



GARDEN DELIGHTS

Issaquah Garden Club

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"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade."

Quote taken from UW Botanic Gardens Newsletter

March Meeting March 9, 2016, 10:00 A.M.

Our speaker, Judy Griesel, writes: **"My presentation will depict ideas, highlighting the four elements necessary to economically and quickly convert a yard into a wild life habitat. It doesn't have to be expensive. The four elements are firm, but you are bound only by your own creativity."**

Ms. Griesel is a native Northwesterner, having grown up in the south Seattle area. Always true to the values of thriftiness and basic fair treatment of the Earth, as taught to her by her mother, Judy developed an early love for the out-of-doors and the environment around her. A Girl Scout all the way through high school, she has continued her search for ways to be kind to the Earth and humanity, and to improve her knowledge of practical ways to cultivate and protect the environment.

To support herself and her children, Judy has successfully run a small business for the past thirty years., She also became a certified Master Gardener through the WSU Extension Program in 1997. She has also taken horticulture classes, with an emphasis on design, through Edmonds Community College. During 2012-2013, Judy completed Permaculture Design courses with Toby Hemenway, author of Gaia's Garden, and Jenny Pell, well-known Permaculture designer and teacher in Seattle.

Judy is consistent with her own landscape business, Fiddlehead Landscapes, creating pesticide-free, drought-tolerant design for her own yard and in the landscapes she creates for her clients., She has been and continues to be passionate about protecting our environment and sharing this passion with others through her business practices and volunteer endeavors.

Please don't forget your cup, plate and utensils!

And don't forget your donation for the Issaquah Food Bank! (You are asked to bring your donations in substantial paper bags, such as Trader Toe's bags.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March and the living is busy. I was inspired by the Flower and Garden Show to go out to my garden and pull the yellow Artemisia that was listed as an obnoxious weed. That lasted for 2 hours, and I was sore for days. At the show, I bought seeds for herbs and I've promised myself to try and grow them for the plant sale. This is the time of year to start setting plants aside for the sale, which is May 6-7--that's only 10 weeks away. My husband wouldn't even let me look at a plant at the Garden Show because of our plant sale. But before I get serious about setting up an area to grow the seeds, I need to get back from a week in Puerto Vallarta Mexico--leaving on Feb 28 and returning March 5.

Joy

MARCH LUNCHEON

Our hostess for the luncheon on March 9 will be Gail Holmstrom. In addition to Gail, those bringing dishes will be Barbara Bruemmer, Sally Cadranell, Joan Harris, Wendy Lucas, Loretta Rodni, and Sue Wagner.

THANK YOU FROM DIANNE

On February 12th, a work party was held at Issaquah Valley Elementary to turn cover crops in all student beds and clean the two insect beds in prepara-

tion for outside classes. Thank you to our members who came to make this a speedy job accomplished before the rain hit! Members were on hand to dig out and replace soil in the "Mrs. Churchill bed." This was desperately needed since the soil was inferior. All cover crops were turned and plastic placed so that soil could warm and weed controlled. Weeds from gravel around all gardens were removed, and the plants in the "insect beds" cut down, the beds weeded and some very old and overgrown plants removed and donated to a local church garden. The rotten trellis in the north bed was removed to eliminate an insurance liability for the school. All lumber was removed by a parent volunteer. With IGC members and parent volunteers this all took place in an hour and a half! The next work party will involve planting of the two insect beds with some new starts, bulbs and seeds, as well as removal of clematis for our May plant sale.

Dianne Tanner



IGC members included Karen Bukantz, Debbie DeFilipps, Georgann Lennon, Cate Mueller, Dianne Tanner, and not pictured Lyle & June Ann Hassebroek

STORY PROGRAMS AT THE MILLER LIBRARY

Louise Luce has alerted your editor about these programs, offered each month by the Elisabeth C. Miller Library, 3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle, WA 98195. There are stories and activities that celebrate gardens, plants and nature. Programs are presented one Saturday a month, September through June for children ages 3 to 8 and their families. All ages are welcome.

“Butterflies Flutter By,” Saturday, March 12, 2016, 10:30-11:15 AM:

Summer Birds, by Margarita Engle
A Butterfly is Patient, by Diana Hutts Aston

10 Little Caterpillars, by Bill Martin Jr
We're flitting through time this month, beginning with a true story about Maria Merian (born in 1647) and her careful observations of caterpillars as they developed into butterflies and moths. After the stories, try your hand at coloring one of Merian's butterfly engravings.

“We Love Trees,” Saturday, April 9, 2016, 10:30-11:15 AM

Red Knit Cap Girl and the Reading Tree, by Naoko Stoop
If You Hold a Seed, by Elly MacKay
Voyage to the Bunny Planet: Moss Pillows, by Rosemary Wells

Happy Arbor Day! Hear why trees are essential for people and animals around the world, and what people who love trees are doing to protect and restore forests. After the stories, join us in the program room for a tree identifi-

cation game.

For more information, visit the website:

http://depts.washington.edu/hortlib/calendar/story_time.shtml



Elisabeth C. Miller Library

The Miller Library is open to the general public without charge and all collections are available for use within the library. Books in the Miller Library are organized by subject – so if you're interested in roses, you'll find all the books on roses in one place. Reference books and lending books are shelved side-by-side. If it has a red stripe, you can check it out. If not, the book is for library use only. As at a public library, registration for borrowing is required.

