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PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear Members,

As your new President of the Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs, I would like to welcome you to our new term. Last year was one for the books. I hope we never have to deal with anything like it again, but it did cause us to stretch our minds and our outlook on many aspects of our lives. It caused devastation and sadness to many. We all had to rethink how we do our daily simple activities. As a result, the changes stimulated my imagination and helped me choose my motto for the next two years. "Flexibility and an open mind allow us to grow our abilities and our gardens. Do not audit life. Step up and make the most of your life now."

What would we have done without Zoom this past year? It allowed us to "see" friends and family. It gave us the opportunity to interact with those that we might never meet in person. We could take NGC classes from home and watch floral design presentations from all over the country. I realized how many resources there are out there for our members to expand their knowledge.

Though many people think that their computer ability is lacking, I want them included as much as possible in our activities. If we know a member who does not have a computer or cell phone, we can show them how to dial in on their land line for virtual programs and meetings. If a member cannot attend a meeting in person, we can invite them to our homes to participate in a meeting. I want to include training for those who do not feel they have the necessary ability. The Zoom website, www.zoom.us has excellent tutorials available for free. The National Garden Clubs, Inc. committee on electronic media is developing training sessions for our members. These are creative, dynamic, and knowledgeable people and are very inspirational.

Even though we can have some in-person meetings, we should all consider using electronic means to include those who cannot, for whatever reason, attend an in-person meeting. Maybe they are ill, have loved ones to care for, are snowbirds or traveling. We can have meetings that are both in-person and use electronic media. This type of meeting is called a hybrid meeting.

We can have electronic meetings for committee members' convenience, as well. Using Zoom or other electronic media certainly does not mean we will not have in-person meetings; it means we can include more members. You can make your meetings as plain or fancy as your imagination allows. The possibilities are endless.

"Flexibility and an open mind allow us to grow our abilities and our gardens. Do not audit life. Step up and make the most of your life now."

—Anne Sullivan
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On the Cover



Magnolia grandiflora 'Southern Magnolia' blossom
— Creative Commons



Managing Editor's note: Because of extra coverage of Awards and Blue Star Markers, Linda has chosen to wait until the next issue for a design article.



WSFGC NEWS

WSFGC Endowment Fund Project Grants Awarded

With most of the state's garden clubs not meeting during the last year, we were still able to fulfill the requests sent to the Endowment Fund Project Grants Committee. Though the number of requests was much fewer than our first year, the grant requests were very well received.

Congratulations to each of these 2020–2021 recipients and thank you for continuing to enhance our communities and enrich the lives of our members.

- \$1,000 was awarded to the Marine Hills Garden Club for their Green Gables School Plan to put in a Pollinator Garden.
- \$1,000 was awarded to Hill and Dale District for their Workshop. In the past, attendees paid to attend this educational workshop; but the grant has made it possible for anyone to attend at no charge.

- \$1,000 was awarded to Evergreen Garden Club for the second phase of an entrance garden at the Belfair Timberland Library.
- \$340 was awarded to the Auburn Garden Club for the installation of a Year-Round Iris Garden at the historic Neely Mansion.
- \$300 was awarded to the East Lake Washington District to help fund a Public Flower Show at the Bellevue Botanical Garden.

The total amount distributed was \$3,640. We are hoping that garden clubs will be getting back to “normal” this year and that the committee will be overwhelmed with requests arriving on or before the March 15, 2022 deadline. Applications for the grants can be found on the WSFGC Website.

—Diane Franchini
Project Grants Committee Chairman

East Lake Washington District of Garden Clubs presents

A SMALL NGC STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

FESTIVAL OF COLOR

HORTICULTURE FLORAL DESIGN PHOTOGRAPHY EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

BELLEVUE BOTANICAL GARDEN—AARON EDUCATION CENTER

Saturday, July 31, 1:00 to 3:30 PM • Sunday, Aug. 1, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

12001 Main Street, Bellevue, WA • Open to the Public and Free

(Check www.elwd.org for changes or updates.)



Pandemic Poem by Lana Finegold

From pause to possibility, I'm longing for tranquility,
My world before Pandemic is no more.
How much is gone, how much lives on
We only know our gardens grow
And lucky me, my garden's out my door.
My garden does inspire me and every day it tires me.
And gives me hope and joy to see a fresh new blossom just for me.
So dig I will and deadhead too, there's always more than I can do
But hope and promise strengthens me and I can say decidedly
A purpose driven garden helps grow ME.
So give your all to gardening. And let it cause your heart to sing
And may you have success in all you do.
And may you learn and may you cope and may your garden give you hope
May blessings rain specifically on YOU.



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WSFGC Program and Meeting Guide.

PACIFIC REGION NEWS

Blue Star (and Gold) Markers are set to Shine in Washington State

Open up the flood gates because Washington recently added blue and gold bling to our state. Four dedication ceremonies happened in two days; we honored our veterans, our military, and our communities in style. All four were honored to have Pacific Region Director Robin Pokorski present to give a message. Each dedication added their own unique touches that made each one just a little different.

Day 1: June 11, 2021—After being postponed three times in the last year, the Queens of Spades Garden Club finally dedicated a Blue Star By-Way Marker at the Veterans Memorial Park in Ellensburg. The CWU ROTC provided the Color Guard and a special tribute honored several area veterans with a Quilts of Valor presentation.

Following this dedication, we headed to the American Legion Park in Selah (just outside Yakima) where the Appleblossom Garden Club and the American Legion, installed and

dedicated an NGC Gold Star Memorial Marker that honored the families who have lost sons and daughters while serving their country.



Selah: Gold Star Family parents, Stephen and Deborah Green who lost their son SSGT Scott Green are pictured in front of the first NGC Gold Star Marker in Washington.



