

THE ECHO

Hill and Dale District

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THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

The Pierce County Fair was a success! A big **thank you** to all clubs for their wonderful support during fair week. TOGETHER WE CAN accomplish so much. Kathy Johnson did an excellent job as chairman, She and Lisa Libby had the additional challenge of a new computer system and spent untold hours inputting all entries, 751, I'm sure they weren't counting!

Bloedel Reserve was the perfect start to summer. Everyone enjoyed the time we spent there. The next stop was the Clearwater Casino where we enjoyed lunch in a room reserved for us. Awards were presented during the bus ride.

Congratulations to Root & Bloom for their NGC 1st place for garden therapy. Hill & Dale placed first in garden therapy for Pacific Region. Many other awards were also earned by our clubs - the awards are just one measurement of how much we accomplish as garden club members.

September 27th is our district meeting day and we will have truly outstanding programs; Anne Kronenwetter, the morning speaker, will be talking about birds and the best way to make them a part of your garden. Sarahjane Rants from Cross Sound will do the afternoon design program. Sarahjane is a textile artist who uses her art works to enhance her floral designs.

Make sure to check out the flower show schedule. The title is "Our Town". It will be a standard show, - the classes are all destinations around our area. Together we can put on a terrific show!

Remember to take the time to enjoy the garden you have worked so hard on and that when weeding the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily it is a valuable plant.

TOGETHER WE CAN!

Linda Maida

UPCOMING EVENTS

District Meetings

Sept 27, 2016
Nov 29, 2016
Feb 28, 2017
May 23, 2017
Dryer Masonic Temple
306 134th St S, Tacoma
8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. for entries
10:00 a.m. for meeting

District Therapy

Oct 19, 2016
8811 176th St E, Puyallup
Brookdale

Holiday Show

Nov 16 & 17, 2016
Red Lion, Olympia

Workshop

March 29, 2017

Awards Picnic/Bus Tour

June 27, 2017

CLUB NEWS!

ROOT N' BLOOM

Well Ladies it's been a Great Summer!!
Certainly not as Hot as last year, thank goodness.

Our members have been busy with their yards, family, and trips. We're all looking forward to getting together and catching up. This year is going to be exciting! We have some great things happening in our club. I'll share them with you as they happen.

This month some of us have been busy with the Pierce County Fair in Graham. What a great family friendly Fair this is. Kathy Johnson has taken on the job of getting things organized and running as smooth as possible. While others of us have been the worker Bee's helping where ever needed. Thank you Vicki, Diana, Eddie Joe, Harriet, Judy, hope I didn't forget anyone. Thank you also to the ladies from other groups that were there helping. It takes a lot of us to make the work easier.

A BIG thanks to Cassidy Strickland, Judy's granddaughter and to mine Brianna Brice!! Those two girls worked so hard with clean up, decorating, clerking, placement, and anything else we asked of them. Plus they still found time to make WINNING DESIGNS!!! Could not have done it without them. They were happy, smiling and entertaining us everyday! Thank You Girls

Hope to see more of you next year, it's really a lot of fun, and a great way to get to know each other better and see some Beautiful entries. Have a Safe Labor Day and see you all at our 1st District Meeting Sept 27th. We're having a morning speaker talk about Birds! How fun will that be

Enjoy the rest of your Summer
Rachel Jennings

GARDEN HOUR

Fall may be just around the corner, but for now let's enjoy what remains of the summer and look back at the spring meetings. In May we joined the Arbor Day Foundation and received several small trees. Select members are fostering them until fall when they will be planted at the Nelson Nature Park in Edgewood. They may be itty bitty now, but there is hope that they will grow and give enjoyment and shade to future garden/nature lovers.

For something new, Garden Hour has teamed up with a local quilting club, Piece Quilters, which under the direction of master quilter Joy Wattenbarger of Edgewood, made 50 lap quilts for the residents of Puyallup Valley Enhanced Residential Care facility (formerly



Valley Community Inn). No two quilts were alike. Dorothy Bean and Karla Hiers labeled each quilt with the resident's name and when their names were called, each quilt matched either the person's interest or the color of the clothes they were wearing that day! It was crazy and amazing and a blessing to all. Piece Quilters will be teaming up with us again for Xmas when they will make 53 stockings for us to stuff for Puyallup Valley ERC.

Also at Puyallup Valley ERC for a Garden Therapy project, we helped residents plant a vegetable garden. Sue Miller provided some of her "saved seeds" while Nita Huber, Sandy Parr, Marty Roper, Dorothy Bean, and Mary Beth Ryan helped residents plant them.

