

THE ECHO

Hill and Dale District

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THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Looking out the window at almost a foot of snow, my weeping pussy willow looks like a giant mushroom. Branches snapped off of the sumac and one of the pines looks like it belongs in a Charlie Brown cartoon. Spring will be busier than usual; must read the garden catalogs for what is new to plant in that bare spot that's sure to be waiting just under the snow.



March will be a busy time for us! We have the District meeting on the 28th and the Workshop on the 29th! I'm looking forward to both. Workshop will feature fairie and miniature gardens in the morning and designs from the new handbook in the afternoon. This will be Workshop 33 and because of all of you I know it will be another success. The Workshop is our way of

sharing education and the love of gardening and designing with our fellow garden club members from around the state.

Hill and Dale District continues to be a strong member of WSFGC and that is because of all the members in all the clubs. We each have the ability to learn and share our love for gardening and design with others. Each club has added new members in the past few months. These new members have joined with great enthusiasm, and a desire to learn and contribute. Seasoned members - YOU are doing a great job encouraging those new members.

TOGETHER WE CAN

Linda Maida

UPCOMING EVENTS

District Meetings

Mar 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 Board Meetings

Feb 28, 2017 10 a.m.

April 25, 2017 10 a.m.

Midland Community Centre
1619 E 99th St, Tacoma

District Therapy

Feb 22, 2017

May 18, 2017

8811 176th St E, Puyallup

Workshop

March 29, 2017 (see p 5)

Awards Picnic/Bus Tour

June 27, 2017



CLUB NEWS!

ROOT N' BLOOM

Hi ladies: Hopefully you all had a fabulous Holiday! Welcome to 2017 and a great new beginning! In November we decorated the yellow sitting room at Meeker Mansion in Puyallup. Hopefully some of you made it there to see the beautifully decorated rooms!

December we received requests for cookies, soap, batteries and other items from residents at the Old Soldiers home in Orting. We took items requested and additional items to them. We also had taken our centerpieces that we made at our District Meeting for them to enjoy! Our December meeting is a fun time! We all bring fun gifts and play Floral Bingo. This year my 7 and 9 year old grandkids joined in! They had a blast!

January brought freezing cold weather and lots of ice! Once of our members fell so for the last couple of months some of our members have been taking a meal once a week to help her out while she is recovering. She takes care of a invalid son.

We met with Krissy of Krissy's Kreations and put together a succulent terrarium (see photo below). Grandkids joined in on that also. Krissy has an in-home, succulent ground cover business off of Waller and 85th. Check her out! She has classes at her place where you can make many different things.



We have started a new growing project, Rosie brought African Violet leaves that we are starting in water! Here's to Green Thumbs ladies! We've welcomed Rosie Trujillo, who was with Dogwood, into our group, along with three other ladies since Sept. - Cathie Sidmore, Bridget Pilgrim and Lori Leisner!!

Hope to see you all at our next District Meeting and Workshop March 28th and 29th!

DOGWOOD GARDEN CLUB

December: SUCH A GREAT MONTH FOR CREATIVITY!!! Swags, wreaths, table decor, etc., and all could be done with native foliage, cheap shrubs and tree clippings. Di and Kathy Mettler co-hosted a yummy potluck luncheon at Di's home. Gardeners are such good cooks!!!

After the gift exchange, that all pertained to gardening, MARY BEWLEY GOT A BIG SURPRISE. (How this Club project was kept a secret until the presentation was a miracle.)



DOGWOOD GARDEN CLUB honored Mary Bewley for all her constant dedication to Dogwood and designing, forever keeping us abreast with the beauty and self satisfying benefits of gardening. Her dedication was honored with a very personal quilt made with quilt blocks from each member showing Mary's past achievements and honors.

It was magnificently put together by Master quilter, Kathleen Owens. Even small dogwood flowers rimmed each block. A beautiful piece of work.

