



GARDEN DELIGHTS

Issaquah Garden Club

a 501c3 not-for-profit organization

*"In his garden every man may be his own artist
without apology or explanation."*

Louise Beebe Wilder, Color in My Garden, 1990

April Meeting

April 13, 2016. 9:45 A.M.

"The Magic of Bellevue Botanical Gardens"

(www.bellevuebotanical.org - 12001 Main Street, Bellevue)

BBGS volunteer docents will be waiting to whisk us off immediately at 10:00 AM so please arrive early.



This month, we'll meet at Bellevue Botanical Gardens for a tour of the gardens, followed by lunch, our business meeting, and, at 1:00 P.M., a Power-Point presentation about the gardens and the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society. **For details about tour options see the article on page two.**

Come dressed for the weather, and bring your own sack lunch and drink, with your name on both. We'll meet in the covered "Gathering Place" just to the left of the main entrance waterfall. Lunches will be collected before the tour and stored, **but will not be refrigerated.** It is suggested

that you bring a minimum of valuables in your pocket: driver's license, blank check and credit card, for instance, for security reasons..

We'll convene in the new Education Center at 11:30 for our business meeting and lunch, to be followed by a Power-Point presentation from 1 to 2 PM. The business meeting is an important one, since it will include the election of officers for 2016-2017 and bring us up-to-date on events and projects. If you've brought a blank check, **you might pay/renew your membership dues of \$25.00.** Our current officers would like to have all the dues collected before the new officers take office.

Please see the article on page 5, regarding the special need of the Issaquah Food Bank this month.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May is roaring down on us with her engines at full throttle. April is the month that we really have to spring into action for the Plant Sale on May 6 and 7. I actually planted some seeds last week, and they are putting forth green leaves, looking for the sun. Wow. I've never had that kind of success before. I unfortunately have misplaced the seed packets of herbs that I bought at the Flower and Garden Show in February--I hope they show up before it's too late to use them.

There are potting parties on the schedule at Cate's on April 6, 20, and 27, and May 5--the last one will be concentrating on sprucing up all the plants so that they will be ready for their new families. I've been digging up plants in my yard, and will be transporting them to Cate's.

Our meeting on April 13 will be at the Bellevue Botanical Garden--tour first and meeting at lunch. During that time we will be voting on the slate of officers for next year. Expect to see sign-up sheets for the potting parties as well as activities at the Plant Sale.

See you soon!

Joy

GARDEN THERAPY

In preparation for the clients' Easter, on March 24, Karen Bukantz and IGC members Debbie DeFilipps, Joan Harris, June Ann Hassebroek, Joanne Morgan, Sandra Roberts and Shadi Wang met to create arrangements. at Is-

quah Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Our thanks to these ladies for taking the time during a busy week to enhance others' enjoyment.

TOUR AT BBG

Our tours on April 13 offer different options. They will be divided according to the degree of difficulty. Those wanting a short tour will remain near the various buildings and gardens, while others will go to on more extensive tours down below the waterfalls, Yao Garden, and beyond. If you stay close to the Visitor's Center and your tour has concluded before our meeting time, 11:30 or so, in the Aaron Education Center, you may choose to visit the library in the old Visitors' Center, spend time taking a virtual garden tour or reviewing information on the screens in the Welcome Room,, or shop in the adjacent Trillium Store, which has garden-related items for sale.

APRIL LUNCHEON

Our hostess for the luncheon on April 13 will be June Ann Hassebroek. Our luncheon committee will provide light finger food such as fruit and cookies. Those serving this month include **Georgiana Cone, Marietta Hunziker, Georgann Lennon, Loretta Rodni, Lenda Sundene, and Gloria Woo.**

2016 STATE CONVENTION

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

An informative article about the Convention and the convention registration form appear on pages 8 through 11 in the Spring issue of Washington Garden & Design, (formerly Smoke Signals). Registration forms are also available on the District and state websites. The registration deadline will be **May 17**. Copies of the registration form will be available at our April IGC meeting.

REPORT OF THE IGC NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Committee has announced candidates for election for the 2016-2017 year at the April Business meeting. Those nominated are:

President — Lenda Sundene
Vice President —Debbie DeFilipps
Secretary — Joy Jackson
Treasurer — Joan Field

(Nominations from the floor are accepted, with the prior approval of those to be nominated.)

Installation of Officers for 2016-2017 will be held at the May meeting. New Officers assume duty on July 1, 2016.

Nominating Committee: Joan Harris, Janel Garnett and June Ann Hassebrook

Growing Great Gardeners

On Friday, April 1, IGC members met at Issaquah Valley Elementary School to re-plant the teaching beds for the insect class, "Good Bugs Bad Bugs." Part of the overgrown Shasta daisies and golden thyme were removed, leaving more room for existing herbs. (The plants removed will be divided and potted for our Plant Sale, next month.) Each beds now contains one red hot poker (*Kniphofia* 'Alcazar'), which will grow to 36 inches tall and have blazing orange and yellow flowers. (*Kniphofia* attract butterflies and are a favorite of hummingbirds.) *Liatris* 'Blazing Star,' coneflower (*Echinacea* 'Purple Magnus') and black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia*) were planted to attract bees, butterflies and ladybugs. New French heather and rosemary were added. A ring of marigolds around the border will deter aphids and wheat germ was spread over the gardens to save out plants from slugs.

Pictured below are members Lenda Sundene, Georgann Lennon, Thana Fauleux and Cate Mueller; and Doug Tanner who helped Dianne Tanner complete this project.



