**A CHEERFUL SEASON**

*Debbie Angel*

Spring cheers me up every day. Colorful bulbs and trees delight me with their blooms. Shrubs and trees leaf out with fresh green color. Perennials poke out of the ground and promise summer color.

Most of us face an extensive list of garden chores, but once we get outdoors, it becomes a pleasure. I like to make a gardening to-do list. When I come inside, I take pleasure in checking off completed tasks. Then I end up adding to the list.

My gardening challenge is to stop working before I overdo it. What’s yours? If it is getting the motivation to get started, remember the therapeutic value in digging, hoeing, trimming, raking, and planting. Gardening is meditative and a great stress-reliever. Enjoy!

*Debbie *

**PENNY PINES**

Bring your change to each District General Meeting to donate to Penny Pines. Penny Pines is a partnership between National Garden Clubs and the USDA Forest Service to help sustain national urban forests through reforestation and education. Under a Conservation agreement, the Forest Service does replanting using our donations together with Federal Funds. For each $68 donated, the USDA Forest Service will plant and protect 680 trees.

**NEXT DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING**

**May 3, 2017**

*10:00 a.m.*

Grace Lutheran Church

22975 – 24th Ave. So.

Des Moines, WA 98198

**DISTRICT MEETING**

**Entry times for Horticulture and Designs:** 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Be prompt – no entries after 9:45 a.m.

To save time, fill out entry cards before arriving; fold name part under.

**Garden Clubs participating in the Flower Show** (2 clerks required):

*Auburn, Des Moines, Maple Trails*

10-11 Business Meeting

11-12 Horticulture Program – Marsha Dillon, “Tomatoes”

12-1 Luncheon – Provided by Des Moines Garden Club

1-2 Design Program – Chinook District Designer’s Guild “Installation of Officers”

**2017-2019 Officers**

District Director: Barbara Smith

1st Assistant District Director: Marilyn Topp

2nd Assistant District Director: Susan Nash

Recording Secretary: Linda Haas

Treasurer: Susan Petitclerc

Corresponding Secretary: Jeanne Buchanan

Parliamentary Advisor: Jeanette Pruin

Immediate Past District Director: Debbie Angel

**District Meeting Lunch Reservations & Cancellations**

Lunch Reservations for District General meetings go to:

Dorothy Weaver 253-878-5744 or dotyweaver43@gmail.com

The cost of our General Meeting is $9.00, which includes registration, program and lunch.

**For All District General Meetings:**

Reservations for lunch must be made by the **Tuesday** (April 25) of the week prior to the meeting.

Cancellations must be made by Noon the prior **Friday** (January 27) or you will be charged.

Leave your Club name, the number attending, your name and phone number. All members are encouraged to bring interested guests. Be sure to include them in the total head count.

**Table Arrangements:**

Marine Hills, Parkside, Enumclaw

Each club brings four arrangements for the District luncheon table centerpieces.

After the meeting, arrangements are taken to a local nursing home by Penny Merriman, Marine Hills Garden Club.

**Clerks for Flower Show:**

Club Presidents: Please provide the names of the clerks from your club to a Clerk Co-Chair:

Tanya Galat 206-612-0021

Jean Gilbertson 253-943-5356
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 18 – 20, 2017: Pacific Region Convention, Tukwila
April 25-26, 2017: Environmental Studies School 2, Normandy Park
April 25-27, 2017: Flower Show School III, Kent
April 29, 2017: WSFGC Headquarters House Celebration of 40 Years, Seattle
May 3, 2017: Chinook District General Meeting, Installation, and Flower Show
May 24-25, 2017: Symposium, Mt. Vernon
June 6 – 9, 2017: WSFGC Annual Convention, Everett
June 21, 2017: Chinook District Awards Luncheon
August 29-30, 2017: WSFGC Fall Board Meeting, Wenatchee

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Immediate Past District Director: Kay McDonald

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CHINOOK DISTRICT AFFILIATED GROUPS

CHINOOK DISTRICT JUDGES COUNCIL
President Tory Bennett
360-825-2096
They study the responsibilities and duties involved in judging flower shows. They discuss rules, procedures, changes and other information from state meetings.

CHINOOK DISTRICT THE FLOWER GALS
President Joan Younkin
206-241-1070
This group of Garden Club members meets on the third Tuesday of each month (usually at 10 a.m.) to discuss horticulture or to tour nurseries or gardens.