There are several collections within the library. The General Collection includes “over 14,000 books on gardening techniques, selecting and growing ornamental plants, vegetable and herb gardening, pests and diseases, garden design and history, gardens to visit, horticulture in an urban environment, botany and plant ecology, and native floras from around the world makes ours the most extensive horticulture collection of any Pacific Northwest library open to the public.”

For general information about the library, go to the website:

http://depts.washington.edu/hortlib/using_library/faq.shtml

2016 STATE CONVENTION

The WSFGC Convention, “Imagine That!”, will be held June 7-10 at Embassy Suites Hotel, Eastgate.

Registration forms are now available on the District and state websites. The registration deadline will be **May 17**. There will be copies of both the registration form and the convention agenda available at our March IGC meeting.

THIS AND THAT...

June Ann Hassebroek advises us that Bellevue Botanical Garden “is already gorgeous.” Depending upon the weather, you may wish to tour the gardens soon, while Spring bulbs and ephemerals are still in bloom.

English Ivy: Linda Shepherd, Master Gardener who lives in Mirrormont has posted a message regarding the invasion of English Ivy:

“English ivy is on Washington State’s Noxious Weed list and I suggest you take steps to remove it from your property as well. Thick ivy mats smother understory plants and tree seedlings.”

She refers her readers to the website:
<http://your.kingcounty.gov/dnrp/library/water-and-land/weeds/BMPs/english-ivy-control.pdf>

This isn't new information for most of us, but, with the weather warming up, we may feel more like getting out in our yards and doing something about this...

PLANT SALE THIS SATURDAY!

For those of you wishing to install native plants in your garden, or (hint, hint) to grow on some natives for our **annual plant sale, May 6 and 7**, the King Conservation District **Bare Root Native Plant Sale** is this Saturday, March 5, 10 AM – 2 PM, 1107 SW Grady Way, Renton.

FYI: The University of Washington Botanic Gardens offers a variety of education programs for everyone, drawing on research and technical expertise from the UW and beyond to include lectures, courses, demonstrations, symposia, and tours, as well as field trips for children, nature preschool, summer camps and family classes.

Free Weekend Walks

Sunday, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 1-2:30pm
UW Botanic Gardens - Washington Park Arboretum, Graham Visitors Center (2300 Arboretum Drive E, Seattle, WA 98112)

‘In March instead of having a general tour topic, we give free reign to our volunteer tour guides to share their arboretum favorites with tour attendees. Join us any Sunday this month for ‘Tour Guide Favorites’ and explore with us the plants and areas that we have grown fond of during our time at the arboretum. You never know what cool things you may see and learn about.’

Cost: Free, no registration required



INFORMATION ABOUT OUR NEW IGC WEBSITE

The new IGC Website is up and can be found at the same address: <http://www.issaquahgardenclub.org>. The site will resize to any device format with the menu changing to a drop-down when viewed on a phone.

Each page on the new site features: A **Header** with our club logo and a seasonal picture that changes randomly as you move from page to page. A **Footer** with our club contact mailing address and email, our Affiliates website links and a link to the IGC Facebook page. A **Search/News Window** that includes a search window, Newsletter Archives, the Latest Newsletters, and News Categories (for example: if you select the recipe category, you will pull up the 22 Newsletters that contain a recipe).

There are eight options on the menu bar: **Home:** Shows information about the next meeting and has a link to the Club Projects page. **About Us:** Has a brief history of IGC and Garden Club Objectives. **News:** Has IGC Newsletters dating back to September 2007. "Features" under each newsletter date lists the monthly meeting program and some of the articles in that newsletter. **Events:** Lists upcoming events and also has a Calendar view. **Flower Shows:** Has a link to the district horticulture entry card and "tips" for horticulture entries. **Projects:** Lists the address of IGC projects. **Membership:** An invitation and information on joining the club. **Gallery:** Pictures from club events, captions can be viewed by moving cursor over pictures.

I would like to thank my daughter Erin for building this website and also my husband Jim for working with Rita and John to move the site.

Debbie DeFilipps, IGC Webmaster

MORE THIS AND THAT

Caring for Summer Bulbs: There was an informative article in the February issue of Old Bulbs Gazette, an E-publication of Old House Gardens, a company that sells old and heirloom bulbs. The article, "**Seasonal Tip: Check on Your Stored Bulbs NOW**" begins: "If you stored any tender bulbs last fall, it's important to check on them now. The longer they've been in storage, and the closer it gets to spring, the more vulnerable stored bulbs are."

The piece was much too long to publish here, so I'll rely on you to read the article, at the website: <http://www.oldhousegardens.com/news/Feb16>

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Questions like leaf curl, starting seeds, etc., should be directed to the WSU, King County Extension Master Gardener Service. Issaquah has two clinics staffed by Master Gardeners: at the Pickering Farmers' Market and Squak Mtn. Nursery. Since this is off-season, you should contact clinics staffed year-round at the Center for Urban Horticulture and Washington Park Arboretum.

Information can be obtained from many sites within: <http://gardening.wsu.edu>.

Louise B. W. Luce
Master Gardener since 1984

IGC AND ELWD FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS



Arrangements created by Lana Finegold for our February meeting, 2-10-2016



Dining table arrangements created for our meeting by June Beckerman



Arrangement created by Marian Nancarrow at the ELWD General Membership Meeting, 2-22-2016

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Karen Lee's pot of Tete-a-Tete daffodils

**Native Plants in
the Landscape**