



GARDEN DELIGHTS

ISSAQUAH GARDEN CLUB

"One of the most delightful things about a garden is the anticipation it provides." —

W. E. Johns, (1893-1968). British World War I aviator and prolific writer for forty years.

April Meeting

April 11, 2018, 10:00 A.M.

"Dynamic Dainty Dimensions"

Our presenter this month will be our own **June Ann Hassebroek**. She has stated that the goal of her program is to show everyone the tools, mechanics, containers, uses for home, gifts and flower shows. She will bring dozens of completed designs and examples of plant materials, as well as staging and background she finds useful. The goal is to show how good **anyone** can be, once they learn the basics. Additionally, the goal is to broaden their appreciation for ways to use their new skills.

Learning about art and how to use plant materials to share a story or enlist emotional response is what I find most satisfying. **ART puts form into feelings**. The study of Elements and Principles of Design works not only in petite floral design but in landscape design or in any project you are working on.

There will be a slide show as well as the staged presentation and lesson. Everyone will be able to share their Petite designs and horticulture at the IGC flower show this May. There will also be petite items for sale to benefit IGC.

June Ann states, "Petite Design has been one of my favorite subjects to teach ever since I was District Director. Besides being a National Garden Club Accredited Flower Show Judge since about 1980, I have also completed the NGC Schools in Landscape Design and Gardening Study. I also completed the Master Gardener program years ago. I have taught Petite Design in Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Georgia, Florida, Colorado and at a National Garden Club annual convention."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Can we do it all?

Objectives coming from National Garden Club includes: Birds, Blue Star Memorials, Civic Achievement, Conservation, Floral Design, Flower Shows, Historic Preservation, Horticulture, Horticulture Therapy, Landscape Design, Legislation, Litter Control, US and World Gardens, Wildflowers, World Gardening and Youth.

What a huge number of objectives coming to each Garden Club in our nation. While each of us are individuals, we favor some over the others. Please take time to complete the "Let's Get Acquainted" form so programs for next year may be included with your preferences as, much as possible.

Lenda Sundene, President

PROPOSED OFFICERS FOR 2018-2019

June Ann Hassebroek, speaking for the nominating committee, Sally Cadranell and herself, announced the slate of candidates who had agreed to run for office for 2018-2019.

These include:

President: **Debbie DeFilipps**;
Vice President: **Georgann Lennon**;
Secretary: **Lois Helberts**;
Treasurer: **Gloria Woo**.

The election for officers, including the above candidates and any nominated from the floor who have already given their consent to run, will be held at our April meeting.

RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

If you have not already done so, either at the March meeting or by postal mail, please bring your check in payment of the 2018-2019 dues to the April meeting!

Your Treasurer Joan Fields, asks that you write checks payable to Issaquah Garden Club in the amount of \$25.00. You are also asked to complete the "Lets Get Acquainted" form to submit with your checks. Doing so will give your new officers input in planning the programs that you'll like.

APRIL LUNCHEON

Peggy Abernathy will be the Hostess for this month. These members will provide dishes and help Peggy with setup beforehand and cleanup afterwards: **Sally Cadranell, Georgina Cone, Karen Lee, Georgann Lennon, Ann Moskowitz, Lenda Sundene, and Joanne Westveer.**

ECOLOGICAL, FISCAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY— PLEASE HELP OUR CLUB!

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!

2018 PLANT/GARAGE/BAKE SALE

This is yet another reminder that our annual Plant/Garage/Bake Sale will be held on Friday, April 27th and Saturday, April 28th, from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Once again, Joanne and Ken Morgan have generously allowed us to use their property to sell our plants, "attic treasures" and baked goods at their home. Their property is easily accessible and parking is ample. We are very grateful to the Morgans. We'll gladly set up tables, place our tents, and arrange what we have to sell. (There will be more about this at the meeting, next week.)

Some of us are already working on the "plant" part of our sale: digging, dividing and potting perennials; some of us may be starting vegetables and/or annuals. This is truly the best time to pot, and it's very easy when the plants are dormant or just waking up. (Don't forget to water them once they're in the pots.) Some have already signed up to help at potting parties held on Wednesdays this month. pot and price on Wednesday in April. We'll price plants, the last Wednesday, April 25, and prepare to move them to the Morgans' home on Thursday, April 26.

We need participation from all members for the sale: plants, baked goods, and garage sale items, since this is our ONLY income-generating project for this year. Your active participation in our sale promises fun for all of us.

WSFGC CONVENTION "TAHOMA SUNRISE"

If you haven't already registered, why not get ahead of the curve and register now for the Washington State Federation of Garden Club's Convention coming up June 4, 5, and 6 in Tacoma WA?

We have lots of interesting programs: (Learn about Peonies from Carol Adelman; Get Designer Tips from Linda Maida); informative workshops: (make a Fascinator; Photography Tips; Learn about how to deal with Slugs; and Create a Wind Chime). A couple of great **Field Trips** are being planned as well: a visit to the *Museum of Glass* on June 5.



and the *Point Defiance Rose Garden* on June 6.



