

THE ECHO

Hill and Dale District

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THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Reds, oranges, yellows - Mother Nature is putting on a spectacular show this fall. Have you noticed how heavy the cones are gathered on the trees? Isn't it interesting that when the trees are stressed they bear so many more cones making sure that the next generation will survive.

In writing an article for the winter board meeting I realized just how much each club does for their community, the environment and each other. Planting in public spaces, sharing with the less fortunate, bringing smiles to the residents of Brookdale while they clean and put flowers in pumpkins; these are just a few of the reasons why garden club is so important.

Kathy and Rachel brought us two wonderful programs for the District meeting. Anne's bird talk made me rethink how I clean my garden beds for winter. Sara Jane's textile art accompanied by floral design was an inspiration for all. The flower show had an abundance of horticulture and beautiful designs with the addition of photography - it was spectacular. Thanks everyone, for participating.

November 16 and 17 is the WSFGC holiday show, "Parisian Holiday". It is being held in Olympia at the Red Lion. Think about car pooling and making it a club day out. The show will be awesome! There will be a vendor room for all you designer's and the hotel has a nice restaurant. Start a club holiday tradition and join in the best show of the season.

Remember "Together We Can"
Linda Maida

UPCOMING EVENTS

District Meetings

Nov 29, 2016

Lunch: Turkey & Cranberry Croissant with Pea Soup

Horticulture speaker: Greg Farley demonstrating how to take photos of our gardens and flowers. Mr. Farley is the lead photographer at the WA State Historical Society and has published 3 books. He has been teaching photography for more than 10 years.

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

Holiday Show

Nov 16 & 17, 2016
Red Lion, Olympia

District Therapy

Feb 22, 2017
8811 176th St E, Puyallup
Brookdale

Workshop

March 29, 2017

Awards Picnic/Bus Tour

June 27, 2017

CLUB NEWS!

ROOT N' BLOOM

Well, Ladies Fall has come in with a rainy, and windy force. One day my yard is clear of leaves, the next minute it is full of beautiful fall color! This happens to be my most favorite time of year! The cool air the sun shining and the Fabulous reds, oranges, and yellows!! I love just driving around to see the colors. Not terribly happy of the mess it leaves!



Well, I'm happy to announce that we have been lucky enough to add not one but two ladies to our club this year. Cathie and Bridget, we think that they both will be a great addition to our group. Welcome Ladies, you both look like ladies that like to be involved, boy do we have plans for you!!

Our great member Kathy Johnson once again has done a fabulous job with Garden Therapy. Putting together centerpieces out of pumpkins with lovely flowers. Everything was donated, thanks to her hard work and Diana knowing how to help with a pumpkin donation. Great Work Kathy!

Our club is gearing up with making decorations to use at the Meeker Mansion in Puyallup.



We are using them in the sitting room, As a group we decorate a room there every year. For anyone that has never been there, please go and see what a great job we and other groups do to make it very festive.

In December some of our members will be going to the Old Soldiers Home in Orting. There they will be taking donations of candy, socks, personal hygiene items, and other items the residents there ask for. They will also be playing Flower Bingo with them. It's a great time and they enjoy the items and the friendship. Some of our group goes there regularly all year and have their favorite resident.

Hopefully those of you that attended our last District Meeting, and it was a great one! noticed the front flower bed that our group, Root and Bloom, has taken on. It has had new dirt added with a working drainage system to keep it more evenly wet, along with some new plants. Looks so much better then just a year ago. But did you all notice the Great Signs out there?? Kathy Toups and her husband, Craig, made them. There is one with the name of each Garden Club in our District!! They have been instrumental in the cleaning up and beautifying the area. So a big thanks to them both.

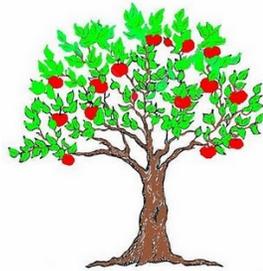
Happy Fall and Thanksgiving to you all
Rachel Jennings



GARDEN HOUR

The leaves may be flying off the trees, and our blooms are all but done, yet down at the fire hall things are anything but dormant. In fact, three new members have sprouted and we welcomed new Rowdies, **Robbie Heath, Kay Stokes,** and **Lois Umpstead** at our Sept meeting. We'll be on our best behavior for a short time... until they earn their rowdy nickname that is.

Speaking about growing, this year our growth project will be mystery anemones. Members were each given 5 corms along with detailed instructions for their planting care and reporting on their progress through the season. Members planted their corms in pots and will bring them in to show at bloom time. Should be interesting to see what each member is growing. We love a good mystery based on the enthusiasm of last year's mystery tulip project.



