

THE ECHO

Hill & Dale District Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

December 2025

December 1 WSFGC Awards Due

December 2* Flower Show & District Meeting

December 5 District Plant Sale Committee Meeting

January 2026

January 2 District Plant Sale Committee Meeting

February 2026

February 1 WSFGC Awards Due

February 6 District Plant Sale Committee Meeting

February 10 District Youth Grant Due

February 24 District Board Meeting

February 25 ECHO Articles Due

February 26 District Garden Therapy

March 2026

March 6 District Plant Sale Committee Meeting

March 24 Flower Show & District Meeting

District Director's Message

Hello Gardeners,

Welcome to the historic 50th year! Hill & Dale District will be celebrating all year long as we mark our half-century in existence. On September 23, with a record attendance of 112, members of our district celebrated with a different type of meeting, an Anniversary Party!

"Cheers to 50 Years" our NGC Flower Show had great support from our district members and set a record of the largest show we have had. With 327 horticulture entries, 16 designs, 2 educations and 24 botanical art crafts, the show was fantastic! "Petals Through Time" was the title of the Horticulture Division where 60 annuals and 80 perennials showed up in force, but it was the dahlias that stole the show with 46 entries. Tamara also stole the show with her 'Penhill Watermelon' dahlia winning the NGC Award of Horticultural Excellence, NGC Award of Merit and the WSFGC Betty Belcher Horticulture Award.

In addition to the Flower Show, we enjoyed watching a slideshow of the past year's activities in the district, followed with a Vintage Fashion Show celebrating the styles from 1975 to today.

In the afternoon we were entertained by Elvis himself, enjoyed the lovely cake made by Terryann and toasted to another 50 years.



District Director's Message *Cont...*

"Gardening Along the Garden Path" we are moving towards our December 2 District Meeting where the Flower Show theme will be "Junk to Joy". This will be a fun and different kind of show where the focus is on recycling. Some horticulture entries will be recycled, designs will be recycled, and the crafts will be made from recycled materials. Oh yes, don't forget about forcing paperwhites as our growing experiment. Remember to enter them into the flower show and please bring your results to be discussed. If you're not part of the experiment, please force some paperwhites anyway and enter them into the show. You might just take home the Rosette Ribbon.

"Share & Care for Recycling" Do you have items that could be recycled to another family? Something that would bring them Joy during the season. Families with kids always appreciate coats & shoes for the children that are growing. We will have collection boxes set up at our December meeting. If you're able to help, please bring new or nicely used coats, shoes and toys to be donated to the Salvation Army. Non-perishable food is always needed at this time of year, so we will collect food also. All donations stay in and serve the families of Pierce County.

Have you tried this method for wintering your geraniums? Dig the plants up before frost, shake the soil from the roots, prune them back, and slip them into plain paper bags. Stored in a cool, dark place like a basement or garage, they rest in dormancy until spring. Thanks to their thick, succulent-like stems, geraniums don't need soil or constant care to make it through the cold months—they just need the right conditions. Replant the geraniums in the ground in spring when temperatures are above 40°F.

Congratulations Hill & Dale District on 50 wonderful years

Let the Gardening Begin!
Kathy





"Cheers to 50 Years"

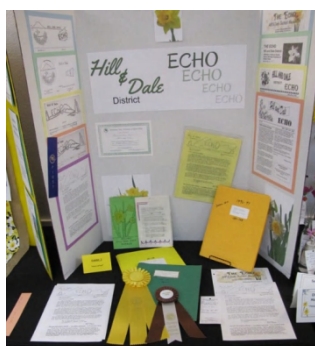
On September 23, the members of our district celebrated with a different type of meeting, an Anniversary Party! Honored guests included WSFGC President Dorrie Carr, with a record attendance of 112 people. Guests who attended also were Lenda Sundene 1st Vice President, Ellen Daly Corresponding Secretary, Gale Baullinger Investment Officer, Jeanette Pruin Parliamentarian and Past WSFGC President. Past President Terry Critchlow, and Brynn Tavasci were also present. District Directors Debbie Spiller from Black Hills, Terry Critchlow Central, Penny Merriman representing Chinook, Diann Pfundt from Cross Sound, and Debbie DeFilipps Co-District Director from East Lake Washington joined us for the day.

