational Design, May 30, 2013, at the Chuckanut District Awards Luncheon in Mount Vernon



Photo by Daphne Ruxton

Joyce at celebration of her 105th birthday, July 2023 at La Conner Civic GC clubhouse





## WSFGC 2024-2025 Board Meeting Schedule

Status as of 3/10/2024- More details will be announced

Mark your Calendar and plan to join in the FUN!

<u>2024</u>	Location	Name of Hotel/Resort	District or Club Host(s)
June 10-13 Annual Meeting & WSFGC Flower Show	Shelton	Little Creek Casino & Resort	
September 8-10 Fall Board Meeting	Leavenworth	Icicle Village Resort	
November 5-6 Winter Board Meeting	Shelton	Little Creek Casino & Resort	
<u>2025</u>			
March 4 Spring Board Meeting	ZOOM		
June 2-5 Convention & Annual Meeting	Shelton	Little Creek Casino & Resort	

# HORTICULTURE

## New Plant Suggestions

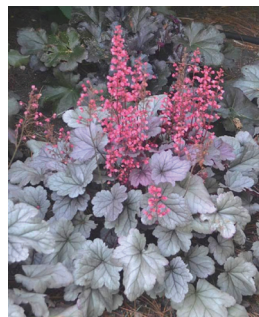
It is always fun to explore for new plants for your garden. They may need a bit more protection if they are to go into the garden in the warmer mid-season summer heat. And to help with that, it has been more than a few times I have provided shade over a more sun-sensitive plant. An easy solution is to use a few stakes and layered cheese cloth that lets in both a more moderate amount of sun and allows water penetration. You can also think about the fact that if a nursery can keep a plant looking attractive in that four-inch or gallon pot how well it will do planted in your garden.

The Chicago Botanical Garden is located in Hardiness Zone 5b, and they regularly run plant trials. *Heuchera* 'Palace Purple' first appeared over 30 years ago in garden centers. In the ensuing years many of us have grown it in our gardens. Following 'Palace Purple' there was an explosion of new colors and cultivars of heucheras. In the mid-1990s there was a trial of the then-new cultivars. The results then and in a new trial five years ago have helped identify the ones most likely to thrive in your garden. There is also an on-going trial that started in 2022. In the trials plants were evaluated for their size, leaf color and traits, flower color, and longevity in the garden. The highest rated received four stars. It was foliage variation and adaptability that set them apart.

One of the earliest standouts in its trial was *Heuchera* 'Silver Gumdrop' because of its beauty and strong habit. The leaves are purple

early on and then gradually turn silver with purple undertones and dark venation. A blush of purple remains around on the newest leaves but fades when

the stunning dark pink flowers arrive in the late spring. This plant is a prolific bloomer and will have a tidier look and maximize the foliar display if it is deadheaded. The leaves flush purple again in the fall. *Heuchera* 'Color Dream' was one of the older cultivars having been evaluated from 2005 to 2011 but still ranks among the best from the several trials. The silver leaves are etched with purple veins early and age to silvery green with dusky green veins. The new leaves are flushed with purple for a short time, and the undersides are purple. Small, greenish-white petals peek out from purple calyces that match the flower scapes and play off the early purple accents. 'Color Dream' is a strong bloomer, but it does take it a few years to blossom into maturity. This is a wonderfully healthy and vigorous plant performing well even in poor soil. Another earlier hybrid that still rates four stars is *Heuchera* 'Cherry Cola.' It has vivid vermilion leaves that turn a flaming bright red orange by mid-summer. It is lovely in hue as the leaves, floral stems, and flowers are



*Heuchera* 'Silver Gumdrop'

Photo Courtesy of New Garden Plants



all the same beautiful color. A few other cultivars to earn top billing are *H.* 'Carnival Cocomint,' *H.* 'Carnival Watermelon,' and *H.* 'Wildberry.' Heuchera are mostly native to woodland habitats, but many cultivars will grow in full sun in locations that have cooler summer weather. They do not want to be planted in an area with poor drainage or that remains too wet. Do plant them with afternoon shade in mind in locations with hot summer sun. Plant them with the crown of the plant at or slightly above the soil line. These plants are not heavy fertilizer users and are happy with just a top-dressing of an inch or less of compost in the spring.