November's speaker, Physical Therapist John Miller, told us to take care of an ache or a pain NOW and not wait till Spring when we over do it at the first ray of sun. Get in shape now for Spring.

January's program speaker, Rita Butler, Pierce County Master Gardener, said, "Anytime is good for gardening." We should PLAN WITH A PURPOSE. You don't want everything to bloom at the same time. Think about textures and leaf colors as the yearly seasons go by then our gardens will be in constant color and

Dogwood will now share their good and faithful member, Rosie Trujillo, with another club closer to her home in Lacey. She has been driving all this time to Eatonville but we will see her at District, so not all is lost.

Ilse Trujillo, a dedicated member of Dogwood, passed away this month. She will be sorely missed.

Looking forward to March and a field trip to see a huge collection of orchids in a personal home.



The crazy daffodils have started to come up already. Did you know that the snow is not all bad? A snow covering can insulate plants from the intense cold.

KEEP WARM....THE SUN IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!!

Reporting:
Sharon Aguilar

GARDEN HOUR

As Minnie Pearl used to say, "How-dee, I'm so glad to be here!" I don't know why that just popped into my head, but it did. Oh well lots of things pop in and then pop out (not always just in my head, though).

Ahem, talking about popping in, we had a former Edgewood resident pop in on us at our last meeting, **Chris Krueger**. It was a good day to visit as **Do-Bee Dorinda Jenkins** was leading us in the making of bird suet cakes. These were the same ones she and **Ko-Ko-Pop Karla Hiers** helped make at Brookdale last year. It was loads of fun with some members making more feeders than mess and others making more mess than feeders.

Speaking of feeders, our annual Xmas potluck with the firemen was a great success, but for one slight oversight..... there were no firefighters in attendance. No matter, we ate lots anyway and had fun stuffing cards with candy for the Puyallup Valley Enhanced Residential Care residents. Edgewood's Piece Quilters provided 74 Xmas stockings and the Red Hatters donated toiletries, gloves, hats, sox, puzzles, etc.

Also, many of our members gave gifts to individuals from their wish list for their Xmas party. It was controlled chaos as we filled Sonia's van from PVERC to the max with gifts and donations.

Chaos? Not here! Anyone who has ever been in **Java Junkie Jan Hurley's** garage will marvel at the orderly chaos she has going on. This is still our favorite haunt to make the Xmas centerpieces that we sell at the November district meeting. The gals enjoy getting creative with greens, glue, and glitter not to mention Jan's hot soup and coffee. The centerpieces provide the funds which we use for PVERC projects, and other year end donations to charities like the Salvation Army. Thank you to all who made a purchase helping us to help others.

So we have said good bye to 2016 and hello to 2017. It will be a time of fresh starts not only in our gardens, but in other aspects of everyday life.

Sadly, one chapter in our book has closed as we bid farewell to long time member, **Marcia Davis**, who passed from this life to her true home January 9th from brain cancer. It is fitting that she passed the morning of our last meeting. Marcia loved her fern garden and loved her Lord, always quick to thank Him for her blessings.

One day she prayed, "Dear Lord, I would really like some more ferns for my garden." The very next day at our meeting, I brought her 3 ferns from my yard. I don't know why, I just had a feeling I needed to. We both were amazed at how things were "orchestrated" that day. I will miss seeing her in the back row, wearing her signature newsboy cap, arms folded across her chest always ready with a comment or question. Her quick wit and dry British humor will be missed. Peace to you, our Garden Hour friend.

Karla Hiers
Secretary



GLOVE AND TROWEL

Our Glove and Trowel meetings have been well attended with members who are eager, creative, enthusiastic and fun. Each member is consistently bringing new ideas to the table.

Our meeting in November was held at Fran Cissell's home. Our fund raising auction is always a November highlight. We discussed methods on how to recycle items and to bring additional ideas in the future. The event at the Brookdale Alzheimer's home, planned for February, was also a topic of discussion. The last project was planning for the Four H program in January.