CHINOOK DISTRICT DESIGNERS GUILD
President Anne Kinsley
253-839-9618
This group of Advance Amateur Arrangers meets to further their interest in floral design.

CHINOOK DISTRICT ELLE DESIGNERS
President Diane Goss
253-839-4470
This group of Intermediate Amateur Arrangers meets to make and study creative designs from the handbook.

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
WSFGC HEADQUARTERS HOUSE
2336 15th Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98144
Honoring Trustees, Volunteers & Donors
YOU ARE INVITED
Saturday, April 29, 1 – 4 p.m.
Program begins at 1:30 p.m.
Tea sandwiches will be served.
Special Presentation – Design Inspirations from the Past
RSVP to Lana at lanafinegold@msn.com or to Lona at rogerlona@comcast.net
# FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL III

Chinook District will host Course III of Flower Show School
April 25-27, 2017, at Zion Lutheran Church,
25105 132nd Ave. SE, Kent, WA  99042.

This educational opportunity offers information on procedures required for presenting flower shows, instruction on growing and selecting horticulture specimens, and teaching of design principles and elements necessary of prize-winning designs. These classes include practice point scoring exams in Horticulture and Design.

Registrar is Betty Burkhart:  253-852-2935.
Chair is Esther Banholzer:  425-228-6330.

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# ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SCHOOL 2

Parkside Garden Club is continuing their sponsorship of NGC’s Environmental Study School. Course 2 – The Living Earth - Land and Related Issues will be held April 25-26, 2017, at the Normandy Park Cove. Mark your calendars.

Course 3 – The Living Earth - Air and Related Issues will be held in the fall of 2017 and Course 4 – The Living Earth - Water and Related Issues will be held in the spring of 2018. Field trips are included in courses.

If you have questions, please contact one of the co-chairs, Linda Haas at lindahaas@comcast.net or Chris Calderon at christine.calderon@gmail.com.

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# LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL I

Please save the date for National Garden Clubs’ (NGC) Landscape Design School Course I October 2 - 3, 2017 to be hosted by Oak Harbor Garden Club.

Topics include: Space, Design, & People; Principles & Elements of Landscape Design; Developing your Home/Private Grounds; Basics of a Site Plan; Color in the Landscape; Design for the Environment; Public Landscapes; Development of Landscape Design; Landscape Design Resources.

Courses are taught by Landscape Architects and Designers.

Course brochure is available at www.wagardenclubs.com under "NGC Schools & Symposia.\n
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# PACIFIC REGION GARDEN CLUBS 74TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

APRIL 18 – 20, 2017

at The Embassy Suites, 15920 W Valley Hwy, Seattle, WA

“BEST OF THE NORTHWEST, THE PAUSE THAT REFRESHERS”

Members from Washington State can enjoy discounted registration rates! Full time registration for Washington members is $25; Part time registration fee is $10 (per day).

Here are just a few highlights:

- Wednesday Luncheon speakers Kelly Dodson and Sue Milliken, owners of Far Reaches Nursery, are followed by a workshop with in-depth discussion of special plants and a plant sale.
- Another workshop Wednesday is a review of the new Handbook for Flower Shows.
- Wednesday’s Design Banquet includes a “The Gallery - Portraits of the Northwest” design program.
- Thursday’s lunch program features Oxbow Farm and Conservation Center staff. It is followed by workshops about local food and agriculture conservation, native plants, and a native plant sale.
- Tours of Kubota Gardens and Highline SeaTac Botanical Gardens

More information available from convention Chairman Brynn Tavasci. Registration forms available at http://www.wagardenclubs.com/event-calendar

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# CHINOOK DISTRICT AWARDS

Chinook District Awards Chairman Betty Burkhart:
253-852-2935  paul-burkhart@msn.com

The Chinook District Past Presidents Awards are due May 1, except for the Ann Crain (Yearbook Award and the Esther Banholzer (Yearbook Cover Award), submitted in October. The plant a tree award is due May 15 to chairman Lona Carter based on the trees planted from April 1, 2016, to March 31, 2017.

The other Past Presidents Awards are blue ribbon entries from District Meeting Flower Shows, “Hanging on to Summer” Flower Show, Club Flower Shows and State Holiday Show from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 of 2016. Submit entries to Betty Burkhart. February and May 2017 Chinook District Flower Shows will be part of next year’s entries.
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Please bring polished trophies to the Awards Ceremony June 21, 2017, filled with flowers or candy. If you have questions, contact Betty Burkhart at 253-852-2935.