*Artemisia* 'Silver Lining'- Wormwood is a new hybrid cultivar that has the best traits of its two North American parents. It has the clumping trait of *A. stelleriana* and the durability and heat tolerance of *A. ludoviciana*. It grows into a non-stoloniferous 15 inches tall and three feet wide, winter deciduous groundcover and has bright cutleaf silver foliage. It is hardy in Zones 4a to 8b and will grow well in average to dry conditions in either sandy or clay soil. With its wide hardiness range this plant would also do well in a large pot with other plants, either annuals or perennials for a more striking pop of color. This plant would also do well in a drier area of your garden with little or no extra



*Artemisia* 'Silver Lining'

Photo courtesy of  
Bluestone Perennial

water depending on your local conditions.

*Begonia* 'Immortality' was selected from a strain of winter hardy bedding begonias. Hundreds of begonias started in the search for this plant of unique form and in-ground hardiness. The two feet tall and two feet wide



*Begonia* 'Immortality'

Photo courtesy of  
Plant Delights

plants emerge in the spring with green leaves edged in red. Then the plant is topped with non-stop pink flowers from spring through late summer. It is recommended in most locations that this plant receive some direct sun part of the day as this increases its winter hardiness. Here in the Columbian basin where it gets quite hot early, sun would no doubt be the best choice. This plant is hardy in Zones 7b through 9b. *Begonia grandis* 'Heron's Pirouette' grew in my garden for many years. It would break dormancy in the late spring and would flower from June into the fall. Its dainty pink flowers were cheerful as they bloomed. The habit of this second begonia is not as full and lush looking as the newer bedding cultivar. It reminds me more of a dainty wildflower. This second plant is hardy in Zones 5 through 9. Both would be excellent choices for your garden.

Do have fun exploring and trying new plants this year!

## The Saga of the ‘Spokane’ Lilac

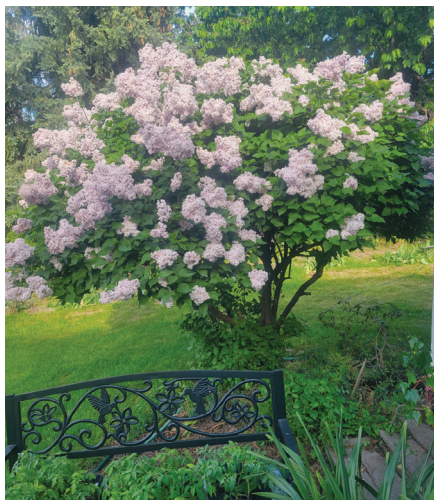


Photo by Marva Lee Peterschick

Lilac ‘Spokane’

Taking on the responsibility of naming a new cultivar of *Syringa vulgaris* (Lilac) after a city, especially a city with a logo “Lilac City” was a very serious job. It took nine years to get it done and get it done right. And yes, we had setbacks before we had success.

The new seedling, we chose to represent the city of Spokane was hybridized by Reva Ballreich of Idyllwild, CA. Because she was treated very royally (President of International Lilac Society) while in the city for the lilac festival, she offered nine seedlings she had hybridized; it was up to the lilac society members to choose the right one. Spokane Lilac Society hosted an open house where the public could vote on the photos, along with a special invitation to the mayor of Spokane. This specific lilac needed certain qualifications like fragrance, bloom time to coincide with the Spokane Lilac Festival in the middle of May, rarity in color and size, unique characteristics from other lilac species and cultivars.

The lilac that was named ‘Spokane’ was introduced by Spokane Lilac Society in 2005. It became a sensation overnight! Everyone wanted this special lilac that was officially classified as double pink in color. The buds were a rosy purple but soon opened full bloom into a beautiful shade of mixed pink that when in full bloom, resembled an apple blossom. Briggs Nursery of Olympia tissue cultured the new lilac, so we had around 1,000 plants on hand when introduced to the public, but not enough! The lilac society sold out in just a couple of hours.

