



# GARDEN DELIGHTS

## ISSAQUAH GARDEN CLUB

*"Out of one wintry twig,  
One bud.  
One blossom's worth of warmth  
At long last."*

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### March Meeting

March 14, 2018, 10:00 A.M.

#### *Fairy Garden Workshop*

"Let's have fun creating our own miniature gardens."

During our workshop, there'll be pictures of Fairy Gardens from the November State Holiday Flower Show and the February ELWD Flower Show. We'll also have several Fairy Gardens to look at.

We'll work on Fairy Garden design, using and creating accessories, and we'll learn tips on where to get ideas. We'll also cover rules on how to enter a Fairy Garden Class in a Flower Show under the new National Garden Club Handbook. Containers of soil will be handed out along with gravel and coffee filters so that you may plant your Fairy Garden at home.

**What to bring:** any little figurines, furniture, garden tools, et c.; natural objects from outdoors, such as pine cones, acorn caps, dried moss, feathers, rocks, nuts, berries, bark, fungi, shells twigs, leaves, dried flowers, driftwood, seaweed, cone seals, seed pods, grape vine tendrils, et c.; glue, wire, glue dots, et c.

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**This month, Sally Cadranell will tell us about flower show horticulture entries.**  
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**Please don't forget to bring your plate, cup and utensils from home!**

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On a crisp sunny day in February a recent tour of the San Francisco Botanical Gardens was impressive in all 55 acres. The winter features included: magnolias, camellias, rhododendrons, and succulents, as well as some tiny, colorful flowers. This tour brought me to recognize that California is just ahead of our growing season—just a little warmer.

I am looking forward to our flowering season! As much as I appreciated touring Strybing Arboretum in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, I so appreciate our Bellevue Botanical Garden in its own amazing, well-kept beauty. There is no entry fee at BBG unlike others public gardens. There are generous donors and volunteer workers, which, of course, include some of our very own Issaquah Garden Club members. Thank you all of you who support our Botanical Garden in every way bringing joy and beauty to many touring the garden.

I thank you members for generously supporting our club in the community, continuing to enrich and educate the youth, actively supporting Bellevue Botanical Garden, Issaquah Museum historical garden, Pickering Barn Native garden, and the garden at the Blue Star Marker outside the Senior Center,; and those bringing joy through floral design therapy at Issaquah Care Center.

Thank you very much for your gracious volunteering and continued generous financial support.

**Lenda Sundene, President**

## MARCH LUNCHEON

Fay Cawley will be the Hostess for this month. These members will provide dishes and help Fay with set up beforehand and clean up afterwards: **Barbara Bruemmer, Joan Fields, Lois Helberts, and Ann Moskowitz.**

## IGC SALES

Thank you to Dianne Tanner for continuing to bring the lovely, wonderful and beautiful new donations from the Willard family who have generously financially supported our club over many years. Their donations have included books, designs and gardening items useful for us. These donations go directly into our funds to support all our charities.

We are strictly a not-for-profit, charitable organization. Our donations are at 100%. Thank you for respecting this policy and refraining from selling for personal reasons.

**Lenda Sundene**

## ISSAQUAH NURSING AND REHABILITATION

### EASTER PLANT THERAPY

On March 29, IGC members will meet at the Issaquah Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to prepare arrangements to celebrate Easter. Volunteers are asked to bring gloves, pruners and/or scissors and washed greens that have no stickers, please. Please let Karen Bukantz know if you can come help make arrangements at 10 A.M.

## OUR DISTRICT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, FEBRUARY 26

About ten Issaquah Garden Club members attended the **General Membership Meeting** on Monday, February 26. We enjoyed and learned from two informative and interesting programs, one on the use of ornamental grasses, with pictures on the Seattle Pacific University campus and private gardens. The second featured the mechanics of photographing artistic designs and of one's garden.