Lacey: A white stone and a red, white, and blue planting really showed off their Blue Star By-Way Marker

Day 2: June 12, 2021—The second day took us to the west side of the mountains, beginning at the

Lacey Civic Plaza where the Friendly Flower Garden Club dedicated a Blue Star By-Way Marker. This marker dedication had been postponed at least once during the past year and the garden club was excited to be able to see their efforts finalized. Joining the festivities were motorcycle riders who were riding for the Gold Star Families Foundation.

The final dedication in this two-day marathon began at 1:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Museum just off I-5 at Exit 77. Unlike the other three, this Blue Star Memorial Marker was done on a fast-track in the last six weeks and was sponsored by Pacific Region in collaboration with the Friendly Neighbors Garden Club. This is the first region-sponsored marker in the country and had a garden club member providing the music on her bagpipes.

We had a large following at all four of the marker dedications.

—Diane Franchini

PR Director's Project Chairman



Selah: Pictured are Robin Pokorski, PR Director 2019-2021; Lana Finegold, PR Director 2021-2023; Anne Sullivan WSFGC President 2021-2023; Dorrie Carr WSFGC President 2019-2021



Ellensburg: Four local veterans received Quilts of Valor. Stephen Green (Marines), Deborah Green (Marines and Queens of Spades member), Steve Franchini (Air Force and husband of Diane Franchini), Fred LaFaver (Navy). Not pictured is a 5th recipient Karey Green (Marines and son of Stephen and Deborah Green).



Chehalis: PR Director Robin Pokorski proudly poses with the first PR sponsored Blue Star Memorial Marker



Chehalis: Friendly Neighbors Garden Club member Gail Gibbard played bagpipes for their dedication

WSFGC DISTRICT NEWS

Black Hills District

Black Hills District seems to be moving along. Clubs are returning to in-person meetings, plant sales are happening and other summer plans are being made.

We are definitely looking forward to the future.

Picnics and programs are back “in the norm” as clubs meet. New members are joining and other potential members are showing interest. I am guessing that the result of being home-bound for the last year or so has increased the awareness of many individuals as to the benefits of gardening. We welcome them and continue to look for new ways to bring in members to our group.

Our district was looking forward to our annual Thurston County Fair Flower Show—but alas—it has been canceled. Feelers are already out for our district to find a way to provide a summer show for the district. Our exhibitors and judges need shows to keep their credentials up-to-date. I am sure we will make this happen. Stay tuned, because we would love to have you visit.

New district officers have been elected and everyone is jumping in with both feet to accept responsibilities. We have a great crew coming on board and are looking forward to “new happenings” within our district. The fall district board meeting is planned for October 8. Illahee GC is providing the flower show “Sweater Weather” and Friendly Flower GC is hosting. Our spring 2022 meeting will finally see the horticulture spe-

cialty show which was planned and canceled last April. We are looking forward to seeing it happen.

Our district had the honor of dedicating two Blue Star Markers within our district on June 12. Friendly Flowers Garden Club is the sponsor of one at the Lacey Flag Pavilion. Friendly Neighbors has coupled with Pacific Region to install the first Regional Blue Star Marker found in our state. It is located at the Veterans Memorial Museum in Chehalis. Please stop to visit these sites. Wishing you all a happy summer and even happier gardening.

—Diane Harper, District Director

Central District

2019-2021 District Director's Annual Report

What an unusual term of office this has been. Going back to April 2019, I was installed as Central District's Director. I knew that art had to be a part of my focus so my theme was “Enhancing the Fine Art of Gardening.” I was excited and filled with lots of grand ideas for the two years ahead of me.

In July 2019, I held my first General Membership meeting with the theme “Honoring Our Past—Embracing Our Future.” It was exciting to be able to honor all our 90+ year-old members and hear their stories as well as lead a concrete plaque workshop for the youth who were in attendance. I also honored members who were “More Than a Number”—



more than a name on a garden club roster. I made it a campaign and handed out pins that said “I’m More Than a Number.” It was fun to see who would earn that distinction. The last meeting that we would hold at the Yakima Area Arboretum was in October 2019. It was a difficult decision that we had to make but it came down to new management increasing our rental costs by three times. Following that meeting I signed a contract with Selah Civic Center that would begin with our March 2020 Board meeting. Little did I know that a year later we still had not met there once.

And then Covid-19 came into our lives and turned everything upside down. Our March Board meeting was canceled; our April General Membership meeting was canceled. By June 2020 we still couldn’t meet in-person, so I held email “meetings” spread out over several weeks. We had a couple of major topics each week put out for discussion and/or vote. We were able to make some significant decisions, pass a budget, and try to plan for the future.

In July of 2020 I decided that we had to at least try to meet so I opened up my backyard and patio for a meeting. All six clubs were represented, and we had a pretty good turnout. Lunch was pizza (curbside pick up). We learned that Yakima had approved a Blue Star Memorial Marker to be placed in the Tahoma Cemetery in Yakima. At least this gave us a goal to work toward. Terry Critchlow was our chairman and was pushing for a November 11, 2020

Dedication.

September 2020 board meeting was held outside at the Railroad Park in Naches. It was a great location with covered picnic areas and restrooms close by. The cooler temperatures in October sent us inside to the United Christian Church in Terrace Heights. Knowing that we would not be back together again until March, it was important to find ways to keep all of our members informed and to find new ways to communicate.

We held our first Zoom Board Meeting in March 2021. It was nice to at least see faces and be able to discuss plans for the District. We were offered a chance to meet inside at the Peace of Christ Church of Naches in April. Thank you to Claudia and Mt. Cleman Garden Club for making this available to us.

Two major items have kept me involved with the district these last two years. The first was our chance to shine by hosting the 2020 Convention in June—that got rescheduled to September 2020—that got rescheduled to June 2021—and that has now been rescheduled for the WSFGC March Board meeting in 2022! I’m almost afraid to begin planning any major project again. It’s agonizing to gear up and then cancel over and over and over again.

