



GARDEN DELIGHTS

Issaquah Garden Club

*"Winter is an etching,
spring a watercolor,
summer an oil painting
and autumn a mosaic of them all."
Stanley Horowitz, American poet*

September Meeting

September 13, 2017, 10:00 A.M.

Sue Thompson on "Grasses as Botanical Expressions"



Sue Thompson has been an "Ornamental Grass Guru" for over twenty-five years. She developed and operated an ornamental grass farm on Harstine Island (in southern Puget Sound) where she also created a lavender farm.

Ms. Thompson is the District Director of Cross Sound District, and former president of Evergreen Garden Club for three consecutive years. She is also a retired Master Gardener and was a member of the Specialty Nursery Organization.



Our "Show and Tell this month will be presented by Joy Jackson, who will speak about the Lorene Jackson Memorial Garden.

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

The September meeting is exciting for me to be back with all of you Issaquah Garden Club members. I hope your nice sunny, warm summer was fun. Our programs for the coming year are varied between design, horticulture and the environment, staying focused to "Grow it, Make it, and Share It" for many beautiful "Botanical Expressions"; may you continue to "Plant America" while "Spreading your Butterfly Wings to Fly", and experience "Garden Therapy: Calming the Inner Storms."

Lenda Sundene

FROM OUR TREASURER

Joan Fields, our Treasurer, offers the following report for the beginning of our 2017-2018 year: "We started out with \$7612.78 and now have \$6580.78 since I paid some bills, the September and October rent, dues for 38 members and our Salmon Days sponsorship.

I have more money to deposit but I'm waiting until after the meeting so I will make only one trip to the bank. There will also be more reimbursements to do, and we will have the "Pennies for Pines" basket to pass around at our meeting.



SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

Those helping Hostess **June Beckerman**, and bringing luncheon donations are members **Thana Fauteux, June Ann Hassebroek, Marietta Hunziker, Karen Lee, Loretta Rodni, Dianne Tanner, and Shadi Wang.**

SAD NEWS

We were sorry to learn from Sherran Whatley that Godfrey Holmstrom, husband of our member, Gail Holmstrom, died on August 22 at Swedish Hospital in Seattle.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: WORK PARTY AT BBG

June Ann Hassebroek reports that the next work party at Bellevue Botanical Gardens will be held on **Friday, October 13, from 10 A.M. to Noon.**

We will be doing some planting and some weeding. This ELWD Civic Beautification project is on-going and a good learning experience.

Please let June Ann know that you'll volunteer at least a week before the event. You may email her at june-annhas@aol.com or call her cell phone, 425 922 8143. You are asked to come to the work party a little early, to sign in with BBG staff.

"GO NATIVE"

OUR DISTRICT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SEPTEMBER 18

The East Lake Washington district will hold the first General Membership Meeting of the 2017-2018 year—members of all clubs are invited—on September 18, 2017 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Eastgate (Bellevue).

Jean Hurt is accepting luncheon reservations. Contact her by e-mail at: bajhjean@comcast.net or by phone at 425-392-5024. The cost, for the meeting, consisting of two programs and luncheon, is \$10. The deadline for reservations is Sept. 14th.

Alan Haywood, who has spoken to IGC twice fairly recently, will discuss and demonstrate **Fall Pruning Techniques**. His program will include working on a live tree. **Sarajane Rants** will speak on **Art with Complementary Floral Design**. Ms. Rants has been a floral designer for thirty years and has owned her own floral shop for ten years. She is also an artist that works in several media including photography, macramé, basket weaving, costuming and Zen tangle.

Avant Guild will provide the Luncheon and Table design. Hilltoppers Garden Club will provide the centerpieces and one Raffle item. (Two more raffle items are needed.)



BELLEVUE DEMON- STRATION GARDEN

Your May newsletter included an article about the **Bellevue Demonstration Garden**, at 15500 SE 16th St., Bellevue.

This summer, your editor accompanied Georgann Lennon to two Saturday Workshops, held 10:30 to noon, one on hydrangeas and the other on ornamental grasses. Workshops are free to the public; attendance averaged about thirty to forty people. Both speakers brought slides, plants as examples, and in one case, hydrangeas to sell at very reasonable prices. The speakers were knowledgeable and welcomed questions.

We also toured the gardens, one day walking with a Master Gardener and the speaker on ornamental grasses, Jeff Daley, from Seattle Pacific University, who pointed out the various grasses in the gardens.

The website for the garden: <http://www.mgfk.org/resources/demonstration-gardens/bellevue-demonstration-garden>

The Workshops may be found by downloading the PDF:

<http://www.mgfk.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/2017-BDG-workshops.pdf>

Harvest Festival at the Demonstration Garden, Sat, Sept. 10, 2016, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: this fun, free community event. includes activities: tomato and cucumber tasting, cement leaf making demonstration, herb salt demonstration, a garden-wide scavenger hunt for kids, plant sale and more.