The December meeting, hosted by Esther Van Noy, was a fun time. Her home was incredibly decorated with beautiful Christmas items. We had our annual cookie exchange. Those ladies really know how to cook! Our program was presented by Randa Conroy who displayed her unique and wonderful stained glass items. She went through the process, in detail, on how to create these items. It was an amazing presentation. She also laid the groundwork for next year's decorating project at Meeker Mansion.

Sherry Matthews was our host for the January meeting. The projects we discussed were the 4 H project at the Faith Presbyterian Church on January 28 and the Garden Club table designs for our February 21 meeting. Our guest speaker, Linda Maida, co-director of the District Garden Club, was amazing. She gave a wonderful presentation and demonstration on Fantasy Flowers.

Sheron Taylor Price

COUNTRY GARDENERS

Country Gardeners enjoyed a luncheon and ornament exchange at the home of Margie Knudson in December. Margie is a wonderful hostess; the food and company was wonderful.

In January, member's met at Chris Sherrill's for an afternoon of visiting, sharing garden ideas and making plans for our next adventure. Most will be attending the Northwest Flower and Garden show, also a Flower show on February 15 organized by the Tacoma area members of Garden Clubs of America.

We are looking forward to spring, district meeting and workshop and of course, getting into the garden.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DEC 29 DISTRICT MEETING

A number of Hill & Dale members attended the Holiday Show on Nov 15 & 16 with designs and displays to share.

- Kathy Toups created an educational display on Raptors. She won 3 awards including 1st place and the coveted Carol Klingberg award. (see photo below)
- Kathy Johnson created an educational display on bees with a focus on Mason Bees. Kathy won 2nd place.
- Chris Sherrill created a gorgeous Paris topiary to follow the theme of Parisian Holiday and won 2nd place.
- Patty Ison created a lace design with red roses and a plexiglass 'window' to look through.
- Judy Strickland created a dinner setting type design with stunning plates and shoes.
- Linda Maida created a "Rainy Night in Paris - Intimate Dinner" design with a beautiful bling fabric and long candle stems.



The morning program was presented by Greg Farley, an outdoor photographer with great tips on taking better photos in our gardens.

The afternoon program was chaired by Gail Harte. Members made Christmas centerpieces with horticulture, ornaments and other materials. The designs were donated to a cause of the club's choice.



Hill & Dale District
“All That News”
Workshop 33
March 29, 2017
8:30 to 2:15

Faerie Garden Tips and Tricks with JoAnne Sandell
Janit Calvo owner of Two Green Thumbs Nursery
Author and designer of miniature gardens
New Designs direct from NGC attendee's
Betty Burkhart and Debbie Spiller
Lunch Included \$20

Masonic Hall

306 134th St S Tacoma

Checks made payable to Hill & Dale

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From I-5 take HWY 512 to Pacific Ave exit proceed right on Pacific to 134th turn right, hall is on the left

Contact linda.maida@yahoo.com with questions

DIVISION 1 - HORTICULTURE

Horticulture entries must be grown or in an exhibitor's possession for three months. All plant material must be properly groomed, conditioned and named. More than one entry may be made in each class or subclass if of a different named variety or color. Wedging is permitted; a small inconspicuous piece of material may be used in the neck of the container only to prop or wedge the exhibit upright. EXHIBITOR WILL FURNISH THEIR OWN CLEAN, TRANSPARENT CONTAINERS. PUT YOUR NAME & CLUB ON EACH ENTRY TAG.