The second item has been Blue and Gold Star Markers. Early in 2019, Queens of Spades began planning for a By-Way Marker to be placed in Ellensburg and Appleblossom began planning with the American Legion to place a Gold Star

WSFGC DISTRICT NEWS

Memorial Marker in Selah. Both projects were completed and dedications were held June 11 in Ellensburg and Selah. Our District Blue Star Memorial Marker was placed in the Tahoma Cemetery in Yakima, and a very successful Dedication was held November 11, 2020.

I'm pleased that we are able to be back together again but do recognize that we have missed out on fundraisers, the WSFGC President's visit, the chance to build new friendships through in-person social gatherings, Design Central and Judges Council meetings and so much more. I look forward to the next two years as we negotiate how to safely meet and continue to spread the goals of garden clubs across the nation. All four officers have agreed to serve another term. My new theme is "Nurturing Our Roots for Healthy Growth."

—*Diane Franchini*, District Director

Cross Sound District

Cross Sound District will be moving ahead. The theme for the district is "Peace and Joy of Gardening." Our plans are to hold four general meetings during 2021– 2022 and four in 2022-2023. Each garden club will host a meeting and provide the location. The Cross Sound District Officers will hold the fourth meeting. We are excited to be gathering again and expecting more member attendance by dividing the meeting places. Our new officers were installed in May with a delightful ceremony by Sarajane Rants. We will be meeting

during the summer months to complete our program booklet to ensure all members have adequate time to prepare for the coming two years. Central Valley Garden Club had a successful spring plant sale. They installed their new officers at their June meeting.

Evergreen Garden Club also had a successful spring plant sale. They have been working on the Belfair Library grounds project and the Blue Star Memorial Garden. Fresh floral wreaths were hung May 28, to honor our fallen heroes. Evergreen officers will retain their positions for another year.

Long Lake Garden Club has been meeting in members' homes and may have found a new location to meet. They installed their new officers in June.

All the members of garden clubs have remained busy and successful. May you all find the Peace and Joy of Gardening!

—*Loretta Lukkasson*, District Director

East Lake Washington District

East Lake Washington District will present a small Standard Flower Show: "Festival of Color", at the Bellevue Botanical Garden in the Aaron Education Center July 31 and August 1, 2021. See ELWD website for details or contact June Ann Hassbroek, chairman.

BIRDS

American Goldfinch

The American Goldfinch is the state bird of Washington on the Pacific coast, New Jersey on the Atlantic coast and Iowa in the Midwest. Goldfinches are 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 inches long with a wingspread of 8 3/4 to 9 inches. In the spring and summer, the males are bright lemon-yellow, with a black cap and black wings. In the winter months, the males are olive green. The females are olive-yellow and have dusky colored wings with two white wing bars.

Both sexes live in mixed flocks, often with pine siskins that go bounding through the air in deeply undulating flights over fields, woods, and orchards.

Flocks eat seeds of birches, alders, conifers, thistles, goldenrod, asters, burdock, sunflowers, and dandelions. In the garden, the birds come to seeding heads of zinnias, coreopsis, cosmos, and lettuce. Black oil sunflower seeds and thistle seed are seeds of choice at the bird feeders.

The American Goldfinch breeds later in summer (July or August) than other songbirds. The birds time their nesting and brooding activities to coincide with an abundance of weed seeds, especially thistle, to nourish four to six young. American Goldfinch nests are lined with



Carduelis tristis (American Goldfinch)

thistle-down and milkweed down with the exterior built of fine grasses and moss. The nest is so thick-walled that it will hold water. Nesting sites

are found in low bushes or trees. Both adults feed the nestlings entirely on regurgitated seed mash. The young leave the nest when they are 10 to 16 days old.

The song of the American Goldfinch is lively, spontaneous, and very musical.

Enjoy viewing and hearing our state bird in your Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary.

—Ann Kronenwetter
WSFGC Bird Chairman

AWARDS

Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs, Pacific Region Garden Clubs, National Garden Club Inc. 2020 Awards

(First Place winners only unless noted)

ARBOR DAY Kelso GC-CAL

BIRDS

Root & Bloom GC-Hill & Dale
District

Kathy Johnson, Root & Bloom
GC-Hill & Dale District

COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

Garden Hour GC-Hill & Dale District

Marine Hills GC-Chinook District

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Marine Hills GC-Chinook District
Hill & Dale District

COMMUNITY SERVICE SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Illahee GC-Black Hills District

NATIVE PLANTS AND

WILDFLOWERS

Illahee GC-Black Hills District GC

GROWING PROJECT

Small Club Black Hills Flower

Designers, Black Hills District,
Allium christophii & *Allium*
schubertii

Medium Club Dogwood GC-Hill & Dale
District, *Amaryllis*

Large Club Olympia GC-Black Hills
District, *Papaver somniferum*
(Opium Poppy)

GARDEN THERAPY

Passive Therapy Marine Hills GC-
Chinook District

Active Therapy 2nd Des Moines GC-
Chinook District

HORTICULTURE—AMERICAN FARMER

Shelly Lounsbury Griffin, Diane

Bullock Gauron, Diane Storms,
Lynne Whelan, Karen Jenison,
Diane Franchini, members of
Queen of Spades GC-Central
District

HORTICULTURE ESSAY AWARD

True Blue Cindy Swanberg, Root &
Bloom GC-Hill & Dale District

HONOR CLUBS

Rosalia, CAL 2nd Illahee GC-Black
Hills District 3rd Root & Bloom
GC-Hill & Dale District 4th Port
Angeles GC-Olympic Peninsula
District 5th Des Moines GC-
Chinook District 6th Glove &
Trowel GC-Hill & Dale District 7th
Oak Harbor GC-CAL

