



GARDEN DELIGHTS

ISSAQUAH GARDEN CLUB

"Gardening is an active participation in the deepest mysteries of the universe."

Thomas Berry, C.P., Ph.D., 1914-2009

September Meeting

September 12, 2018, 10:00 A.M.

Our Garden Club Executive Board has been notified that Tibbetts Creek Manor is unavailable to us for the months of September and October. Our Officers have found a different place for us to meet: **the Issaquah Train Depot Museum**, between City Hall and the Issaquah Senior Center, approximately one block off of Front Street. The address for this facility is given variously as at 50 Rainier Avenue North or at 78 First Avenue NE. There are entrances to parking on both Front Street and Sunset Way. You might also consider parking at the King County Library Building, though this may be more of a walk than you'd like.

The room in which we'll meet, originally the baggage room of the Depot, provides adequate, though somewhat rustic, space, with a tiny kitchen and other necessary facilities. Our business meeting, program and lunch will all be held in this room. There will be a hospitality table right outside the entrance to the room.

"The love of gardening is a seed that once sown never dies."

—Gertrude Jekyll

Following our business meeting, our program will be presented by **Barbara Reisinger**, who states that "my love of gardening was a seed sown by my Oma into my heart at a very early age. While an ideal degree for me would have been horticulture, I came to that realization after I was beyond tests, hours of studying, and writing for my English degree. However, persistent learning must be in my bones as much as gardening, as I have spent many an enjoyable hour in various classes

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall is almost here. The days are getting shorter and cooler. It's back to school and back to Garden Club time!

September always has me thinking about the Puyallup Fair and Harvest time. This year we will have a special treat at the September 24th ELWD General Meeting. ELAWAG Design Club is hosting an NGC Horticulture Specialty Flower Show, which means all Horticulture and no Design classes. There will be a Fairy Garden class however as well as Photography. After a hot, dry summer, I have red tomatoes and flowers in my garden I hope to enter. Visit the ELWD website and check out the schedule for "Autumn Joy".

Due to the City of Issaquah refinishing the floors at the Community Center, Tibbetts is not available to us for our September and October meetings. I hope everyone will find us at our temporary meeting location, the Issaquah Historic Depot Museum, 78 1st Ave N., Issaquah. We need to do all the set-up and take-down ourselves, so the more people who come early at 9:30 the better. I think the rustic and cozy location will be a fun way to start the year.

See you soon!
Debbie DeFilipps

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provided by multitudes of gardening organizations, including garden club, absorbing the vast and never-ending information that abounds on the topic of gardening.

"I am a Master Gardener Diagnostician that spends my extra time getting into all sorts of trouble with my three Basenjis and seeking adventure around the world."

Ms. Reisinger will speak to us about renovating the older garden, a problem that many of us face, and from which all of us can learn.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET!

Please help Issaquah Garden Club by remembering next Wednesday to bring your plate, cup and utensils from home!

Stocking these is an expense the club would love to avoid.

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



OUR DISTRICT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SEPTEMBER 24

The East Lake Washington District will hold the first General Membership Meeting of the 2018-2019 year on **September 24, 2018** at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Eastgate (Bellevue).

The highlight of this meeting will be the horticulture flower show, "**Autumn Joy**," hosted by the ELAWAG Design Guild. This is an NGC Horticulture Specialty Show, meaning it will include only horticulture, no designs. The show schedule on the ELWD website, elwd.org/flower-shows.aspx, reflects the variety of categories, most of which did not have to be pre-registered by August 10. Entry tags are also found at this ELWD website.

In addition to the horticultural flower show, there will be two speakers, one on design and one on horticulture. The design speaker, **Linda Maida**, is a favorite designer of many garden clubs. (She was the chosen designer at the last Washington State Convention.) Ms. Maida was twice past Director of Hill and Dale district, many times past president of her garden club, and a flower show judge. She will speak on "Mechanics" [of Design], presenting a handout reflecting the designers' toolbox, which includes "everything you should have handy when putting a design together, and what you need in your toolbox for the show to take the stress out of entering." She states that she loves "design, especially thinking outside the box."