Rosette of Bronze Ribbons: Best in Show

Rosette of Peach, White & Green Ribbons: MarvaLee Peterschick WSFGC Award Best flowering branch
Section 2

Rosette of Orange Ribbons: 2 Awards of Merit Section 1 and Section 3

Rosette of chartreuse & Purple ribbons; Elfin Award: Section 4

SECTION 1

Class 1 . DAFFODILS , *Narcissus* 1 stem

- a. Trumpet, trumpet equal to length of perianth
 - 1. all 1 color
 - 2. bi-color
- b. Short cup, cup not more than 1/3 length of perianth
- c. Long cup, cup more than 1/3 but less than equal to length of perianth
- d. Doubles
- E. Any other

Class 2. TULIPA, Tulip, 1 stem with some foliage attached

- a. single
- b. double
- c. any other

Class 3. ANY OTHER FLOWERING BULB a. 1 stem if large flower b. 3 if small

SECTION 2

Class 4. FLOWERING SHRUBS OR TREES, 1 stem or spray not over 24"

- a. ,*Pieris*, *Andromeda*
- b. *Rhododendron* , *Azalea*, 1 spray
- c. *Camellia* foliage attached
- d. *Chaenomeles*, Flowering Quince
- e. *Forsythia*
- f. *Rhododendron* 1. One collar (whorl) 2. Any other
- g. *Skimmia*
- h. Any other

SECTION 3

Class 5. PERENNIALS a. 1 stem if large flower b. 3 stems if small flower

Class 6. ANY OTHER WORTHY SPECIMEN 1 stem, in bloom, not listed above

Class 7. POTTED PLANTS, INDOOR

- a. Foliage
- b. Blooming (must be in bloom)

SECTION 4 DWARF PLANTS

Class 8. Dwarf plants: Restricted to dwarf/miniature and naturally small plant material.

- A. miniature daffidols, 3 stems
- B. miniature other flowering bulbs, 3 stems
- C. miniature perennials
- D. miniature confers

"ALICE IN WONDERLAND"

DIVISION 11 - DESIGN

No artificial flowers or foliage. Fresh plant material emphasized. Accessories allowed unless otherwise stated. One entry to a class or subclass. Put your name and club on each entry tag.

Rosette of Purple ribbons: Best of Show Sherry Matthews Award Classes 1-4

Small rosette of Blue and White ribbons: Petite Award in class 6.

Rosette of Purple and Cream ribbons: Novice Award in class 5.

Class 1. "Tea Party" - Functional luncheon tray, furnished by exhibitor, no larger than 18" long and 12" wide. Must have a completed design.

Class 2. "Queen of hearts" - Designers Choice

Class 3. "Tweedle Dee & Tweedle Dom" - Using two containers, underlay required

Class 4. "Mad Hatter" - Multi-rhythmic design

Class 5. "Cheshire Cat" - NOVICE ONLY- Designers Choice A novice is a designer who has won no more than 5 blue ribbons.

Class 6. "Door Mouse" - Small design over 5" but under 8" Petite Award
A. All Fresh B. Combination

PHOTOGRAPHS

Photos size: 5 X 7 Mat: 8 X 10, black mat (non-glossy finish)

Class 7. Single Flower

Class 8. Sunsets

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Class 9. Wildlife

Class 10. Sunrise

Tray Design: Decorative unit & all components must be on the tray and in appropriate scale for size of the tray. Overall space must appear to be uncrowded & ready for service. Ease of self-service is important. Stability

Call Sherry Matthews 845-2555 OR Linda Maida 389-2609 with the design classes you are entering. We need to fill these classes so consider doing several.

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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.

dyuckert@centurylink.net or
253.845.8720

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DISTRICT GARDEN THERAPY

“Garden Therapy uses garden-related activities as an aid in the recovery and rehabilitation of the residents at Brookdale Alzheimer and Dementia facility located at 8811 176th St E on South Hill in Puyallup. This gives the residents an opportunity to participate, socialize, and be involved with activities related to horticulture.” The ladies who have volunteered their time can see the enjoyment of the residents just by watching their faces. We would like each club to be represented by two of their members. Please join us at 10 a.m.



Wednesday, Feb 22, 2017 we will be making **hummingbird feeders**.

Thursday, May 18th, we will help them plant May flowers. Please join us for the fun and watch our flowers bloom. This will be our last activity for the year

