



# GARDEN DELIGHTS

**Issaquah Garden Club**

*"In the end, there is really nothing more important than taking care of the earth and let it take care of you."*

*Charles Scott, Past President, National Gardening*

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## October Meeting

**October 12, 2016, 10:00 A.M.**

### **"THE BEAUTIES OF BATS"**



Little brown bat hanging upside down. He weighs approx. 3 ounces.

Our speaker is **Veda DePaepe**, a volunteer with Bats Northwest and also member of Bat Conservation International. Bats Northwest does bat acoustical surveys and other research, and gives year around bat talks and programs. She has been interested in bats for 55 years and has handled hundred of bats. She has observed and studied bats in Mexico, Guatemala, Jamaica, Canada and the United States. Ms. DePaepe states that she first encountered bats when she started exploring caves at the age of 17.

Ms. DePaepe has been a registered nurse for 26 years and a wildlife biologist for ten years, until her retirement. Her current interests include bats, rock hunting, bird watching and spending time with her two grandchildren.

There are over 1300 species of bats that live everywhere except Antarctica and new species are being discovered every year. Bats range in size from the tiny Bumble Bee bat that weighs only as much as a penny to the Flying Fox species with over a five foot wingspan. Ms DePaepe will be covering a wide range of bat information including the connection of bats to plants, and will bring some freeze-dried bats for people to see.

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

**And don't forget your donation for the Issaquah Food Bank!**

In September, we donated only nineteen pounds of food.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello garden club members,

We have an exciting meeting coming up this month on bats.

These tiny, not so very attractive looking mammals have an important purpose. Bats can consume up to 1,200 mosquitos in an hour. Just for that alone, bats have my respect. Bats are beautifully working for us in the environment. With Halloween coming up, no worries on vampire bats, as vampire bats only live in South America not in the Pacific Northwest.

Come to our October meeting and get the real facts on bats from the knowledgeable biologist bat speaker, Veda.

I am looking forward to seeing you!

**Lenda Sundene**



Aw, come on, Lenda, aren't I cute?

## OCTOBER LUNCHEON

Those helping our Hostess this month, **Karen Bukantz**, are: Chong Chancellor, Georgina Cone, Thana Fauteux, Joan Fields, Marietta Hunziker, Ann Moskowitz, Kim Ray, and Janet Wall.

## "SHORE IS FUN"

East Lake Washington District Judges planned a bigger than usual Standard Flower Show for the ELWD General Membership meeting held September 26. Experienced volunteers sought out and helped new members to learn how to put on an educational event. IGC took part in tours and flower arranging over the summer. The program for IGC meeting September 14 covered flower show exhibits and how to participate in a show. Our IGC members really learned their lessons to participate capably in the flower show. Nearly fifteen members attended the show, most of these submitting entries.

This larger show included 64 horticulture entries, 24 designs and 4 Educational displays. IGC members brought home almost all of the National, State and District top awards. Awards included the top horticulture Arboreal Award to Janel Garnett; Award of Merit for best vegetable entry went to Jean Pass. The Design Excellence award for highest scoring design of the show was won for the Petite design by June Ann Hassebroek; the Novice Award went to Ann Moskowitz; and the National Garden Club Educational Award was won by Debbie DeFilipps. [See pictures on page 3.]

Our IGC members, Sally Cadranell, Dianne Tanner, Gloria Woo, Karen Lee, Janel Garnett, Cate Mueller, Lenda Sundene, Jean Pass, Ann Moskowitz, Debbie DeFilipps, and June Ann Hassebroek, all earned nearly all

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blue ribbons for many horticulture entries, four designs and two educational exhibits. The Eastside Audubon Society brought an invitational educational exhibit and quality handouts to honor Seattle Audubon's 100 Anniversary. The program on eight migratory shore birds amazed all the attendees.

The Show committee completed unexpected tasks prior to staging the show. Also, unusually heavy traffic delayed arrival of many attendees. This created

extra pressure on the committee to place and judge entries in the time allotted. However, many new people learned to do theme staging; take entries; do Classification, Placement, and Clerking and take necessary photos.

Laughter filled the rooms and new friendships were blossoming as a team effort shared many talents and taught many beneficial lessons. A big thank you to all who participated.

**June Ann Hassebrook  
Flower Show Co-Chair**



June Ann Hassebrook's Petite Arrangement—Design Excellence award



Janel Garnett's branch of *Disanthus cercidifolius* that won the "Arboreal" award



First Place Award-Educational exhibit by Debbie DeFilipps



Arrangement by Ann Moskowitz that won the "Novice" award



Horticulture entry by Jean Pass, which won the Certificate of Merit





## WORKDAY AT BELLEVUE BOTANICAL GARDEN

June Ann Hassebroek, District Chair for BBG/Native Plant Project thanks IGC members who helped at the ELWD/WNPS workday at the BBG Native Garden on September 16.

Volunteers are needed for the next workday at the Native Discovery Garden on **Friday, October 21**. We'll again meet at 10:00 at the Gathering Place at the BBG Visitors Center. A sign-up sheet will be available at our meeting on October 12, or you may contact June Ann.