PAT CRAWFORD AWARD – AUBURN
LOIS KESSLER AWARD – O’BRIEN
SARA JANE RANTS AWARD – AUBURN
ANN CRAIN AWARD – ENUMCLAW
VIRGINIA PURDY AWARD – AUBURN
SALLY PRIEBE AWARD – BARBARA SMITH, AUBURN
LONA CARTER AWARD – CAROLINE LIDDELL, MARINE HILLS
JEANETTE PRUIN AWARD – ENUMCLAW
DIANNE GREEN AWARD – DOROTHY WEAVER, AUBURN
ESTHER BANHOLZER AWARD 1-20 MEMBERS – MAPLE TRAILS
ESTHER BANHOLZER AWARD 21-35 MEMBERS – O’BRIEN
ESTHER BANHOLZER AWARD 36 & OVER – DES MOINES
DOTTE WILSON AWARD – CLARINE CHIPMAN, ENUMCLAW
ANN KRONENWETTER AWARD, CLUB – NO APPLICATIONS
EXHIBITION TABLE – MARION NANCARROW, AUBURN
FUNCTIONAL TABLE – MARY IRELAND, PARKSIDE
ANNE KINSLEY AWARD – NO APPLICATIONS
MARION NANCARROW AWARD – JEAN GILBERTSON, AUBURN
SHIRLEY LINS AWARD – ROSELLAN CAROLAN, AUBURN
BRYNN TAVASCI AWARD – JEAN GILBERTSON, AUBURN
MARY IRELAND AWARD – AUBURN

All board members are asked to provide a salad for the June 21st Awards Luncheon.

The Loleta Bailey Award that was reactivated in error was given to Auburn. Please return. No flowers or candy are needed, as it will not be given this year.

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RECYCLE YOUR ROSETTES

If you don't want to keep your award rosettes, bring to a district meeting or event. Give them to Jean Gilbertson, who will arrange to reuse them for a future flower show.

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Auburn Garden Club Plant Sale
June 4, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Corner of East Main and M Streets, downtown Auburn
Wonderful selection of perennials, annuals, shrubs, native plants, houseplants, sedums, and more.
Contact: Barbara Smith  bsmith020@q.com  253-288-9598

Des Moines Garden Club Plant Sale
May 12 & 13, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Normandy Park Town Center, next to Subway.
Contact: Kris Ripley  krisripley12@yahoo.com

Enumclaw Garden Club Plant and Garden Art Sale
May 20, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Corner of Cole and Initial Streets, downtown Enumclaw
Contact: Pam Proutto  gprotto@comcast.net

Marine Hills Garden Club Plant Sale
April 29, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
29301 7th Pl. S., Federal Way
Perennials, native plants, annuals, vegetables.
www.marinehillsgardenclub.blogspot.com
Contact: Judy McDonald  judymcdonald41@yahoo.com  253-839-4413

O'Brien Garden Club Plant Sale
May 19 - 20, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
19007 120th Ave. SE, Renton
Tomatoes, perennials, annuals, baskets, and more.
Contact: Susan Nash  425-281-0450  smnash9@gmail.com
www.obriengardenclub.org

Parkside Garden Club Plant Sale
May 6, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: 5 Corners Parking Lot at intersection of SW 160th St and 1st Ave. S., Burien
Large variety of perennials, trees, shrubs, peonies, herbs, vegetables, tomatoes, and more. In time for Mother’s Day!
www.parksidegardenclub.org
The Chinook Winds

