



GARDEN DELIGHTS

ISSAQUAH GARDEN CLUB

"How many lessons of faith and beauty we should lose, if there were no winter in our year!"
Thomas Wentworth Higginson, 1823-1911,
an American Unitarian minister, author, abolitionist and soldier, serving in the Civil War.

December Meeting

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

Tibbetts Creek Manor

Program for December: Celebrating our 90th Anniversary!

Following a short business meeting, we'll begin our anniversary celebration by enjoying short five- or ten-minute talks by various members about the decades of Issaquah Garden Club. These will include reviews of information gleaned from various IGC Yearbooks and newspaper articles our Historians have collected.

Members giving short talks are encouraged to wear clothing reflective of their decade—if any of us have wardrobes that include vintage outfits. Other members are welcome to dress in whatever period clothing they wish. At the very least, we're requested to wear hats—hats and gloves?

We'll enjoy the potluck menu all our members have provided. (This is a long-time tradition, but, as in other recent years, the dishes must have been purchased and be provided with original containers/wrappings.) A very few of our members have already signed up to bring specific dishes, but the remainder of members should follow the alphabetic breakdown for donations, which rotates each of four years: last names **A through D** should bring main dishes; **E through K** should bring salads; **L through M**, morning/coffee treats; and **P through Z**, desserts. (This is a repeat of the breakdown for 2014, in case you're curious.)

At some point in our festivities, we'll again take a picture or two of current IGC members. (See picture taken five years ago on page 8.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Holiday Inspiration

The first Garden Therapy session for the year was the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

I met Karen Bukantz, Joan Harris, Joann Morgan and Shadi Wang at the Issaquah Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. We spent a fun hour making 18 flower arrangements for the Center's dining room and small game room. This is a unique way to bring holiday joy to the residents; it inspired me to make Thanksgiving arrangements at home with some of the leftover flowers and greens.

The next Garden Therapy opportunity will be on Thursday, December 20, at 10 a.m. Bring clippers and greens from your yard and join the holiday fun.

I'm also looking forward to our December meeting when we celebrate 90 years of Issaquah Garden Club!

I will be wearing a hat,

Debbie DeFilipps

Pictures from Plant Therapy, 11/20



HOLIDAY SHOW

Debbie DeFilipps has provided us with pictures she took at the Holiday Show, November 5 and 6.



Hanukah Exhibit Tables



Collector's Showcase Award

HOLIDAY SHOW PICTURES, continued



English Traditional Design, Tricolor Award and Carolyn Ericson Award

GARDEN THERAPY THIS MONTH

Please volunteer to help Shadi Wang and Joan Harris make Christmas arrangements on Thursday, **December 20**. IGC members will meet at the Issaquah Care Center at 10 A.M., with scissors, pruning shears, gloves, and greens with no stickers or berries.



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!

BELLEVUE BOTANICAL GARDEN

GARDEN d'LIGHTS

November 24 - December 30
4:30-9 p.m. nightly, including
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
\$5 per person | Kids 10 and under are free
\$5 premium parking in our lot, cash only

Tickets are on sale now!"

[You will find all event info on [the website: https://bellevuebotanical.org/garden-dlights/](https://bellevuebotanical.org/garden-dlights/)]



"The NW Flower & Garden Festival is coming up Feb 20-24, 2019 and you can buy your early-bird tickets at the **BBG Trillium Store**! Tickets make a great holiday gift! \$19 adults, \$10 students (13-23), kids 12 and under are free. Purchase tickets during store hours: open nightly during Garden d'Lights, 4:30-9:30 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays, 11 am-4 pm."

[Show booklets have been mailed out, and information, including lectures and gardens, is available on the NW F & G Festival website:

<https://gardenshow.com/>]

DECEMBER GARDENING TIPS

from the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society newsletter, December, 2018.

- If your soil is saturated, do your best not to walk on it or dig in it! Compaction is a very real danger during Pacific Northwest winters.
- Check your storm drains and gutters regularly for blockage.
- Be very careful with watering overwintering containers – it's just as easy to rot them as it is to desiccate them.
- When the weather's nice, take a walk around to explore evergreen leaves, tree bark, berries, and all the subtle beauty that's overshadowed by flowers the rest of the year.
- When it's not nice, cozy up with a seed catalog...or five!