The horticulture speaker, **Patrick Spence**, was speaker for IGC's meeting last November. Patrick and his wife own **Cascadia Iris Gardens**, a commercial nursery featuring the genus iris. Their

stated goal is "to showcase how you can use iris to achieve year 'round bloom in your garden."

Patrick is currently President of the King County Iris Society, the Society for Japanese Iris, and the Society for Siberian Iris. Margaret Spence is a director for the King County Iris Society and Editor of The Review, the twice-yearly publication for the Society for Japanese Iris. Both are accredited judges through the American Iris Society.

Patrick Spence has indicated that he will take orders for delivery of irises at the September 24 meeting. Attached to this newsletter are both the order form for irises and a spreadsheet of irises available. To order for delivery at the GMM meeting, you **must** Email the form to Patrick Spence directly, at :

Patrick@CascadiaIrisGardens.com

in advance and then pick up and pay for your order on the day of the meeting. In ordering, you should note that you belong to ELWD and indicate September 24 for delivery. Patrick will fill orders according to availability.

The Avant Design Guild will provide the food table design. West Sammamish Garden Club will prepare and serve the luncheon. Table centerpieces and two raffle items have yet to be determined. On September 12, IGC will provide a sign-up sheet for the ELWD meeting. If you miss this, you can Email **Jean Hurt**, who is accepting luncheon reservations. Contact her by e-mail at:

bajhjean@comcast.net or by phone at 425-392-5024. The cost of the meeting, including two programs and luncheon, is \$10. The deadline for reservations is Sept. 20.



IGC Summer Garden Tours

Due to planning by our new Vice-President, Georgann Lennon, three tours were planned for the summer. Our members were able to tour **Paradise Lake Nursery, Kubota Garden, and the Ed Hume Educational Gardens.**

July 31: Paradise Lake Nursery

This is a small, local, specialty grower and retail nursery in Maltby, owned by Scott Pringle, a Certified Professional Horticulturist (CPH) with a degree in Environmental Horticulture and over 40 years of experience working with plants. This one-man operation, is primarily a wholesale nursery, open to the public on Friday and Saturdays during the gardening season and by appointment at any time. The plants in this nursery were all grown there. In addition to a staggering amount of different hydrangeas, there is a variety of other interesting plants. Mr. Pringle spent a good deal of time, walking us through his growing bed and telling us about the hydrangeas. He also allowed us to purchase plants, at very reasonable prices

<https://paradiselakenursery.net/>



Following the tour, we met at Maltby Café for a delicious lunch.



August 9: Kubota Garden is a twenty-acre property, owned by the City of Seattle and maintained by volunteers and is free to the public..

“Six garden club members and several spouses had a docent-led tour of this lovely garden. It has been at this location for many years and is still in the care of the founders family members but the main gardener has been at Kubota for thirty years! Much of the garden is designed to represent many aspects of the Japanese culture, has over 200 varieties of Japanese maples and native Pacific Northwest trees and shrubs. Our tour guides were very knowledgeable. I would recommend this tour.” — Georgann Lennon



Summer Tours, continued



Kubota Garden Foundation Fabulous Plant Sale

**Saturday, September 8,
2018 9AM – 1PM**

“Just in time for planting season, come find the specimen Japanese maple, dwarf conifer or fall color for your garden at the Foundation’s annual fall plant sale. We have experts on site for consultation, and energetic assistance to help carry your haul. Come early for the best selection!”

August 16 and September 4: Ed Hume Garden

The Puyallup headquarters of Ed Hume’s seed business is also home to **Ed Hume’s Educational Garden**, designed by Ed and his staff. The beautiful creation is comprised of fourteen specialty gardens. Mr. Hume, himself guides visitors through his gardens, including a topiary garden, the “Plant a Row for the Hungry” Garden, from which vegetables are donated to food

banks, a garden for the visually-impaired, the Carnivorous Plant Garden, and the Puzzle Garden. (Ask someone who toured about the “Palm Tree”, or the foxglove.)