NGC Flower Show "Cheers to 50 Years" was gorgeous and enjoyed by all. We reached a first, 327 horticultural entries. The dahlia table exploded with beautiful specimens so much that another table had to be added and the clerks held each one up so the judges could see them enough to judge. With 16 designs, 2 educations and 24 botanical art crafts, the show was fantastic!

Top Exhibitor Awards



Top Exhibitor Awards *Cont...*



Top Exhibitor Awards went to:

Horticulture Division Tamara for her Dahlia

NGC Award of Horticultural Excellence
NGC Award of Merit
WSFGC Betty Belcher Horticulture Award
NGC Award of Merit
NGC Award of Merit
Hill & Dale Harvest Award
NGC Arboreal Award

Tamara for her Sunflower
Keith for his Rose
Linda B. for her Gourd
Linda P. for her Peanut Butter Tree

Design Division Debbie "Tie Dye" Creative Mass
Jeanine "Artificial Intelligence" Abstract

NGC Designer's Choice Award
WSFGC Ellen Swenson Flower Arrangement
WSFGC Recycling Award

Education Division Sherry "Echo of the Past"

NGC Educational Top Exhibitor Award
WSFGC Carol Klingberg Education Award

Botanical Arts Division Linda B. "Grandma's Garden Hat"
Sally "In the Parade"

NGC Botanical Arts Artistic Craft Award
WSFGC JoAnn Goldman Artistic Craft Award
WSFGC Terry Critchlow Photography Award

A Vintage Fashion Show, the models represented today's clubs.
Does this bring back any memories??? Are they still hanging in your closet!!



Terryann



Kim



Linda



Julie



Gina



Barbara



Geneal



Kathleen



Mary



Jeanine



Sue



Linda



Rachel & Cindy



Ruth



Keith



Karla



Elvis was our afternoon entertainment and the crowd went wild as he delivered a fabulous entertaining program for an hour. Several ladies were lucky enough to receive a scarf, a special song and even do the twist with Elvis, aka Danny Vernon.



A huge thank you to the 50th committee who met several times to plan every little detail. Thanks to all our members for sharing your lovely flowers with others to enjoy. To the models, thanks for a great and fun fashion show, and to Karla who wrote and narrated the script. Terryann, what a beautiful cake you made for everyone to enjoy.

**"Cheers to 50 years
To decades of love, laughter & resilience
Here's to Hill & Dale District
To the journey we've shared
And the chapters yet to come
For another successful 50 years!"**

Girls in the Dirt

The Hill and Dale District held their first Girls Scout Merit Badge Day on September 14, 2025. The goal was to have workshops for all the plant related merit badges and try to accomplish many of the required tasks all in one day. For those who don't know, Girls Scouts complete certain activities related to an educational topic and then earn cute little patches or pins which they wear on their uniforms. The earned badges progress in complexity as girls progress from Daisies to Brownies to Juniors and further. Some of the badges are shown below:



Eco Learner



Eco Friend



Shapes in Nature



Flowers



We were allowed to use the Fruitland Grange and their adjacent community garden. About 6 District members participated at the various stations for 2 very busy hours. Outside in the garden the girls searched for colors, numbers, shapes and patterns to earn their Math in Nature badges: As they counted their observations they saw the spiral geometric patterns of sunflower seed heads, the reds of the tomatoes and peppers, the weird shape of the amaranth flowers, and the bright orange and yellow calendula. The younger girls found shapes in the landscape and they were very observant; round flower heads, rectangular raised beds and the triangles formed by the patio roof.

