



GARDEN DELIGHTS

ISSAQUAH GARDEN CLUB

“NOVEMBER: The last month of autumn, but the beginning of a new adventure; time to take risks and do the unexpected.”

November, 2020

Setting up an irrigation system in our gardens

Those of you who attended the Issaquah Garden Club meeting last November, will remember our speaker, Dr. Bruce Williams, who spoke to us about sharpening garden tools. This month, we'll meet at the ZOOM room number 5684998022, at 10:00 A.M.

Fay Cawley, our Vice-President, writes of Dr. Williams:

Bruce has been a veterinarian since 1970. His practice was at the Renton Veterinary Hospital. He's now retired.

He's been a Master Gardener and a Master Pruner since 2016. He is secretary of the Puget Sound Bonsai Association, on the board of the King County Master Gardener Foundation and is a docent at the Pacific Bonsai Museum.

Bruce was the leader of the Master Gardener clinics at the Renton Fairwood Library and Renton Farmer's Market. His primary gardening passion is bonsai. He grows trees from seed and propagates plants for the Master Gardener plant sale

He speaks to gardeners, garden clubs and gardening groups on the care of garden tools, pruning common trees and shrubs, water saving irrigation in the garden and the history of bonsai.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow garden club members.

Here we are in November and looking forward to a quiet fall/winter. I am looking forward to the District meeting on Nov. 16, with Jon Throne speaking. I'm sure we will get an email with the particulars soon. I have been watching all kinds of zoom webinars this past month and really enjoyed them. Last meeting I talked about the numerous websites that have offerings, some free some not. Sandra told me about Smithsonian associates for all kinds of webinars, do check it out. Fay has set up some great speakers for November, January and February. I think she will talk a bit about the December meeting on the 11th. I know we have all been enjoying the beautiful fall color. Maybe we should try to compile a collection of our personal gardens and their fall color. Maybe one of our techie types can work on this.

Georgann Lennon

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

December - Seasonal Celebration, to be discussed during the November meeting.

January - Jon Throne, Countryside, will give us some bloom therapy for after the New Year.

February - Alison Johnson, Co-President of the Northwest Perennial Alliance, a member of the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society. and a Master Gardener, will give a video garden tour and promote the Northwest Perennial Association.

KEN MORGAN MOVING

Ken Morgan, husband of the late Joann Morgan, wrote some of us recently: Downsizing! I Bought a home in Water Garden, by Lake Wilderness, a gated 55 plus senior community. There are 170 homes there. I closed on October. 20. [It's] ten miles from where I live now. Moving things in now. Been pretty busy here and have lots of help. I would not be able to do it without all the help! Getting ready to sell my place mid November, hoping to list it by November 21st. 27 years here and 17 years in Hazen house. Amazing the things you collect in all those years!

**New address: 27209 219th Place S.E.
- Maple Valley, WA 98038**

Hi, everyone,

Just wanted to give all of you a heads up that we will be having a **ONE-TIME** sale of **Art & Garden supplies.**

Friday, 11/6, noon to 3 p.m.;
Saturday, 11/7, 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

- **MASKS REQUIRED**
- **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BAGS, BOXES, PACKING etc.**

We want EVERYTHING TO GO!!! Most items are new. PLEASE MAKE BEST OFFER.

Ken Morgan

TAKEN FROM OTHER GARDEN CLUBS

ON INTERDEPENDENCE

[Here's something for all of us to consider, reprinted from the November, 2020 issue of the newsletter of The Gardeners' Club, Into The Garden, Santa Cruz County, California.]