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTIONS

Social Media/Websites Small Club
Root & Bloom GC-Hill & Dale
District

Large Club Port Angeles GC-Olympic
Peninsula District

Ex-Large Club Edmonds Floretum
GC-CAL District; Hill & Dale
District

PUBLICATIONS

Newsletters

Small Club

1-page newsletter: Illahee GC-Black
Hills District

3-page newsletter: Mt. Cleman GC-
Central District

Large Club

3-12 page newsletter: Enumclaw
GC-Chinook District

District Hill & Dale District



Membership Publications

Small Club

Marine Hills GC—Chinook District
Root & Bloom GC—Hill & Dale District

2020 YEARBOOK

Class 1 2nd Aster Nots, Hill & Dale District

Class 2 Illahee GC—Black Hills District Central District

Class 3 Friendly Flower GC—Black Hills District

Class 4 Parkside GC—Chinook District

Class 6 Edmonds Floretum GC—CAL

WASHINGTON STATE FEDERATION OF GCS PAST PRESIDENTS' AWARDS

Lois Donahue Award of Achievement

Awarded to an individual who has volunteered service to Garden Club promoting NGC—Pacific Region Garden Clubs and WSFGC objectives, goals, and programs for the past five years—JoAnne Sandell

Violet Gose Club Achievement Award

Top Honor Club—Rosalia GC—CAL

Shirley Monger Wildflower Award

Illahae GC—Black Hills District

Cerita Goody Civic Achievement Award

Illahae GC—Black Hills District

Brynn Travasci Recycling Award

Kim Munson, Hill & Dale District

Helen Wolf Club Program

Des Moines GC—Chinook District

Pat Crawford Arbor Day Award

Kelso GC—CAL, Sarah Koss, Chairman

Awarded to a garden club for an outstanding Arbor Day project.

Glad Reusch Corsage Award

Olympia GC—Black Hills District

Jeanette Pruin Youth Involvement

Award

Dogwood GC—Hill & Dale District
Year-long youth garden club program; Hill & Dale District, Hill & Dale District; Youth section in Flower Show and youth activities at the Pierce County virtual fair

Marianne Larson Club Newsletter Award

Enumclaw GC—Chinook District
Joyce Lounsberry Garden Therapy Award; Marine Hills GC—Chinook District.

GARDEN CLUB 2020 MEMBERSHIP LONGEVITY

Friendly Flowers GC 75 years—1945
Black Hills District inception 1977

Friendly Neighbors GC 65 years—1955
Black Hills District inception 1977

Basin Bloomers GC 45 years—1975
Blue Mountain District inception 1937

Queen of Spades GC 70 years – 1950
Central District inception 1936

Maple Trails GC 55 years—1965
Chinook District inception 1964

Hilltoppers GC 60 years—1960
East Lake Washington District inception 1959

Terra Tillers GC 60 years—1960
East Lake Washington District inception 1959

Seattle Civic Center GC 80 years—1940
originally formed in 1918
Greater Seattle District inception 1936

Port Angeles GC 85 years—1939
Olympic Peninsula District inception 1934

La Connor Civic GC 70 years—1950
CAL



AWARDS

WASHINGTON STATE FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP BOOSTERS

- Lavender Ribbon donation of \$25
Lana Finegold, East Lake
Washington District, Illahee GC–
Black Hills District
- Purple Ribbon donation of \$50
Issaquah GC–East Lake
Washington District, Hill 'N Dale
GC–East Lake Washington District,
Sherwood Forest GC–East Lake
Washington District
- Silver Ribbon donation of \$75
Central Valley GC–Cross Sound
District; Tri-Area GC–Olympic
Peninsula District; Terra Tillers
GC–East Lake Washington District
and Central District
- Gold Ribbon donation of \$100 to
\$499 Port Angeles GC–Olympic
Peninsula District; Queens of
Spades GC–Central District;
Chinook District; Esther
Banholzer; Jeanette Pruin;
Minnehaha GC–CAL; Interlaaken
GC–Hill & Dale District
- Green Ribbon donation of \$500 and
more Olympia GC–Black Hills
District; Parkside GC–Chinook
District; Des Moines GC–Chinook
District

TEACHER'S CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP DONATION

- Aster Nots, Hill & Dale District \$150;
Bogachiel GC–
Olympic Peninsula District \$100;
Des Moines GC–Chinook District
\$75; Dogwood GC–Hill & Dale
District \$25; Port Angeles GC–
Olympic Peninsula District \$200;

Rosalia GC–CAL \$20; Hill & Dale
District \$75

NATURAL DISASTRS DONATIONS

- \$20 Rosalia GC–CAL; \$50 Issaquah
GC–East Lake Washington District;
\$100 Bogachiel GC–Olympic
Peninsula District; \$50 Chinook
District

WASHINGTON CONSULTANTS COUNCIL AWARDS

- Garden Club Growing Project* Black
Hills Flower Designers, Black Hills
District
- Recycling Award* Kim Munson, Root &
Bloom GC–Hill & Dale District

YOUTH

WSFGC JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE YOUTH AWARD

- Dogwood GC–Hill & Dale District

POLLINATOR POWER YOUTH POSTER CONTEST – BATS

- Kindergarten* Norah Fisher, Illahee
GC–Black Hills District
- 1st Grade* NovaLee Fullerton, Rosalia
GC–CAL
- 2nd Grade* Zoe Graham, Rosalia GC–
CAL
- 3rd Grade* Alliegh Place, Rosalia GC–
CAL

YOUTH POETRY GRADES K-6TH

- 2020 Theme: Adventures in Garden*
- Kindergarten* Serenity Saechado, “In
the Garden” Illahee GC–Black Hills
District
- 1st Grade* Brycen Quintan, “In My
Garden” Illahee GC–Black Hills
District
- 2nd Grade* Seneca Griderich, “Plant
A Garden” Illahee GC–Black Hills
District



