



# GARDEN DELIGHTS

**Issaquah Garden Club**

*"The beautiful spring came; and when Nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also."*

*Harriet Ann Jacobs, writer and reformer, 1813-1897*

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## April Meeting

April 12, 2017, 10:00 A.M.

### **"The Many Beautiful Varieties of Hardy Fuchsias at Bellevue Botanical Garden"**



When did you last visit the Bellevue Botanical Garden Fuchsia Garden? Did you know it is cultivated and maintained by the Eastside Fuchsia Society and hummingbirds? This garden highlights the range of hardy fuchsias that grow here, and in summer contains some of most dazzling floral displays that can be found in the Pacific Northwest? **Our speaker, Caroline Zebroski**, will give an overview of the Fuchsia Garden, it's history, current condition, inventory of plants, current needs, and future/possible changes.

**Caroline Zebroski** joined the Eastside Fuchsia Society (ESFS) only four years after arriving from South Dakota to work at Boeing. Caroline is also a member of NWFS, and the Lore, Species and Hybridizer Fuchsia Clubs. She has been very active in the Society in the 26 years since joining and has been President multiple times. In April 2012, She was part of the group that designed and relocated the BBGS fuchsia garden from the entrance to the Shorts House to the much larger present location. She is a plant addict and member of multiple garden clubs, serving on the board of the Daylily Society and the Iris Society.

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**Please don't forget to bring your plate, cup and utensils from home! Not doing so causes unnecessary expense for these items for the club.**

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Joy in my garden

I have been weeding and shaping up the garden in between the rain showers. What do I see? A lot of Cate, one tiny short June Ann, more of just a bit of the North Bend Marietta and Loretta, and there is the unique unusual amount of Janel.

When I was growing up, we always shared a bit of our garden with family, neighbors, and friends. While gardening, there is the delight in remembering that person along with the donor's beautiful gifted horticulture in the garden.

**It is my friendship garden of beauty by nature's wonderful dear ones! Yes, do I ever love the Issaquah Garden Plant Sale, because it is my group of dear friends sharing their garden delights with me and many other people.**

Explore your garden: what do you have to love from your friends and to give to share at our April plant sale.

**Lenda Sundene**

### APRIL LUNCHEON

Those helping Hostess **Peggy Abernathy** are members Karen Bukantz, Sally Cadranell, Georgina Cone, Janel Garnett, Karen Lee, Lenda Sundene, and Joanne Westveer.

### GARDEN THERAPY

Please note that we'll be completing floral designs at Issaquah Nursing and Rehabilitation on Thursday, April 13, 10 A.M.

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**Speaker: Caroline Zebroski**

Ms. Zebroski loves attending meetings and conventions [US, Canada, and England—twice] to meet and mingle with other plant lovers.

She states that her first fuchsias were "Carla Johnston" and "Carmel Blue." Her oldest living fuchsia is "Whiteknight's Amethyst," which was 8' tall and 6' wide before being knocked down (but not out!) by the cold November when a lot of the longer-lived fuchsias were lost. At one point in time, she had 300 fuchsias and was on the Northwest Perennial Alliance's garden tours in September when fuchsias are stars.

(June Ann tells us that Ms. Zebroski is well versed in answering questions about most horticulture, and that she serves as a representative on the "Partners in Planting Group" at BBG.)



"Whiteknight's Amethyst"

[Please see more information about our April meeting on the following page.]

## MORE ON THE APRIL MEETING

During “Show and Tell” this month, Lenda will present some of her favorite personal tips on design. Lenda loves to apply her degree program in Interior Design toward the environment, believing “design is everywhere.”

Additionally, we have a special treat: Elaine Fowler, Director of our East Lake Washington District of Garden Clubs, will speak on the current events of our District. The district holds three times a year for club members, providing us with fabulous programs, speakers, and a luncheon. [Note: Issaquah Garden Club will provide the lunch for the this May’s General Meeting, funded by ELWD.]