“Interdependence is not a new or original idea. Here is a 2018 post by *Sowers and Reapers: Gardening in an Era of Change*, Duke University:

“Gardening is often seen as an apolitical relaxation pursuit. Yet in a time when neighborhoods are rapidly changing, gardens have become a place of race and politics, where history, contention, expression, resistance and negotiation meet. At the same time, the presence of an immigrant work force—landscaping companies largely staffed by migrant Latinos—means that the country's divided opinions over immigration are at play among the plants. There is also a hidden kind of migration in the types of plants home gardeners buy for their gardens: Home Depot, Lowe's and other big stores import plants from Mexico, Colombia and other countries, ensuring an ecosystem shift toward non-native species. Creating a resilient garden means paying attention to the life histories of individual species and how they interact with others in the community. But just as importantly, it means understanding why, how and to what purpose humans craft gardens. How does gardening shape identity? Do gardeners see their land as expressions of creativity or history, or even resistance? Gardens have plants, but also fences and walls. Where do gardens divide? What happens when community gar-

dens meant to serve poor populations end up in gentrified areas, with the families priced out of an area “improved” by that very garden? And how do gardeners see the global effect of climate change on their worlds, where some heirloom plants are fading and non-native species threaten to take over?

CHRYSANTHEMUMS

[This is taken from the Fall issue of WACONIAH, newsletter of the Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. Your editor doesn't know who wrote it.]

“Chrysanthemums were first cultivated in China as a flowering herb as far back as the 15th century BC. In Chinese culture, the bamboo, orchid, plum blossom and chrysanthemum are collectively referred to as the Four Noble Ones. The flower was brought to Japan in the 8th century, and the Emperor adopted the flower as his official seal. In 1688, chrysanthemums were imported to Holland but perished. In England, a few varieties arrived from China in the late 18th century.

Linnaeus named it from the Greek word χρυσός - chrysous, "golden" (the color of the original flowers), and ἄνθεμον” - antheimon, meaning flower. In 1846, the National Chrysanthemum Society was founded in Stoke Newington, England. Chrysanthemums were enthusiastically embraced in the late 19th century in the United States.



ASK A MASTER GARDENER

You can now “Ask a Master Gardener” live & online or via email

The King County Master Gardener Program in-person plant clinics have been suspended for the 2020 season, but you can still reach us with your gardening questions. Reach us live and online on Wednesday or Saturday from 11 am to 1 pm with your laptop or cell phone and you can talk with our trained clinicians. Bring your questions, and even share images of problems or concerns you’re observing in the garden.

For instructions to access the online clinics, email and by video chat, go to <http://www.mgfk.org/ask-a-mg>.

The Online Clinics operate every Wednesday and Saturday, from 11 a.m. PDT to 1 p.m. PDT, through the 2020 gardening season.

The “Ask a Master Gardener” Email Clinic is available daily. Send your messages with questions and photos to ask-a-mastergardener@live.com. Find instructions for submitting photos or use the online form. Details at <http://www.mgfk.org/ask-a-mg>.



This nursery does some nice webinars, free. Check them out. Also a lovely nursery, in Marysville. Please go to their website for more information:

<https://www.sunnysidenursery.net/classes>

Georgann

Winter Pruning for Happy Trees

Winter is a prime time to pay attention to your trees and shrubs. The leaves are long gone and most woody plants are dormant, making it an ideal time to give them a trim & give them some care. Join Trevor Cameron, one of our expert C.P.H.'s on staff, for this fun and informative class. He'll walk you through what to do now to give happy trees through the winter. **We hope you'll join us on Zoom for this FREE class that starts this Saturday Nov. 7th @ 10 am!**

Hellebores: Winter Jewels

Hellebores are the perfect flowers to have in your yard - they bloom in winter when nothing much else is, they're beautiful, colorful, tough & reliable! Join our very own Trevor Cameron, C.P.H. (aka plant expert!) for a discussion on why Hellebores are perfect plants for winter, along with tips on how best to grow and care for them. With proper selection, you can have these long-blooming perennials in the garden from November all the way into April. **We hope you'll join us on Zoom for this FREE class that starts this Sunday, Nov. 8th, at 11 am!**

SOME DISAPPOINTING NEWS

NORTHWEST FLOWER & GARDEN FESTIVAL 2021

“The Northwest Flower and Garden Festival scheduled for February 17-21, 2021 has been canceled as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.”

“During this time we urge all the community to follow guidelines from local public health officials the wellbeing and safety of all attendees and exhibitors are are first priority in creating a dynamic marketplace. Be safe, and we look forward to seeing you at the next Northwest Flower & Garden Festival, February 9– 13, 2022 at Washington State Convention Center.”

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