Not so mysterious was the authentic Johnny Appleseed seeds that **Digger Dorothy Bean** handed out to those intrepid enough to plant and hope for these iconic trees to grow and fruit. "Ya know, it'll be ten years before you get any apples," **Queen Frances Nix** quipped. Yeah we know, but that didn't deter some of us under the age of 92. Hey! Another mystery! How old will we be when our trees have apples! Just keepin' it positive.

Oh, another positive thing happened this year -- the return of our favorite mar-vel-lous person, **Madame Marvel Hood** who has relocated to this side of the Narrows Bridge just to be closer to us! (and her family, I suppose). We put her to work first thing reading the hint of the month. This is something new to our meetings this year. We gave the honor to Marvel because she made the mistake of saying hello to the person who was looking for a volunteer (that would be me). So

you can see, things are going and growing down at the fire hall. New members joining, old members re-joining and regulars, well dare I say it, being regular (must be the bran flakes).

Enjoy!
Karla Hiers
A Regular Secretary

DOGWOOD GARDEN CLUB

Sept: Wonderful first meeting of the year. Lynn Smith hosted with her usual outstanding lavender muffins. (They are to die for.) Potential new members present. Gardening never stops, always more to learn. We learned the beauty of succulents with a show and tell, hands on program by Diane Mettler. MAJOR TIP: After cutting off the stem to replant the succulent, let the stem dry off a good 24 hours before putting in soil again and be stingy with the water.

Oct: Despite the rain the attendance for Oct. meeting was great and new members present. Hostess Kathleen Owen (co-hostess Jan Landry) walked us through her trip throughout Ireland, Scotland and English gardens from her recent trip. What a treat!! Great pictures. My conclusion,...Ya...it is really green!!!

A gorgeous dogwood tree will be planted in a Park in Eatonville in memory of Vera Byrd, a past president and active member of Dogwood Garden Club.



Our semi-yearly clean up of Dogwood Park look out on Meridian was Oct. 26. The reward for all that clipping and cutting is fresh doughnuts and coffee out of the trunk of someone's car. Somehow tastes better in that cold air, right? Then maybe, lunch afterwards. Right now, the Fall colors at the lookout are amazing.

Marianne Bennetti says it time for us to plant those daffodil and tulip bulbs for that nice spring surprise...(when you don't remember where you planted them). So, push back the new fallen leaves, find the spots, plant, cover up again and smile to yourself for your efforts.

Gardening can be so healthy is so many ways.....

SHARON AGUILAR REPORTING....

GLOVE AND TROWEL

Several of us volunteered at the floral building during August at the Pierce County Fair. We also struggled in those extra hot days to maintain our own gardens.

At our first meeting (informal business meeting) of the season in September, we had the pleasure of touring Diane and Chris Mettler's home with its remarkable art and spacious gardens near Eatonville. We all went away with plant and gardening ideas and an incredible admiration for this couple's talents and visions.



October was our first formal business meeting where we confirmed additional program events and reviewed the newly formatted year-book.

Victoria Farnsworth, our former longtime club member, honored us with a visit and a fun power point presentation about gardening in this area versus Payson, Arizona where she has lived for the past few years. In an almost hostile gardening climate and unlike her northern Arizona's neighbors, she has amazingly created ways to grow many of the same vegetables she raised here in the Northwest.

Submitted by Barbara Bias

COUNTRY GARDENERS

At our Sept. Meeting we all had A great little visiting session and talked about our favorite garden visits or memories over the summer. And are happy to start A new garden club season.

Over the summer some of us met up at the Midland Community Center and pulled some weeds, swept and just did a little clean up. Now we want to plant some plants but the conversation of which ones will survive no water or much sun for the long haul goes on ? Any ideas ?



Our two new members, Patti and Patty, volunteered to help with the Garden Therapy floral pumpkin projects.

We discussed and put together the table center pieces for the District Meeting. We all later attended the Dist. Mtg. and very much enjoyed the programs.

Gail President

NOV 29 DISTRICT MEETING

November 29 is the date for our next District Meeting, Gail Harte will lead us in making table centerpieces. Each member will make one, then your club will decide if you take them to a senior center, the VA, or other care center that is special to your club. This meeting will not have a flower show, but if you have a horticulture specimen to share please bring it.

The morning program will be Greg Farley, photographer, demonstrating how to take photos of our gardens and flowers.

MILLION POLLINATOR GARDEN CHALLENGE

A nationwide goal is to have one million gardens for our pollinators. Just go to pollinator.org and click on our area. Every garden club member is doing their share to help with this project so let's make it a record event.

Fall is the time to collect milkweed seeds for spring planting. The monarch butterflies don't survive without milkweed. Check out Monarchwatch.org for more information and see how you can keep the monarch flying.



These are two small ways to make a large difference.

Echinacea give our garden a rainbow of colors. It's a herbaceous, drought-tolerant perennial that can grow to 4 feet. It's name is derived from the Greek word echonis (hedgehog).