## GARDEN CLUB DUES

It’s that time of year, again... In April, we collect payment of our next Garden Club dues of \$25, which cover the fiscal year 7/1/2017 through 6/30/2018. **Please bring your checks, payable to “Issaquah Garden Club” to our April meeting to give to our Treasurer, Joan Fields** or mail the check to her at 24331 SE 132nd Way, Issaquah, WA, 98027-8374. **You are asked to include a copy of the completed form, “Let’s Get Acquainted,” with your payment.**

Receipt of dues in a timely manner will help to facilitate closing the books for this year in preparation for the audit by the Finance Committee and makes revision of the next IGC yearbook a lot easier.

If you didn’t know...Issaquah Garden Club dues include dues for Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs and for East Lake Washington District. It also includes your subscription to WSFGC's publication, *Washington Garden & Design*, (formerly *Smoke Signals*).

## OUR ANNUAL PLANT/GARAGE/BAKE SALE

On Wednesday, March 29, several Issaquah Garden Club members met at Lenda Sundene’s home to discuss the 2017 Plant/Garage/Bake Sale. We took into consideration that we may not earn so much, this year. Two years ago, our sale brought in a goodly amount of money; last year, we made considerably less; this year bodes to be even less profitable. Our gardens are at least two or maybe three weeks behind the state they were in in 2016 and 2015, due to the cold and wet weather we’ve had. Furthermore, our sale is weeks earlier than the last two years; the date cannot be changed, for reasons that make this impractical.

We can’t do anything about the weather—sun dances would be appreciated, however. But we CAN ask that members help make this a success. If you have perennials to divide, please do so, as soon as possible, and, if necessary, bring these to be potted at the Muellers’ on one of the Wednesdays in April. If you have nice articles for the garage sale, let us know or bring them to the April meeting. We will also appreciate donations of your delicious baked goods for the sale.

The logistics for our sale, **April 28 and 29** will be discussed at the April meeting. Please also refer to your copy of the March issue of Garden Delights for the particulars regarding potting parties at the Mueller home.

We’ll appreciate any time you can help, especially April 26, 27, 28, and 29. **And please give your friends and neighbors the flyers that will be available at the April meeting.**

## WSFGC GALA, MARCH 15

Lenda Sundene and Joy Jackson worked at Gala to man the garage sale table for IGC at Gala. She stated that they had a fun time: driving to Olympia Tuesday and stayed overnight for Gala. They organized the garage sale items, and completed pricing and set up Tuesday, to be ready for sales on Wednesday. They enjoyed a very fun relaxing delicious dinner, as well as a visit with garden club ladies at the hotel

Their sales totaled \$233.50, with a cost of \$30.00 for the table fee, resulting in a profit of \$203.50. The unsold items were returned to the Tanner home, where Doug Tanner graciously helped Lenda unpack and store the items until our plant/garage/bake sale.

Lenda wrote that the highlight of GALA for her was that June Ann was surprised by an award: Gardener of the Year 2017. Ginger Knutsen, of the Seattle Civic Garden Club made the announcement and presented June Ann with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.



## JUNE ANN'S AWARD

**On April 1, June Ann Hassebroek received this message from Ginger Knutsen, of the Seattle Civic Garden Club:**

"Seattle Civic Garden Club has been honoring a Gardener of the Year annually since 1953. Originally it was confined to the Greater Seattle area. About 15 years ago, we wanted to expand our selections to other districts. We ask for nominations from other members in various districts. We try to choose who we feel are knowledgeable in gardening and horticulture. Participation in garden club is helpful, but not mandatory in the selection.

"Both Cisco Morris and Marianne Binetti have been gardeners of the year. The most recent honorees are Jeanette Pruin, Judy Boxx, Billie Fitch and Mary Lou Waitz. As far as I know, we are the only club that honors gardeners for their achievements. I think Eleanor Zappalo was instrumental in getting this award off the ground.

So, you were nominated, along with some others, and you were chosen!

June 17th is a combined event. We will be hosting a home flower show at my home, 800 NW Elford Drive, Seattle 98177. 206-362-2525 or cell 206-369-4481. It will start at 1 pm. We will honor you at approximately 2 pm. Let me know who might like to talk about you and your accomplishments. Do invite members of your club and of your district or anyone you'd like to have with you. It should be a fun afternoon. We will serve a light refreshment.