ISSAQUAH FOOD BANK

Because of the spring school break in April, there is a special need this month for snacks for children's lunches, dehydrated beans (pinto), cooking oil (small-24oz), and cereal. For a complete list of items and/or to donate online, go to the website:

<https://www.issaquahfoodbank.org/lunch-for-the-break>

POTTING PARTIES FOR IGC MAY PLANT SALE

If you have perennials you can divide, please dig these very soon. If you cannot pot these at home, please arrange to bring these to the Muellers' home as soon as you can or if impossible, bring them to a potting party. Both potting soil and pots are available for your use.

The first potting party in preparation for our **annual plant sale, May 6 and 7**, was held on Wednesday, March 30. Those who helped by potting perennials dug from Cate Mueller's garden were Joan Harris, June Ann Hassebroek, and Georgann Lennon. At the second potting party, April 6, the crew, Karen Bukantz, Joan Fields, June Ann Hassebroek, Joy Jackson, Karen Lee, Georgann Lennon and Cate Mueller, potted the extra plants dug from the beds at the elementary school—see the story on page 3—and those they had brought from home. They also planted the 25 hanging baskets that will be maintained in Joanne Westveer's greenhouse prior to the sale.

Future potting parties will be held at the Muellers' home, **24205 SE Tiger Mountain Road**, on April 20, April 27, and on May 5, when we'll groom and price plants, and organize them for transport to the Morgans' home in the afternoon.



MESSAGE FROM JUNE ANN HASSEBROEK

Thanks to all of you that signed the COMMITMENT TO "BEE A WILD-LIFE ACTION HERO". Joining with thousands of other garden club members across our Nation to make the pledge is only the beginning. Remember as you make plans for spring to consider wildlife. Not just the ones we always think about but the insects and the living organisms in our soil. Intentionally planting a plant so the butterfly babies have leaves they can eat is not a typical action by a gardener. But please remember how important every cog is in keeping our commitment to LIFE on every level. Even if you didn't sign the formal papers, I hope you will take up the **action**. Heroes all!



BROADENING OUR HORIZONS

Debbie DeFilipps has forwarded information about programs at The UW Botanic Gardens. The Gardens offer "a variety of education programs for everyone, drawing on research and technical expertise from U W and beyond to include lectures, courses, demonstrations, symposia, and tours, as well as field trips for children, nature preschool, summer camps and family classes." For a complete schedule and information about offerings, visit the website at

www.uwbotanicgardens.org
<http://depts.washington.edu/uwb/education.php>

This month, among others, the following are offered:



Free Weekend Walks

Sunday, April 3, 10, 17, 24, 27, 1-2:30pm
[UW Botanic Gardens - Washington Park Arboretum, Graham Visitors Center \(2300 Arboretum Drive E, Seattle, WA 98112\)](#)

Our April tour topic is "Rhododendrons" and will feature some of our 1800+ collection including Species plants, Azaleas along Azalea Way and many other varieties. A great month to visit the garden and get in the spring mood. Cost: Free, no registration required

The World Of Moths

Monday, April 4, 6:30-7:30pm
[UW Botanic Gardens-Center for Urban Horticulture, Douglas Classroom \(3501 NE 41st St, Seattle, WA 98105\)](#)

Learn about the fascinating cousins of the butterflies which people too often ignore, yet

hold more diversity, adaptations, and mystery. Participants will be introduced to many of the common species in Washington as well as ways students may be able to observe these moths themselves.. Cost: Free (Optional \$5 donation at door)
 RSVP Online, by email (urbhort@uw.edu), or phone (206-685-8033)

Spring Ephemerals at the Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden

Thursday, April 7, 1-3pm

Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden, The Highlands, Shoreline

See some of the best and choicest plants for creating a lovely early season display. While strolling through the Miller Garden, you will learn how the garden weaves early spring flowering bulbs and perennials into the landscape. Join Richie Steffen, curator of the garden, as he shares his knowledge and expertise of these delightful garden gems. Limited space available. Cost: \$25

Register Online, or by phone (206-685-8033)

Landscape for Life - Sustainable Home Gardening

3 Wednesday Evenings, April 13-27th, 6-9pm

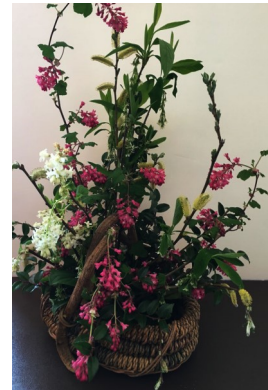
[UW Botanic Gardens - Center for Urban Horticulture, Douglas Classroom, 3501 NE 41st St, Seattle, WA 98105](#)

Are you a homeowner who wants to create and maintain your own healthy, sustainable landscape? Through instructor-led presentations, class discussions, and activities, you will deepen your understanding of how to get the most out of water in your garden, how to build healthy soils with minimal outside inputs, how to use native and climate-adapted plants for the Pacific Northwest, and how to find the most environmentally-friendly landscape materials. Students will analyze their own home landscape focusing on soils, water, plants, and use of materials. Landscape for Life TM was developed by the US Botanical Garden and Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center to the University of Texas in Austin. Photo Courtesy of Landscape for Life
 Cost: \$125.

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MARCH MEETING

Gloria Woo took a couple pictures of our speaker, Judy Griesel, in front of the Educational Display on "Wildflowers Across Washington" that June Ann Hassebrook prepared. The flower arrangement is of native blooms from her garden: flowering current, Indian plum, evergreen huckleberry and salal.



June Ann used them for the National Garden Club President Award... "Bee A Wildlife Action Hero," as well as National President Service in Action Award.

ALERT: THE NEXT MEETING OF I G C WILL BE ON MAY 4.

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**Tour of Bellevue
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