Inside there was a station to plant seeds in egg cartons for a badge called Eco Friend. They examined the insides of green peppers with their little seeds forming all in a row and in the photo Lynne Burke, Vice President of Root and Bloom, helped them discover the seeds forming inside a marigold flower.



On another table, the older girls learned about different types of bulbs, what is the top and what is the bottom and how they grow. Then they made a Zen garden with mosses, colored glass and sand.

Planting Trees and Saving Forests



National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the USDA Forest Service have maintained a partnership sustaining our national forests through the Plant-A-Tree program. Plant-A-Tree, formerly known as Penny Pines, is a reforestation and forest education program.

Hill & Dale District and your garden club can participate by contributing to this meaningful conservation project. All contributions help the Forest Service to plant trees across the national forest system most impacted by wildfires, flooding, drought, and other forest disturbances.

The forest service will do the planting, using our donation together with federal funds and will provide the plantation with the same protection from fires, insects, and disease given other forested areas. Planting sites are selected by the supervisor of each national forest. These plantations provide soil protection, watershed protection, soil stabilization, future harvestable timber, as well as beauty and shade for recreation. Over 300,000 acres were burned by wildfires in Washington State in 2024.

Here's how we/you can help! At our district meetings, when you can, please drop your spare change into the PLANT-A-TREE donation jar when it comes around. The district will submit the donations to our state forest service to help with this worthy cause.



FLOWER SHOW RESULTS

September 23, 2025

District Flower Show	
September 23, 2025	
Horticulture Awards	
NGC Award of Hort. Excellence	Tamera Larson Root & Bloom Dahlia
NGC Award of Merit Sec. A	Tamera Larson Root & Bloom Sunflower
NGC Award of Merit Sec. B	Margie Von Volkenburg Garden Hour
NGC Award of Merit Sec. C	Tamera Larson Root & Bloom Dahlia
NGC Award of Merit Sec. D	Keith Ripley Country Gardeners Rose
NGC Arboreal Ward	Linda Pempeck Glove & Trowel Peanut Butter tree
WSFGC Betty Belcher Horticulture Award	Tamera Larson Root & Bloom Dahlia
Hill & Dale Harvest Award	Linda Bones Root & Bloom Gourd
DESIGN	
NGC Designer's Choice	Debbie Spiller Country Gardeners
WSFGC Ellen Swenson Flower Arrangement	Debbie Spiller Country Gardeners
WSFGC Recycling Award	Jeanine Faulkner Root & Bloom
Botanical Arts Photographs & Artistic Crafts	
WSFGC Terry Critchlow	Sallie Evans Glove & Trowel Daffodil
WSFGC JoAnn Goldman Artistic	Linda Bones Hat Root & Bloom
NGC BA Craft Award	Linda Bones Hat Root & Bloom
Educational	
NGC Educational Award	Sherry Matthews Glove & Trowel The Echo
WSFGC Carol Klingberg	Sherry Matthews Glove & Trowel The Echo
Horticulture 327 Designs 16 Photos 12 Crafts 12	



FLOWER SHOW SCORE SHEET			Bot Art	Bot Art	Bot Art	Bot Art		
Sept. 23, 2025	Hort	Design	Hort	Design	Photo	Craft	Educa	Totals
Country Gardeners	7.76	1.12			0.04			5.89
Dogwood	0	0.32			0			0.03
Garden Hour	1.11	0.07			0			2.57
Glove & Trowel	12.65	0			1.35			13.49
Happy Thymes	9.4	0			0			0
Root & Bloom	16.37	0.62			1.29			12.48
Serendipity	0	0.02			0			
Total Entries	327	24			12	8	2	



Country Gardeners

Quarterly Report

There will be many articles in this newsletter, I'm sure, about the 50th Celebration. THANK YOU to ALL who made this the BEST and MOST FUN celebration EVER, from beginning to end!