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Not to mention the Awards Banquet!

You can go to the WSFGC website: <https://www.wagardenclubs.com/> and find the registration form [or see it in the latest issue of *Washington Garden and Design*, pages 10 and 11.]

We hope to see you at the Convention. Please share this with your garden club members and friends!

**Norine Mullen, Registrar - 2018
WSFGC Convention**

CLASS OFFERED BY BELLEVUE BOTANICAL GARDEN SOCIETY

Dahlias 101. Roger Walker, Wednesday, April 11, 6:30-8:30pm, \$35/\$25 BBGS members & Puget Sound Dahlia Assoc. Members



This is the time of year to think about planting these beautiful free-flowering natives of Mexico that thrive in the Northwest. Dahlias range in size from 2-inch pompons to huge decorative blooms that grow to 14 inches or more. We'll talk about the various dahlia types, their cultural needs, and advanced dahlia culture, including hybridization and growing dahlias from cuttings. Bring your questions and ideas!

For more classes and activities, see the BBGS website:
<http://bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>



Joanne Westveer's dahlias, 2017

News from University of Washington Botanic Gardens

**Come LOOP the LOOP on
Sunday, April 8!**

Washington Park Arboretum Loop Trail
Grand Opening, Sunday, April 8, from
12 – 3 p.m.

Please join us for an afternoon of public festivities celebrating the opening of the new Loop Trail in Washington Park Arboretum.

Enjoy a ribbon-cutting, live music, free snacks, food trucks, and fun activities all along the 2-mile loop. See the arboretum foundation website for more information:

<https://www.arboretumfoundation.org/>

Garden Lovers' Book Sale April 6 & 7

You won't want to miss the 13th annual Garden Lovers' Book Sale at the Center for Urban Horticulture. This important benefit for the Elisabeth C. Miller Library funds the purchase of new books and ongoing magazine subscriptions.

Tickets are still available for the evening party on Friday, April 6, from 5 to 8pm, where you can enjoy wine and light refreshments while browsing a fantastic selection of used gardening books. On Saturday, April 7, the sale will be free and open to everyone from 9am to 3pm. Beautiful art will also be for sale from the Pacific Northwest Botanical Artists.

FREE WORKSHOPS AT BELLEVUE DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

Free gardening workshops and clinics hosted by King County Master Gardeners are held at the Bellevue Demonstration Garden, 15500 SE 16th Street, Bellevue, WA. **No registration required.** The workshops are held between 10:30 a.m. and noon.

Workshops in April include the following:

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

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

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

WASHINGTON NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

April 28 Spring Plant Sale, Central Puget Sound Chapter, Hours: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, at **Mercerdale Park**, 77th Ave. and 32nd St., Mercer Island.

For more information see the Central Puget Sound web page: <https://www.wnps.org/cps/index3.htm>

[You might consider working Friday at our sale if you wish to attend this sale.]

EARLY SPRING PLANTING

According to **Marianne Binetti**, April 2, 2018 on Facebook, "Time to plant sweet peas, lettuce, kale, Swiss chard, chives, peas, radish and other cool season crops. Don't even think about planting the seeds of warm season crops such as beans, corn, squash, pepper, tomatoes or eggplants outdoors in the cold soil. You can start tomatoes and other heat lovers inside, this week for transplanting outdoors in 6 to 8 weeks."

EARTH DAY 2018



Earth Day is always celebrated annually on **April 22**. This observance arose from an interest in gathering national support for environmental issues.

In 1970, San Francisco activist John McConnell and Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson separately asked Americans to join in a grassroots demonstration. McConnell chose the spring equinox (March 21, 1970), and Nelson chose April 22.

Millions of people participated, and today, Earth Day continues to be widely celebrated (mostly on April 22). Common Earth Day activities include planting trees, cleaning up litter, or simply enjoying nature through hiking, gardening, or taking a stroll in a local park.

Celebrate Earth Day by enjoying nature.

*While the bright radiant sun in centre
glows,
The earth in annual motion round it goes;
At the same time on its own axis reels,
And gives us change of seasons as it
wheels.*

—The 1793 Old Farmer's Almanac

[This article was taken from the website, **The Old Farmer's Almanac**:
www.almanac.com/content/earth-day-date-activities-history]

April Gardening Tips from McAuliffe's Valley Nursery

Refresh your containers with seasonal color.

Aphids can start to emerge at this time. Neem Oil Spray is safe and effective at keeping their population from growing and damaging your garden.

Fertilize your roses.

There is still time to plan and plant your vegetable garden.. The soil is warming and getting closer to the time when we can plant those heat-loving crops such as tomatoes, zucchini, pumpkins and peppers.

Weeding is essential at this time of year. Get to the weeds before they produce seeds.

Dethatch and aerate your lawn, fertilize and remove to a height of two inches, if needed.

If you haven't done this task yet, there is still time to clean up and cut back deciduous perennials and ornamental grasses to prepare for the new growth.