The main focus of the meeting was the small standard flower show, ***February Fantasy***. Sponsored by ELWD, the show was chaired by Lana Finegold and co-chaired by June Ann Hassebroek. A hard-working crew helped stage, set up, and place the show. Afterwards, the crew disassembled and removed show accouterments.

Judges were Brynn Tavasci, Mary Ireland and Jean Pass. The Botanical Arts Division contained twenty-four entries from seven clubs; the Horticulture Division contained thirty-nine entries from six clubs and the Design Division contained sixteen entries from six clubs.

### Winners included the following:

Novice Award: Mackie Juncan, West Sammamish GC, "Luscious Leaves" design;

Judith Juno Petite Award: Gale Baulinger, West Sammamish GC;

Award of Design Excellence: June Ann Hassebroek, Issaquah GC;

NGC Award of Merit: Elaine Fowler, Hellebore, Horticulture;

Growers Choice: Joan Waldeck, Hill & Dale GC, Swedish Ivy;

Arboreal: Mary Dahlgren, Hill & Dale GC, Chamaecyparis obtusa

Horticulture Excellence and NGC Arboreal Award: June Ann Hassebroek, Issaquah GC, Leucothea;

Show Chairman's Award: Lana Finegold, Sherwood Forest GC, dried Allium Schubertii, Botanical Arts;

JoAnn Goldman Artistic Craft Award: Linda McClenahan, Terra Tillers GC, Brooch;

District Director's Award: Debbie DeFilipps, Issaquah GC, Fairy Garden.

(Much of this information was provided by Lana Finegold)

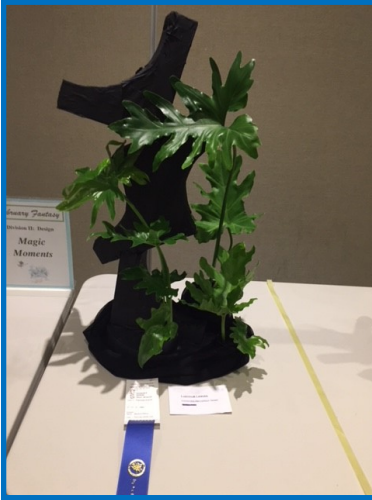
Viewing of the show was held prior to the lunch, provided by Pine Lake Garden Club.

**One note:** Issaquah's raffle contribution, donated by June and Bill Willard, was won by Marianne Wilkins.

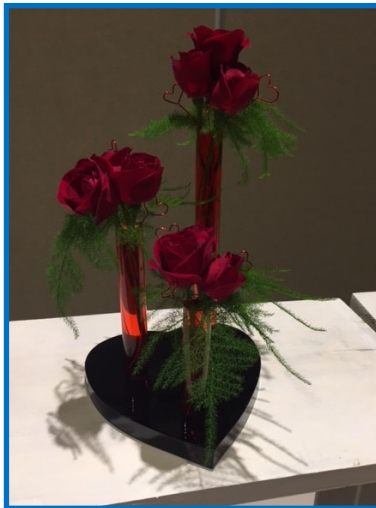


An intriguing design by Lana Finegold, using anthurium, flax and leaves

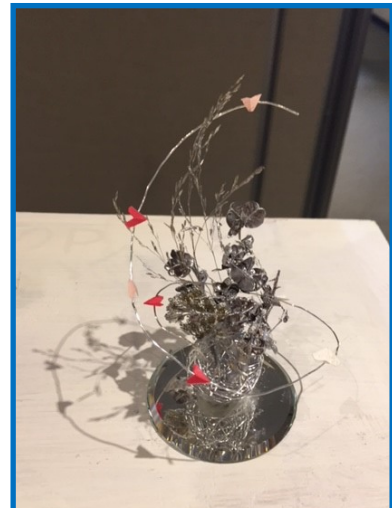
## AWARD-WINNING ENTRIES AT THE ELWD SMALL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW, “FEBRUARY FANTASY”



“Luscious Leaves” design  
by Marianne Wilkins



Petite Design by Debbie  
De Filippis, “Valentine  
Visions”



