



GARDEN DELIGHTS

ISSAQUAH GARDEN CLUB

"In Spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt."

Margaret Atwood, Canadian writer, born in 1939, who has written award-winning poetry, short-stories and novels.

April Meeting

April 10, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

Tibbetts Creek Manor

Program for April: "Maples of Inspiration— The Maples of Kubota Gardens"

Our presenter, Susan Cook, has been a volunteer at Kubota Garden for four years. During this time, she states that she "has been working alongside the gardeners at their weekly work party and guiding public tours of the garden to share the history and remarkable horticulture of the garden."

"I became fascinated by the variety and beauty of the Japanese maples, and decided to create a visual record of them with leaf pressings and photos, to enhance the spreadsheet records for the garden staff, and learn more about the trees for my own enjoyment. The garden has a remarkable collection of over one hundred named cultivars that have been planted by head gardener Don Brooks in the past thirty years, as well as impressive species from the Kubota family planting before that. It is truly a special collection."

On a personal note, Ms. Cook grew in up in San Francisco and moved to Seattle after college, working at the University of Washington as a biochemistry research tech for twenty years. She returned to school to develop her interest in garment construction and then worked at the Eddie Bauer company as a technical designer in men's outerwear. She is now retired and enjoys sewing, gardening and traveling with her husband.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Plant Sale Time!

Spring is here and our annual Plant Sale is just a month away.

The last Wednesday in March, Georgann Lennon, Joan Harris, Joanne Westveer, Cate Mueller and I, had a sunny day at Cate's house to start potting up plants for sale. We also re-potted plants that were left over from last year's sale and dug up some good looking starts growing in Cate's yard.

Back at my house, I have day lilies and hostas that I can dig, spilt and pot up. If I pot them up in the next week, they will have almost a month to grow before the sale. I'm also looking around my house and garage for items to donate to the Garage Sale.

April is going to be a fun and busy month!

See you soon,

Debbie DeFilipps

For our April 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!

OTHER PLANT SALES

Your editor is overwhelmed by the plethora of plant sales available, this month. Thankfully, there is a list of ALL plant sales in the area—including Portland, OR and British Columbia, however—available on the Elisabeth C, Miller Library website: <https://depts.washington.edu/hortlib/events/garden-tours-plant-sales/>

Navigating this list takes a little savvy, but is manageable. One clicks on each post for more information, and changes the date at the top of the list.



A scan of one of Ms. Cook's pressings of maple leaves

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 2019-2020 dues to the April meeting!

Your Treasurer, Gloria Woo, asks that you write checks payable to "Issaquah Garden Club," in the amount of \$25.00.

CLUB EVENTS IN MARCH

On **MARCH 26**, Issaquah Garden Club members met at Cate Mueller's home to refurbish plants held over from the 2018 sale, repotting them as necessary and potting up plants from Cate's garden. Members worked for two or three hours, their efforts resulting in several flats of plants along the Mueller driveway.

Potting parties will be held on succeeding Wednesdays, **April 10**, after the monthly meeting and April 11, if members desire, instead, **April 17**, **April 24**, and **May 1**, when plants will be prepared for transport the next day. Members will make sure each plant is labelled as to variety and sun needs, priced and given a final grooming, as necessary. On May 2, we may need help carrying,

plants to vehicles, and loading and unloading plants at the Morgans'.

Each Wednesday, you are welcome to join the potters at 10 A.M. or later. Please park across Tiger Mountain Road, entering to the left at the "**Tiger Mountain Kennels**" sign and parking on the right in the open area immediately after the sign. If you wish, you might bring a light lunch to share on the back patio facing the stream and waterfall in the Mueller yard.

On **March 29**, members of our club joined others to help dig up and move old plants, and install new plants in the revised Nature Discovery Garden. Present were June Ann Hassebroek, Janet Wall, Georgann Lennon and Cate Mueller. Also present were several active members of East Lake Washington District and the Native Plant Society. Planting parties will be held at Bellevue Botanical garden on successive Fridays. If you couldn't work on Friday, March 29, you may wish to help on April 5 or 12. Meet other volunteers outside at the "Gathering Place," just inside the entrance by 9:45 to sign in. You will want to bring gardening gloves and your trowel—tools will be available, though.

June Ann advises us that, "**Even with all that help [March 29], there are countless more plants that need planting.**" Furthermore, she adds, "It's fun to work with so many enthusiastic folks."

NEW SECURITY FOR ISSAQUAHGAR- DENCLUB.ORG

Our Issaquah Garden Club website is now an “SSL certificate secure website.” You will see a ‘Lock’ symbol instead of ‘not secure’ in front of our club website name in the browser window on your computer or phone.

SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) is the backbone of our secure internet and it protects your sensitive information as it travels across the world’s computer networks. SSL is essential for protecting your website, even if it doesn’t handle sensitive information like credit cards.

In 2017, Google started flagging all websites as “not secure,” unless they had a SSL certificate. Research shows that up to 85% of people will not continue browsing if a site is not secure.

Issaquah Garden Club now joins Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs, Bellevue Botanical Gardens, Pacific Region of National Garden Clubs, Washington Native Plant Society and many other garden related websites that are SSL secured.

Debbie DeFilipps, IGC website

BBGS VINTAGE SALE

The 2019 Vintage Sale will take place on **June 27, 28 and 29** at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. This is the last large-scale Vintage Sale, so if you have items to donate for the sale, now is the time!

The BBG Society are looking for old and new items including mid-century modern, fine quality antiques and collectables, jewelry, and home and garden decor. So, clean out your guest room, garage, or attic and see what you find. BBGS personnel will even come and pick up your donation!

WANT TO DONATE? EMAIL BBGS!

Donations may be dropped off at the Garden office, by prior arrangement. The Society is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, and your donations may be tax-deductible.

Bellevue Botanical Garden Society

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BELLEVUE BOTANICAL
GARDEN
SOCIETY

APRIL CLASSES AND LECTURE

at Bellevue Botanical Garden

There is NO open classes during April; however, there is one lecture which sounds interesting:

Ten Questions to Ask About Your Garden's Design

Offered on April 17 at 7:00 pm – until 8:30 pm. Price: \$5 – \$15

“Drawing on personal experience as well as his work with outstanding gardeners and designers, **Steve Aitken, Editor of *Fine Gardening* magazine**, will present ten questions to ask when considering how to make our own gardens look like the photos of gorgeous gardens that leave us awestruck. While there’s no one-size-fits-all solution to garden design, solving fundamental design issues can greatly enhance a garden’s form.”

Go to the website:

<https://bellevuebotanical.org/lectures>

then click on **Find out more** to reach the page where you might reach ticket sales.



PRUNING SHRUBS

The latest issue of the **Garden Gate Notes**, April 2, 2019, has an informative article about pruning that includes, **“Your handy shrub pruning guide.”** It begins: “Get your pruners ready! Here’s a list of 37 common shrubs that respond well to maintenance pruning. And if you do it on a regular basis — once a year on most shrubs — it’s an easy task. Since there are no drastic cuts, the shrubs fill in again in just a few weeks, too. So think about which of these shrubs you have in your garden — you may have at least one that could be improved by a bit of pruning right now!”

The article continues with an extensive chart of shrubs by name, and specifics that would have taken pages and pages of this newsletter to print.

(This issue of the Garden Gate newsletter even includes a link to a video and written steps to learn how to clean and sharpen pruners quickly and easily.)

Your editor suggests that you go to the **Website: <https://www.gardengate-magazine.com/newsletter/2019/04/02>** and then to **“read full article.”** If you find it interesting, consider signing up to receive future issues of the newsletter, produced by the staff of the magazine, Garden Gate.

(If you don’t know about the magazine, it is produced bi-monthly, and contains NO advertising, but a lot of useful information, good diagrams, interesting pictures and hints from fellow-gardeners.)

Spring Garden Tasks for the Pacific Northwest Gardener

[Taken from the website of McAuliffe's Valley Nursery]

- ◇ Clean up any perennials that show winter wear and tear. Divide your perennials and fertilize your flower beds and lawn.
- ◇ Cut back deciduous ornamental grasses to make room for the new blades to emerge.
- ◇ Put out slug bait such as pet-friendly Sluggo and Sluggo Plus.
- ◇ Late winter to early spring, start tomato and pepper seeds indoors.
- ◇ Pull up the weeds while they are young, before they get a foothold.
- ◇ Spread compost and mulch to help retain moisture, keep weeds down, and to help protect the roots of your plants.
- ◇ Freshen up your front porch pots by tucking in early blooming annuals, perennials, and bulbs. Work in a slow release fertilizer into your containers.
- ◇ Plant seeds, such as, carrots and beets.
- ◇ There is still time to start beans and peas, as well as warm season herbs, like basil.
- ◇ Plant summer blooming bulbs, such as lilies and dahlias.
- ◇ Aerate your lawn. Provide seed, spring fertilizer, and water regularly. Mow your lawn regularly, keeping it approximately 2-2 ½" tall for optimum health.
- ◇ Support your perennials with heavy blooms to keep them from falling.
- ◇ Dead head your annuals and perennials for a longer blooming period.
- ◇ Remove spent blooms from broad-leaved evergreen shrubs, such as rhododendrons. The plant will then put its energy into the foliage and next years' buds, rather than seed production.
- ◇ Aphids can be troublesome in the garden this time of year. Insecticidal soap or Neem Oil spray will keep them at bay.