Congratulations! You deserve the award.

**Ginger Knutsen**

## PICTURES FROM WSFGC GALA XXXIX



Joy Jackson at the IGC table  
at Gala, March 15



Luncheon table at Gala



Two of the designs auctioned  
at Gala



Two other designs at Gala



## ABOUT BEES

A long-time friend has pointed me to a new website, “**The Humane Gardener.**” The article she wrote about dealt with “How to really save the bees.”

Here are the first few paragraphs of the article:

“In a few short months, the sweet scent of thawing soil will have me searching under trees, along streams and in gardens for new life peeking into the frosty air. During the dark days of winter, it’s hard to imagine anyone more excited about spring’s brave first blooms.

“But just below ground, creatures on a more important mission than mine will be getting ready to greet the plants, too. Mother bumblebees will emerge from leaves to start new colonies, timing their arrival for the flowering of Dutchman’s breeches and Virginia bluebells. Ground-nesting bees will dig through blankets of dirt to indulge refined tastes: *Andrena erigeniae* will turn to her exclusive culinary supplier, spring beauty flowers, to make pollen cakes for her babies; *Habropoda labiata* will get her groceries from blueberries, redbud trees, oaks and Carolina jessamine. Cavity-nesting bees—who’ve waited out the cold in logs and twigs—will also join the party.

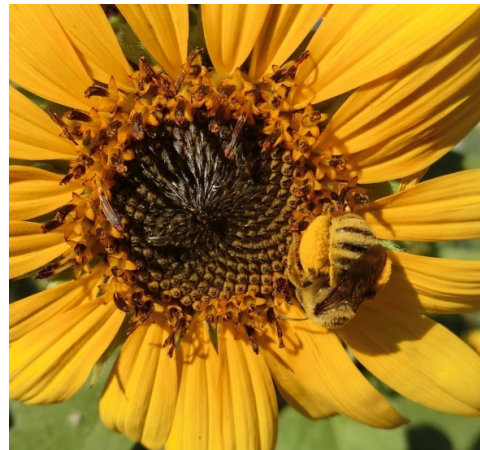
“As we awaken from our own kind of hibernation, many of us will walk by these animals without even noticing them. Though everywhere in the landscape, they occupy little space in the cultural mindset, much to the chagrin

of scientists working to save them. If he had to pick one fact more people should know about North America’s 4,000 wild bee species, says conservation biologist Rich Hatfield of the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, it would be this: “That they exist.”

“Honeybees are important pollinators and deserve our help, but knowledge of their plight has tended to obscure the needs of the many other bees who don’t live in hives.”

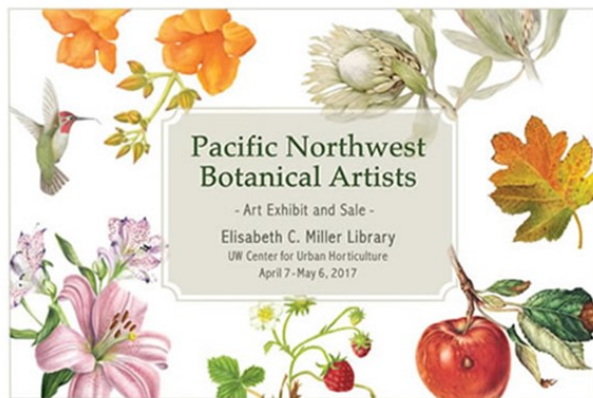


(Photo by Nancy Lawson)



(Photo by Jim Cane)

To finish article, go to: <http://www.humanegardener.com/how-to-really-save-the-bees/>



### **Pacific Northwest Botanical Artists Show in the Miller Library April 7 through May 6**

Once again this spring the Miller Library will be hosting the [Pacific Northwest Botanical Artists](#), the local chapter of the American Society of Botanical Artists, for a show and sale. This much-anticipated exhibit opens on the day of the **Garden Lovers' Book Sale** party on Friday, April 7, 2017, with several of the artists present that night only to showcase their work.