Petite Design by Gale  
Baullinger



Design by June Ann  
Hassebroek



“Beautiful Branches,” horti-  
culture entered by Mary  
Dahlgren—*Chamaecyparis  
obtusa*



Fabulous Florabundance,”  
horticulture entered by Elaine  
Fowler—*helleborus*

## AWARD-WINNING ENTRIES AT THE ELWD SMALL STANDARD FLOWER SHOW, “FEBRUARY FANTASY,” II



“Charming Container” by  
Joan Waldek, for a pot of  
Swedish Ivy



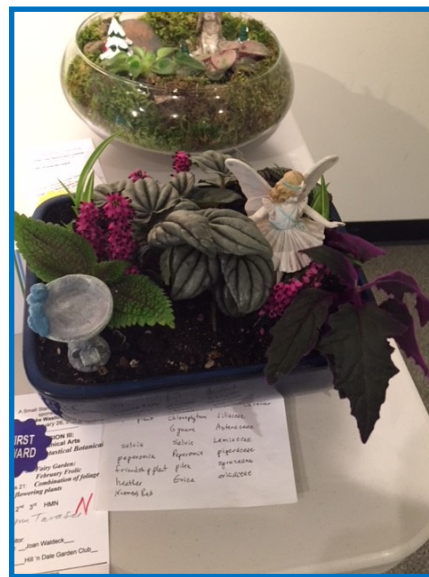
Container-grown  
succulent,  
by Debbie De Filippis



Container-grown succulent  
by Karen Bukantz. This  
picture was taken by Char-  
lene Trent-Lewis.



Fairy Garden, foliage, by  
Debbie De Filippis



Fairy Garden, flower and  
foliage combination, by  
Joan Waldek

Your editor regrets that she didn't have time to take more pictures of prize-winning entries during the lunch period—as it was, she was almost the last to go through the luncheon line.

## **FREE WORKSHOPS AT BELLEVUE DEMONSTRATION GARDEN**

Free gardening workshops and clinics hosted by King County Master Gardeners are held in south Bellevue year-round. **No registration required.** These workshops are held in south Bellevue at the Bellevue Demonstration Garden, 15500 SE 16th Street, Bellevue, WA.

**Free workshops open to the public between 10:30 a.m. and noon, MOST Saturdays, January-October.** Workshops held in March and April include the following:

**March 10: Container Gardening**, by Carey Thornton, Cascade Water Alliance

**March 17: Growing Peppers in the Northwest**, by Terry Thorpe, Master Gardener

**March 24: Growing Tomatoes in the Pacific Northwest**, by Marcia Dillon, Maser Gardener

**April 7: Plant Something Different—Characteristics of Black, Gold and Chartreuse Plants**, by Susan Miller, Master Gardener

**April 14: Choosing the Right Plants**, by Selena Ligrano, Tilth Alliance

**April 21: A Flower for All Seasons**, by Patrick Spence, Cascade Iris Gardens

**April 28: Growing Clematis**, by Laura Watson, Master Gardener

## **CLASSES OFFERED BY CASCADE WATER ALLIANCE**

Below are two examples of free classes offered. To see the complete list, please go to <http://cascadewater.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2018-Cascade-Gardener-Class-Catalog-PDF.pdf> For questions or assistance, call 425.453.0930.

**Best Plants for the Lazy Gardener**, Marianne Binetti, radio host, author, columnist. This class focuses on what trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals will grow best in our climate especially if you do not have a sprinkler system and want a lower water bill. Learn how to fill a bed with a planting combo that will give you year-round color with minimal maintenance.

Saturday, March 10, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Tukwila Community Center, 12424  
42nd Ave. S, Tukwila. Register at  
**[bestplants2.brownpapertickets.com](http://bestplants2.brownpapertickets.com)**

**Delightful Gardens in Dry Shade**, Marianne Binetti, radio host, author, columnist. Learn how to garden under cedar and fir trees and cope with the roots of big leaf maples. This inspirational class will have you loving the dry shade areas of your garden as you learn about the native and new plant material that thrive amidst tree roots and other dry and shaded sites. Includes dirt-cheap ways to improve your soil and keep down weeds and how to propagate and grow your own plants for problem areas.

