



# GARDEN DELIGHTS

## ISSAQUAH GARDEN CLUB

*"If you have a garden and a library,  
you have everything you need."*

*Cicero, Roman statesman, lawyer,  
scholar, orator and writer*

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### May Meeting

May 9, 2018, 10:00 A.M.

**"Welcome to Our World "**

An NGC Petite Small-Standard Flower Show



Get ready to enjoy delights of a doll house to explore and fairies galore at our flower show on May 9.

Each of you is needed to make our show fun and educational. It will only be a celebration if everyone prepares in advance by **reading the flower show schedule**. We hope everyone will find a tiny botanical treasure in your garden, learn its name, fill out a horticulture entry card and share it by entering. Designs must be signed up for in advance. The delightful, creative design plant materials will also all have small cards prepared in advance by the exhibitor that include the names of the materials used. Inspiration and appreciation of art comes from developing the act of **seeing**. Learn to translate what you conceive in your mind's eye into a design. Interpretation of a flower arrangement theme while following standards of design may be charming, stark, exciting, dramatic or soothing.

It will take a team effort to arrive at 9:30 to set up staging, prepare coffee, enter horticulture, lay out designs and sales tables, greet guests and participate in business and the installation of our elected officers. To enter horticulture, turn left at the entrance area. (All exhibits must be entered, checked by Classification and horticulture placed by helpers.) Designs will be placed by the designer in the dining room. Once judging begins in dining room, please confine yourselves to the room off to the right of main entrance or in the kitchen. After judging, we will all



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aloha means hello and goodbye. It may mean love and affection. As I visit Hawaii, the Aloha state, I hear "aloha" everywhere.

Nothing says aloha quite like a flower lei. From the *pua kenikeni*, known as "the perfume tree," comes creamy yellow clusters of fragrant blossoms. The beauty lies in their ability to change colors – from white to yellow to orange – all in a single day. "Pua kenikeni" means "ten cent lei," because in the 1800's, they could be bought for just a dime. Today they are still a great value, and a priceless gesture of aloha.

A warm aloha to all of you.

**Lenda Sundene, President**



(Detail of the *pua kenikeni* tree.)

## PLEASE HELP OUR CLUB!

Please don't forget next Wednesday to bring your plate, cup and utensils from home!

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

## MAY PROGRAM (continued from page one)

meet in the main room to hold a short business meeting, install our officers for 2018-2019, eat our lunch, and view the flower show.

Come prepared with a child-like enthusiasm. Delight in each tiny treasure and think how you can grow, protect our world and create in equal measure.

**Note:** We have rented the hall longer to allow more time to enjoy the flower show. Take time to learn by reading the helpful remarks on the entry cards and socialize with each other. **All horticulture and design exhibits are to stay in place until 2:00.** Members will be needed to help dismantle the show. Please make arrangements to stay to help.

**June Ann Hassebroek**

## 2018-19 DUES

Have you submitted your check and "Let's Get Acquainted" form to Joan Fields? If not, please bring these to our May meeting.

## MAY LUNCHEON

Lenda Sundene will be the Hostess for this month. These members will be providing dishes and helping with setup beforehand and cleanup afterwards: **Peggy Abernathy, Debbie DeFilipps, June Ann Hassebroek, Lori Lederman, Sandra Roberts, and Gloria Woo.**

## 2018 PLANT/GARAGE/BAKE SALE

In spite of mostly miserable weather on Friday and Saturday, our sale was a big success! According to our Treasurer, Joan Fields, we grossed a whopping \$2768.25!

Here's a breakdown:

our plants made	\$1568;
the Garage sale	\$1032;
our Baked Goods	\$168.25.

Ample members potted, labelled, and priced the plants on Wednesday, and members and some spouses transported plants Thursday, while others set up the tables and awnings and placed the plants and their information cards. Some members arrived early Friday to prepare for the sale and others arrived later to help advise prospective customers and sell plants. Saturday was a repeat, with business closing somewhat earlier when the weather deterred customers. The awnings, tables, and signs were taken down, the plants and accessories removed and transported to the Mueller driveway, and remaining garage sale items dealt with,

We are again indebted to Joanne and Ken Morgan for allowing us to use their property and providing us with coffee and the use of their "facility."



## WSFGC CONVENTION "TAHOMA SUNRISE"

This is a reminder that the Washington State Federation of Garden Club's Convention will be held on June 4, 5, and 6 in Tacoma WA with state meetings also taking place.

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.]

## VOTE ON THE DISPOSITION OF HEADQUARTERS HOUSE

**On June 5, a vote will be taken on the disposition of Headquarters House during the morning session of the WSFGC annual meeting at the Convention. Question put to vote: "Should WSFGC sell Headquarter House?"**

According to the WSFGC Bylaws, "The WSFGC Board of Directors and Presidents of Clubs or their alternates shall be voting delegates and conduct the business of WSFGC at the Annual Meeting."... "The Headquarters House" issue will have a ballot vote. Board members and club representatives will be required to register with Credentials to receive their ballot.