Oh, but wait! Let’s back up. The new lilac had to be propagated before we could register it. The hybridizer agreed to send scions to Briggs Nursery, and they only wanted them in the early spring. For some reason, it didn’t work so another year went by. In the meantime, Reva Ballreich had sent a rooted cutting to Chairman Marva Lee Peterschick. The new plant was promptly planted in a very special location in the rose bed. It prospered and grew quickly with the very best of care. In the meantime, the hybridizer had health problems. She was still unable to send timely cuttings to Briggs Nursery. Her health got worse, and she passed away. The small plant bloomed in Marva Lee’s garden and Marva Lee very carefully cut the bloom and pressed it. Briggs Nursery was still waiting to get the right plant material for tissue culture. The plant in Marva Lee’s garden sent up a new shoot. When about 6–8 inches high, it was dug up and Marva Lee and her husband David personally drove to Briggs Nursery and delivered the potted plant. It didn’t take long to hear the good news, great success and hundreds of new ‘Spokane’ lilacs were growing in

the tissue culture sterile solution.

In the meantime, the registration of the new lilac could now take place. The form needed to be registered with the *International Register* of cultivar names in the genus *Syringa* located at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. The form called for a pressed bloom of 'Spokane.' Wow, what luck finally as Marva Lee remembered the perfect pressed and dried bloom.

It didn't take long until everything else fell into place and the introduction took place. Many people were disappointed when all the new lilacs were sold out, but we assured everyone we would have more 'Spokane' lilacs next year. Briggs Nursery supplied not only the lilac society with many new plants each spring for about three years, but many nurseries also. Then out of the blue, we got the sad news Briggs Nursery was dropping production on the 'Spokane' lilac. It became very difficult to secure the 'Spokane' lilac. There were some people around the area who were propagating the lilac but not on a grand scale. Spokane Lilac Society decided to offer Spokane Community College Horticulture Department cuttings from their own personal plants. SCC had tremendous luck, reporting 99 percent success. About three years later, they sold out quickly with some beautiful blooming plants. They now have planted 'Spokane' in their nursery area on the campus and are taking cuttings for propagation. It is not a mass production like tissue culture, but they are selling the beautiful lilac named *Syringa vulgaris* 'Spokane.'

—Marva Lee Peterschick,  
Chairman of Project

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# ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 has listed more than 1,700 plants, mammals, fish, insects, and other species in the U.S., as threatened or endangered with extinction. However, disparities reveal how much money is allocated to save various biological kingdoms. Roughly \$1.2 billion a year is spent on endangered and threatened species with about half going to just two types of fish: salmon and steelhead trout along the West Coast and tens of millions of dollars goes to animals that include manatees, right whales, grizzly bears, and spotted owls. The large sums are directed toward a handful of species that have gone neglected or those that are teetering on extinction.

At the bottom of the spending list is the tiny Virginia fringed mountain snail, receiving \$100 in 2020. The underground dwelling snail has been seen only once in the past 35 years, yet it remains a step ahead of more than 200 imperiled plants, animals, fish, and other creatures that had nothing spent on their behalf. Some scientists argue for less spending on costly efforts and putting the money toward species with less expensive recovery plans that have languished. For instance, a tiny fraction of the budget going to the spotted owls, could save a whole species of cacti.

Fish get 67 percent, such as salmon and steelhead populations in Washington, Oregon, and California. Restoring the salmon and steelhead populations is expensive because they are widespread and hemmed in by massive hydroelectric dams plus the fact that Native American tribes want commercial fishing interest and

fisheries restored. The money pays for fish ladders, habitat restoration, and monitoring by scientists.

Mammals received seven percent, birds five percent, plants two percent, and insects one half percent while other monies are divided among multiple species. Stoneflies in Montana received no spending, while the California tiger salamander has lost ground to development and flowering plants and scrub lupine in Oregon, where native habitat has been converted for theme parks.

More than half of plant species are covered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 whereas it was almost excluded from the landmark conservation law when adopted. As of 2020, more than 900 trees, ferns, flowers, and other flora are protected and receive about \$26 million dollars. The issue is not where the money is spent but that there isn't enough of it, say the Defenders of Wildlife groups, and they don't want anything to go extinct.