## **CLASSES OFFERED BY BELLEVUE BOTANICAL GARDEN SOCIETY**

**CLASS: Garden d'Lights Orientation** | Thursday, March 15, 10 A.M. to 12 P.M., Free. Join the Garden d'Lights team at a FREE orientation where we will demonstrate our techniques, and more. Everyone will be able to bunch lights onto a rod and use a cable tie to anchor them in place. You won't be able to leave with the lights you build, but you are welcome to join the team as it starts to prepare for the 2018 Garden d'Lights season!

**LECTURE: "A Tapestry Garden: the Art of Weaving Plants and Place."** Marietta O'Byrne, Wednesday, March 21, 7 p.m. \$15/\$5 members. Marietta and her husband, Ernie, have one of the most popular wholesale and plant-breeding nurseries in the Pacific Northwest. Timber Press will soon publish Marietta's book, *A Tapestry Garden: The Art of Weaving Plants and Place*, that will illustrate the wide variety of imaginative planting combinations Marietta has created. During her presentation, she will give us a pictorial tour of her exuberant garden.

**CLASS: Top Ten: Spring Bulbs of Merit**, George Lasch Saturday, March 24, 10am-12pm, \$35/\$25 Members. The fleeting colors of spring bulbs are a classic that is often overlooked or under cared for. Join us for a quick slide show and then a stroll through the Garden to talk about the

best bulbs and how to get the most from them. George will share his top 10, and will likely mention a few that aren't worth your time. Known for his humorous opinions on plants and gardening, George was the Supervisor of the Perennial Border garden at BBG for eight years. Bring your questions and ideas!

**CLASS: Propagation: Cuttings, Layers and Grafting** | Gordon Polson Thursday, March 29, 6:30-8:30pm | \$35/\$25 Members

Plant propagation is an inexpensive and easy way to get new starts from plants you already have. Gordon Polson will be back to take plant propagation to the next level, teaching us more advanced techniques including taking cuttings, layering, and grafting. Late March is the ideal time for this class, because plants are eager to take root!

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### **March Gardening Tips from the Bellevue Botanical Gar- den staff**

- Fertilize shrubs and perennials
- Prune for shape and to stimulate new growth
- Evaluate your lawn - does it need over-seeding, aerating, topdressing? Check out Bellevue Utilities' Natural Gardening Guides to learn how to keep your lawn and the environment healthy with less work!
- Mulch to suppress weeds and reduce summer water needs
- Cut back ferns before croziers unfurl
- Enjoy early spring bulbs

## LATE BREAKING NEWS ABOUT OUR MEETING

We have a guest coming to Issaquah Garden Club meeting, Kristin Haapasaari from the City of Issaquah, who will speak on what The City of Issaquah is doing in the city landscapes. She would also like to discuss the plans City has for the Senior Center, Blue Star Marker. Please call me if you have questions—on my cell—as our home phone is not working. Cell phone number: 425 503-4501

Dues for IGC membership will be accepted at March meeting by Treasurer Joan Fields. Write checks payable to Issaquah Garden Club in the amount of \$25.00.

There will be a meeting of the Plant Sale Committee at Lenda Sundene's home, 13015 – 207<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, (off May Valley Road) in Issaquah, on **March 22** at 1:00 p.m.

**Advanced Notice:** Potting Parties in preparation for the Plant Sale in late April, will be held at Cate Mueller's home on consecutive Wednesdays, March 28 through April 25. Volunteers may arrive from 11 a.m. through early afternoon, and depart when they wish. Cate will arrange for you to park across the street, as in previous years.

**SPRING FORWARD!** Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 11th. Set your clocks ahead one hour.

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**March meeting:  
Fairy Garden  
Workshop**