Country Gardeners began a new year in September with selection of some old and some new officers; Randie Welcher and Linda Maida will remain as President and Treasurer, respectfully. But we welcomed Chris Sherrill as Vice President and Lorene Jones as Secretary. These ladies will keep us informed and on our toes for the next two years.

At our first September meeting, Sherre Granger from Root and Bloom came to demonstrate how to propagate plants. She used the Plectranthus plant saved from the Pierce Country Fair to show different methods of creating new plants. Mine, thankfully (and surprisingly), are still alive! Other member shared various tips; Karen S shared that July is the best time to divide bearded iris and brought starts for anyone wanting them, Debbie S brought her Amaranth that she has grown from starts taken from Margie's this summer. Beautiful. There were also tips on overwintering dahlias shared.

Judy Strickland, again from Root and Bloom, came to speak to us on dividing plants from our gardens. She brought with her a variety of plants from her own garden; Heuchera and iris known primarily for its foliage along with others, and Chris S brought hostas for dividing. As the plants were divided, they were given to anyone wishing to add them to their gardens. We are also taking part in a growing project that Kathy Johnson has started: three (3) different methods of growing daffodil bulbs. Six of our members are taking part in this experiment. Results shared at District in December.

Also in October, we finally came together for a "Midland Cleanup." Since the Community Center generously allows us to hold our meetings there, we have taken on the duties of maintaining the grounds. On this day, seven (7) of our members pruned, weeded, raked/swept, removed dead plants, and took away 2 very FULL truckloads of debris to the dump. Thank You to Chris S and Gail H for the use of their trucks.

We are now planning our meetings in November: a winter sowing project and of course our year-end potluck at Chris B's in December. Also preparing for the District meeting and Flower Show in December.

Summer is over and Fall is setting in and bringing with it Nature's Beauty and also rainy windy days. In between those gloomy days, we are busy putting our gardens to rest for the winter. While our bodies maybe slowing, are minds are racing with prospects for next year's gardens.

Kathleen Muckian





Dogwood

Quarterly Report

Falling into Fall

Wow — one frost in Eatonville and it's as if someone flipped a switch. The dahlias turned brown, and the maple trees turned gold. We have definitely hit "sweater weather."

The Dogwood Club is happy to see the return of the rain. All spring and summer, a crew of determined ladies transported gallons and gallons of water each week to Dogwood Park to keep the newly planted dogwood trees alive. It was a monster task, but their dedication paid off — the trees (and everything else we planted) are looking fantastic.

We kicked off the year with a visit to member Tina Moore's Lavender Passion Flower Farm in Mineral. As always, she was a wonderful host. If you haven't had a chance to visit her farm, I invite you to add it to next summer's adventure list.

Our most recent meeting was all about seed saving, and we learned a lot. It has some of us already prepping and storing for next season — like these beautiful scarlet runner seeds that Ginny Phillips is preserving.

I may have gone a little overboard myself. I'm saving zinnias, dahlias, sweet peas, celosia, sunflowers, cosmos, larkspur... and that's just what comes to mind. But collecting and saving is so much fun. As someone recently told me, "There's magic in seeds. It's a little like Jack and the Beanstalk." I wholeheartedly agree.

At this point, my seed box is overflowing with next summer's magic. If you know me, don't be surprised if your Christmas gift comes with growing instructions.

As we put our gardens to bed for the winter, here's to a season of bright leaves, warm mugs, and cozy moments.

Happy fall, friends!

Diane Mettler



Bean Pods



Dogwood Park



Tina Moore - Lavender



Garden Hour

Quarterly Report

Who We Are

Before moving to Puyallup, I had never been a member of a garden club. As a self-taught gardener, my gardening knowledge was minimal at best. Growing up in Kennewick, Washington, my dad and I grew veggies and a few fruit trees, and our flowers struggled in the summer heat and would die off during the freeze of winter.