The Climate Law bill signed in 2023 by President Joe Biden gives monies toward the Endangered Species that includes \$62.5 million that will allow hiring of biologists to craft recovery plans to guide future conservation work initially for 32 species and for as many as 300 over coming years such as the candy darter fish in southeastern rivers, the Marron Bacora flowering shrub in the Virgin Islands, the Panama City crayfish of Florida, and Stephens' kangaroo rat in California.

An article in the Kitsap Sun newspaper states that the horseshoe crab has declined, and endangered sea turtles, fish, and birds such as



Virginia Fringed Mountain Snail

Photo by Ken Hotopp



Candy Darter

Photo by Joel Sartore



red knot (a shorebird) that feeds on horseshoe crab eggs is now threatened and the horseshoe crab harvest is one of the contributing factors to the red knot decline. Horseshoe crab eggs are incredibly nutrient dense, sustaining the federally threatened red knot on their long migratory journey. Researchers and students at the University of Maryland built an artificial beach platform four feet by two feet by five feet. Once it is filled with sand and soaked it quickly becomes an ideal spot for the species. It has proven to attract the crabs despite eggs not yet being found on the structure.

Here in Washington State, there are 268 species of concern and 1,900 species of animals, including around 40 that are found nowhere else on Earth. Some species of concern are the golden eagles, fishers, wolverines, pygmy rabbits, bighorn sheep, orcas, white sturgeon, sharptailed grouse, bull trout, puffins, western pond turtles, and sandhill cranes. Most recently, four fishers, a house-cat sized member of the weasel family, were live trapped in Canada and released at Mount Rainier National Park, on the Olympic Peninsula, and in the South Cascades. By restoring fishers to Washington State, our natural and cultural heritage for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of fishers is reintroducing them back from elimination seen in the mid-1900s through 1998.

\*A side note: we have seen only one in the Seabeck area in the last 50 years. \* Also, the return of the pond turtles has been established in Kitsap County by the University of Washington breeding program and the release of them in Port Orchard, and seen in the Crosby area of Seabeck, in the Big Beef creek that runs near the Tahuya river on Section 24 parcels.



Photo by Brian Kushner

Red Knot

There are many other programs at work in our state working hard to save important species.

**Credits:** Washington State Fish and Wildlife

Kitsap Sun, February 19, 2024  
Bing: URL Endangered Species



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Little Creek Casino Resort  
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Free and open to the public  
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June 11, 2024 - 3:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
June 12, 2024 - 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Go to [wagardenclubs.com](http://wagardenclubs.com) for flower show schedule, details on entering, and meeting information.

# ENDOWMENT

The WSFGC Endowment Committee met in February. The Grants Chairman, Diane Franchini, reported receiving grant requests for the \$10,000 that is available each fiscal year. However, more grant applications would be appreciated, and clubs have until March 15, to submit requests for civic improvement projects. The application is on the front page of the WSFGC website, so it is easily available and very easy to complete and submit. The awards will be announced April 15.

Endowment monies are disbursed via voucher submitted to the Investment Officer, Gale Baullinger. WSFGC monies are disbursed via voucher submitted to the State Treasurer, Susan Nash. Vouchers are available on the WSFGC website in the "Members Only" section. WSFGC now has a Natural Disasters grant of a \$1,000 from Endow-


ment to be used for projects within our state. Judy Strickland is chairman so please submit any requests directly to her.

Further business included increasing the grant to NGC schools from \$250 to \$500, per class. These monies will be awarded by the submission of a voucher to the Investment Officer, Gale Baullinger. The committee voted to increase the grants to NGC Environmental, landscape Design and Gardening Study schools from \$250 to \$500, per class, held by WSFGC clubs and districts. Flower Show School already can receive \$1,000 per class. These monies will be awarded by the submission of a voucher to the Investment Officer, Gale Baullinger. Additionally, Endowment will provide \$100, for each full-time garden club member who attends this year's annual meeting/flower show in June. Therefore, the registration will be reduced from \$175 to \$75. Many fun events are being planned plus a fabulous flower show so please consider attending for a few days at the Little Creek Casino in Shelton.