Prune woody perennials, such as, fuchsias and salvia.

Early spring is a great time to divide perennials. Herbaceous perennials such as daylilies, sedums, and hostas can be easily divided with a spade through the clear divisions in their crown

Turn your compost bin as you introduce new trimmings to the pile.

McAuliffe's recommends "staying on top of slug and snail control with pet

friendly and environmentally friendly Sluggo" [Look for Sluggo Plus.]

Mulch around your plants provides a layer of insulation during the cold winter months and reduces water loss during the heat of summer.

[This appeared on Facebook years ago—2011. It looks to me that the cork has been stuck on the top of a bamboo skewer. At least half of this marker is free, and induces us to drink more wine,]



[This hasn't appeared in Garden Delights that your editor remembers. She thinks it's a great idea for outgrown kids' boots.]



PLANTS DEER DON'T LIKE

Cinquefoil (*Potentilla fruticosa*).

This rock-hardy, native perennial shrub with bright yellow flowers is available in varieties that can reach 4 feet. It is widely used in landscaping and hedges; grow it from division or buy a plant.

Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*).

This hardy perennial grows to about 2½ feet; deer usually dislike the bitter, menthol-like flavor of its foliage. Grow from seed or a start from a neighbor's garden. Deadhead blooms if new seedlings become a nuisance.

Goldenrod (*Solidago* spp.).

Don't confuse these handsome, native perennials with ragweed—goldenrod is nothing to sneeze at! Sends up 3-foot panicles in late summer. Start from seed or plants of selected garden varieties.

Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*).

This fragrant herb forms a lovely perennial shrub up to 5 feet tall in mild climates. In colder areas (Zone 6 or lower), grow it in a container and bring indoors for winter. Choose an upright variety to be sure its scent is at nose level for deer. Prefers a gravelly, somewhat alkaline soil.

Anise hyssop (*Agastache foeniculum*).

A hardy perennial in the mint family, this herb produces dense spikes of fragrant blue blooms on 3- to 4-foot stems. Easily started from seed.

Butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*).

A hardy native in the milkweed family, butterfly weed bears yellow, red and orange blooms adored by butterflies. Grow it from seed or divisions.

Poppy (*Papaver orientale*).

This reseeding annual bears pretty blooms in a myriad of colors and forms, including double. Easy to grow from seed; just scatter throughout the garden.

Barberry (*Berberis vulgaris*).

A hardy perennial shrub with bright berries and sharp spines, barberry is easy to

grow and pretty in hedges of all kinds. It can reach 8 feet or taller, so put this prickly shrub at the back of the garden. Grow it from seed, cuttings or purchased plants.

Baby's-breath (*Gypsophila paniculata*). The airy flowers of this perennial are welcome in any garden or cut flower arrangement. Grows to about 4 feet.

French tarragon (*Artemisia dracunculus* 'Sativa'). Bittersweet leaves complement dressings and poultry. Plant this 2-footall perennial where it will receive some shade in afternoon. In the South, substitute Mexican mint marigold (*Tagetes lucida*), a fall bloomer with similar flavor.

Lavender (*Lavandula* spp.).

Available in an array of species and hybrids, lovely lavender offers mounds of aromatic gray-green leaves topped with delicate flower spikes, 2 to 3 feet tall. English lavender (*L. angustifolia*) and the lavandin hybrids (*L. xintermedia*) are hardiest. Purchase plants at a nursery or start cuttings from a friend's herb garden.

Santolina (*Santolina* spp.).

Both gray- and green-leaf forms of this small shrub are strongly scented. At just 12 to 16 inches, Santolina makes an appealing, evergreen edging. Grow from cuttings, divisions or seed

Basil (*Ocimum basilicum*).

This beloved annual herb, in all its different forms, can be tucked in wherever space allows. Sow seed directly in the garden after danger of frost has passed, or purchase transplants at your local nursery.

Parsley (*Petroselinum crispum*).

Grow this biennial, clump-forming herb as an annual. For landscape interest, the bright green curly-leaf kind works best; flat-leaf Italian parsley has better flavor. Start from seed or buy young plants.

[This was taken from the April, 2009, Garden Delights. I think it still seems useful.]

National Dandelion Day — April 5



Any plant as versatile and durable as the dandelion, certainly deserves a special day set aside to honor it. We all know of dandelions as weeds in lawns. To kids, the dandelion is a flower to gather and bring home to mom.

The ecologists definition of “weed” is a pioneer species, one adapted to growing on disturbed ground. As such, native “weeds” are an essential part of ecological succession. It’s only the invasives that shove out natives that are a problem, and if they’re edible, we can enjoy eating them. Dandelions are oh so much more than just a weed. Dandelion leaves and flowers are edible, and are savored in soups and salads. Dandelions are rich in vitamins A, B, C, and D. Dandelions are used in making wine and for tea, too. Native Americans used them for medicinal purposes.

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**April meeting:
Petite Design**