The question will be on the agenda as a "Special Order" during the first business session of the convention. After a reasonable period of debate [regulated by the Convention Rules], the vote will be called. Pages will collect the sealed ballots. The ballots will be counted by Tellers and the results announced later in the meeting. [See page four ]

## MORE ON HEADQUARTERS HOUSE

During our meeting on May 9, our Vice-President, Debbie De-Filipps, will discuss the vote to be taken June 5 whether to sell Headquarters House.

There are strong feelings about the House, as noted by Marianne Wilkins, Garden House Trustee and former Chairman of ELWD. See her article on page 14 of the 2018 Winter issue of Washington Garden and Design.

There is another point of view by our WSFGC President, Joyce Lounsberry, on page 14 of the Spring issue of Washington Garden and Design.

If you have a chance, please review both these articles before our meeting.

## Bellevue Botanical Garden Society

### May Education Opportunities

**CLASS: Structural Pruning for Young Trees, Christina Pfeiffer, Thursday, May 3, 6:30:-8:30 pm, \$35/\$25**

The old adage "nip it in the bud" couldn't be more true when it comes to establishing new trees in the landscape. Many of the challenges and structural failures that occur on older trees may be prevented with proper pruning while trees are young. Christina Pfeiffer will provide expert instruction on pruning young trees, which is an investment in their future health, structure, and beauty.

**CLASS: Carnivorous Plants: What's the Big Deal?! Scott Vergara, Saturday, May 12, 10 am-12 pm, \$35/\$25**

What's not to love about a plant that eats fruit flies, yellow jackets, and more! Through a PowerPoint presentation and living flesh eating examples, Scott Vergara will examine the amazing adaptation of carnivory in plants, their appropriate care and feeding, how to create suitable environments for successful cultivation and enjoyment outdoors, and dis-

cuss which are suitable as year-round houseplants.

**CLASS: Kids in the Garden: A Science Discovery Program for Preschoolers May 15-June 5, Tuesdays, 10-11:30 am, \$100/\$75** Is your 3-5 year-old child interested in things that grow, fly or crawl? Designed especially for preschoolers, our 4-week program will teach kids about the many parts of a garden, from birds to bugs and lots in between. Classes are taught by an experienced preschool science teacher. The curriculum is based on "Growing Wild" and is part of "Project Learning Tree," a nationally recognized science program. Weekly topics: May 15: Super Soils; May 22: Surprising Seeds; May 29: Beneficial Bees; June 5: Beautiful Birds.

**LECTURE: The World of Rock Gardening | Joseph Tychonievich, Wednesday, May 16, 7:00pm, \$15/\$5**

Joseph Tychonievich, a much in-demand



Michigan-based horticulturist in his 30's, has already published two books: *Plant Breeding For the Home Gardener*, and *Rock Gardening: Reimagining a Classic Style*. He also writes for various gardening magazines and is a frequent guest

on radio and in podcasts. Join us for his fascinating lecture, "The World of Rock Gardening."

**CLASS: Mindfulness in the Garden: Creating Calm Within, Deborah Wilk, LMFT and Jessica Volpentesta, MHC, Thursday, May 31, 10:30 am-12 pm, \$35/\$25**

Immerse yourself in the colors, smells and sounds of one of the most vibrant seasons in the Garden, as you let the stress and demands





## BBGS May Education Opportunities

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of daily life melt away and experience the healing powers of nature. Integrating elements of mindfulness meditation, brain science, and Shinrin Yoku (Japanese Forest Bathing), Deborah and Jessica will teach you a variety of skills for calming your mind and restoring your body and spirit.

**CLASS: Sassy or Classy: Container Gardening to Suit Your Style, Karen Chapman, Thursday, May 31, 6:30-8:30 pm, \$35/\$25**

Container gardening is ideal for those with little or no garden space, or those with limited time or ability to tend to a large garden. When it comes to color schemes for container gardens, the only limitation is your imagination! Join Karen Chapman and learn how to add the bold, sassy factor, or create a chic, elegant look to your container gardens, in this fun and informative presentation and planting demonstration.



For more information about these classes and to sign up, go to <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>



## Upcoming Bellevue Botanical Garden Society Events

### Garden Tours

**Each Saturday and Sunday, April through October.**

**Tours begins at the Shorts House at 12:00 pm, and reservations are not required. Tours are free, although donations are encouraged.**

You can also arrange for a free guided tour of the Bellevue Botanical Garden, April-October, for your group. Minimum of two weeks' notice required. This is wonderful for any group and a great way to entertain out-of-town guests. For more information please see : <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/tours.html>

### Mother's Day at the Garden

**Sunday, May 13, 2018  
10 am-4 pm FREE**

Celebrate this special day with your favorite Mom by bringing her to the beautiful Bellevue Botanical Garden!

Live music, posy-making for Mom, ballroom dancing demonstration, Plein Air artists, refreshments at Copper Kettle Coffee Bar, shopping at the Trillium Store.

Special Thanks to:



## PROPAGATION CLASS

[Last Fall, I attended a class on plant propagation at Bellevue Botanical Garden given by Gordon Polson, It was excellent, giving time for hands-on practice and many questions.]