The residents are always so thankful and happy to see the Rowdies and we enjoy sharing our time and talents with them.

Talk about talent! Whoa! Hidden talent was found at our final meeting before the summer break at Valerie Linkert's home where we marveled at her exceptional English Garden. Flowers, fairies and frogs abounded peaking and poking around corners and amongst the plantings. Another treat was meeting her daughter, grand daughter and great grand daughter as we toured her beautiful, proper British-flavored home. Oh my, and the desserts were superb as well! Needless to say, it was a wonderful way to close out the season and inspired many of us to get busy in our own yards. Dorothy Bean reported working in her yard till 8:30 that same night. I was so inspired that I looked around my yard, pulled a weed, maybe two, got depressed and called it a day. Ya gotta pace yourself, I reasoned.

Now I'm looking forward to fall, and getting together down at the fire hall with the Rowdies to share stories of the summer. And those weeds, well they ain't goin' anywhere, especially at the pace I'm setting...

Karla Hiers,
Secretary of Pace

DOGWOOD GARDEN CLUB

HOW CAN A PERSON FIT IN ALL THE FUN, ACTIVITIES OF SUMMER AND DO ANY GARDEN WORK, TOO? I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT SUMMER IS A LOT OF WORK, But wasn't this summer, so far, just glorious ? Really, no extremes.

JUNE: (Bellevue and State Convention) We were all scolded, in a nice way, for not applying for more awards. We surely have done the work, let's get the credit!!!! Every Club should have that book for us to see what and how to apply.

The National President's speech was inspiringly complimentary on our love of gardening and the benefits it has to our country. And encouraged us to get more youth involved which could be something as simple as a flower box outside the post office. Kids love to reap the harvest of their efforts. They need to know where it comes from besides the grocery store.....

ONE TIP from one of the garden speakers: Orchids: don't use your city water or your well water to water the orchid. Use distilled water.

JULY: "Art in Bloom", a garden and crafts fair to support the Food Bank in Eatonville. Lovely setting in the Van Eaton's garden which



provided shade and cover too for all booths selling their wares that had to do with gardening, A fun way to support our community needs and be creative doing it.

AUGUST: Graham Fair (Pierce County Fair) Clean natural surrounding through the trees. Walk on real fir needles and not hot asphalt all the time. Beautiful site!!

I eves dropped on a man's comment: .outstanding horse barn construction...He was in awe for his first viewing of the Fairgreat buildings , well taken care of....

Seemed like good youth participation in everything, besides 4H ...horticulture and designs. chickens, Cats, Rabbits, dogs, ducks, etc

I saw some very handsome young Sr. boys displaying their horticulture items at the Graham Fair. So, girls.....gardening can have it's advantages.

Eight Dogwood members showed up to help at Graham Fair. It really is fun to be part of the show....

Congratulations to those Designers at the Fair. Having seen a whimpy display in another county you were outstanding....good work.

County Fairs gallore..... (We should have a contest. Who could go to the most County Fairs in one summer?)

OH, NO!! THE LEAVES ARE FALLING ALREADY....MORE WORK MULCHING.....



SEPT: First meeting will be about succulents. Looking forward to seeing everyone again.

SHARON AGUILAR REPORTING....

GLOVE AND TROWEL

Rescue, resuscitation and reassessment might be the themes for our unusually hot summer gardens this year (last year too). Even the reliable sunny black-eyed Susans are wilting daily. Water bills are increasing \$\$\$ with more frequent use of our precious water. Maybe it is time to reassess plant locations. Sun to shade? More mulch? Replace? (Egads!!!) Yes, we will, survive, adapt and make our gardens beautiful and productive again next season. After all, we are garden worriers, oops, warriors

At our June meeting we scheduled several great programs for our coming garden club season. In July, Barbara Bias hosted a garden party/tour at her home. In August, several of our members volunteered their time at the Pierce County Fair

Our first club gathering will be in late September with a brief business meeting on location where Diane Mettler (Dogwood garden club) is generously allowing us to tour her spacious beautiful gardens. We are also looking forward to visiting other private gardens in 2017.

Barbara Bias

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB SYMPOSIUM

Washington (WSFGC) and Oregon (OSFGC) alternate years in providing a symposium to provide National Garden Club Flower Show Judges the continued educational credits needed to remain Accredited Judges, etc.

Linda Maida and Judy Strickland attended the Oregon Symposium, which included the horticulture study of Echinacea, Rudbeckia and Aloe under Instructor Judy Newman of Menomonee Falls, WI, and the study of Spatial Thrust and Parallel designs by Instructor Jo Krallman of Benton, AR.