2019 Class and Lectures at BBG

There are several interesting classes and lectures to be given in January and February, listed on the BBG website:

<https://bellevuebotanical.org/classes/?classes>

If you are interested, you might wish to sign up early, to be sure to be able to attend:

Class: "Growing Mushrooms at Home,"

Tristan Wordsmith

Saturday, January 19, 10 am-12 pm

\$25 BBGS and NPA members; \$35 nonmembers

Learn to grow gourmet mushrooms at home, both indoors and outdoors in your yard, garden or woods. Indoor mushroom patches, outdoor mushroom beds,

and log and stump cultivation will all be covered in great detail. Each student will create their own mushroom patch to observe, propagate and expand at home.

LECTURE: "Welcome to Subirdia"

John Marzluff

Wednesday, January 16, 7 pm

\$5 BBGS members/\$15 non-members

John Marzluff is a nationally known Professor of Wildlife Science at the University of Washington, and an expert in Ornithology. Part of the joy of gardening is observing and listening to our feathered friends. In his latest book, *Welcome to Subirdia: Sharing our Neighborhoods with Wrens, Robins, Woodpeckers, and Other Wildlife*, Dr. Marzluff reveals that our suburbs and city parks are often remarkably rich in bird diversity and play a key role in preventing loss of species in the face of the dramatic human disruptions and impacts. His lecture will provide specific strategies everyone can use to make human environments friendlier for our natural neighbors.

SPECIAL LECTURE:

"The Queen's Gardener"

John Anderson

Sunday, February 24, 1 pm

\$15 BBGS & Heronswood Garden members; \$25 nonmembers

What's it like to garden for the Queen? We are delighted to welcome John Anderson, the Keeper of the Gardens at Windsor Castle and Saville Gardens in England. He is going to create a special lecture for us that focuses on working for the royal family, but also on his experience gardening with plant groups that are popular in the Pacific Northwest.

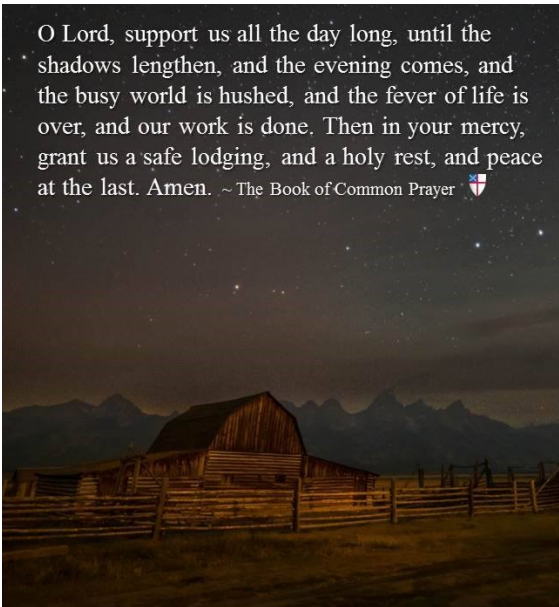
MARIETTA'S GIFT

Upon receiving Loretta Rodni's message that Marietta had passed away, and that in accord with her wishes, her husband, Art, wished our Garden Club to have her plants and garden art, members made plans to go to their home in North Bend to retrieve plants and garden furnishings. This would be no small task, as, one member stated, we wouldn't believe all the things she had.

Volunteers from our club made three trips, with some husbands and trucks, to retrieve these items. Those who went at least once to help included Georgann and Tom Lennon, Joy Jackson and her husband, Ron. Shadi Wang, Loretta Rodni, Jean Pass, and Debbie and Jim DeFilippis. Others had volunteered, but they were not needed.

We sincerely thank Loretta's husband, art, for his generosity, in a time that cannot be easy for him.

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen. ~ The Book of Common Prayer



