



GARDEN DELIGHTS

ISSAQUAH GARDEN CLUB

"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

May Meeting

May 8, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

Tibbetts Creek Manor

Program for May: "Growing Clematis for Inspiration"

Clematis expert, Laura Watson, has been gleefully growing clematis, "the Queen of Vines," for nearly twenty-five years. She enjoys sharing her ever-increasing knowledge with others. As a member of several clematis societies and an attendee at annual international clematis conferences in Europe and the United States, Ms. Watson continually learns more about this large and fascinating genus. She has published clematis articles in Clematis International and the PlantAmnesty Newsletter.

As an introduction to her blog, "**Clematis in Seattle**," she states, "I have been growing clematis since the mid-nineties, first in my Boston garden where I left behind 50 clematis, and since 2005 in Seattle where I currently have 145 clematis, and counting. I grow them everywhere—in trees and shrubs, scrambling over perennials, and on fences, trellises, and arbors."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer Inspiration

May is our last Garden Club meeting until September. Time to look ahead to summer!

I am always inspired by visiting gardens. Georgeann has arranged two great garden tours for our club members this summer. **Powellswood Garden Tour on Wednesday, June 12th** and a tour of **Jon Throne's Farm on Wednesday, August 14th**. There is still time to sign up for some summer garden inspiration.

Another inspiring event this summer will be the ELWD Flower Show 'Visions'. This show is celebrating the 60th Anniversary of our East Lake Washington District. The show will be open to the public at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. There is more information on the district website.

See you soon,

Debbie DeFilipps

SHOW AND TELL

This month, **Joanne Westveer**, craftswomeAn extraordinaire, will introduce us to the art of tie-dying.

For our May 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!

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

June Ann Hassebroek, speaking for the Nominating Committee at the April 10 meeting, announced the proposed slate of officers for 2019-2020:

President: Debbie DeFilipps

Vice President:

Georgann Lennon

Treasurer: Sandra Roberts

Secretary: Lois Helbert

There being no nominations from the floor, the slate was elected by unanimous vote. Installation will be at the May 8 meeting.

"Letting your tomatoes do their thing is something you can get away with if you grow hybrid tomatoes. But heirloom tomatoes, on the other hand, are kind of like the magic bean stock of the tomato world. You go to bed one night and the next morning you wake up and it's grown 10 feet tall and is tangled with neighbourhood dogs, children and their tricycles." — Karen Bertelsen

RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

If you have not already done so, either at a meeting or by postal mail, please bring your check in payment of the 2019-2020 dues to the May meeting!

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

ELWD GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, MAY 20

East Lake Washington District offers its third General Membership Meeting on May 20, beginning at 10 A.M. This meeting will mark our 60th birthday, and will be a special one you won't want to miss. The day will include two programs, a short business meeting, installation of new officers and lunch. There will be a raffle of articles contributed by clubs and color/texture combinations.

Our morning speaker, **Marianne Binetti**, will talk about "container gardening."

A northwest horticultural expert: Marianne has a degree in horticul-

ture from Washington State University and writes a syndicated gardening column that runs in over a dozen newspapers each week including the *The Tacoma News Tribune* (Sundays) and *The Daily Olympian* (Saturdays). She has also written or co-written ten gardening books including "Easy Answers for Great Gardens" and her latest book "Edible Gardening for Washington and Oregon." She lectures and gives seminars on a variety of topics. Marianne leads garden tours around the world with her husband Joe. She lives with her family in Enumclaw, near Seattle, Washington.



Marianne Binetti

Following our luncheon, our second presenter, **Julia Graham** will talk to us about "Coloring Your Garden with Japanese Maples." Julia starts this presentation with an overview of selected Japanese maple cultivars, with selection and grooming tips. She'll then present design ideas for incorporating Japanese maples in the garden: placement, focal points, companions and color/texture combinations.

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ELWD MEETING, Continued



Julia Graham

Ms. Graham's love affair with Japanese maples began over thirty years ago, when she discovered gardening as therapy for stress relief from her executive career, from which she is now retired. She is a long-time seasoned gardener who maintains organically a one-acre garden filled with Japanese maples and special companion plantings. This ward-winning garden has been featured in numerous publications, and is often on tour for garden clubs and horticultural associations. She is a garden designer/consultant for personal residences, and is co-chair of the Northwest Perennial Alliance's popular Open Garden Program.

LECTURE AT BBGS

"The Art of Gardening: Design Inspirations from Chanticleer."

by Dan Benarcik Offered on
Wednesday, May 15, 7 p.m. Aaron
Education Center, Price: \$5 – \$15

"Dan Benarcik is part of the creative team at Chanticleer Gardens, one of the greatest gardens of our country..."

Mr. Benarcik is an accomplished horticulturalist who lectures and teaches around the world. He began work at Chanticleer in 1993, and describes his position as, "giving me the privilege of creating and maintaining our visitors' first and last impressions." In addition to writing article for Fine Gardening, Horticulture, and Martha Stewart Living, he is a contributing author of the book, **The Art of Gardening: Design Inspiration and Innovative Planting Techniques from Chanticleer.**

Buy tickets at:

bellevuebotanical.org

POTTING PARTIES: Good for the soul and ...



Debbie Lehrberger took this shot near the end of our last potting party.