After moving here and joining Garden Hour, my knowledge and gardening skills have grown exponentially. After joining Garden Hour, the members taught me many things including some of their tricks and shared their passions.

Each of our gardeners shared their talents and not just in gardening. They are artists, seamstresses, gourmet cooks, writers, poets, song writers, nurses and beyond. As a group we are committed to community service that includes caring for the Milton Community center, creating flowerpots and new flower beds to enjoy throughout the summer months. Another of our projects is working with the Puyallup Valley Enhancement Residential Care Center. Just this past year we took over the care of the Fushia Garden at Triangle Park. This project is a bit out of our normal gardening experience and a wonderful opportunity to make a difference at the park.



Pumpkin designs with PVERC residents

As a club we have talked about introducing new programs to our meetings that would involve everyone's participation. During our October meeting we learned about growing mushrooms. The speaker brought kits where we'll be growing mushrooms at home. We are Garden Hour, a diverse gardening group:

This is "Who We Are!"

Julie Wells



Visit to the Rhododendron Garden



Growing mushrooms at home class



50th Anniversary Party with Elvis



Glove & Trowel

Quarterly Report

Here we are in early fall with the chill in the air. Some of us want to snuggle up indoors while watching our pine needles and colorful leaves fly by our windows in the cold wind. Other members are out in the weather pruning for next year's new growth. Some of us would just like to go back to September's warmth.

With that said, Glove & Trowel's September was a hands-dirty, muddy and intense playtime. Instead of using sand to make castles, we were making planter pots with peat moss, perlite and Portland cement (with a little water) at tables in Gina Fenton's back yard and garage. The creative hypertufa planters were produced in all sizes, shapes, large and crazy. Thanks again Gina for your hospitality, lunch and snacks.

As you know, our Hill & Dale District celebrated its 50th anniversary on September 23. What a celebration it was!!! Nothing normal and everything fun!!! Way to go - go -go ... And Elvis too??? While looking at all the faces of our district's members one could see the love and memories returning: Elvis did indeed take us back to earlier times. So did the fashion show with 1970's through 2025-ish clothes on the models representing all the districts' clubs. Thank you to our club models: Terryann Westby, Barbara Bias and Ruth Prins elegantly walked the runway. Each club was asked to create a history board. Thus, Lynne Stallcop, Sherry Matthews, and Gina Fenton created our 53-year history board. It's hard to imagine that our Glove & Trowel club started before we even had a "District". Several of our members also worked at the flower show. Some of us won awards for flower show entries.



*Cathy P. ponders
next move.*

October's Mystery

Canned Pumpkins IN a Can or Painted Pumpkins ON a Can?

Terryann supplied each of us with a large #10 can to paint and a "lid" to decorate for our personal display of Halloween artwork. We all shared decorative items, trinkets and supplies brought from home to use on the cans. This was not a competition. It was just was a fun project. We welcomed suggestions from each other and helped ponder a next move. Bet you guessed it. Yes, the answer is Painted Pumpkins ON a Can.

We are looking forward to learning more about dahlias in November.

Barbara Bias



*Ruth working on her
hypertufa planter*



*Awaiting a plant,
perhaps a succulent?*



Proud creators

Happy Thymes

Quarterly Report

The Happy Thymes Garden Club has had a very busy quarter. We started with a visit and lecture at Ed Hume's Seed Factory, where we met the family and toured the grounds. It was an experience we recommend to all.

Later in the summer, our club attended plant presentations at Windmill and Watson Nurseries. Following the presentations, we had a training session on District horticulture entry protocols, where we set the goal of each member submitting one flower at our September District Meeting. We also spent two of our meetings reviewing and approving our Bylaws.

Happy Thymes had great participation at the District's 50th celebration. Our Trifold, acknowledging 25 years as a club, was worked on by club President Jeannie Dougherty, Debbie Davis and Nancy Velazquez. As a result of this, our club now has a scrapbook. We also followed through on submitting horticulture specimens AND received acknowledgement that our ten member Club provided nine percent of the entries.

