

The Chinook Winds

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Happy Spring! I hope this finds you all healthy and staying safe. Thanks to everyone for all your support over the last two years. I have had a wonderful time as director. At our May meeting, we will install our new Officers. Welcome Linda Haas as the new District Director. I'm sure she will do a great job. Please offer the same support as you have given to me.

Your friend in gardening,

Susan Nash,

Chinook District Director



NEXT DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING

10:00 a.m. May 5, 2021

Via Zoom

Use the Zoom meeting link that will be sent in an email invitation. If you do not receive a meeting invitation, ask your club president or email our district director Susan Nash. We will have a business meeting, a horticulture program about Dahlias, and installation of new officers.

GARDEN CLUB SPRING PLANT SALES

Here is the information available at press time about club spring plant sales:

Marine Hill Garden Club: April 23, 9:00 - 4:00 at 29829 8th Ave SW, Federal Way

Plants: perennials, shrubs, trees, native plants, annuals

Contact: Maxine Ranta 253-946-3733 dulcie49@yahoo.com

Des Moines Garden Club: May 8, 9:00 - 5:00 at the Normandy Park Towne Center, 19803 1st Ave S.

Plants: perennials, tomatoes, grasses, flower starts, raspberries, house plants, pots, and more

Contact: Kris Ripley 235-226-4094 krisripley12@yahoo.com

Parkside Garden Club: May 15, 9:00 - 3:00 at the Normandy Park Community Club at the Cove, 1500 SW Shorebrook Drive, Normandy Park.

Plants: perennials, trees, shrubs, groundcovers, succulents, edibles, gardening supplies, and more.

Contact: Alisa Ralph 253-797-6481 aralph2011@gmail.com

O'Brien Garden Club: May 21 & 22, 9:00 - 4:00 19007 120th Ave SE, Renton

Plants: wide variety of hard-to-find tomatoes, hostas, shishito peppers, specialty geraniums, Angel's Trumpets, lilies, and more.

Contact: Sandy Haines 951-823-9193 skhaines@gmail.com



CHINOOK EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS

At the February 3 general meeting, the following slate of officers was elected:

2021 – 2023 Elected Officers:

District Director: Linda Haas, Parkside Garden Club

1st Assistant District Director: Penny Merriman, Marine Hills Garden Club

2nd Assistant District Director: Connie Keen, Enumclaw Garden Club

Recording Secretary: Maxine Ranta, Marine Hills Garden Club

Treasurer: Susan Petitclerc, Enumclaw Garden Club

2019 – 2021 District Officers

District Director: Susan Nash

1st Assistant District Director: Linda Haas

2nd Assistant District Director: Penny Merriman

Recording Secretary: Maxine Ranta

Treasurer: Susan Petitclerc

Corresponding Secretary: Jeanne Buchanan

Parliamentary Advisor: Debbie Angel

Immediate Past District Director: Barbara Smith

KING COUNTY FAIR HORTICULTURE FLOWER SHOW

There will be a King County Fair this year! Anyone may enter the horticulture show. Entry time is Wednesday, July 14, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Judging will be at 1:00 p.m.

The website link is <https://www.kingcofair.com/open-class-4h>

Horticulture is on pages 13-15 of the OPEN CLASS PREMIUM BOOK.

Bring in your lovely Horticulture for the fair attendees to enjoy!

WAYS & MEANS FLORAL SUPPLIES

Do you need supplies for your flower arrangements? Contact Barbara Smith at 253-631-7118. You can make an appointment to pick them up at her house at 29332 199th Ave SE, Kent.



CHINOOK DISTRICT AWARDS

Chinook District Awards Chairman Jeanette Pruin:
206-244-6185
jbandrjpruin@comcast.net

Most Chinook District Past Director Awards have a May 1 deadline. Remember these awards are for January 1 to December 31, 2020.

Use the Chinook District award form; it is on the Chinook District website along with a list of the awards. Applications are to be sent to Jeanette Pruin.

Plant-A-Tree is different; it runs from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021. It is for the most trees planted by a club and/or individual. Plant-A-Tree Applications are due May 15.

BLUE STAR MARKER TAHOMA NATIONAL CEMETERY

Tanya Galat, Co-chair

The cemetery has eased some restrictions so there is more activity; and the Marker's flower bed is screaming for spring attention. The quest for possible perennial donations from the clubs to reduce yearly expenditures has been fruitful. Barbara Smith, Penny Merriman, Alisa Ralph, and Linda Haas have agreed to help plan the garden bed re-design. Four clubs responded to our request for perennial donations. Later this month, we will meet at the cemetery and plot the design. Later this month, I will request two volunteers from each club to help on different days (three can work socially distanced).

The pandemic has again delayed restoration efforts for the Marker. Hopefully, next year the District can celebrate its renovation.

CHINOOK DISTRICT AFFILIATED GROUPS

JUDGES COUNCIL

President: Brynn Tavasci
253-813-9678

The Judges Council studies the responsibilities and duties involved in judging flower shows. They discuss rules, procedures, changes, and other information from state meetings.

