



GARDEN DELIGHTS

ISSAQUAH GARDEN CLUB

*"There are moments when all anxiety and
stated toil are becalmed in the infinite leisure
and response of Nature."*

Henry David Thoreau

January Meeting

January 9, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

Tibbetts Creek Manor

**Program for January: Creative Crafts
and Garden Art, Using Recycled Objects**



Our speaker this month is Brynn Tavasci, who incorporates recycling in association with gardening ideas: using containers as garden art. She states: "At home you will find me in a continuous crafting loop. I enjoy beading, paper mâché, painting, simple mosaics, and all types of fiber arts." She'll inspire us with her program featuring her talent in creative crafts—garden art and containers.

Ms. Tavasci is an emeritus faculty member at Mesa College, and a gardener in Mesa for over thirty years. She is a Master Gardener with a life-long love of flowers.

Ms. Tavasci is a past President of the Washington State Federation of Garden clubs, serving from 2013 to 2015. She is also the state flower show awards chairman and garden crafts chairman, Pacific Region recording secretary and NGC gardening study accrediting chairman for the Central and South Atlantic regions.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Winter Inspiration

Winter is a great time to plan your garden for the spring.

Winter is also a wonderful time take a hike along a river, where I find the moss covered logs and rocks give me ideas for my own garden.

You can also enjoy the snow at Snoqualmie Pass, and be inspired by the beautiful snow-covered evergreens and branches. We are fortunate to live so close to nature.

Now that the holidays are over, I hope you can find time enjoy our winter wonderland and be inspired.

Debbie DeFilipps



South fork, Snoqualmie River, by Debbie DeFilipps

JANUARY LUNCHEON

This month, we'll return to our usual lunch protocol. Our Hostess will be Jean Pass, and her helpers will be Karen Bukantz, Joan Harris, Georgann Lennon, Sandra Roberts, Sheila Thacker, and Shadi Wang.

BRYNN TAVASCI, cont.

She is a master flower show judge and has completed all four of the schools that National Garden Club offers.

Along with her love of flowers, more recently, Ms. Tavasci began to incorporate recycling in association with gardening ideas: using container as garden art. She states: "At home you will find me in a continuous crafting loop. I enjoy beading, paper mâché, painting, simple mosaics, and all types of fiber arts."

She and her husband also enjoy traveling in their trailer with their favorite destination being **Best Friends Animal Sanctuary** in Angel Canyon in Kanab, Utah. "We try to volunteer twice a year spending several days helping with socializing, walking, cleaning and feeding the animals."

This month, Joan Harris will tell us about "Evergreens in Flower Show Horticulture Class."

**For our January meeting,
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!**

CHRISTMAS GARDEN THERAPY

[From Debbie DeFilipps] “Joan Harris, Shadi Wang, Karen Bukantz and I got into the Christmas Spirit on December twentieth when we made centerpieces for the Issaquah Nursing & Rehabilitation Center for Garden Therapy. We were also joined by Karen Bukantz’ daughter, who had a day off from work and came to help. Coffee and Danish Kringle topped off the holiday fun.”



FROM DIANNE TANNER

Sadly we have lost two of our members recently: in October, Marietta Hunziker, and in November, June Willard. We will honor June with a \$100 donation to Bellevue Botanical Garden. At BBG, Bill and June had a great part in starting gardens, maintaining them, and for many years, were fully in charge of the holiday lights.

We will honor Marietta by dedicating to her memory our next plant sale in May. Members have gone to her home to dig many plants from her garden and obtained a huge amount of garden art that we will sell.

IN MEMORIAM



JUNE WILLARD AT
CHRISTMAS MEETING, 2009



June and Bill Willard

[This was written for the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society publication]

“All of us at Bellevue Botanical Garden mourn the passing of June Willard on November 27.

“June and her husband Bill were early leaders and long-time supporters of the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society and worked tirelessly to make the dream of Bellevue Botanical Garden a reality. We are all better for having known her.”

IN MEMORIAM, cont.

From June Willard's obituary:

"... She was a very friendly and outgoing person and especially liked children and pets. She was keenly interested in floral design and gardening. She was active in Issaquah Garden Club for over thirty-eight years as well as Hill n' Dale Garden Club.

She was Past State President of the Washington State Federation of Garden clubs and a National Garden Club Judge Emeritus for flower shows at all levels..."