'SCARLET FIRE' KOUSA DOGWOOD

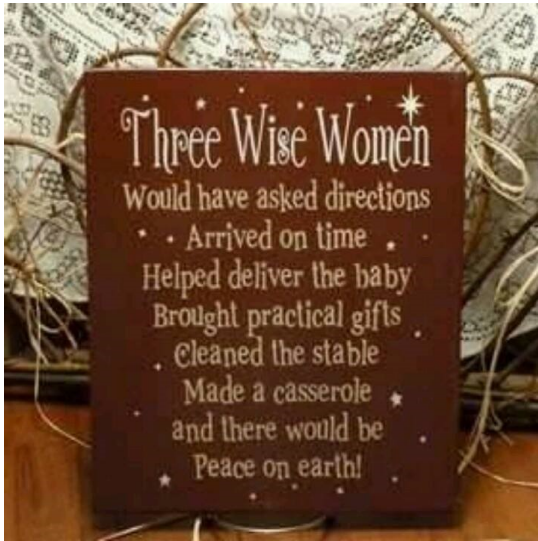
Georgann Lennon alerted your editor to this handsome tree. Kousa dogwoods bloom later than native dogwoods, are more disease resistant, and bear handsome fruit that resemble little red raspberries hanging from the branches. It does well in our zone, and stays below 25 feet tall at maturity. What's not to like?



I found that several nurseries, including Wayside Gardens and Spring Hill Nurseries, offer this tree, which is a new kousa dogwood introduction bred by Thomas Molnar of Rutgers University. "It wasn't until about six years after I started the project this one plant bloomed, and it blew us away," he said with a smile. "It was literally fuchsia pink." (There's an interesting article about it's development at

<https://gardens.everybodysshops.com/scarlet-fire-kousa-dogwood/>)





{The only fact your Editor can give you about this was that it was downloaded in December, 2013.}

WINTER GARDEN IN POETRY

"I heard a bird sing
In the dark of December
A magical thing
And sweet to remember.
'We are nearer to Spring
Than we were in September,'
I heard a bird sing
In the dark of December."

Oliver Herford, *I Heard a Bird Sing*

"Just as a dancer, turning and turning,
may fill the dusty light with the soft swirl
of her flying skirts, our weeping willow ---
now old and broken, creaking in the
breeze ---turns slowly, slowly in the winter
sun,
sweeping the rusty roof of the barn
with the pale blue lacework of her shadow."

Ted Kooser, *Winter Morning Walks*

[Taken from *The Seedling*, newsletter of the
Falls Church Garden Club. December, 2008]



To know someone here or there
with whom there is understanding
in spite of distances or thoughts unexpressed,
that can make of this world
a garden — GOETHE

[From *Into the Garden*, Newsletter of The Gardeners' Club, Santa Cruz County, CA, December, 2016]

The Winter Solstice—the shortest day and longest night of the year—is December 20th. That means there are only 90 days until spring!

**One kind word can warm three
winter months....**

Japanese proverb



Hellebore Heaven

[Taken from the E-newsletter for this December from McAuliffe's Valley Nursery]



Often called the Lenten Rose or Christmas Rose, Hellebores by any name are a jewel in the winter landscape. These evergreen perennials are available in many forms, cultivars and colors.

The leathery foliage found on these stalwart beauties varies from a deep rich green to marbled and variegated patterns. While the flowers have a delicate appearance they are in fact a remarkably hardy perennial that blooms through winter's chill and in a blanket of snow. With some varieties blooming in fall, while others bloom in winter through early spring. These long lasting beauties add color and interest to the landscape during the leanest months. Their form and flower has an understated elegance that make them an excellent choice for woodland gardens, a Northwest theme or a container arrangement. This low maintenance beauty has blossoms that are borne in nodding or outward facing clusters. From fair freckled faced flowers to deep rich near black double blooms. With a range of flower and foliage styles there is sure to be one that will catch your eye and capture your heart. The beautiful flowers and

unique foliage offered by hellebores are also a wonderful addition to cut flower arrangements.

Hellebore Culture & Care

Hellebores delight in a woodland setting, preferring morning sun and afternoon shade. They are star performers in the dappled light found beneath a deciduous tree and thrive in humus rich, well-drained soil with a 6.5 pH. Hellebores benefit from a layer of mulch to keep their roots cool in summer and warm in winter. A slow release organic fertilizer is helpful in fall and spring but it should be avoided in the summer when their growth is slow.

In later winter, the previous years tired foliage can be cleaned up to make way for the newly emerging fresh leaves. Hellebores are deer and rabbit resistant, making them ideal for those difficult places. While they are not troubled by the browsing of deer and rabbit they can be bothered by aphids and thrip. These pests are easily addressed with Neem Oil or Insecticidal Soap Spray.



H. niger 'Jacob'



H. ballardiae
'Cinnamon Snow'



H. x glandorffensis
'Ice N Roses'



H. x hybridus 'Conny'

November 13, 2013 Issaquah Garden Club's 85th Anniversary



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**Dec. meeting:
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