THE FLOWER GALS

Co-Presidents:
Donna Hall 253-561-1996
Maggie Lindsey 253-839-8092

This group of Garden Club members meets on the third Tuesday of each month (at 10 a.m.) to discuss horticulture or to tour nurseries or gardens.

DESIGNERS GUILD

President: Tory Bennett
360-825-2096

This group of Advanced Amateur Arrangers meets to further their interest in floral design.

ELLE DESIGNERS

President: Nora Fisher
253-236-5456

This group of Intermediate Amateur Arrangers meets to make and study creative designs from the handbook.

Meetings are currently on hold during the pandemic.



Native Flowering Currant - *Ribes sanguineum*

CHINOOK DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Jeanne Buchanan, Chair

WSU sent a letter thanking us for our donation of \$1500.00. They were thankful that we recognized and supported the work being done at WSU. Chinook Districts support allows them to fulfill its land-grant mission of providing access to affordable education.

UW sent a letter thanking Chinook District for our donation of \$1500.00. They are grateful for our investment in the College of the Environment. The students, faculty, and researchers are reimagining our world's future for the better, building the tools that communities need to address the environmental challenges facing us all.



Red Admiral butterfly on *Choisya ternata* 'Aztec Pearl'

PLANT AMNESTY AND CASS TURNBULL GARDEN

The following message was left at the Chinook District web site:

Hello! My name is Maggie Rogers, and I am the new Executive Director of Plant Amnesty - a nonprofit dedicated to educating the public on proper pruning to keep plants healthy. We also are focused on preserving urban greenspaces and are now building a park!

To meet all the wonderful horticulturists and plant enthusiasts, I am reaching out to garden clubs in the Seattle area. There is a great opportunity for us to work together and partner in fun ways. I would love to get to know you and your clubs and was wondering if you would like to tour the Cass Turnbull Garden in Capitol Hill. I would be happy to show any interested club members around the garden we have been making from scratch to honor our amazing founder, Cass. She spoke at garden clubs all over Washington; I hope you had the opportunity to cross paths.

The garden is currently on private property that will be turned over to the City of Seattle Parks and Rec once the owner passes on, and it will then become a permanent city park. It is amazing to see all this work get done that will then be a beloved greenspace in perpetuity. Does this sound like something you would be interested in? I love meeting others in this lovely plant community and sharing this new park is not only informative but interesting and fun.

I hope to hear from you soon,

Maggie Rogers -
executivedirector@plantamnesty.org

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Auburn

President: Sue Miller 206-617-9920 sm1llr@hotmail.com

Auburn Garden Club members have been enjoying each other's virtual horticulture throughout the late winter months on our Facebook page, "Auburn Washington Garden Club". We are grateful to our member, Erin Gregory, for helping to keep us connected through this page.

We have had several work parties in Auburn Parks' gardens over the past couple of months, including our most recent, last Tuesday at the Backyard Idea Garden with 13 members turning out to rake, pull weeds and prune to clear the winter debris.

Barbara Smith, who chairs our Pollinator committee, has started this season by placing bees at the same sites used last year. She is meeting with her committee this week to determine next steps for both bee placement and pollinator garden planting.

We were delighted to be asked to collaborate with the Neely Mansion Board by supporting a grant request for an All-Season Iris Garden at the mansion. The grant was awarded, and we look forward to contributing to its success.

Our March Zoom meeting featured Professor Linda Chalker-Scott discussing common garden myths. We voted at that meeting NOT to attempt a plant sale for this year. Our April meeting will also be held via Zoom on Tuesday, April 13. Our program will include a presentation from Waste Management about recycling. We will also be electing officers at this meeting.

Des Moines

President: Teenie Dillinger teenie.dillinger@gmail.com
206-878-7478 & 253-243-4892

We tried a pop-up meeting at a park in early March, trying for a sunny day, but still very cold and short notice, so few members attended.

Our club has decided to have our Plant and Garden Sale Saturday, May 8 at the parking lot of Normandy Park Towne Center. Kris, our sale leader, has scheduled potting up plant parties, working on publicity and now naming and pricing. Hope you all can come.

We are selling design items from the estate of my late sister, Ginger Knutsen. The funds will help create a scholarship fund for new designers and flower show judges. Ginger was a member of Greater Seattle District. Email Teenie to request photos.

Enumclaw

President: Karen Arris
425-698-3717 peacerosekelly@yahoo.com

We had a very eventful Spring and are trying to stay as connected as we possibly can. Three EGC members dressed up in their Easter bonnets and participated in Enumclaw's Easter Parade by passing out tulips to senior citizens. We are still holding a plant sale on June 5th. As previously reported, we postponed our Breakfast for the Birds event until 2/23/2022. Robin Pokorski, Director, Pacific Region Garden Clubs, spoke on propagating geraniums (Pelargoniums) at our February meeting. After the discussion, Robin led us on a virtual tour of her Xmas Tree event at her home featuring 30+ decorated Xmas trees. She also talked in-depth about motivating garden club members to be more participative. It was a very enthusiastic and informative presentation. We are going to try to meet in person for our May meeting if we are able to reserve a venue.