Debbie DeFilipps wrote: [After the tour,] “we also saw a demonstration of how they package “Ed Hume” seeds, and then ended our tour with juice and cookies and were able to buy an autographed “Gardening with Ed Hume” book.

“It was well worth the drive to Puyallup to see our local internationally known garden expert.”



“Olaf,” the Ed Hume Garden Mascot

MASTER GARDENERS' CLASSES

Demonstration Garden, Bellevue

Sept 15: Seed Starting and Saving,
by Colleen Donahue, M. G.

Would you like to start your garden from seeds next year? Even better would you like to use the seeds you saved from your garden this summer. Join Colleen at this workshop as she takes you through the steps of seed saving and gives you hints on what seeds to save.

Sept 29: Plant Propagation by Gordon Polson, M.G.

I've attended a class on plant propagation given by Gordon Polson at Bellevue Botanical Garden. It was excellent, 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.

Oct 6: Rain Garden and Storm Water Run-off, by Lisa Haglund, King County Rain Garden Manager

Oct 13: English Design in the Garden, by Allison Johnson

Bellevue Lake Hills Greenbelt Urban Demonstration Garden is located at 15500 SE 16th Street. The easiest way to get there is from Eastgate, 158th Avenue SE to 16th street S.E., where you'd turn left. The garden is immediately on your left.



BELLEVUE BOTANICAL GARDEN

September Education Events

CLASS: Mindfulness in the Garden: Deepening Your Awareness | Friday, September 14
class filled.

CLASS: Top Ten: Fabulous Foliage for Autumn | George Lasch | Saturday, September 15 | 10am-12pm | \$35/\$25

This walk and talk will focus on the top 10 trees that reliably show off in the October drizzle before shedding. We'll also cover how and why foliage changes and best ways to maximize the show.

Register here:

<https://65203.blackbaudhosting.com/65203/Top-Ten-Fabulous-Foliage-for-Autumn>

LECTURE: Entertaining: White House Style | Laura Dowling | Wednesday, September 19, 7pm \$15/\$5

Laura Dowling, Chief Floral Designer at the White House, 2009-2015, will present a slide show of White House events and a PowerPoint presentation about stylish entertaining at home.

Register here:

<https://bellevuebotanical.org/event/entertaining-white-house-style/>

Gardening in Tough Spots

Christina Pfeiffer | Thursday, September 27 | 6:30-8:30pm \$35/\$25

Every garden seems to have a spot where it is more difficult to keep plants thriving. This class offers practical tips on how to turn those spots around and determining best plant choices. Common garden challenges including soil conditions, light levels, too much or too little moisture, root competition, slopes, and tight spaces will be covered.

Register here:

<https://bellevuebotanical.org/event/gardening-in-tough-spots/>

Hardy Fern Foundation Plant Sale
September 8, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Please visit the Hardy Fern Foundation website for more information: **<https://hardyferns.org/events/>**

ADVANCED NOTICE BBG WORK DAY

June Ann Hassebroek, our ELWD liaison with Bellevue Botanical Garden, has asked that we publicize the work day in the BBG Discovery Garden on October 12, from 10 A.M. to 12 noon. ELWD will be working along with the Native Plant Society.

According to the BBG Director, "We will focus on fall clean up and wattle fencing. We're asking people to bring long pruned branches (about ½" diameter) if they have them to help build the wattle."

September Gardening Tips from McAuliffe's Valley Nursery

Water: Don't let up on irrigating your landscaping, it's depending on you.

Plant your fall crops. Lettuce, kale, Swiss chard and root crops, such as, beets and carrots, can all be grown in our mild fall weather.

Aphids and other damaging insects can be controlled with **Neem Oil Spray** which is safe and effective at keeping their population from growing and damaging your garden.

