



GARDEN DELIGHTS

Issaquah Garden Club
November, 2009

*“Fallen leaves lying on the grass in November
bring more happiness than the daffodils.”*

Cyril Connolly, English essayist, novelist

Meeting, November 11, 2009

Issaquah Garden Club Auction

You are invited to attend Issaquah Garden Club's Auction on Wednesday, Nov. 11th, between 10 AM and 1 PM, at Tibbett's Creek Manor, 750 Renton-Issaquah Road. The auction sales raise funds for our Issaquah Garden Club projects. We will have many wonderful items, including quilts, valuable framed art, a donated high tea, two art workshops to be given by members, dinners out, three pairs of tickets to Village Theatre, and other donated offerings from businesses in Issaquah. There are also many small items. (To date, the Auction Chair, Sherran Whatley, reports that there are over a hundred auction items, with twenty-three to be presented by oral auction.) There will be something for everyone. This is a great way to get some holiday shopping done!

Lunch will be provided by members of the Auction Committee, supplemented by catered items. Rather than having a formal luncheon, the food, primarily finger items, will be set out before the auction, so you may serve yourself when convenient.

You are encouraged to bring guests. Please let Dianne Tanner know: RSVP to butterdmt@comcast.net or 425-392-7430.

Be sure to arrive early on November 11 with any items you are donating, so that we might begin our meeting promptly!

In the midst of your auction plans, please don't forget to bring contributions for the Issaquah Food Bank!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello IGC Members,

auction, Auction, AUCTION!

Let's all get on board to support what most likely will be our major fund raiser of the year! Invite friends, family to join us for fun, food and a chance to buy that perfect Christmas gift. ALL of us need to pull together to make this auction a success. The funds will allow us to continue to have quality programs and events for our membership. We also support many community projects such as Arbor Day, Salmon Festival, Bellevue Botanical Gardens, Scholarships, WSFGC Headquarter House, World Gardening, Arboretum, Food Bank. It is time to step up to the plate and do your part. Our membership fee of \$25. pays for Smoke Signals, WSFGC dues and ELWD dues with very little left over. If you have questions, concerns or input about IGC please talk to me personally.

We have no Plant Sale chairman as of yet!

Thanks, **Dianne Tanner**

ISSAQUAH FOOD BANK

Thank you for all who brought donations for the local food bank. We more than doubled our donation with 66 lbs. gathered at our last meeting. Great job! Keep on bringing those extras from your pantry or near to expiration date that need to be passed on. Items of the month are cleaning products or laundry soap. Of course, all you bring will be greatly appreciated.



NEW MEMBER

Joining us:

Laura Walker

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Laura is a transplant from New Mexico and we welcome her with open arms. She is already involved with native plant restoration in our area!

By the way...Janet Wall wishes us to announce that her new Email address is janet227wall@gmail.com. Barbara Brigham wishes us to remind you that her Email address ends in "Q.com."

NATIVE PLANT PROJECT

After many weekends and lots of volunteers' hard work, we are now ready to get some Native Plants planted in Issaquah's Berntsen Park! Join the WA Native Plant Society stewards on Sat., Nov 14th anytime between 9am - 3pm. Bring your shovel and gloves and enjoy restoring this beautiful creek-side area. The park is on 4th Ave NW, between Gilman Village and the Issaquah School District offices, adjacent to the Juniper St. bridge crossing the creek. If you have any questions, call Laura Walker at 425-746-2576 or email BerntsenPark4thNW@gmail.com.

GARDEN THERAPY

We now have a date for Garden Therapy at the Issaquah Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to make centerpieces for Thanksgiving: **Thursday, November 19, 9:30 A.M.**

Please plan to come help, that day!

BELLEVUE BOTANICAL GARDEN NATIVE PLANT DISCOVERY WORKSHOP An Operation Wildflower Project

What a treasure! We are so fortunate to have the Bellevue Botanical Garden (BBG) right in our own district. We are very proud of our association with the Native Discovery Garden, a important part of this nationally-renowned gardening resource. As a District, and as a club, we volunteer at least twice a year to plant or maintain this beautiful natural area. This garden lets us “discover” the beautiful native plants and cultivars that will add carefree beauty to our own gardens. Please check out the BBG’s website BellevueBotanical.org, especially the slide shows and the plant collection data base.

On October 21, a work party, including seven members of Issaquah Garden Club, gathered to help care for the Native Discovery Garden. Shown in the pictures below are Janel Garnett, Rita Hansen, June Ann and Lyle Hassebroek, Dona Pope, Janet Wall, and our newest member, Laura Walker. They installed a new native garden addition. They also weeded the entire Native Discovery Garden that our District helped raise money for and helped install over the past several years at BBG.



The pictures were taken by BBG Garden Manager, Nancy Kartes. One shows the new native garden addition that the team put in.

IGC HELPS AT ISSAQUAH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

On Thursday, October 22, four members of our Garden Club met at the Issaquah Historical Museum to finish work Gail Holmstrom had begun earlier on their gardens. Joining Gail that day were, Rita Hansen, Dianne Tanner, and Cate Mueller. The four worked on both the front and side gardens, that day.