3rd Grade 2nd Uma Jakubowski, "Come into My Garden" Illahee GC-Black Hills District

4th Grade Myia Gardner, "Nature's Garden" Illahee GC-Black Hills District

5th Grade Gemma Jakubowski, "Seasons of Adventure" Illahee GC-Black Hills District

6th Grade Jacqleen Bier "A Season is a Seed" Illahee GC-Black Hills District

YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST

4th Grade Gracie Ann Powell, Rosalia GC-CAL

5th Grade Abdrewh Evens, Rosalia GC-CAL **6th Grade** Gwendolyn Olson, Rosalia GC-CAL

7th Grade Hanna Douglas, Rosalia GC-CAL

8th Grade Brooklyn Newman, Rosalia GC-CAL

SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST

"Lend a Hand, Care for the Land"

1st Grade Hadley Hudkins, Rosalia GC-CAL

2nd Grade Evelyn Snyder, Marine Hills GC-Chinook District

3rd Grade Reilly Holmes, Parkside GC-Chinook District

4th Grade Ava Bowman, Dogwood GC-Black Hills District

5th Grade Kinsey Hudkins Rosalia GC-CAL

PACIFIC REGION GARDEN CLUBS 2020 AWARDS

PACIFIC REGION GARDEN CLUBS DIRECTOR'S SPECIAL CITATION

Washington State Federation of

Garden Clubs for keeping WSFGC members connected throughout a challenging year.

CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT Hill & Dale District for participation and promotion of gardening with a flower show and youth activities at the Pierce County virtual fair.

GARDEN THERAPY 2nd Marine Hills GC-Chinook District provided weekly arrangements in the lobby, Christmas arrangements and Valentine's 'cups of love' to residents at a local care facility.

PUBLICATIONS-COMMUNICATIONS

Horticulture Essay Cindy Swanberg, "True Blue" Root & Bloom GC-Hill & Dale District

Newsletter

Small Clubs Mt. Cleman GC Central District

Medium Clubs Enumclaw GC-Chinook District

District Hill & Dale District

WSFGC "Washington Garden & Design"

YEARBOOKS

Small Club Illahee GC-Black Hills District

Medium Club HM Friendly Flower GC-Black Hills District

Ex-large Club Edmonds Floretum GC

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Published article Debbie Angel, "Pollinators" Marine Hills GC-Chinook District

Membership Root & Bloom GC-Hill & Dale District *Membership Handbook*

1st Illahee GC Illahee Park native plant interpretive flier Black Hills District

AWARDS

1st WSFGC 2019 Awards Booklet

NATIVE FLORA EDUCATION

Illahee GC—Black Hills District

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

A year's program or one workshop/ event involving activities with youth education—Marine Hills GC—Chinook District

Continued support of several school and church community gardens in their area by purchasing items, sending checks and providing plants—Hill & Dale District Youth activities, education and flower show at the Pierce County Virtual Fair

SMOKEY THE BEAR / WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST

1st Grade 2nd Hadley Hudkins, Rosalia GC—CAL

2nd Grade Evelyn Snyder, Marine Hills GC—Chinook District

3rd Grade Reilly Holmes, Parkside GC—Chinook District

5th Grade 3rd Kinsey Hudkins, Rosalia GC—CAL

YOUTH RECYCLED SCULPTURE CONTEST

4th Grade Gracie Ann Powell

5th Grade Andrew Evens

6th Grade Gwendolyn Olson

7th Grade Hanna Douglas

8th Grade Brooklyn Newman, Rosalia GC—CAL

NATIONAL GCS, INC. 2020 AWARDS

PLANT AMERICA GRANT

Edmonds Floretum GC—CAL

COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

Certificate of Appreciations

Garden Hour GC; Marine Hills GC—Chinook District

COMMUNITY GARDENS *Certificate of Appreciation*

Marine Hills GC—Chinook District; Root & Bloom GC—Hill & Dale District

COMMUNITY SERVICE *Certificate of Commendation*

Youth Horticulture Education, Hill & Dale District: youth education and flower show section at Pierce County virtual fair.

PUBLICATIONS

Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit 2019 WSFGC Awards Booklet

Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit WSFGC Washington Garden and Design

Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit Root & Bloom GC—Hill & Dale District, New Member Handbook

Newsletters Certificate of Appreciation

Enumclaw GC—Chinook District

“Garden Chatter”

Illahee GC—Chinook District Illahee Club Newsletter

Mt. Cleman GC—Central District “Most of the Latest and Greatest Garden Club News”

Hill & Dale District “The Echo”

PUBLICATIONS

Membership Card Marine Hills GC—Chinook District

Educational Illahee GC—Black Hills District, Native Plant Interpretive Trail Brochure

Yearbook Edmonds Floretum GC—CAL

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Certificate of Commendation Hill & Dale District—promotion and sponsorship of Pierce County



Virtual Fair

Illahee GC–Black Hills District

SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITES

Certificate of Commendation

Root & Bloom GC–Hill & Dale District

Certificate of Appreciation

Edmond Floretum GC–CAL

Port Angeles GC–Olympic Peninsula District

Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs

YOUTH

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest

1st Grade 2nd Evelyn Snyder, Marine Hills GC–Chinook District

Youth Recycled Sculpture Contest Award of Excellence

4th Grade Gracie Ann Powell

5th Grade Andrew Evans

6th Grade Gwendolyn Olson

7th Grade Hanna Douglas

8th Grade Brooklyn Newman Rosalia GC–CAL

**JOIN US Sunday August 1, 2021 at 1:30pm
Classroom C at the Bellevue Botanical Garden**



**SEATTLE CIVIC
GARDEN CENTER**

PRESENTS

GARDENER OF THE YEAR

AT THE

BELLEVUE BOTANICAL GARDEN

≡ AUGUST 1, 2021 ≡

CONGRATULATIONS

LANA FINEGOLD

OUR

92ND GOTY



SCHOLARSHIPS

The WSFGC Endowment Fund and WSFGC members sponsored seven scholarships of \$2,000 each. Students were selected by their department chairman.