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| President: Bev Bragg  
253-939-8834  rbragg3691@aol.com |
| Last month we began our ongoing support of the Auburn Parks Department. Members helped plant seedlings at the city's greenhouse. These little gems will be used in the hanging baskets that will line Main Street in downtown Auburn. This month we began our spring cleaning of the Backyard Idea Garden in Veteran's Memorial Park. Now, we look forward to tidying and grooming it once a month into the fall. |
| Our program last month was a presentation on assembling corsages by Enumclaw Garden Club's own Tory Bennett. Tory demonstrated different styles and flowers to use. She made it look so easy! This month our program will be on garden therapy by Peggy Morgan. As gardeners, we get inspired by all the visual beauty of gardening. Peggy will share her knowledge of its therapeutic qualities too. |
| **Des Moines**   |
| President: Kris Ripley  
253-852-7462  krisripley12@yahoo.com |
| The snow storm canceled our February 6th meeting. But a few members gathered later at Lona Carter's house to make the flower designs in coffee cups. Forty of these were delivered to Wesley Terrace nursing home. |
| We had great programs in March and April. Member Rose Jackson told us about rose propagation, and Brynn Tavasci presented ‘Making Garden Art with Recycled Materials’. In April two members told us about reading pesticide labels and using home-made and organic remedies for plant diseases and pests. Steve Jensen from Branches Garden Center brought plants to ‘Design Spring Pots’. We learned about beneficial soil bacteria amendments. |
| Our May meeting will feature historical plants. Ed Lacrosse will talk about ‘Heirloom Plants’, and Penny Thayer, Master Gardener, will present the Neely Homestead and Heritage Garden. |
| **Enumclaw**     |
| Co-Presidents:  
Cheryl Trichia  253-447-8548  ctrichia@comcast.net  
Marilyn Topp  253-862-8772  toppmarilyn@hotmail.com |
| Enumclaw Garden Club is getting ready for our annual plant and garden art sale, which will be May 20. |
| Everyone is welcome to our April and May meetings at Enumclaw VFW Hall. April program will be “All Things Roses – from Propagating to Planting” by Pam Protto. May's program will be Napkin Folding by Diane Franchini. |
| **Maple Trails** |
| President: Judy Swedberg  
206-419-5154  genenjudy@earthlink.net |
<p>| Maple Trails had a good attendance for Breakfast For the Birds, with almost two full tables, after earlier having served lunch at the Chinook District General Meeting. |
| At our February meeting, John Moe, an American Rose Society Judge, showed us a slide presentation of many species and his own rose garden, along with great tips on pruning and feeding for the best results. |
| At our March meeting, Ann Kinsley spoke to us about “Flowers for the Home.” |
| <strong>Marine Hills</strong> |
| President: Penny Merriman  253-939-7760  <a href="mailto:merri2730@aol.com">merri2730@aol.com</a> |
| Our March meeting was a birthday party celebrating our club's 55 years. We enjoyed cake, balloons, and other treats after singing to ourselves. I presented our active past presidents with a small gift in appreciation for their service. Past presidents in attendance were: Judy McDonald, Lila Knox, Donna Mansfield, Caroline Liddell, Maxine Ranta, and Debbie Angel. Suzy Blair showed us how to create hypertufa containers, She gave each member a small hypertufa pot with a succulent start. |
| We are preparing for our April 28-29 plant sale. |
| We will visit Furney’s Nursery on May 16 to hear Jason Billingsly describe the care of peonies. |
| Next year's officers are: Diane Goss - president; Claudia Cyensksy -1st VP, programs; Judy McDonald - 2nd VP, plant sale; Maxine Ranta - secretary; Marilee Capodanno, treasurer. |</p>
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<td>Sandy Haines 951-823-9193  <a href="mailto:skhaines@gmail.com">skhaines@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Susan Nash 425-392-8151   <a href="mailto:smnash9@gmail.com">smnash9@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Our club had Jerry Rosso speak in March about insects in the garden and environmentally friendly ways to control the bad insects. For April we will be going to the Stumpery at the Rhododendron Species Garden. We have elected a new slate of officers for the next two years.</td>
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<td>Longevity: Lois York is celebrating 55 years. Susan Nash and Amy Kato have 20 years.</td>
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| **Parkside** |
| President:   |
| Linda Haas 206-243-7212  lindahaas@comcast.net |
| Our February meeting was at Wesley Homes. Betty Burkhart did a great presentation on “Tables made Easy”. We were visited by the South Seattle College student who received our scholarship. It was delightful to meet her, hear about her studies and her goals. In March, we were back at the Cove in Normandy Park. Jason Billingsley, from Furney’s Nursery, talked about edible gardening and created a kitchen herb pot which he gave to one of our members. After lunch, we had a talk on tillandsias (air plants) by Betty Lyons, and we made planters using materials she supplied. This month, we are touring Dunn Gardens in Broadview. These gardens were designed by the renowned Olmstead Brothers in 1915. We are looking forward to hearing a lecture about the gardens and viewing them 100 years later to see how the naturalistic groupings of trees, broad lawns with borders of shrubs, and woodland walks have withstood the test of time. |
| We are working on potting up plants for our May 6 plant sale. We had some fun planting parties where members, who didn’t have plants to share, were able to dig up and pot plants at the homes of members who had too many for them to dig and plant themselves. We resumed our volunteer maintenance of the Cove; and we made and donated a gardening themed basket to the Lymphoma Association, which raised $200.00 at their auction. |
| We are also preparing for the Environmental Studies School - Course 2: The Living Earth-Land and related issues on April 25-26 at the Cove in Normandy Park. We have secured a full faculty, who seem well qualified. |