Breeders are creating hybrids with exciting new colors and exotic flower forms. They are easy to grow, prefers sun and after established needs little water. No serious insect or disease problems, attracts hummingbirds and butterflies and is a great cut flower! Find a spot to tuck a few of these into your garden. Dwarfs are also available



SEPT 27 FLOWER SHOW RESULTS

Country Gardeners	Hort: 95	Design29
Dogwood	Hort 0	Design 4
Garden Hour	Hort 53	Design 2
Glove & Trowel	Hort 19	Design 5
Happy Thynes	Hort 9	Design 0
Root & Bloom	Hort 183	Design 46

Awards

Horticulture

- Betty Belcher WSFGC Best Horticulture: Eddie Jo Fueston, Root & Bloom
- Hill & Dale Harvest Award: Jo Snyder, Garden Hour
- 3 NCG Awards of Merit: Patti Isom, Country Gardeners; Eddie Jo Fueston, Root & Bloom; Marilyn Goddard, Country Gardeners
- Hill & Dale Show Chairman Award: Patti Isom, Country Gardeners
- Marva Lee Peterschick, WSFGC Arboreal Flowering Shrub: Laurel Peterson, Happy Thynes

Design

- Ellen Swenson, WSFGC Best Design: Judy Strickland, Root & Bloom
- Judith Juno, WSFGC Petite/small Award: Harriett Miller, Root & Bloom
- Hill & Dale Novice Award: Donna Haley, Root & Bloom
- Hill & Dale Award of Merit in Photography: Harriett Miller, Root & Bloom

WSFGC 84TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

June 6-9, 2017

“THE SECRET GARDEN”

Delta Marriott Hotel (*formerly Holiday Inn*)
3105 Pine Street, Everett, WA 98201

*I have a Secret Garden
Where I can laugh and play.
I have a Secret Garden
Often it's there I stay.*



Newsflash!

We are excited to announce that the Holiday Inn in Everett will soon have a new owner, a new name, a world renowned, award-winning chef, and a newly remodeled interior which you will be pleased to experience at Convention 2017.

To make your Convention 2017 experience even more exciting, we have planned programs, tours and workshops that you won't want to miss. *Watch for registration in Spring edition of WG&D!*

Here are some highlights:



Join us on June 6th for dinner with Bronn Journey, a local harpist and music virtuoso who will delight you with his melodies and keen sense of humor.

You'll want to “*hop right to it*” for lunch on June 7th as Thayer Cueter, “Just Frogs Toads Too Foundation,” shares her knowledge and experiences about our “froggy” friends.



Following lunch on June 7th, board a bus and head north to the Bonhoeffer Botanical Gardens where you will enjoy a private tour of the gardens, view Pilchuck Glass School (Chihully) student works, and enjoy snacks and local wines. (P.S. *The boardwalks throughout the garden make it easy walking for any of us experiencing troublesome joints.*)



If you would rather spend your time learning something new, join us for 2 workshops we will be hosting on June 7th.

Gloriana Tatro with the Stillaguamish Tribe will teach us how to “hug trees back” as we will learn how to make tea tree oil.

Phyllis Danielson, past State President, will teach us how to condition plant material.

After a busy day attending workshops or touring the Bonhoeffer Gardens, join us for dinner as we present NGC life judge and designer, **George Speer**, who will share an entertaining evening of creative designs.



If you love your hydrangea, you will want to attend the June 8th lunch to hear Nita-Jo Roundtree, garden designer and educator, as she shares tips on how to grow beautiful hydrangea in your garden.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to see first-hand the production of the 787 Dreamliner? Make plans to join the Boeing Tour right after lunch on June 8th.



Be prepared to be amazed as bat expert and park ranger, Jeff Wandler, shares some very spooky information on bats at our June 8th workshop following lunch!

And finally, join us for our 2nd workshop on June 8th while we make succulent bracelets as the afternoon draws to an end.



Our Secret Garden is waiting for you! See you on June 6-9th, 2017.

Marie Waller
2017 Convention Chairman

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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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253.845.8720

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National Garden Clubs, Inc. provides education, resources and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility.

DISTRICT GARDEN THERAPY

Thank you to those donating their time on Wednesday, October 19th to help with our District Garden Therapy. Eleven amazing woman successfully hollowed out 20 pumpkins and assisted the residents in making flower arrangements using 17 bundles of flowers. The residents that participated really enjoyed the activity. Jim, after finishing the pumpkins at his table walked to another table and started scooping out more seeds. Someone else asked if we were going to bake the seeds for them.

Without your help and support, projects like this would not be possible.

NEXT DISTRICT GARDEN THERAPY ACTIVITY

Wednesday, February 22, 2017 we will be making hummingbird feeders. We would like each club to be represented by two of their members. Please come & feed the birds.