Maple Trails

President: Arlene Brenner 253-852-5904
arlenebrenner@msn.com

On March 20, five of us visited Zenith Holland Nursery located in Des Moines. After browsing their wonderful selection of plants, we attended a demonstration featuring Cyndi Stuart of the Roost at Roddy Creek, Puyallup. Cyndi told us all about veggies, what they like to eat, and what kind of beds they preferred. She uses organic sprays and soil mixes. She is definitely someone to put on your speakers list. The Zenith Holland Nursery is well worth a visit. They have a wonderful conservatory with lots of exotic plants.



GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Marine Hills

President: Debbie Angel 253-486-2326
debbielangel@gmail.com

Our February program was "Outdoor Container Gardening" presented by Debbie Angel. This was a presentation co-developed with Alison Johnson. Several members of the club made and delivered Valentine's Day floral arrangements to the Brookdale Foundation House for "forgotten seniors".

Our March program was "Renovation and Renewal of an Aging Garden" by Bess Bronstein. Bess is a knowledgeable educator. She taught two classes in NGC Gardening School 4.

We applied for and received several grants for the addition of a pollinator garden at Green Gables Elementary School: WSFGC Endowment Grant, NGC Youth Pollinator Grant, and Ames Tool Grant.

We are preparing for our plant sale April 22-23. On Thursday, we will be pulling plant pre-orders, which will be picked up later Thursday or Friday. Some perennials, shrubs, and leftover annuals will be available for sale. We will have a brief program at our April meeting about conditioning flowers.

O'Brien

President: Sandy Haines 951-823-9193
skhaines@gmail.com

We are having our Garden Club Plant Sale May 21 - 22 at 19007 120th Ave SE, Renton, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Our next meeting will be at Soos Creek Botanical Garden on April 16 at 11 a.m.

We had a great meeting at the Soos Creek Botanical Garden Pavilion with a demonstration on Irises. Stunning!



Parkside

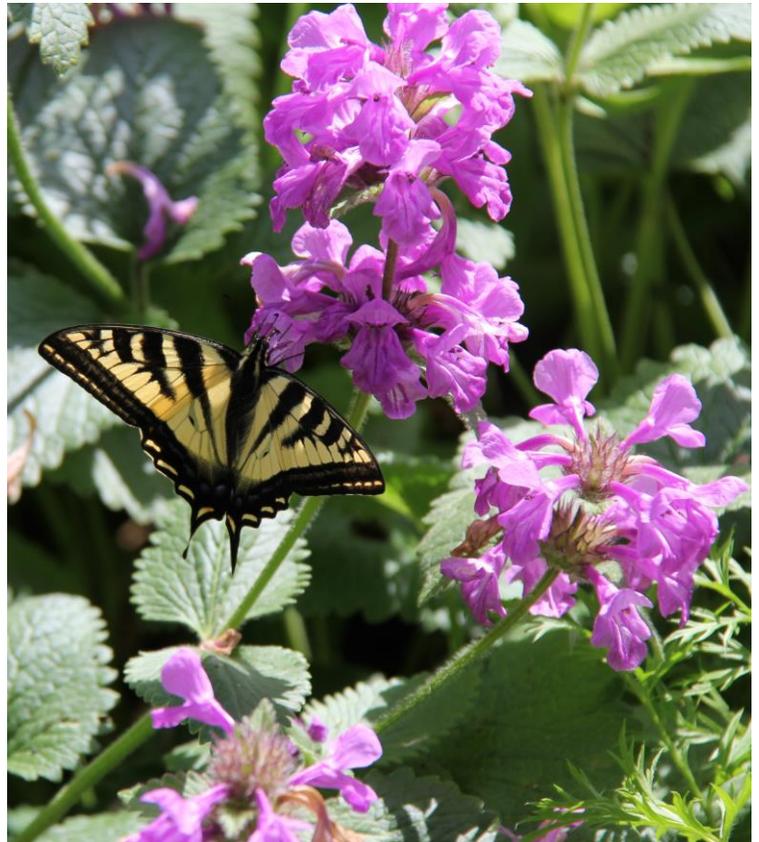
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We welcomed a new member in February, bringing our Parkside membership to 55.

The Parkside plant sale will be held Saturday, May 15, 9:00 - 3:00 at the Normandy Park Community Club at the Cove.

We are happy that over half of our members have been attending Parkside meetings on Zoom. Our February program was "Planting an Urban Garden" by Agnes Cwalina, who was featured in the Pacific Northwest section of the Seattle Times. Our March program was "Beginning Flower Design" with Barbara Smith. Members enjoyed an instructional slide show including step by step tips on creating beautiful designs. We appreciated Barbara's design expertise and skillful teaching.

Our April meeting will be our first garden tour of 2021 at the Paulsen's Garden in Puyallup, followed by a lunch meeting at Watson's Nursery.



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