—Jeanette Pruin, WSFGC Scholarship Chairman

WSFGC SCHOLARSHIPS \$2,000 EACH

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY



Khalil Al-Wazan
College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences, Dept. of Horticulture
Mrs. Frank S. Greeley

WSFGC Scholarship

Khalil is a senior pursuing a degree in Landscape, Nursery and Greenhouse Management. He hopes to one day own a nursery and share his love of plants with the public.



Mariana Reyna
School of Design and Construction, Landscape Architecture Program
WSFGC Scholarship

Mariana is a junior in Landscape Architecture with a minor in Horticulture. She hopes to work for a design firm whose projects benefit local communities and embrace environmental conservation.



Lauren Stubbs
College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences, Dept. of Crop and Soil Sciences
WSFGC Scholarship

Lauren is a sophomore majoring in Field Crop Management. She plans to get a Masters Degree to become a Certified Crop Advisor and work as a field agronomist.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON



Christina Cameron
College of the Environment, Dept. of Environmental Science and Terrestrial Resource and Management
Violet Nevitt Gose
WSFGC Scholarship

Christina is a senior pursuing a degree in Environmental Science & Terrestrial Resource Management. She plans to work for Seattle Tree Care as their Operations Assistant and work towards ISA Certification to become a Certified Arborist.





Anthony Garcia
College of Arts and Sciences, Dept. of Biology
May Garrett Hayes
WSFGC Scholarship

Anthony is a senior with a passion for plant biology. He hopes to have a career in plant biology. His ultimate motivation is the protection of the global food supply, especially as the global climate continues change rapidly.



Zachary Meyers
College of Built Environments, Dept. of Landscape Architecture
Verna J Weiler
WSFGC Scholarship

Zach is a graduate student in Landscape Architecture and is passionate about creating spaces that exist at the edges of horticulture, ecology and the specific history of a place.

WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY



Kate Lincoln
Huxley College of the Environment,
WSFGC Scholarship

Kate is a sophomore at WWU and plans to earn degrees in both Environmental and Latin American Studies. After graduation she hopes to work in the environmental sector of the Peace Corps.

PACIFIC REGION SCHOLARSHIP
\$1250
NGC VIOLET GOSE SCHOLARSHIP
\$4000



Madeline Katie Gendreau — Boise State University, Idaho

Madeline is from Spokane, Washington. She is an Honors student at Boise State University. Her major is Geosciences and Environmental Studies with a minor in Climate Studies. Her passion is to educate the citizens of the Earth to be good stewards of our precious resources.

– Information provided by Jeannette Pruin, Scholarship Chairman



HORTICULTURE

Plants That Work



Liriope 'Purple Explosion' — Pinterest

Gardening is always about change. The year moves through the seasons. Plants burst into fervid growth activity as the days grow longer in spring. As gardeners, we scurry to keep up with all this change and to keep our gardens looking their best. Selecting plants that will help us with this goal is a good plan. A long bloom time and/or foliage that does not need pampering to look good are two excellent characteristics to have in a plant to save your energy. Plants that fit those criteria are *Liriope*

Years ago, when looking for an easy care and attractive ground cover for shade or almost full sun there were two available. *Liriope spicata*—Creeping Lily Turf and *Liriope muscari*. Both grow about 12 inches tall and spread moderately rapidly. They would sporadically

produce some lavender-white flowers in summer which were followed by blue-black berries. For 20 years or more under a large maple tree, I have had *Liriope* surrounding the base of the tree. The dark green leaves look good almost all year with very few weeds able to get a start in it. After cold winter weather and strong bitter wind, it can need refreshing in the spring. It can be cut down with your lawn mower and will quickly grow back. *Liriope muscari* 'Purple Explosion' is a fairly new cultivar that breeders have worked with to create a plant that is quite floriferous. It was quite a show when these new plants first bloomed under another large maple on my property. Another similar choice is *Liriope* 'Big Blue' that is also available. If you are looking for something not quite so dark leaved try *Liriope muscari* 'Pee Dee Gold Ingot' or *L. m.* 'Silvery Sunproof' would be good choices. These are all hardy in Zones 5 to 6 through 11. They are not fussy about soil.



Calylophus berlandieri Butter Cream — Plant Delights

A surprise for me was *Calylophus berlandieri* 'Butter Cream.' It was a plant I selected at a nursery because it looked interesting. It is evergreen and grows about 12 inches tall and eventually up to three feet wide. It bloomed all summer into fall the very first year in my garden with two-inch wide creamy yellow flowers.



It has narrow, linear attractive green leaves. It will appreciate good drainage and plenty of sun as it is native to sunny grasslands. In the spring it was quick to begin producing a new flush of flowers. I was impressed enough with its looks and flower production that I added a few more this spring. It is hardy in Zones 7a to 9b at least. Nearby *Kalimeris mongolica* 'Hortensis' is settling in this year. This is a deciduous perennial which grows about 20 inches tall. It forms a dense patch of apple-green, dainty, serrated foliage to be topped with fully double, one-inch chrysanthemum-like flowers throughout the summer. This plant is hardy in Zones 6a to 9b and prefers full to part sun.