2019 CLASSES OFFERED BY CASCADE GARDENER

Last month, this newsletter contained classes offered by **Cascade Gardener**. Here is a reminder of April classes:

4/4/19 – Creating Sanctuary in the Garden (Issaquah)

4/4/19 – Stealing Beauty: Great garden ideas from around the world (Kirkland)

4/6/19 – Contain Yourself: Smart ideas for gardening in pots (Bellevue)

4/6/19 – Sustainable Veggie Gardening (Redmond)

You might review these, and register for them. (Since time is short, you might wish to go without registering. In March, one of our members attended a lecture Cascade Gardener offered at Squak Mountain Nursery without registering, with no repercussions.)

THE STUDY OF HORTICULTURE

“Horticulture – what are the three main areas?”

By Jesse Hughes, March 27, 2019

Horticulture involves the use of plants for beauty, comfort and food. It comes from the Latin for garden culture. It's possible to train in horticulture and be an expert in how plants are used, grown and harvested. It's an interesting aspect of modern culture, when you consider how much we rely on plants for pleasure and survival.

...The aim of this article is to give you a brief introduction to the three main areas of horticulture.

Ornamental horticulture

As you might expect, ornamental horticulture is concerned with plants that are grown for their beauty. This can involve the growing of plants both indoors and outdoors. The color green is obviously a regular feature of this type of horticulture which is why it's often referred to as the green industry.

Olericulture

Olericulture is concerned with vegetable crops such as sweet corn and potatoes. It's not just concerned with the growing of these vegetables. Every aspect of the growing and selling process is covered by the topic. This includes the planting of vegetables, harvesting, storage and selling. There are nine major categories for these vegetable crops:

- Pot herbs and greens, which includes vegetables such as spinach
- Salad crops, which include lettuce and other vegetables that you would expect to find on a salad
- Cole crops, which includes cabbage and cauliflower
- Root crops, which includes potatoes and other tubers
- Bulb crops, including onions and leeks

- Legumes, which includes products such as beans
- Cucurbits, which includes cucumbers and their relatives
- Solanaceous crops such as peppers and tomatoes
- Sweet corn

Pomology

Pomology covers the same processes as covered by olericulture, except relating to fruit and nuts. The pomology industry is hugely important, as these types of food are vital to the health of the population. At a time when there is greater emphasis on eating less meat and more plants, nuts and fruits supply many of the nutrients that are essential for healthy living.

Studying horticulture

If you want to know more about horticulture, it's a fascinating field of study. It's a fairly intensive subject that often focuses on how we can grow plants in the most environmentally friendly manner possible.

Anyone wanting to study horticulture will normally have a scientific background, as the coursework involved usually includes aspects of biology, chemistry and soil science. For anyone who wants to take their knowledge and run a horticulture business, it's also necessary to study aspects of communications and business. Horticulture courses normally consist of a combination of laboratory work and hands-on experience.

All aspects of horticulture are important to the human race and the planet. Growing plants improves the appearance of the environment around us, helps to prevent soil erosion and provides us with a healthy food source. It's likely that we will move further towards a more plant-based diet in the future and that horticulture will become even more important.

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<https://blog.gardeningknowhow.com>



April at the Bellevue Demonstration Garden

All workshops at 10:30

April 6: How to Grow Iris: Everything You Need to Know, presented by Patrick Spence, Cascade Iris Gardens.

There are many species of iris. Each one has specific growing conditions. This workshop will give you the knowledge you need to grow beautiful iris. Learn the needs of different varieties and the care you must give them..

April 13: Choosing the Right Plants, presented by Selena Ligrano, Tilth Alliance.

When adding trees, shrubs, and other ornamentals to your garden, it's important to use the "Right Plant-Right Place" decision making process. This workshop will teach you how to get to know your site, create a garden plan, choose appropriate plants, and give them a good start with proper planting and mulching techniques. Includes a PowerPoint presentation plus free printed information for all attendees. Suitable for any time of year, but especially for spring or fall.

April 20; No Workshop

April 26 and 27: Master Gardener Plant Sale, at CUH (Center for Urban Horticulture)

May 4: Bellevue Demonstration Garden Plant Sale at Big Picture School, 14844 SE 22nd Street, Bellevue, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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