The Endowment Committee will meet again on May 10, so if you have any ideas to be considered or would like to attend, please email Anne Sullivan, [absullivan@comcast.net](mailto:absullivan@comcast.net) for the Zoom link.

—Gale Baullinger,  
Endowment Committee Member

—Anne Sullivan,  
Endowment Committee Chairman



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Saturday, June 29 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Sunday, June 30 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Vendors, Speakers, Food

Spring has returned.  
The earth is like a child  
that knows poems.  
—Rainer Maria Rilke



# WSFGC NEWS

## Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs Natural Disasters Grant

The Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs announces the newly formed WSFGC Natural Disasters Grant, with the initial \$1,000 funding being provided by the Endowment Fund.

The purpose of this grant is to assist districts or clubs with their garden-related restoration efforts from a natural disaster. Promote and process WSFGC Natural Disasters Grants donations from districts, clubs, and individuals.

Any of these member groups may apply for the grant of up to \$1,000 to help replant, restore and beautify areas such as parks, gardens and other sites that have been damaged by natural disasters such as floods, fire, earthquakes, tornadoes, ice storms etc.

It's important to make it clear this is a standalone grant. This is totally separate from the NGC Natural Disasters funding. When a club or district makes a donation, it will need to be specific as to where they want the funds to be directed.

I will be glad to go over the procedures and will be accepting donations for the WSFGC Natural Disasters. It is important that our districts, clubs and members be aware of this additional opportunity when we are faced with one of these natural disaster occurrences and want to do something to restore the land.

You may contact me by phone or e-mail.

—Judy Strickland, Chairman  
[jasmum@comcast.net](mailto:jasmum@comcast.net) 253-845-3946

# Big Plant Sale

April 27, 2024, 8am to 2pm

United Methodist Church  
1919 West Pioneer  
Puyallup, WA 98371

Come and deck your garden out for 2024.

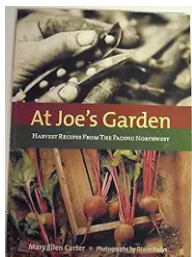
You will find:

- a wide variety of perennials and annuals
- ground covers
- veggie starts
- tree seedlings
- seeds
- and more.

Proceeds to benefit the Hill and Dale District of Garden Clubs.

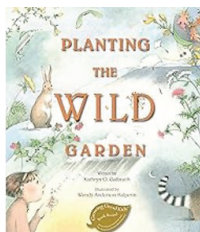
## BOOK REVIEWS

Continuing to include youth in the books to read.



**At Joe's Garden:  
Harvest Recipes  
from the Pacific  
Northwest**  
**Mary Ellen Carter**  
**Photographs by**  
**Diane Padys**  
**2000 Joe's Garden**  
**\$8.00 paperback**

Joe's Garden is a small seven-acre plot of land in the Bellingham "Happy Valley" area of Washington that has been providing fresh healthy vegetables since 1933. These recipes have been inspired by those vegetables available at the First Harvest, Mid-Season Harvest and Late Harvest. In May/June are the leafy greens, peas, radishes. June/July has potatoes, broccoli, cabbage, and onions. August/September is a busy time with squashes, tomatoes, beans, cukes and corn. It makes your mouth water as you read and make these excellent recipes from a local cooking instructor.



**Planting the Wild  
Garden**  
**Kathryn O.  
Galbraith**  
**Illustrated by**  
**Wendy Anderson  
Halperin**  
**2011 Peachtree  
Publishers**

**\$15.95 Hardcover**

A beautifully illustrated early children's picture book to follow the view of seeds planted by people or the wind or animals. So many ways that seeds get sprouted, and our young scientists will question all the very tiny or nut seeds that they encounter. Get planting!



**Spectacular  
Spring**  
**All Kinds of  
Spring Facts and  
Fun**  
**Bruce Goldstone**  
**2018 Henry Holt  
and Company**  
**\$17.95 Hardcover**

Have you ever wondered about all the things happening in the Spring. This early children's book helps them understand how rain and the colors of rainbows, bulbs and fruit trees are starting to bloom, and how baby birds hatch. At the end are a few projects that your kids would like to make. How about mud painting or a rain stick?