Harvest summer crops like tomatoes, zucchini and squash. Collect the ripening tree fruit. Apples, plums and pears can be eaten fresh, shared, or preserved. Enjoy your bounty.

Harvest fresh herbs and dry to preserve for future use.

Fall is a great time to plant trees and shrubs. The cool, moist weather is ideal for getting them off to a great start.

Divide perennials. This is a great time to divide spring and early summer perennials to relocate or share.

Plant spring flowering bulbs, such as, tulips, daffodils, crocus and alliums.

Weeding: Get to the weeds before they produce seeds.

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

We recommend staying on top of **slug and snail control** with a pet friendly and environmentally safe chemical.

Lawn Care: This is a great time to re-seed or patch your lawn.

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

[Here are another suggestion, from my cousin's garden club in Santa Cruz County, CA.]

The latter part of September is the best time of the year for planting landscape plants—trees, shrubs and ground covers—so that they can develop sturdy root systems over the winter. Some of them may have been protected in nurseries—you can use cardboard boxes or old umbrellas to provide temporary shelter.

PLANT SALES, THIS MONTH

Now that the weather is cooler, those of us who wish to plant new trees, shrubs, and perennials, (and maybe a few annuals, such as seasonal grasses), have a better chance to having them survive.

I was surprised, although perhaps I shouldn't have been, by the number of sales being held this month. The following list, taken from that of the Elisabeth C. Miller Library—always a good source. For more information on these sales, go to <https://depts.washington.edu/hortlib/events/garden-tours-plant-sales/>

Friday, September 7

9:00am

Northwest Horticultural Society Annual Fall Plant Sale

When: Fri, September 7, 9am – 3pm

Where: 3501 NE 41st St, Seattle, WA 98195

Description: The best wholesale & specialty growers in the Puget Sound region will offer many choice plants for sale. Benefits the Elisabeth C. Miller Library NHS Education Program. More information: www.northwesthort.org, info@northwesthort.org or 206-780-8172. Sale held at the Center for Urban Horticulture.

Saturday, September 8

9:00am

The Odd Plant Show and Sale (TOPPS)

When: Sat, September 8, 9am – 6pm

Where: 18528 Aurora Ave N, Shoreline, WA

Description: Great display of unusual specimens for outdoors and in—many unique varieties for sale—and experts available to answer your questions about these prickly prizes. More information: www.skynursery.com, www.cascadecss.org, sky@skynursery.com or 206-546-4851. **Held at Sky Nursery.**

9:00am

Hardy Fern Foundation Plant Sale

When: Sat., September 8, 9am – 3pm

Where: 12001 Main St, Bellevue, WA ([map](#))

Description: No admission to the garden or event. Extensive selection of ferns & companion plants, brought together by HFF & participating vendors. Knowledgeable folks on hand to lead you to the right fern or companion plant. More information: www.hardyferns.org, hff@rhodygarden.org or 253-838-4646, x 111. **Held at Bellevue Botanical Garden Education Center.**

9:00am

Kubota Garden Fall Plant Sale

When: Sat, September 8, 9am – 1pm

Where: 9817 55th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98118

Description: Unique plant varieties, including dwarf conifers, shrubs & groundcovers at bargain prices, similar to those found in Kubota Garden & suitable for any size garden. Experts on site. Sale held at **Kubota Garden.**

10:00am

Friends of the Conservatory Fall Plant Sale

When: Sat, September 8, 10am – 3pm

Where: 1400 E Galer St, Seattle, WA 98112 ([map](#))

Description: FOC members may start shopping at 9 AM. Selling a wide variety of orchids, cacti, carnivorous plants, tropical plants & much more. Bring your plant questions to ask our experts. **Held on the lawn across from the Conservatory in Volunteer Park.**

PLANT SALE, continued

Saturday, September 8, continued

10:00am

Northwest Fuchsia Society Show & Plant Sale

When: Sat, September 8, 10am – 3pm

Where: 16009 60th St E, Sumner, WA ([map](#))