[Your editor regrets stating in last month's newsletter that workdays at BBG in spring would be in April and May. They will be in **March** and **April**,]

## WORK AT THE ISSAQUAH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Georgann Lennon and two helpers worked at the History Museum on September 28. Our next workday at IHM will be on the fourth Wednesday of October, October 27, at 10 A. M. Sign up at our October meeting and remember to bring your gloves and hand tools. Help us make short work this day.



## WSFSGC HOLIDAY SHOW

This year marks the 70th annual Specialized Holiday Advanced Standard Flower show. **“Parisian Holiday”** will be held at the **Red Lion Hotel in Olympia on November 16 and 17**. The show will be open to the public on November 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. and on November 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entries will be accepted on November 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at which time judging will begin. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.

More information is on the WSFSGC website: <http://wagardenclubs.com/holiday-show-2016/> —including the show flyer and the show schedule.

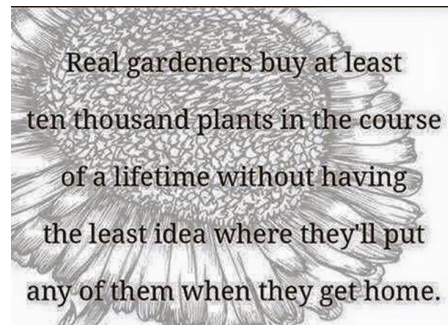
## GARDENING IN FALL

*Fall, rather than spring, can be the busiest and most productive garden time in the maritime Northwest garden. Harvesting crops, keeping up with flower beds, and planning for next year all seem to happen at once. What drives gardeners is not only the pleasant air temperature and warm soil; it's the shrinking of the daily light allotment. We've plenty to do, and fewer daylight hours to do it in. The gradual darkness affects plants, slowing their growth, just as it does for some gardeners!*

**Mary Robson (Ret.), Area Extension Agent, Regional Garden Column, Washington State University**

[Reprinted from the October 2009 Plant Delights ]

Found on the Tattooed Gardener Facebook page



## LANDSCAPING WITH AN EYE TO DESIGN

At any time of the year, we should be able to go out into our yard or nearby woods to find materials for a design. Blooms are always available to purchase; however, the fun of designing will come when you can cut a beautifully curving branch, add a frill of grasses and set it off with unusual whirl of colored leaves. Search your yard for INSPIRATION – look around with an artist's delight. Or prowl the nursery looking for arching branches, and variety in shades of evergreens (blue, plum, golden or gray). Think about texture (glossy, fuzzy, mottled or streaked).

Native plants are great choices for us and for wildlife. The benefit is, if you plant the right plant in the right environment, after a couple years to get established, it needs very little attention. Most do not need fertilizer and are adapted to our dry spells.

Berried shrubs are your friends for fall and winter. Set these off with the drooping slender branches of leucothoe 'Girard's Rainbow' which has bronze winter foliage, or horizontal yew or podocarpus and your arrangement will last for weeks. For year-round interest, I believe forsythia is hard to beat. *Viburnum carlesii*, with curving branches and pleasing fragrance is also at the top of my list. Grow some wisteria or honeysuckle. Strip it while fresh, soak, tie and allow

it to dry in interesting circles. Try naturally-drying aspidistra, iris or hosta foliage. Go out now and hang up things to dry. Experiment. Nothing to lose.

House plants are fair game. There are a few tricks. If a plant doesn't like water, attach it to a stick to lift it out of the water of your container. The same goes for anything that is dried; keep it out of water or it will soak up and wilt over.

Plant tall iris for their magnificent foliage to use straight, cut off at interesting angles or twist into circles. Grow fatsia and large rhododendron or sedum 'Autumn Joy' so you can be bold or small scale roses to be gentle.

Our world is an exciting place. Explore and select favorites to combine and bring indoors to keep us mindful of our changing seasons. Of course, your landscape would be quite a joke with one of each of the plants on your want list. So have a master plan with a backbone of proper scale and repeat enough to give continuity.

Another fun avenue is for all of us to share with others. Next time you feel like doing a design, call me up and come over and cut out of our yard. Just remember to leave me directions to your place for a return visit!

Let's grow, share and have fun designing our gardens and arrangements.

**June Ann Hassebroek**

## BLACK BEAN AND ROASTED VEGETABLE SALAD

This recipe was contributed by Norm and Helen Young of the Falls Church Garden Club, for the October, 2016 issue of their newsletter, The Seedling. It serves two, but may be doubled.

- 1 cup fresh corn (cut from two ears) or frozen unthawed corn
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into 1/2-inch thick slices
- 1 onion, cut into 1/4-inch thick slices
- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 16-ounce can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- Salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a large bowl, toss corn, bell pepper, onion, oil, 1 tablespoon vinegar, and salt and pepper to taste. In a shallow roasting pan, spread vegetables evenly and roast in middle of oven until veggies are tender, about 25 minutes, tossing occasionally. Cool vegetables slightly and in a bowl toss with beans, basil, remaining vinegar, and salt and pepper to taste.

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**October Meeting:  
The Beauties of Bats**