**Down Came The  
Rain**  
**Jennifer Mathieu**  
**2023 Roaring  
Brook Press**  
**\$19.99 hardcover**

This novel for teenagers is set in Houston Texas after Hurricane Harvey rained for four days and flooded so many

people living there. Javi and Eliza deal with very real psychological and emotional impacts of living through that experience. They feel inspired to act on the issue of climate change. Children across the world are experiencing severe storms and wildfires, and a survey has found 59 percent are extremely worried about climate change and 75 percent say the "future is frightening." We should get involved in youth-led climate organizations.



**The Complete  
Book of Cut  
Flower Care**  
**Mary Jane  
Vaughan**  
**1988 Timber  
Press**  
**\$10.00 Hardcover**

This is a very instructional book to help you to keep your purchased flowers fresh. It lists a couple hundred flowers and foliage with information on its availability, what to look for in petals/buds, vase life, special home care, and the florist trade care. An example of *Alstroemeria* tells of multiple varieties by color, available year-round, choose when first bud has opened and rest have color, the vase life is about 10 days, home care to remove excess and yellowed foliage, and the florists keep at 36-41F. Some flowers and foliage can be kept dry for a time, or the care is to cut the stems again, put in warm water with the flower food. There are tips to dry flowers with air, desiccants, or glycerin. With all this help you will be a great flower designer at home and in shows.



**ANNUAL PLANT SALE & RAFFLE**  
Fundraising Event  
Saturday, May 18, 2024  
9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**\*Clallam County Fairgrounds  
Floral Barn**  
Featuring perennials, annuals, succulents,  
veggie starts and more

**Victoria Raffle \$5 Tickets:**  
A very special round trip for two:

- Passage on Coho Ferry
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*\*note change of venue*



Advertise your next district or club event in your magazine, *Washington Garden & Design*. Download information from [wagardenclubs.com](http://wagardenclubs.com) or from your *WSFGC Program and Meeting Guide*.

# IN MEMORIAM

## EVELYN SAVAGE

Evelyn joined Evergreen Garden Club after retiring from teaching in the early '90s. She served Grapewind School District as principal. She lived on Benson Lake and had a keen interest in gardening. Before long, she was serving as President, encouraging us all to embrace our strengths and to try something new. She loved our flower shows and became very involved. We were winning state and national awards.

During this time, Evelyn volunteered to chair a show to be held at the library. She chose Shakespeare as the theme! It was initially very intimidating. With both Evelyn and Marie Ennaro, we put on an amazing Flower Show, winning Best Schedule, Best Show, and other top design awards.

Evelyn's greatest gift was a good listener. She could bring out the best in each one of us. She was always teaching and inspiring us. She had a natural talent and artistic ability. To no surprise, she enrolled in the Flower Show Programs to become a judge. This involved intense courses over about two years; taking an exam at completion, and then serving as an intern judge traveling to different districts to become a certified judge.

Her specialty in the Horticulture Division was dahlias, which she grew in her garden. She entered both Mason and Kitsap County fairs with the maximum number of entries each year. Evelyn also entered several floral designs she created.

Evelyn shared her knowledge, her kindness, her enthusiasm and led by example, serving on many committees, projects, special luncheons, teas, Blue Star Memorial Dedications, Children's Gardening Shows and was always a "front" person, totally immersed in the outcome.

Aside from Evelyn's garden club activities, she was an excellent cook, quilter and canned and processed almost all her food. She was an avid reader besides growing her prized dahlias.

At the time of her death, she had completed three quilts for her sons, Ronald, Paul, and Roland. She was writing her memoir for the family and reading the Quran. She baked many varieties of family Christmas cookie favorites. She happily gave them to her family members—all 27 of them.

There are not enough words to express the loss of such a dear friend, whose expression of love and kindness will always be with us.