Mr. Polson has let me know that he will be giving a class on propagation at **The Grange, on May 12, at 1 pm.** He notes that since last year, the room used by non-profit organization has “proved to be so successful that they have extended it's area by about 50%.”

This class will be well worth your time, especially if you'd like to try growing some plants for next-years' IGC plant sale. I wouldn't miss it unless there were a dire emergency

## ISSAQUAH HISTORY MUSEUMS

### Trolley Opening Weekend and Hands-on History Day

Saturday, May 12th, 10 AM at the Issaquah Depot

“The Issaquah Valley Trolley (IVT) begins another season! Come join us for the kick-off day of trolley rides, then pop over to the Freight Room at the Issaquah Depot to plant seeds. We invite you to drop in with your children for a hands-on exploration of one of the most eagerly awaited activities of springs past: gardening. Kids and volunteers will talk about where our food comes from and where most peoples' food comes from 100 years ago. Did your favorite food exist back then? Could you have grown part of it in your yard? Kids will plant sunflower seeds and take them home to grow into a plant. Parents and

guardians are welcome to participate while drinking a cup of coffee or tea.”

These activities are free with admission to the IHM (\$5 per person, kids under 3 free



## WASHINGTON NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

**June Program: Birds in our Midst: Creating Gardens Filled With Life**  
Julie O'Donald. Tuesday, June 12, 7:00 pm, Bellevue Botanical Garden

Backyard Wildlife Habitat Steward and Master Gardener, Julie O'Donald will give an overview of the elements that create beautiful gardens for birds and people, emphasizing best native plants for birds and design features that create habitat. Photos of birds with their food plants will show how to bring nature home to any property. Julie's personal certified wildlife habitat contains over 200 species of native plants and attracts birds, butterflies, pollinators and beneficial insects.

Active in educational community outreach, Julie volunteers for the Washington Native Plant Society, the Washington Butterfly Association, Kruckeberg Botanic Garden and the National Wildlife Federation as the team leader for the Briar Wildlife Habitat Project. Julie's garden has been featured in Pacific Horticulture, Bird Watching Magazine, The Butterfly Gardener and Sunset publications.

## May Gardening Tips from McAuliffe's Valley Nursery

Aphids and other damaging insects have returned. We recommend **Neem Oil Spray** which is safe and effective at keeping their population from growing and damaging your garden.

Fertilize your roses and other flowering shrubs and perennials with **Dr. Earth Rose & Flower Fertilizer**, which is uniquely formulated to encourage lush foliage and bountiful blooms.

**Plant your vegetable garden** with seeds or starts. The soil is warm so we can plant those heat loving crops, such as tomatoes, zucchini, pumpkins and peppers.

**Weeding:** Get to the weeds before they produce seeds.

**Check your irrigation system** to ensure it is in good working condition.

**Apply** Hydrangea Bluing Formula now for bluer blossoms later.

**Prune early blooming shrubs** such as forsythia, quince and pieris.

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.

We recommend staying on top of **slug and snail control** with pet friendly and environmentally friendly "Sluggo."

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

## Bellevue Demonstration Garden Spring Plant Sale



**June 12, 2018, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**NEW LOCATION**

NOTE: Due to construction at the Demonstration Garden, this year's sale will be at Big Picture School, 14844 SE 22nd St., Bellevue.

Advertised as "THE place to get your veggie and herb starts! Huge selection of edible and ornamental plants, gift planters, garden accessories, and more. **Small garden tool sharpening service available.**"

Cash, Checks,  
Credit Cards  
Accepted

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### **REUSING LAST YEAR'S POTTING SOIL**

In the spring, break apart the clumps of potting mix—not that from tomatoes, though—and add fresh potting mix at a ratio of 50% old to 50% news, and stir together. (Since time release fertilizer doesn't work below 75 degrees, you might wish to water this mix in with liquid fertilizer.) You could also add 25 % compost to 75% old potting mix, with a couple of handfuls of organic additive like fish meal or worm castings. Don't just pour new mix over the top of old mix. Plant roots will struggle to spread out into hard, dry compacted old potting mix underneath the new. Be sure to mix it all thoroughly so the textures are evened out. Then pot your containers or hanging baskets as usual.

## DYNAMIC DAINTY DIMENSIONS

Fascinating miniatures are part of our history

Creating them need not be a mystery

Tiny perfection can be found as a treasure

Individual enjoyment is the important  
measure

Design with a feeling of happiness

Freewheeling fun reflected in playfulness

Appreciate both dry and fresh flowers

Learn combinations that radiate their powers

Believe that you can learn to be artistic

Your designs will evolve from traditional  
to futuristic

Show off the depth of your wits

Think of new ways to combine tiny bits

Mini decorations add interest where we live

Take along when travelling as they are great  
to give

Get ready to join the excitement of a flower  
show

Bring entries to share that teach what you  
know

Explore what is new in the annals of style

Meeting the challenge will bring out a smile

Tiny replicas are such a fascination

Search everywhere in rapt anticipation

**June Ann Hassebroek**

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**May meeting:  
Flower Show**