Description: Diverse selection of fuchsias for sale. Fuchsia experts on hand to answer your questions & to help you select a hardy/perennial fuchsia for your garden, container or basket. **Held at Windmill Gardens.**

10:00am

FallAbundance Plant Sale

When: Sat, September 8, 10am – 2pm

Where: 2300 Arboretum Dr E, Seattle, WA 98112 ([map](#))

Description: Great selection of trees, shrubs & perennials, plus many unusual species & varieties. Free parking & admission. All proceeds benefit Washington Park Arboretum. All plants at the Pat Calvert Greenhouse will be 25% off during our sale. **Held at Graham Visitors Center, Washington Park**

Saturday, September 15

The Odd Plant Show and Sale (TOPPS)

10:00am

King County Iris Society Beardless Iris Sale

When: Sat, September 15, 10am – 4pm

Where: 8300 NE 24th St, Medina, WA ([map](#))

Description: Pacific Coast, Japanese, Siberian, Louisiana & Spuria, along with a strong selection of species irises for sale. Many varieties, including unusual, hard to find & newer introductions at hard to be believed prices. Shop early for best selections. More information: www.kcis.org. **Sale held at Wells-Medina Nursery.**

10:00am

Seattle Audubon 22nd Annual Fall Plant Sale

When: Sat, September 15, 10am – 4pm

Where: 8050 35th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115 ([map](#))

Description: Many natives & wildlife-friendly plants for sale from popular local growers & nurseries. This year featuring bulbs & seeds, as well as a giant used book sale. **Sale held at the Seattle Audubon Nature Shop.**

10:00am

Heronswood Fall Plant Sale & Garden Open

When: Sat, September 15, 10am – 3pm

Where: 7530 NE 288th St, Kingston, WA 98346 ([map](#))

Description: Free for plant sale & lectures, \$10/adults & \$5/ages 7-17 for garden tour. Featuring a wide selection of plants from many outstanding area nurseries. Guest speakers Bob Zimmerman at 11 AM & Dan Hinkley at 1 PM. The garden is open until 2:30 p.m. for you to self-tour, with docents throughout the garden to answer your questions. Held at Heronswood Garden. Parking is in the garden, not on NE 288th St.

Friday, September 21

11:00am

Sammamish Valley Fall Harvest Celebration

When: Fri, September 21, 11am – 4pm

Where: Sammamish Valley, WA

Description: Farm tours, sample freshly pressed cider, farm demonstrations, learn about local farms, food, & much more at various locations. Each location will have its own schedule of events.

PLANT SALE, continued

Saturday, September 22

9:00am

King County Master Gardeners Sale & Speakers

When: Sat, September 22, 9am – 5pm

Where: 12001 Main St, Bellevue, WA 98005 ([map](#))

Description: Free. "Cool Plants and Hot Topics". Plants from Master Gardeners & local specialty nurseries for sale. Speaker sessions require registration. See website for advance registration & opportunity to order a box lunch. Speakers are Christina Pfeiffer & Bill Thorness. Also, tool sharpening, information booth & more. . **Held at Bellevue Botanical Garden.**

10:00am

Central Puget Sound Chapter of WA Native Plant Society Fall Native Plant Sale

When: Sat, September 22, 10am – 2pm

Where: 13701 NE 171 St, Woodinville, WA ([map](#))

Description: Get a head start on your fall planting with bulbs & seeds ideal for gardens in western Washington. List of the species of bulbs & seeds for sale on the website. . **Sale held at 21 Acres during the Sammamish Valley Fall Harvest Festival.**

10:00am

Eastside Audubon Native Plant Sale

When: Sat, September 22, 10am – 2pm

Where: 13701 NE 171 St, Woodinville, WA ([map](#))

Description: Get a head start on your fall planting with plants ideal for gardens in western Washington. **Sale held at 21 Acres during the Sammamish Valley Fall Harvest Festival.**

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**Sept. meeting:
Location change!**