—Linda Britt,  
Member, Evergreen Garden Club



# WSFGC REGISTRATION

## Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs ANNUAL MEETING and FLOWER SHOW REGISTRATION

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### Registration Fee \$175 with \$100 subsidized by Endowment Fund

MEMBER REGISTRATION FEE DUE: ..... \$ 75

Member Registration Fee INCLUDES: Workshop fees, Tuesday Dinner, Wednesday Lunch and Dinner

PLEASE CHECK WHICH YOU WILL BE ATTENDING (For ordering purposes only – N/C)

Registered Member attending Tuesday Dinner  ..... \$ N/C

NON Member \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s) Tuesday Dinner \$50 per meal  ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Member attending Wednesday Lunch  ..... \$ N/C

Registered Member attending Wednesday Dinner  ..... \$ N/C

NON Member \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s) Wednesday Dinner  \$50 per meal ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Deadline: May 1, 2024 LATE FEE AFTER MAY 1, 2024 ..... \$ 25

Note Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-Member Guests are welcome to attend Dinners ONLY – NO Workshops or Presentations**

### ACTIVITIES – ALL WORKSHOPS AND VIDEOS EVENTS ARE **FREE**

#### Tuesday June 11 - Check box if you wish to attending – N/C

10:30 – NOON	Video -Extraordinary Birder with Christian Cooper ...	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Ballroom A&B
2:00 – 3:30	Sue Goetz- Nurturing Herbs & Uses MAX 30 people.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Ballroom C

#### Wednesday June 12 – Check box if you wish to attending - N/C

9:00 – 10:00	#1 Kokedama by Jeff Johnson MAX 20 people .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Ballroom C
10:00 – 11:00	#2 Kokedama by Jeff Johnson MAX 20 people .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Ballroom C
11:00 – NOON	Corsage Workshop MAX 30 people .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Ballroom C
2:00 – 4:00	Christine Dillinger Narrated Video MAX 40 people.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Ballroom C

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# WSFGC JUNE AGENDA



**Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs  
ANNUAL MEETING and FLOWER SHOW  
June 10-13, 2024**

***“Our Extraordinary Earth”  
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## **Workshops and Activities**

### **Tuesday June 11, 2024**

**10:30 am – NOON**

#### **Extraordinary Birder with Christian Cooper**

After entering your exhibits for the Flower Show, sit and relax while watching a video about unusual birds in El Yunque National Forest, Puerto Rico.

**NOON – 2:00 pm**

#### **Self-Guided Tour - Outdoor by Design, Bamboo Nursery**

**Address:** 221 WA-3, Shelton, WA 98584

**Phone:** (360) 432-8493

*outdoorsbydesign.com*

Just 10 minutes from Little Creek Casino. Bamboo is one of those misunderstood (and sometimes misused) plants that many people admire for its beauty yet are afraid to have it in their landscape. The nursery was started in 2008 with the intent of making non-invasive bamboo available to homeowners, retail nurseries, and other landscape businesses in western Washington. Get creative with bamboo!

#### **2:00 – 3:30 pm Sue Goetz Nurturing Herbs & Uses [suegoetz.com](http://suegoetz.com)**

Make your peppermint foot soak and herbal facial with herbs from the garden. Hands on workshop. Come for a show and smell! Limited to 30 participants. (Sue will also be our keynote speaker for dinner!)

### **Wednesday June 12, 2024**

**9:00 – 10:00 am**

#### **#1 Kokedama by Olympia Garden Club member, Jeff Johnson**

**10:00 – 11:00 am**

#### **#2 Kokedama by Jeff Johnson**

Kokedama (Japanese for “moss ball”) is a style of potting up plants in a ball of moss and displaying them in a dish or suspended in the air. Make one to take home. Limited to 20 participants in each class.

**11:00 am – NOON**

#### **Corsage Workshop**

WSFGC member Tory Bennett will lead participants to make a beautiful corsage. Limited to 30 participants.