Karen Bukantz was kind enough to bring the mad potters a treat!

IGC TOURS THIS SUMMER

Georgann Lennon has orchestrated our visits to two places this summer—and possibly a third:

“On June 12 we will go to Powellswood Gardens in south Seattle. We have an 11:00 time for a guided tour which takes about 1.5 hours. We will organize carpools. The cost is \$10.50 per person and I have paid for the 13 members who signed up to go, but if anyone else wants to go, I can pay for them. Those who have not paid can do so at the May 8 meeting.

“In July, on a date to be determined, I hope we can tour the UW Arboretum, nonguided. They have a large greenhouse and have plants for sale if desired. We can bring sack lunches or get lunch at one of several restaurants on Madison.

“On August 14, we will visit Jon throne’s farm which is past Covington. We will tour, have lunch and do a craft. The cost for this is \$30.00. We will plan to arrive at 10:00. We will organize carpools. There was a sign up list at our last meeting, but anyone who did not sign up should **please let me know** since Jon would like a head count to provide lunch.”

Georgeann Lennon



GARDENING IN MAY

It’s time to implement your next landscaping project. Whether it’s a hardscape feature such as a patio, deck or walkway, or the addition of new gardens and water features, now is the time to really begin enjoying your outdoor living environment. Landscaping not only allows you to enjoy your home even more, but also enhances the beauty of your property and increases its value.

Watch for pests in outdoor containers. Weeds may develop from seeds blown into the pot, and insects need to be controlled using appropriate measures. Be on the look-out for chewing insects such as caterpillars and loopers, since they can do a great deal of damage in a short time. Spider mites, another offensive pest of many plants, can be partially controlled by frequent spraying of water from the garden hose.

Lengthening the time between waterings combined with deep, heavy watering encourages root growth while reducing top growth in lawns. This increases the root-to-shoot ratio and produces plants that are more resistant to wilting when exposed to infrequent watering.

OTHER PLANT SALES

[Your editor has listed only two garden club plant sales after ours, May 3 and 4.]

Pine Lake Garden Club
Plant Sale, **May 11th**, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, at Sammamish Presbyterian Church, 22522 NE Inglewood Hill Rd., Sammamish, WA.

"A wonderful variety of perennials, biennials and unusual plants. Most plants are grown with care from our members' gardens."

For more information, please go to:
www.pinelakegardenclub.org

Woodinville Garden Club
Plant Sale, **May 11 from 9 AM – 3 PM**
Chateau Ste. Michelle Winery in Woodinville. With the arrival of Spring it is time to start planting! Beautiful, healthy plants will be found at the Woodinville Garden Club Annual Plant Sale. Tomatoes, annuals, hanging baskets and unique planted containers are among the extensive selection that will be available. Choice perennials from the gardens of club members will be sold. All prices are reasonable and parking is free! Come early for the best selection. The sale proceeds fund scholarships and the horticultural community.

Please visit
www.woodinvillegardenclub.org to learn more.

BBGS VINTAGE SALE

You are reminded that the 2019 Vintage Sale will take place on **June 27, 28 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** 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!

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BELLEVUE BOTANICAL
GARDEN
SOCIETY

MOTHERS DAY AT BBG

Mother's Day at the Garden

Sunday, May 12, 2019

10 am – 4 pm

FREE

Activities include:

- Kids' posy-making for Mom
- Ballroom dancing demonstration
- Live music
- Plein Air Artists
- Refreshments at Copper Kettle Coffee Bar
- Shopping at Trillium Store
- Musical Performances, 12:15-through 4:15 p.m.

Learn to identify the types of shade

[Offered on-line by Fine Gardening magazine]

“Simply put, shade is created when matter interrupts light’s path. In the garden, shade can be either bright, open, or heavy, and there are various plants that thrive under one or more of these conditions. To understand the three types of shade, pretend you’re standing under a mature tree on a clear day, observing how its limbs and leaves filter sunlight headed for the ground:

Heavy Shade is to the north of the tree, where there will always be shade. It is a large portion of even light where mosses grow best.

Open Shade is to the east of the tree, where the rising sun gently graces the garden.

Bright Shade is on the southern and westerly sides, where the longest and most intense amounts of sunlight come through. This is the warmest type of shade.”



The Million Pollinator Garden Movement Exceeds Its Goal

In February, over 100 National Pollinator Garden Network members came together to recognize and celebrate the Million Pollinator Garden Movement’s goal of surpassing a million gardens



Participation in the challenge is a North American effort. Gardeners from Mexico to Canada have registered their gardens.



THE BENEFITS OF OUR PLANT SALE

Plant sales are a way to raise funds for our worthy club projects. However, the uplifting purpose is to reach out to help our community. New people moving here, those with their first homes or different homes all need to learn what to plant and how to plant it. We offer tried and true plants so that any beginning gardener is pretty well assured of success with them. Having a plant sale and helping people is a great gift from our members to our neighbors.

Learning, caring and sharing are constant themes for our garden club. By being one of those teaching, you will learn even more yourself. By making conversation with visitors, you will be a good ambassador for our organization. Learning about plants, their needs and where they will grow best is very beneficial. Learning how to use plants that grow in our area as landscape or patio decorations and for use in floral designs is beneficial to the individual and our world.

Support the plant sale.....support beautification of our world.

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