



GARDEN DELIGHTS

ISSAQUAH GARDEN CLUB

"A spell lies on the garden. Summer sits.
With finger on her lips as if she heard
The steps of Autumn echo on the hill."
Gertrude Huntington McGiffert, writer

September Meeting

September 18, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

Tibbetts Creek Manor

Program for September:

Lucy Davenport, who lives in Portland, Oregon, has agreed to speak to us, next Wednesday. Ms. Davenport owns "Bonsai Akira," a bonsai nursery. You may have met her and discovered her bonsai offerings at "Art in the Garden," at Bellevue Botanical Garden, this year or last. She will speak on "**The Basics of Bonsai.**"

Ms. Davenport states: "Ten years ago, after a career in community service, I discovered my love for the art of bonsai. It quickly took hold of my life, and in 2015, I launched my Bonsai nursery, Bonsai Akira, in my back garden. "Akira" means "brilliance" in Japanese, and, by extension, "clarity". This exploration of what makes bonsai speak to the viewer has led me to the idea of bonsai as a mirror for our inward connection with the natural world.

As a self-taught artist, I am always learning from the trees and shrubs in my care. Hours spent scouring nursery stock for specimen plants that might yield beautiful structure and years discovering how to enhance structure and form have followed. A lifetime as a hobby gardener has given me training in pruning and horticulture. Explorations in poetry have taught me how a minimum of words can convey enormous meaning—and the small trees express themselves as miniature renderings of the natural realm."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's Fall and time to start our 2019-2020 Garden Club year as we look back at a summer full of "Embracing Nature," doing garden club activities.

The first weekend in August, East Lake Washington District celebrated their 60 year anniversary by hosting the 'Visions' Flower Show at Bellevue Botanical Garden. Our club members helped plan and put on the show as well as enter many of the classes. We also had members show support by attending the show.

Georgann planned wonderful tours this summer to Powellswood Garden in Federal Way, Soos Creek Botanical Garden in Renton and a tour with a farm fresh lunch at Jon Throne's Farm in Kent.

Georgann also has great speakers lined up for our programs this year. Plus, great Horticulture and Design programs are scheduled at the three ELWD General Membership Meetings this year too.

Happy Gardening!

Debbie DeFilipps

SHOW AND TELL

This month, our President will give us a report on the convention of the Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs.

ELWD GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SEPT. 23

The East Lake Washington District will hold the first General Membership Meeting of the 2019-2020 year on **September 23, 2019 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Eastgate (Bellevue)**. Registration will be held from 9:15 to 10:00, with hot beverages available. Following a short welcome by Co-Director Marti Bolcer, the first program will begin shortly after 10:00. A business meeting will be held next, with lunch and raffle sales. 11:30 to 12:30. The second program will begin at 12:30, followed by raffle drawings and clean up, so we may all leave by 2:00 p.m.

The two speakers, have both presented programs for our Garden Club: **Scott Pringle**, owner of **Paradise Lake Nursery**, speaking on, what else? Hydrangeas; and **Bryn Tavasci**, speaking on "creative crafts, garden art, and containers, all with an emphasis on recycling."

Some details of the GMM will be finalized at the Board Meeting, Monday September 16. Two things, for sure—Issaquah Garden Club will donate one raffle item; and our club will provide small centerpieces for the tables.

NOTE: Those who have ordered "Visions of Beauty" calendars must pick them up from Lana Finegold, paying \$5.00, at either the upcoming Board Meeting or the General Membership Meeting. Checks for \$5.00, made payable to ELWD, may be given to Lana.

IGC TOURS THIS SUMMER

Our Vice-President, Georgann Lennon, orchestrated our tours of two gardens and a tour with luncheon at Jon Throne's farm.

On June 12 we visited Powellswood Gardens in south Seattle. This was an impressive garden, smack in the middle of a 1950's housing development—though you'd never know that, if you'd kept your eyes closed on the way.

On July 25, we visited Soos Creek Botanical Garden and Heritage Center in Auburn. This is sited on land originally purchased from the Northern Pacific Railroad for \$10 an acre! Five acres of this land was purchased in the 1960's and more property was added, subsequently. For over forty years, the owner enhanced the original plantings with a large selection of conifers, azaleas, rhododendrons, and other evergreen shrubs. These have grown into some of the larger specimens in the garden. Over the years, the gardens have been developed with choice plants. [Your editor thought Soos Creek the most beautiful garden she'd ever seen.]