As we look to the future, we are working on the development of a six-month calendar and have ideas for future District participation.

Largo Wales

"Share & Care by Recycling"

- Let's continue the program of "Sharing and Caring" at our December 2, District Meeting.
- Hill & Dale Members please share what you can with others that are less fortunate in our area.
- We will have collection boxes for non-perishable food items with an emphasis on canned vegetables, canned fruit and soup items.
- Please look for any items you might not need and recycle them to bring joy to others. Families with kids always appreciate coats & shoes for the children that are growing. New or nicely used coats, shoes and toys during the holiday season are welcome to receive as a gift. We will be collecting all these items and giving them to the Salvation Army. Our donations will stay and serve the families within Pierce County.



Next District Meeting is

Tuesday, December 2nd



Root and Bloom

Quarterly Report



With great sadness, we say goodbye to Rosie Trujillo, our dear club member and friend. Every meeting began with Rosie leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. She was always an enthusiastic participant in club activities, and found many of our speakers through her vast network of connections. Tanchumin, Rosie, you will be missed.



After a successful garage-sale-fundraiser, Root & Bloom got off to a whiz-bang start. One highlight of the year's first meeting is getting the yearbooks. New president, Mary McBride, reviewed the club's bylaws and standing rules, and we voted on some minor changes and streamlining. The updates are included in our yearbook, along with everything we need to know for the 2025 – 2026 year. And this year we have something new: the "Ask Judy" segment. We are lucky to have as a member Judy Strickland, with all her knowledge. So, Mary (with Judy's approval, of course) came up with the idea of a very helpful questions-and-answers time.

Our meetings always include something conservation/horticulture related. In September, Linda Bones and Rachael Jennings gave a pickles-making presentation, with recipes AND samples. Since Lisa Libby, our past president, started a Share the Harvest, the extra produce, such as tomatoes, apples, and especially cucumbers, was certainly apropos (I do love a big word.) And we will definitely make good use of all the seeds members saved and brought in. This year, though, I didn't see any zucchini. Oh, what a shame!



Our September speakers were ISA Certified Arborist and WSU Master Gardener Robert Sweet, and Master Gardener co-presenter Annette Kruzic. I asked how to get my 30ft. "Dwarf" cherry tree under control. And other club members had a lot of questions about their trees, too. If the speakers had a program planned, it was a case of too-many-questions-too little time.