In addition to Linda and Judy, there were approximately 10 other Washington judges that attended this symposium in Wilsonville, OR. The organization and facility were excellent and our interaction with fellow garden club members in Oregon was most enjoyable. (Now we wait to see if we passed the tests.)

Submitted by Judy Strickland

General Rules

1. All entries to be made between 8:30 and 9:45
2. Judging will begin at 10:00AM. Rules for judging will be in accordance with the NGC Handbook for Flower Shows. Standard system of awarding is used, Judge's decisions are final.
3. Entry to include club and exhibitor's name.
4. Members of Hill & Dale District or student judge's requiring credits may enter.

Horticulture Rules

1. Exhibitors may enter more than one exhibit per class, if each is a different genus, species, variety, cultivar, type, size or color.
2. All cut exhibits must be fresh and grown by the exhibitor. Container-grown plants must have been in exhibitor's possession for at least 90 days, combination plantings, in the possession of the exhibitor and growing together for at least 6 weeks.
3. All specimens must be properly named. Include genera, species, and variety if possible.
4. Containers (clear or clear green) glass to be furnished by the exhibitor. Wedging is permitted. Suggested material plastic wrap, Styrofoam-may be visible but not detracting.
5. Only fresh untreated plant material is accepted. No plant material from the state noxious weed list will be accepted.
6. All horticulture exhibits will be classified and placed by committee
7. Scale of points HB pages 297-302
8. Rosette of Bronze ribbons: Best in Show

Design Rules

1. Exhibitor may enter more than one class, but only one design per class.
2. Fresh plant material emphasized and must never be treated, dry plant material may be treated.
3. No artificial plant material permitted.
4. Accessories allowed unless otherwise stated.
5. Scale of points HB page 303
6. Designer's choice: designer has complete choice of components and plant material.
7. Rosette of Purple ribbons: Best of Show Classes 1-4
8. Small rosette of Blue and White ribbons: Best of Show in class
6 a AND 6 b
9. Best novice class 5

Artistic Crafts

1. All exhibits must contain some plant material, fresh and or dried.
2. Artificial plant material in not permitted.
3. Scale of points HB page 304
4. Rosette of Red and White Ribbons

“AROUND OUR TOWN”

DIVISION 11 - DESIGN

No artificial flowers or foliage. Fresh plant material emphasized. Accessories allowed unless otherwise stated. One entry to a class or sub-class. Put your name and club on each entry tag. Space allowed is 26" wide.

Rosette of Turquoise ribbons: Ellen Swenson Best Design WSFGC Award Classes 1—5
Small rosette of Emerald Green & Pale Peach ribbons: Judith Juno Petite WSFGC Award Class 6 & 7
Rosette of Purple and Cream ribbons: Hill & Dale Novice Award Class 5
Rosette of Hot Pink ribbons: Carolyn Erickson, WSFGC All fresh components All Classes

Class 1. “HARBOR LIGHTS” - Exhibition type 2, not a complete design, table setting space allowed 26" wide and 30" deep. Exhibitor provides underlay.

Class 2. “CHULUY” - Designers Choice

Class 3. “OUR BRIDGES” - Designers Choice

Class 4 “COMMENCEMENT BAY” Design using wood

Class 5. “STATE FAIR” NOVICE ONLY. Designers Choice. A novice is a designer who had won no more than 5 blue ribbons.

Class 6 “POCKET PARKS” Fresh Small design under 8" but over 5" inches

Class 7 "THE NARROWS" Combination of fresh and dried hanging design in a 8" frame provided by Hill and Daler's designers.

Call Sherry Matthews 253-845-2555 with design classes you are entering as soon as possible. Please sign up so I do not have to call to fill all the classes. We need 4 designs in each class.

DIVISION 111 - PHOTOGRAPY "MEMORIES

5X7 photos in an 8X10 black mat with non-glossy finish

Class 8. Single flower

Class 9. Garden

Class 10. Wildlife

Photography: Advance entries only. Limited to 4 in a class. Call Linda Maida 253-389-2609

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SPREAD A LITTLE SUNSHINE!

Do you know a member who could use a cheerful note or card? Let **Doris Yuckert** know and she will send out a card.

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DISTRICT GARDEN THERAPY

A Harvest of Memories

We will be having our first activity this year with Brookdale Puyallup South, 8811 176th St E on South Hill in Puyallup. Wednesday, October 19, at 10:00am we will be working with the Alzheimer's & Dementia residents to make fall floral arrangements. We would like each club to be represented by two of their members. Please come join in on the fun.