Tickets for the fundraising opening night (\$25 in advance) are available directly from the library. Stop by or call us at 206-543-0415. An added attraction this year will be an appearance by local author Nita-Jo Rountree. She will be selling and signing her new book, [Growing Roses in the Pacific Northwest](#).

Speaking of the book sale (free and open 9-3 on Saturday, April 8), we have a large inventory this year. Any leftover books will be available for very low prices (many free) in the library the first three days of the following week, April 10-12. We can accept cash and checks only for this post-sale clearance. The exhibit and sale of botanical illustrations, including prints, cards and original works, will remain open through May 6.

The Elisabeth C., Miller Library is at the Center for Urban Horticulture on the U WA campus at 3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle, WA 98195.

## **BELLEVUE DEMONSTRATION GARDEN**

The King County Master Gardeners in cooperation with Bellevue Parks & Community Services manage the Lake Hills Greenbelt Urban Demonstration Garden also known as Bellevue Demonstration Garden. The garden address is 15500 SE 16th St., Bellevue

Established in 1984, this urban demonstration garden has grown from a single P-Patch surrounded by blackberries on a steep, rock-filled slope to the flourishing garden it is today.

The **mission** is to provide public education in gardening and home horticulture based on resources from Washington State University, and to create a solid learning experience for the volunteer. The **goals** are to demonstrate good gardening practices in a typical urban setting, involve Master Gardeners with the public at the garden using the garden setting and WSU resources and provide a practical hands-on educational resource for all Master Gardeners.

The garden includes a complete MG Diagnostic Plant Clinic, Master Compost Center, Greenhouse Operations, Children's Garden, over 40 demonstration beds and gardens, Saturday Workshop Series for the general public from January through October and two major events; Children's Fair & High Summer Celebration in August and Harvest Festival in September.

The Demonstration Garden is open dawn until dusk and is wheelchair-accessible. There are free drop-In plant clinics April – October: Wednesdays & Saturdays, 9 a. m. – 1 p. m.

Consult with Master Gardeners about all aspects of plant care, disease, propagation, identification, and more.

For more information, see the website:  
**[http://www.mgfk.org/resources/  
demonstration-gardens/bellevue-  
demonstration-garden](http://www.mgfk.org/resources/demonstration-gardens/bellevue-demonstration-garden)**

## A Pruning Primer

Early spring is a good time to prune many trees and shrubs because they're dormant. Here's how:

### 1. Cut out dead, damaged and diseased wood.

When trees and shrubs are leafless, it's easier to see damage from winter.

### 2. Avoid spring-bloomers.

Do not prune shrubs like forsythia, lilac and others that bloom in spring. Wait until after they've bloomed.

### 3. Look for the dormant bud.

Make cuts just above a swelling bud, if visible.

### 7. Perennials need pruning, too.

Shear ornamental grasses left up for winter interest. On perennials, remove clumps of last year's foliage, being careful not to disturb the crown. Shred the debris for the compost pile.

### 4. Trim winter kill on twigs.

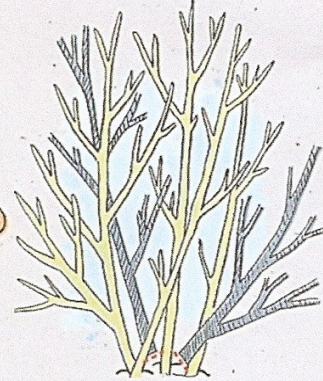
Many trees and shrubs suffer from die-back over the winter. Prune twigs back to living wood.

### 5. Thin and rejuvenate fast-growing shrubs.

Cut out old wood right to the ground leave younger branches to fill in.

### 6. Trim suckers.

Use pruners or loppers to cut out suckers that emerge around the trunks of trees.



The tips above are from The Gardener's Supply Company. If you have more questions about pruning, or any other gardening subject, go to their "Ask an Expert" feature. You'll have an answer within 24 hours! (<http://www.gardeners.com/on/demandware.store/Sites-Gardeners-Site/default/CustomerService-AskAnExpert>)

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**April Meeting:  
Hardy Fuchsias  
at BBG**

**Election of Officers,  
this month!**