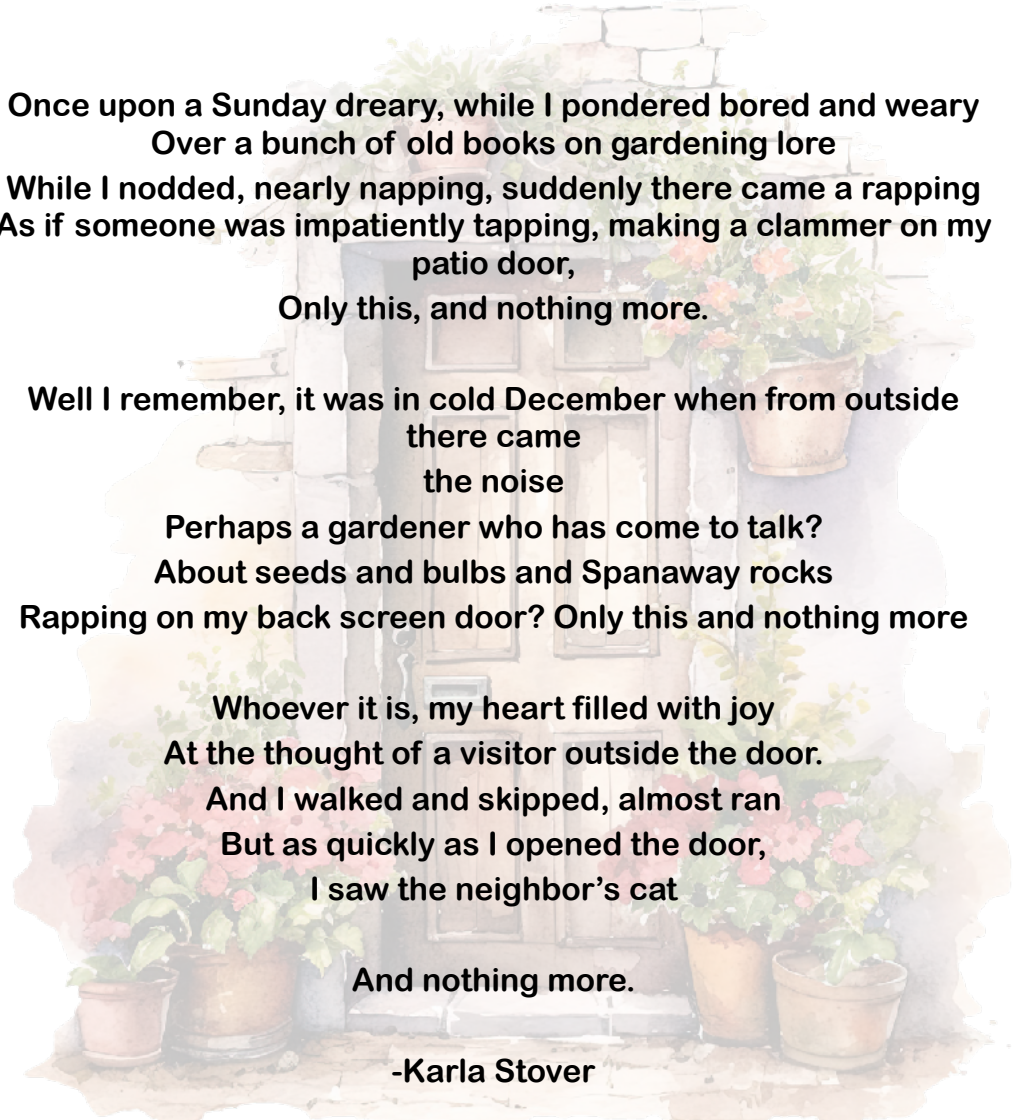
And, then, on to planning for the Hill and Dale District's fiftieth birthday bash, and the 50 Years in Fashion, fashion show. District members really came through with a variety of clothes they'd saved over the years, and it was such fun trying things on and choosing clothing for the various decades.

Root and Bloom *Cont...*

And for Root and Bloom members, the District meeting was a huge success in other ways. Tamara Larson was a big winner. She took home three awards for her dahlia; the Betty Belcher ribbon (a state award), an NCG Award of Merit, and the Horticultural Excellence award. She won 3 of the top 8 awards, more than anyone else in the horticulture show. In fact, Root and Bloom actually won 5 of the top 8 awards. Kathy Burwell was another big winner; Jeanine Faulkner won a design award, and Lynne Niles for her decorated memory box. All in all, club members done us proud.

From what District Director Kathy Johnson sent out, the December meeting promises to be a lot of fun. So, *sayonara* for now,

Karla Stover for Root & Bloom



Once upon a Sunday dreary, while I pondered bored and weary
Over a bunch of old books on gardening lore
While I nodded, nearly napping, suddenly there came a rapping
As if someone was impatiently tapping, making a clammer on my
patio door,
Only this, and nothing more.

Well I remember, it was in cold December when from outside
there came
the noise
Perhaps a gardener who has come to talk?
About seeds and bulbs and Spanaway rocks
Rapping on my back screen door? Only this and nothing more

Whoever it is, my heart filled with joy
At the thought of a visitor outside the door.
And I walked and skipped, almost ran
But as quickly as I opened the door,
I saw the neighbor's cat

And nothing more.