Tecoma 'Orange Jubilee' is one of the named cultivars of *Tecoma stans*. The 'Orange Jubilee' cultivar is known as Orange Bells and it resembles the species plant in most ways, but it is a smaller shrub. It is a broadleaf evergreen shrub with pointed glossy, dark green leaves and orange tubular flowers similar to *Campsis radicans*—Trumper Creeper. The flowers appear steadily from late spring until frost. It is hardy in Zones 8 through 11 and is a fast growing shrub. Even if it dies to the ground, it will return to blooming maturity quickly. This plant needs the warm sun to be at its best and can easily be grown in



Tecoma stans 'Orange Jubilee'
— Annie's Annuals

a large pot which is what I did for three years. It bloomed flawlessly for those years, enticing bees and an occasional hummingbird on my deck. In the fall when it began to frost it would get tossed into the garage for the winter. Occasionally it would get watered. In the ground this shrub is expected to grow four to six feet tall and three to six feet wide. Because I was using it as a pot plant, it got a healthy pruning each spring. *Tecomaria capensis*—Cape Honeysuckle is in the *Tecoma* Genus and is more of an erect, scrambling shrub that grows easily to seven to ten feet in height. Normally evergreen, it will lose its leaves in the colder range of where it lives. It may scramble, shooting out long growth tips which

then lean on the stems and branches of other plants, as well as trellises, fences, and walls. It will need some pruning to keep it looking compact or you can let it grow. Its flowers are tubular, narrow, flaring orange trumpets. It is hardy in Zones 7b through 11. It will bloom all summer and prefers the sun and is not fussy about soil type.

I hope you might try at least one of these hard working plants reviewed here in your own garden. Have fun and keep exploring the many plants we can find and grow.

—Ellen Rector

Flower Garden

Photos by Vicki Westerberg



Illahee and Kindergartners singing a song about every living thing being important on our earth.

Illahee Garden Club members were so happy to be back in the garden again with their kindergarten gardening partners. The children were very well-versed in wearing a mask and being careful. It was amazing how you could see smiles right through their masks. They say our eyes are the window to our soul. Their eyes said it all. After much of the year being ultra-careful, they were happy to be able to plant in the dirt.

Nine years ago Illahee Garden Club was given permission by the



Kindergarten students planting marigolds.

White Pass School District to create this little garden spot for the Kindergarten class. It was an extension of the Butterfly Poster Contest. Illahee Garden Club donates Painted Lady Butterfly kits to the elementary classrooms. The children would watch the metamorphosis of the butterfly in their classrooms. This flower garden gave a place for releasing the butterflies on a warm day at the end of spring. Insect Lore is the company where we purchase the kits.



Kindergartner carefully watering her marigold.

Kindergarten Plants Sugar Pie Pumpkin Seeds

On May 20, Illahee Garden Club met up with their kindergarten partners again. It was so fun to watch them planting, poking a hole with their finger in which to drop the seed. We discussed how the seed was waiting to get into the soil and start feeding on nutrients. They knew the seed needed water and that the warmth of the spring and summer sun would



cause them to start to grow. But, what a long wait! In 10 days they would sprout and then in about 110 days they would be ready to harvest. We promised to see them again in October when they were First Graders for the harvest. Students were invited to come by the community garden to

keep an eye on the growth during the summer.

There are plans to create an edible garden on school grounds with students (K-6) doing the planning and planting next year. Illahee is looking forward to being involved with more fun with young gardeners.



Photos by Sandra Zacher

Investing in Future Gardeners

I feel sure that garden clubs around the state are finding opportunities to work with youth in many ways again. Gardening is one way, but anything that fosters the encouragement of good stewards of our earth is worth every minute we invest. The rewards rebound both ways in life lessons learned by youth and the lessons we learn as we share.

This will be my last article as Youth Editor for WG&D. I continue

to tout the website kidsgardening.org You will find a fantastic array of activities for every kind of fun with youth and gardening. All lessons are very usable with pictures of how it works for those of us that learn that way.

Keep on Investing in Future Gardeners,

—Vicki Westerberg,
WG&D Youth Editor

Pollinator Conservation & Pollinator Power Poster Contest

At the 2019 WSFGC Convention, it was announced and also published in the *2019-2021 WSFGC Directory*, that the Pollinator Conservation and Youth Posters Programs and Awards would have a change in focus. The focus would be on bats and will continue for the next year.

Districts, clubs, members, teachers, and youth were soon in the swing of things and spread the enthusiasm. Clubs and individuals became busy sharing with others about the importance of pollinators in our lives. Their eagerness prompted the creation of private and public gardens to attract pollinators.

The Pollinator programs grew as teachers seized the opportunity to instruct members and youth in the world of pollinators and in particular

the mysterious bat. To demonstrate their newly acquired knowledge, youth were encouraged to create posters showing the importance of pollinators.

The artists and gardeners sent in applications with photos of their gardens and posters for the Pollinator Conservation Awards. The Youth Pollinator Posters were judged by knowledgeable garden club members. These judges were excited about the creative posters entered by our youth. The winners of the Conservation Pollinator Gardens and Youth Pollinator Posters were announced at the 2021 WSFGC Annual Meeting.

—Mary Lou Paulson
WSFGC Pollinator Chairman



Kindergarten, 1st Place, Norah Fisher, Illahee G.C., Black Hills



Kindergarten, 2nd Place, Penny Miller, Rosalia G.C., At Large



1st Grade, 1st Place, NovaLee Fullerton, Rosalia G.C., At Large



1st Grade, 2nd Place, Braelyn Muir, Illahee G.C., Black Hills



2nd Grade, 1st Place, Zoe Graham, Rosalia G.C., At Large



2nd Grade, 2nd Place, Nareenah Aron, Illahee G.C., Black Hills



3rd Grade, 1st Place, Alliegh Place, Rosalia G.C., At Large



3rd Grade, 2nd Place, Jolene Shaffer, Illahee G.C., Black Hills



4th Grade, 1st Place, Hailey Larson, Rosalia G.C., At Large



4th Grade, 2nd Place, Katanna Loicano, Illahee G.C., Black Hills



5th Grade, 1st Place, Liam Friedt, Rosalia G.C., At Large

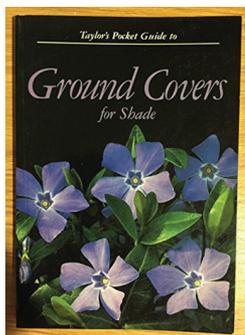
Thanks to you all for remembering our 65th anniversary!