STATE AWARDS “IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR”

I hope all of you have taken time to read the summer 2017 issue of Washington Garden & Design (formerly Smoke Signals), our WSFGC magazine. On pages 10 and 11, awards won across our State are listed. Check out those for our East Lake Washington District. You can feel proud knowing that just by paying your dues and supporting Issaquah Garden Club, you help with quality education and worthy projects and programs.

ELWD Judges Council won the Educational Award for “Shore is Fun.”

IGC members were terrific in helping this flower show which provided education about our birds in an interesting manner. Our members won five of the top awards offered in that show. Cheers for top award winners: Janel Garnett, Jean Pass, June Ann Hassebrook and Debbie DeFilipps and the top award in “Shore Is Fun” flower show....Novice design Award for our member Ann Moskowitz. in addition, cheers to all the volunteers who helped by bringing talent and effort to share.

IGC Yearbook won a first place, for the quality publication created by Lenda Sundene and Joy Jackson. Additionally, this rewards a club that is dedicated to teaching the full spectrum of gardening: landscape design, floral design and environmental stewardship. The Yearbook is the plan and mission promise. Thankfully it was accomplished with worthy civic projects like the Blue Star Memorial Marker, the Historical Society Garden

and quality landscape plan and educational handouts. Our members continue the Pickering Garden efforts, supporting Art Walk and Downtown-Issaquah Association events, work with Youth and the Issaquah Care Center. IGC is part of the volunteers at ELWD Bellevue Botanical Garden native plant work days and part of ELWD Arbor Day celebration and BBG 25th Anniversary. Proudly, IGC donated to support NGC “Pennies for Pines” to replant destroyed forests.

IGC won the **Garden Therapy Award** for the centerpieces created at the Issaquah Rehabilitation and Care Center. This project has been ongoing for many years. It is so rewarding when the patients join in and actually help create the designs for either Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentines Day or Easter. The family, visitors and staff love seeing the gorgeous fresh colorful bits of nature designed just for their enjoyment. Special thanks to Karen Bukantz for taking the extra step of applying for this State Award.

Youth Pollinator Garden Funding from National Garden Club.

No list would be complete without acknowledging the years of effort by Dianne Tanner and her volunteers working with youth. It is satisfying to follow the lead of our immediate Past National President in a worthy cause such as planting to feed our precious pollinators. This youth project has won numerous awards at the state level over the years. You all can be very proud of raising the money and funding such a worthy cause and volunteering to

State Awards, continued

see it reach hundreds and hundreds of eager first graders and their appreciative teachers and parents.

Members of Issaquah Garden Club can be proud and share in the knowledge that your officers and chairman are dedicated to providing worthy goals and sharing friendship and fun along the continuing journey. Thanks and Congratulations!

To win, you must take pictures, keep records and you must send in Award Application by Deadlines. Here's to a very good year and excitement about the future.

June Ann Hassebroek
IGC Award Chairman 2016-2017

These pictures, taken recently by Jim Westveer, of dahlias grown by Joanne, deserve unofficial awards from us—both for the dahlias and the photography...



CLASSES AND LECTURE AT BBG

Classes

Sept. 12: Mindfulness in the Garden - Creating Calm Within

Sept. 13: Walk the Waterwise Garden

Sept. 16: Fall in the Border

Sept. 28: Propagation 101

Oct. 5: Introduction to Mushroom Cultivation

Oct. 11: Put Your Vegetable Garden to Bed

Lecture:

Wednesday, October 18: Literature into Art: Books that Changes the Way We Garden—Colston Burrell

For information about these classes and the lecture, sponsored by Woodinville Garden Club, see the website:

**HTTP://
 WWW.BELLEVUEBOTANICAL.
 ORG/CLASSES.HTML**



BBG Waterwise Garden

NATIVE PLANT INTERPRETIVE TRAIL NOW COMPLETE

[**Janet Wall**, who helped on this project, has sent this to us. It was originally published by the Friends of Lake Sammamish (FOLS) in late July.]

“Come check out our new interpretive signs at Lake Sammamish! The signs, representing 12 native plants, have been installed along the Tibbetts Beach trail leading to the Rotunda. The signs are sponsored by the Snoqualmie Tribe with original tribal artwork, graphics and text which provide insight into native plant identification, a reference to Lushootseed language and the traditional Native American use of various plants.

“This collaborative effort was made possible by contributions from the Snoqualmie Tribe, Washington State Parks, Mountain to Sound Greenway, Washington Native Plant Society and the Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park.”

[The detail in the picture of the introductory sign for the trail, “Lake Sammamish State Park Cultural Native Plant Trail,” would have been illegible if included in this newsletter. A copy will be available at the meeting, Wednesday, September 13.]

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**Sept. Meeting:
Sue Thompson
On Grasses**