-Karla Stover

Gardening Tips

By Chris Sherrill

Weeding: Pull out all weeds in all gardens so they don't go to seed. Transplant shrubs and trees that are too big.

Spray mid November to December using a dormant spray to control over-wintering insects.

Mulch flower and shrub beds.

Cover early flowering/tender plants if it's very cold.

Bulbs: can still be planted.

Prune deciduous trees and shrubs.

Indoor plants need TLC and humidity (as our furnaces are on.)

Chris Sherrill

More Gardening Tips...

- **Check your garden and lawn for any problems and treat them** when necessary. Water sparingly from now through early spring.
- **Remove mulch and tall weeds from around your fruit trees** to discourage mice and other pests from hiding there.
- **Service mowers** and sharpen blades.
- **Ensure that firewood isn't stored near the house or inside.**
- **Try seeding some herbs indoors** and place near a sunny window. Chives, sage, and parsley may be good choices.
- **Remove any fallen fruit** from your yard.

“Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale.”

– Lauren DeStephano



KRITTER KOMEDY KWIPS

Featuring "CHARLIE'S ANGLES" (not angels)



Charlie's planned sting operation to see if, "Boys don't make passes at girls who wear glasses" has one minor flaw...



Unsuspecting Charlie is excited, dressed in his finest, on his way to get "tutored." (i.e. neutered)



"I know what you're thinking —these pants REALLY DO make my hips look big. And this tail is outa control!"



Charlie reminds us of those snow days when our mothers bundled us up so much we couldn't move... "But Ma! How am I supposed play in this!?"



JUST FOR FUN WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the words in the puzzle.

Cheers to 50 Years

Unscramble the words.

1. eitbaonrlcC

2. vilEs

3. lliH & lDae

4. tDscriit

5. nAievyrasrn

6. tayrP

7. Fohasni ho\$w

8. hsalDia

9. wroFel wSho

10. aegVtin

11. uJnk

12. oyJ

13. IniegyrcRc

14. oswrFel

15. Bqetouu

16. eascanLpd

17. Ceetvari

18. aftsCr

19. ripPahewest

20. roeFc

21. rGginow

22. mpEtrxeei

23. oinDatno

24. euniGmasr

25. nmetigWi

Crafts
Donation
Flower Show
Growing
Landscape
Vintage

Celebration
District
Fashion Show
Geraniums
Junk
Recycling

Bouquet
Dollies
Experiment
Force
Joy
Party

Puzzle Word List:
Anniversary
Creative
Elvis
Flowers
Hill & Dale
Paperwhites
Wintering



HILL & DALE DISTRICT MEETING

and Flower Show “Junk to Joy”

December 2, 2025 - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Flower entries no later than 9:30 a.m.

Dryer Masonic Center
306 134th St. S., Tacoma, WA 98444



Programs/Speakers

Please join us!

Hill and Dale District Celebration Program December 2, 2025

On December 2, the Hill and Dale District will hold a special recycling-themed District meeting titled *Junk to Joy*. In the morning, we will welcome Kim Mace and Michelle Prestin. These two garden buddies with a passion for teaching have developed a talk just for us about “recycling flowers”. There are all sorts of creative ways to use flowers from your yard or bouquet beyond putting them in vase or design. Kim has been a Master Gardener since 2016 and volunteers at a school community garden. Michelle has been a Master Gardener since 2018 and is the owner of Flower & Twig garden consulting.

Our afternoon design program will be presented by Brynn Tavasci. Brynn is involved in every level of the garden club world. She is an NGC flower show judge, former President of the Washington Federation of Garden Clubs and current Chair of the Flower Show Awards Committee for the WSFGC, Historian for the Pacific Region of Garden Clubs and Chair of Accrediting for the Washington NGC landscape design school. Brynn is going to demonstrate designs that use recycled components.

Cindy Swanberg
1st Assistant Director

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

SPREAD A LITTLE SUNSHINE!

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

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