JANUARY GARDENING TIPS

[Taken from the e-newsletter, "Monthly News from the Garden" of the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society]

- Get a jump on pruning fruit trees while they're still dormant.
- Cut back hardy perennials that sprout exclusively from the ground (like grasses and hellebores) before new growth begins.
- Leave shrubby perennials (like *Fuchsia*) standing, though! Cutting into living tissue risks damage from sudden frosts.
- Make sure your tools are stored in a dry place, and inspect them to see if they need maintenance.
- Keep an eye on your overwintering plants.
- How's your seed sprouting hardware? While it's still too early to

to start seeds, make sure you have enough pots and soil (and room!) and consider trying a new technique for difficult seeds.

January Gardener's Task List

[If you're looking for even more suggestions for things to do this month, here's another take on things to do from McAuliffe's Valley Nursery in Snohomish]

Repurpose your cut Christmas tree into mulch.

Prune out any damaged, diseased or dead wood from your trees and shrubs.

Clean up and sharpen your tools to prepare for the spring gardening season.

Apply horticulture oil spray while your plants are dormant to treat for damaging insects.

Remove snow loads from trees and shrubs to prevent damage.

Consider using frost cloth (plant protecting blanket) to protect your plants when the mercury drops.

Check the trees and shrub that are underneath the eaves of your home, they may need supplemental watering during the winter months.

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.

Plan your vegetable garden and purchase your seeds and supplies to start them indoors.

Dream of your spring garden.

2019 Class and Lectures at Bellevue Botanical Garden

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 A.M. -12 P. M.

**\$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.

WASHINGTON NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Program offered by the Central Puget Sound Chapter of WNPS:

“Butterflies and Garden Habitat,”
by Julie O’Donald, Saturday, January 12, 2019, 1:00 p. m., Sammamish Library, 825 228th Ave. SE, Sammamish.

Meet 18 species of butterflies found in the Puget Sound Lowlands. Learn the best native flowering shrubs and wildflowers for attracting butterflies. Practices that help butterflies survive throughout the year and in all stages of their life cycle will be covered. Be part of the garden connection needed to keep butterflies in our neighborhoods.

Julie O’Donald is a Community Wildlife Habitat Steward and Master Gardener with over 30 years’ experience creating wildlife-friendly gardens. She has focused on the use of native plants integrated with ornamentals to attract butterflies and pollinators. Julie’s garden has been featured in Pacific Horticulture and The Butterfly Gardener magazines and the book, Butterfly Gardening: The North American Butterfly Association Guide, 2018. 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.

Public invited, refreshments offered, and admission is free.



THREE WAYS TO MAKE YOUR WINTER GARDEN BETTER

Just because temps dip and skies turn gray doesn’t mean your garden can’t be loaded with interest. Check out these great ideas for the winter garden! Whether you live where it gets below 0 or where winter just brings jacket weather, the winter months are a time of rest for both the gardener and the garden. But that doesn’t mean the winter garden has to look bad. Put in a little work before temperatures get chilly and you’ll have a great view to enjoy until spring.

Winter is a time when the garden can be dull or look fabulous. The difference is a framework that shows well. Here are three ways to add a beautiful framework to your winter garden.

Install plenty of hardscaping elements

Hardscaping, such as a bench or statue, can be visually breathtaking, especially in the snow. Make sure you have something to enjoy at eye level, like an obelisk or arbor — you’re more likely to see these above any snow that accumulates from a storm or the piles that result from shoveling.



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THREE WAYS..., continued

Make container arrangements

Create a bright, striking combo near the entry. Include red twig dogwood (*Cornus alba*) and evergreens, white paper birch logs and magnolia (*Magnolia* spp.) branches, which make great out-of-the-ordinary fillers. Then add ribbons, ornaments, pine cones and other decor.



Choose plants that show off in winter

Ornamental grasses that hold their seed heads, broadleaf evergreens and conifers all look good throughout winter so you have a nicer view.



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If you've been under a rock and haven't noticed yet, it's time to make your plans to attend America's second largest flower and garden event. This year, the theme will be "the Gardens of the World."

The Northwest Flower & Garden Festival offers spectacular display gardens created by leading landscape and garden design professionals, seminars for beginners to seasoned gardeners [which look exceptional this year], a marketplace with over three hundred exhibitors offering quality garden products, services, art work and more,

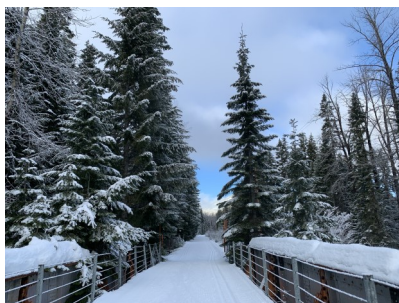
Early Bird tickets are \$19 and will be available at many garden-related venues through February 19. The Garden Festival booklet has been mailed to many and will be available with ticket purchase, as well.

December 12, 2018, Issaquah Garden Club's 90th Anniversary



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Snoqualmie Pass, January
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