The cards were a wonderful surprise!

Jeanette Pruin

Thank You!

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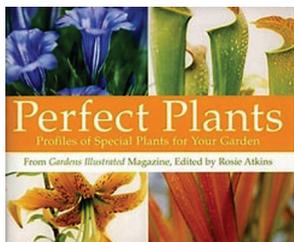


**Taylor's
Pocket Guide to
Ground Covers
for Shade**

**Ann Reilly
1990 Houghton
Mifflin Co.
\$4.95 paper
book**

I expect many
of you have

shady spots where the right ground cover would be perfect. Maybe an ajuga, lily-of-the-valley, heuchera, low-growing azalea, or any of the 79 plants illustrated in this book. Ground covers are a diverse group of annual and perennial plants which unite the house with other elements of the landscape. The author gives expert advice on selecting, planting, and maintaining the right ground cover for your garden. This guide provides each plant with an illustration and growing tip and there is a short appendix on garden pests and diseases.



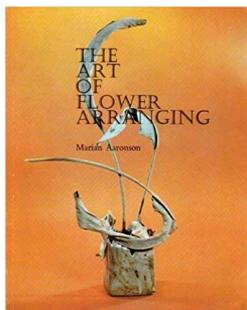
**Perfect
Plants
Profiles
of Special
Plants for
Your
Garden**

**Rosie
Atkins**

**2003 Hylas Publishing
\$29.95 hardbound**

This book includes 25 plant profiles from "Gardens Illustrated" magazine.

These writers are gardening experts from Great Britain that love plants and wanted to share each of the plant origins as well as details about color, form, and habit. It is nice to see good illustrations with discussion of multiple species of each plant including a tip on propagation, on cultivation, and any pests and diseases. The appendix has interesting biographies of each author and a list of nurseries including many in the USA like in Oregon. I enjoyed all the knowledge they shared on plants that I have, like lilies and sarracenias, or don't have, like gentians or monardas.



**The Art of
Flower
Arranging**

**Marian
Aaranson
1983 Grower
Books
\$10 used
Paperback**

The author has designed this book with both the beginner and the more advanced student of flower arranging in mind. It covers the basic principles of designing, as well as some of the creative aspects of arranging. The book goes through each step of the process from mechanics, conditioning flowers to the multiple principles and elements of art design. It is easy to read and learn with many illustrations showing the instructions. The last chapters provide more inspiration and interpretations for the designer to be free to work imaginatively.

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Managing Editor's Desk

Dear Garden Club Members,

It has been my privilege to serve as editor for the past year. And what a year it has been! The light at the end of the pandemic tunnel can be seen, finally, and our clubs are starting to get back to 'normal' business. Can we count learning how to "Zoom" into a meeting as a benefit? I think so.

I have enjoyed getting to 'know' all of my contributors, proofers, and layout artist Shawna through email, and hopefully someday in person. A special thank you to outgoing President Dorrie Carr, who was my cheerleader-in-chief.

As to what the future holds for this now digital newsletter, I anticipate it will continue to grow and bloom with new 'waterers and fertilizers' along the way. I will be happy to act as a proofer and consultant to Judith Juno, who has once again agreed to serve as Managing Editor. I wish her all the best!

Becky Westby, Managing Editor

P.S. Letters to the Editor

I received a couple of emails critical of my decision to include Diane Francini's article "Finding Shoes that Fit Following a Year of COVID." One opinion was from a long-time active garden club member and a retired registered nurse who expressed concern that non-vaccinated people would be accepted into meetings and events without safety precautions.

The second was critical of my decision to include an "opinion" piece into our fact-based newsletter.

As a fairly new editor, I didn't feel it my place to not accept Diane's article. I appreciated her input and I am sorry that I didn't consider the ramifications. I felt it necessary to address the two letters, as I am sure there were others who were upset by the article, too, but didn't write.

June to December

I long for my June,
though I'm in my December.
So much of my life
has been spent in remember.

We gave little thought
as we played our loved tune,
that our love would not always
have magic of June.

We had no chance to test
if our love could survive,
when the rigors of winter
and storms would arrive.

Note from Joyce: "I will be 103, July 7. I am not writing many new poems so much anymore. This one has never been printed anywhere. My husband died on the 4th of July so I always get sad. He was only 41 years old. He died in 1962."

God decided it time
to take him from me.
The June days of our lives
were all we would see.

In my time of alone,
and my days of December,
I keep June and you
in my loving remember.



East Lake Washington District

Thanks Outgoing Co-Directors

Marti Bolcer, Elaine Fowler and Lana Finegold

And Welcomes Incoming Director *Linda White*

EVENTS

Editor's Note: Due to the impact of the coronavirus and COVID-19, check with the event coordinator to determine whether the event will be held as scheduled.

August 30-31 2021 WSFGC Fall Board Meeting, Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 1970 Center Parkway, Richland, WA 99352 (tentative)



OUR MISSION:

Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs coordinates the interests of garden clubs to provide education, resources and networking opportunities for its members in promoting gardening, floral design, civic and environmental responsibility.

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All electronic articles should be e-mailed to Managing Editor Judith Juno, jjuno@frontier.com

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December 1	Winter, #3	Jan-Feb-Mar
March 1	Spring, #4	Apr-May-June