On August 14, we visited Jon throne's farm, past Covington. We toured the gardens, observed the animals and partook of a delicious luncheon. In spite of glitches in the directions, we all had a fabulous time, and marveled at what Jon has accomplished in a short amount of time. [continued]



Summer Tours, continued

All in all, IGC members who attended any of the tours owe Georgann our heart-felt appreciation for her splendid job, in planning our summer entertainment!



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MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE GARDEN September, 2019

Visit the NPA Perennial Border this month to see x *Amarcrinum*, an inter-generic cross between *Amaryllis* and *Crinum*. Displaying the best of both parents, it blooms in late summer with large pink flowers rising from bold, lush strap-shaped leaves.



- Soil moisture is still low, so you may need to water perennials.
- Reduce water to your trees and shrubs to keep them from putting out soft new growth that will then be killed by frost.
- Fertilize your lawn as it comes back into winter growth.
- Begin planting trees and shrubs, but hold off on dividing fleshy perennials until spring.
- Plan your fall garden edits - but wait until plants are dormant to move them around!
- Revel in your dahlias.

FINAL 2019 CLASSES OFFERED AT MASTER GARDENERS' DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

If you haven't partaken of the free workshops offered at the Demonstration Garden, there are a few left. These are offered at 15500 SE 16th Street, (turn left from 158th Avenue, SE) at 10:30 A.M. on Saturdays:

9/21: Growing Orchids

9/28: Growing amid Tree Roots

10/5: Art in the Garden

10/12: Garlic-Growing, Harvesting, Storing and Enjoying

On Saturday, September 14, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M., the annual Master Gardeners' **Harvest Festival and Plant Sale** will be held. There is more information, elsewhere.

OTHER SALES, 9/14

On **Saturday, September 14**, 10 A.M. to 3 P.M., the Fall Sale and last "Garden Open" event for 2019 will be held at **Heronswood Garden** at 7530 NE 288th street, Kingston, 98346. This event includes "great Northwest Nurseries, inspiring speakers and garden tours."

That day, also, **Tadpole Haven Native Plants** will be holding a sale, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. See the website: <https://tadpolehaven.com/current-availability/> for native plants they are selling. (Though usually open only by appointment, this is an open day.) Address is: 20322 197th Ave NE, Woodinville, WA, 98077.

Photo Phundraiser Contest

April is soon approaching and with it the great opportunity to display your favorite fun photographs at the Pacific Region Photo Phundraiser Contest on April 27-30, 2020 at the Pacific Region Convention being held at The Oregon Garden in Silverton, Oregon.

At the same time you are helping support Pacific Region Garden Clubs, your entries could win some prize money. Just a reminder that the **deadline for entries is March 31, 2020.**

There have been inquiries regarding bringing the entries to the convention. Entries will be accepted (**along with signed entry form, applicable entry fee and a signed release and contact information**). If your photo is a winner, the signed release is necessary for your entry to be published by Pacific Region.

The forms, which can be found on the ELWD website, www.elwd.org, under "news," should be mailed to the address below along with a postage paid envelope for return at the end of convention. You will need to mail them via USPS or UPS; packaged to avoid damage along with the return envelope. All checks are to be made payable to PRGC (NO CASH).

The entries must be received before the March 31 deadline. Upon receipt, an e-mail confirmation will be sent to you.

No matter the season, opportunities for fun photos are all around you. You don't need any special equipment, just your point and shoot camera or even smart phone will do the job. Keep an eye out for possibilities and enjoy.

Paul and Karen Ramsey, Contest Chairmen

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Harvest Festival & Plant Sale

Bellevue Demonstration Garden
15500 SE 16th St., Bellevue, WA

Saturday, September 14, 2019

10:00 am -1:00 pm

Plant & craft sales ❖ Tool sharpening service (small hand tools) ❖ Vote for your favorite tomato ❖ Get ideas to preserve your herbs and garden produce ❖ Learn how to save seeds ❖ Children's garden and activity ❖ Learn how to make a concrete leaf casting ❖ Enjoy live music ❖ Vote for your favorite bouquet ❖ And much more!

Donations Accepted

Extra garden produce and non-perishables to benefit Hopelink
Cash donations to benefit the Master Gardener Foundation of King County

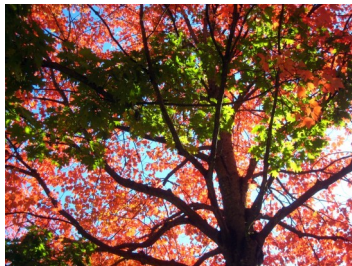


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Taken by Lana Finegold.
on Microsoft Campus

**September meeting:
"The Basics of Bonsai"**