| **Southgate** |
| President:   |
| Christine Dillinger 206-878-7478  teenie.dillinger@gmail.com |
| Nothing is happening yet in our Southgate Garden Club as we take the winter off. Some of us have been in Flower Gals or at Designers Guild. We look forward to Environmental Studies School 2 and a day at Pacific Region Convention. |

| **Sunset View** |
| President: Eileen Sunderland 614-563-2633  eileenst@hotmail.com |
| Our March 16 meeting speaker had to cancel due to technical difficulties with projector. Debbie Angel visited our club, and we enjoyed hearing about what is happening in our members’ gardens. Debbie will give a presentation at our May meeting. |
| For our April 20 meeting, we will tour the Lake Wilderness Arboretum. We will either picnic or go to a restaurant after the tour. |
| We are in early planning stages for a plant sale. |
The Chinook Winds

CHINOOK DISTRICT MEETING FLOWER SHOW  May 3, 2017

DIVISION I HORTICULTURE

Open to all garden club members

DIVISION I  HORTICULTURE

SECTION A.  Flowering Trees and Shrubs-
Eligible for:  Hazel O’Hara Horticulture Award

Class 1.  Syringa (Lilac), single
  a.  1 truss (panicle)  b.  2 trusses (panicles on same stem)
  c.  3 or more trusses (panicles on same stem)

Class 2.  Syringa (Lilac), double  b.  2 trusses (panicles on same stem)
  c.  3 or more trusses (panicles on same stem)

Class 3.  Viburnum

Class 4.  Heather (Calluna, Erica)

Class 5.  Rhododendron, one truss
  a.  Large flower  b.  medium flower
  c.  small flower  d.  dwarf growing

Class 6.  Azalea, one spray
  a.  deciduous  b.  evergreen

Class 7.  Camellia

Class 8.  Any other Named blooming tree or shrubs not listed above.

SECTION B.  Bulbous  (includes bulbs, tubers and corms and rhizomes)

Class 9.  Narcissi (daffodils)

Class 10.  Tulipa (tulips)

Class 11.  Scilla 3 stems same color and equal length

Class 12.  Polygonatum (Solomon’s Seal)

Class 13.  Convallaria (Lily of the Valley), 5 stems same color and equal length

Class 14.  Zantedeschia (Calla Lily)

Class 15.  Lilies

Class 16.  Iris
  a.  standard bearded  b.  non bearded  c.  dwarf

Class 17.  Any other Named bulbous plant not listed above.

SECTION C  Perennials and Biennials

Class 18.  Aquilegia (Columbine) 1 spray

Class 19.  Dicentra (Bleeding heart)

Class 20.  Violet 3 stems same color and equal length
  a.  Viola  b.  Pansy

Class 21.  Any other Named Perennials or Biennials not listed above.

SECTION D  Potted or Container Grown plants
  (Note if greenhouse grown)

Class 22.  Flowering

Class 23.  Foliage

SECTION E  Collections-must consist of at least 5 specimens

Class 24.  Collection of cut flowers specimens

Class 25.  Collection of cut foliage specimens

Class 26.  Collection of potted specimens

SECTION F  Any other worthy Named specimen

NOTE: Read the Rules- Grooming of plant material is essential, it may mean the difference between a blue ribbon and no ribbon. An exhibit without a botanical name may cost exhibitor a top award.
DIVISION II: DESIGN  
Open to the following clubs ONLY: Auburn, Des Moines, Maple Trails

DIVISION III ARTISTIC CRAFTS  
Open to all garden club members

All exhibits must have some plant material. NO ARTIFICIAL PLANT MATERIAL ALLOWED.

Exhibitors to provide own staging.

Class 1. A decorated sun hat. Space allowed 18” x 18”

Class 2. A decorated beach rock. Space allowed 18” x 18”

The Chinook Winds
Chinook District of Garden Clubs
1004 S. 280th Pl.
Des Moines, WA 98198

Dated Material
DELIVER IMMEDIATELY