Garden Club Web Site Reference List

Check out what's going on in our District, State, Region and National organizations:

NGC: www.gardenclub.org

Pacific Region:
www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org

WSFGC: www.wagardenclubs.org password:
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ELWD: www.elwd.org

Issaquah Garden Club
General Meeting
October 14, 2009

The monthly general meeting of the Issaquah Garden Club for October was called to order by President Dianne Tanner at 10:10 A.M. at Tibbetts Creek Manor.

Diane welcomed members in attendance, noting new member, Leslie Waltzer, and returning members, Sandy Young and Dee Ann Maher. She welcomed three guests, Laura Walker, who later became a new member, Beverly Gish, and Fritz Jacobson.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September meeting. This was seconded and approved by vote.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Michele Peltonen, since June Willard was unable to attend. The balance as of September 30, 2009 was \$7715.13.

Gale Baullinger of ELWD, spoke regarding the ELWD Holiday Show to be held at the SEATAC Marriott. She advised our members to attend on Friday, November 6, stating that tickets were \$7 prior to the show and \$8.00 at the show. She stated that there will be 50 classes of designs, and 50 classes of horticulture, as well as special exhibits, and vendors present.

Michele presented the raffle items for our October meeting. It was noted later that the raffle had earned a total of \$44.00.

Dianne offered a reminder of the place for food donations and for items for sharing on a special shelf inside the front door of the manor. She announced that club members had donated a total of 29 pounds of food items at the September meeting.

Dianne announced that the "Flower Power" bulb order had arrive and individuals' orders had all been delivered as of the October meeting. Our club made \$82.50 on the order.

Dianne announced that plants for the ELWD Native Plant Grant for Audrey Ellingsen's creek-side easement would be purchased by the end of the month.

Dianne stated that she had received a telephone call from the daughter of former Issaquah resident, Carleen Meyer. In the obituary to appear in the paper, it would state that donations in memory of Ms. Meyer be given to the Issaquah Garden Club.

Karen Lee was given a floral arrangement in the Mary Lou Palmer vase along with a certificate, for IGC's First Place for the Yearbook. June Ann Hasebroek received a certificate and arrangement completed by Lana Finegold, for her 25 year's membership in garden clubs. Dianne noted that she had also received state and district awards recently—see the list on the last page of newsletter.

Sherran Whatley, Chairman of the IGC Auction to be held on November 11, stated that there would be information about the auction in the Issaquah Press. There will be catered refreshments that day, rather than a sit-down lunch. Jessica Liepins will accept auction items brought by members on that day.

Minutes of October 14 Meeting, continued

Members were asked to come early with donations on November 11. We will have access to the Manor at 9 AM that day. Sherran stated that members could bring items, especially significant donations, to her prior to November 11. On the day of the auction, the meeting room will be rearranged. The Auction Committee will meet on November 9 or 10, to make final preparations for the auction.

Michele Peltonen presented the "Notice of Proposed Amendments to Bylaws and Standing Rules" which had been disseminated to members prior to the October meeting. She noted that many were tiny changes, such as changing "the" to "they," or deletion of a semicolon, or changing "nominations" to "nominating." Other changes included revision of the general meeting schedule to conform to current procedure. (It was noted that the changes has already been printed in the 2009-2010 Yearbook, in anticipation of acceptance of the changes.)

Michele moved to accept the changes. The motion was seconded and passed, unanimously.

Dianne announced that the Washington State Garden Club calendars were available.. For the first year, the calendar is in color; each costs \$8.00, paid by check made to ELWD.

Janel Garnett spoke of the Bellevue Botanical Garden work party to be held on Wednesday October 21, 1 to 3 PM. A work party sign-up sheet was made available.

Gail Holmstrom reminded people of the work party at the Issaquah Historical Museum on Thursday, October 22, noting that members would work on the front and side gardens.

Dianne encouraged Committee chairs to document events, so that we might apply for awards.

Karen Lee spoke regarding the Tavon Center, a day center for young disabled adults, which she had visited recently. She discussed the work done by clients, and stated that the Center is looking for help once or twice a month from people knowledgeable about gardening. To consider club involvement, we would need a committee chair and several people to work, perhaps once a month or every other month. Action on this project was tabled until December.

Dianne concluded the business meeting with thanks to Joanne Dinken, Gale Baullinger, Gail Holmstrom and the lunch committee.

Announcements were made of the sale to be held by the Native Plant Society, October 17, and of the PBS Program, "Botany of Desire," on October 28. Laura Walker spoke of the Native Plant Restoration work party to be held October 24 at Issaquah's Berntsen Park. Another opportunity to work will be held on November 14.

Following the business meeting, the program was offered by Evonne Peryea of Plantasia Gardens, and Cathy Johnson, of Dandelion Gardens.

Respectfully submitted, Cate Mueller, Secretary



IGC RECEIVES STATE AWARDS

At the October 14 meeting, President Dianne Tanner noted that our Garden Club had earned the following awards from the Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs: Awards of Merit for 1) Conservation Teacher's Scholarship Donation, 2) 100% Smoke Signals Club, 3) World Gardening/Natural Disasters, 4) World Gardening; as well as recognition as a Scholarship Booster; Presidential Commendation for participation in Planting flowering shrubs/trees in state parks, trailheads or public parks, 2007-2009; and Honorable Mention for the 2008-2009 Yearbook.

Additionally, from the East Lake Washington District of Garden Clubs, we received the First Award for our Yearbook, (clubs 45 to 69 member); and Second Awards for our attendance at District Meetings, and for the Flower Show Points attained.



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