**2:00 – 4:00 pm**

#### **Self-Guided Tours**

great experiences await at these unique nurseries and gardens



Outdoors by Design, Bamboo Nursery (location & description above)  
Lael's Moon Garden Nursery  
**Address:** 17813 Moon Road SW, Rochester  
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Monarch Sculpture Gardens  
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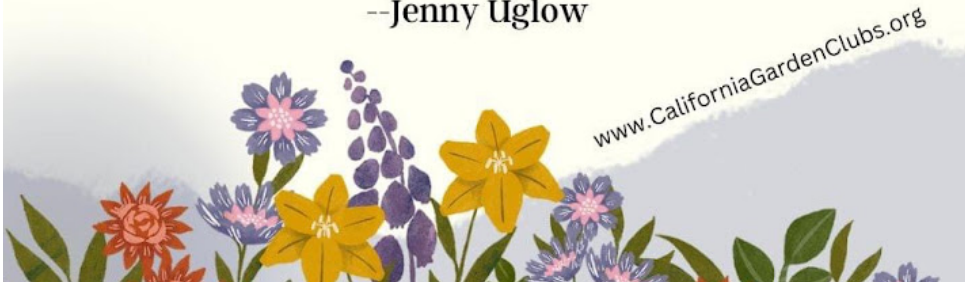
Approximately 35 minutes from Little Creek Casino.  
Contemporary Art Center and Sculpture Park is an outdoor art gallery located along the Chehalis Western Trail near Tenino. Opened in 1998 by sculptor Myrna Orsini as "a gift to the community," the 80-acre park features sculpture gardens. It is open to the public daily from dawn to dusk.

**2:00 – 4:00 pm**

**Christine Dillinger, NGC Environmental Consultant and WSFGC member**  
Christine will narrate an interesting video, which was recently used in the online version of NGC Environmental School Course 1. Limited to 40 participants.

*We might think we are nurturing  
our garden, but of course  
it's our garden that is  
really nurturing us.*

*--Jenny Uglow*



# WASHINGTON Garden & Design

## FROM THE MANAGING EDITOR'S DESK

Hello Fellow Gardeners and Flower Lovers,

We have made it through another winter and spring has finally sprung. I think this is the one season I always look forward to, although I really don't mind the winter season. Except around here one can get a little tired of the gray and rain by the time February comes around.

So, when nature wakes up again with all of its fresh colors and scents it is like an awakening of the senses. Taking walks through the garden and enjoying the fruits of your labors from last fall in the form of tulips, daffodils, and other bulbs sprouting up.

There are a lot of activities going on so go out and visit a garden or flower show. Better yet, get involved and help your club or district put on one of those shows. Without the help of member volunteers, the flower shows cannot survive.

Best Regards,

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# EVENTS

- Apr 26 **Executive Committee**, ZOOM 10:00 a.m.
- Apr 27 **Hill & Dale District plant sale** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., United Methodist Church, 1919 West Pioneer, Puyallup, Washington
- Apr 29 **“Get Connected with Presidents,”** ZOOM 10:00 a.m.
- Apr 29-30 **NGC Gardening School Series 13, Course 1**, sponsored by Hill & Dale District, held at Dryer Masonic Center in Tacoma, Washington
- May TBA **Get Connected with the Presidents**, ZOOM
- May 31 **Executive Committee**, ZOOM 10:00 a.m.
- Jun 2-5 **NGC Convention**, Denver, Colorado
- Jun 10-13 **WSFGC Annual Meeting & Flower Show** “Our Extraordinary Earth,” at Little Creek Casino & Resort, Shelton, WA
- Jun 10 Flower Show Set Up
- Jun 11 Show entries, judging, and meetings
- Jun 12 Show open to public, meetings, activities
- Jun 13 Annual Meeting
- Jun 29-30 **Mount Vernon Garden and Art Fair**, Edgewater Park, Mount Vernon, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Aug 21-23 **Pacific Region of Garden Clubs Convention**, Anchorage, AK
- Sep 8-10 **Fall Board meeting** at Icicle Village Resort in Leavenworth, WA
- Sep 18 **NGC Fall Board meeting**, St. Louis, MO
- Sep 24-26 **Symposium**, Dryer Masonic Center, Tacoma, WA
- Oct 28-29 **NGC Gardening School Series 13, Course 2**, sponsored by Hill & Dale District, held at Dryer Masonic Center in Tacoma, Washington
- Nov 4-6 **Winter Board meeting** at Little Creek Casino & Resort, Shelton, WA



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### Annual Submission Reminder

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March 1	Spring, #4	Apr-May-June