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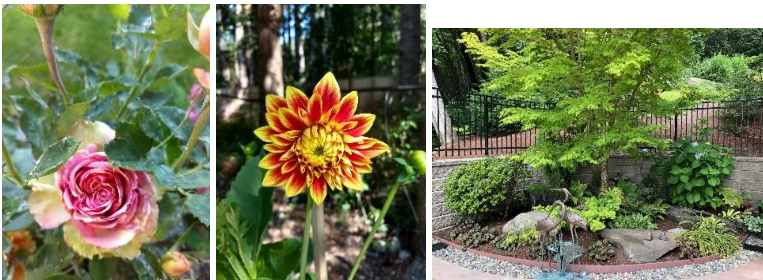
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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

At the November general meeting, I will again do door prizes that highlight members' gardens. Please send your door prize pictures to smnash9@gmail.com or text them to me at 425-281-0450. I will pick five garden photos at random for prizes and post all to the Chinook District Facebook page Chinook District WSGC. I'm sure you all have beautiful gardens to share. Below are a few entries from last meeting. What beauty: I'm inspired to be a better gardener!

Susan Nash,

Chinook District Director



NEXT DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING

10:00 a.m. November 4, 2020

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 special seasonal design program, and a showing of a video about peonies.

CHINOOK TEACHER/YOUTH GRANT FUND

Thank you to all who have donated to the Chinook Teacher/Youth Grant Fund. If you are interested in applying for a grant to support a youth project, application information will be announced later.

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CHINOOK SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Thank you to all the clubs who have donated to the 2020-2021 Chinook Scholarship fund. If you have not yet sent in your donation, please send it to:

Jeanne Buchanan
26417 SE 224th St.
Maple Valley, WA 98038-6631

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

Awards Chair: Jeanette Pruin
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The awards year is the calendar year, so the next applications are for activities from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020.

Yearbooks and covers were due October 15 for the 2020-2021 garden club year. Newsletters and Garden Therapy are due to the State Chairmen by December 1. These are the ones applied for most often but there are many others with early dates. Check the state directory or email me for the dates of other awards of interest.

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl posters are due December 15 to Penny Merriman. This year Woodsy Owl is being featured. It is his 50th birthday. His theme is *Lend a Hand - Care for the Land*. Entry rules are on page 77 of the state directory.

NGC GARDENING SCHOOL, Series 12, Course 4



Gardening School Course 4 is tentatively scheduled (awaiting NGC approval for the dates) for January 12-13, 2021, via Zoom technology.

Linda Haas will be the school chair. Brynn Tavasci is Washington State Gardening School Chair and will be a key participant in our course leadership team. Debbie Angel will be the Zoom Technical Administrator, and Marilee Capodanno will be Registrar/Treasurer.

BLUE STAR MARKER TAHOMA NATIONAL CEMETERY

Tanya Galat, Co-chair

Even though it's barely October, I want to encourage all clubs to make a donation to the "Wreaths Across America" program. Although it is not possible to designate any specific gravesite or where the wreath is placed, all donations ensure the sacrifices of our soldiers will be remembered. Donations of \$15.00 per wreath must be received before December 19, when volunteers distribute wreaths in cemeteries throughout the US. More information is on the website, wreathscrossamerica.org. A big thanks to Des Moines Garden Club for their 2020 donation of 5 wreaths and Marine Hills Garden Club for 10 wreaths! I look forward to hearing from other clubs about donations this year.

Even though it is not possible to socially distance at the marker's flower bed and no work party was scheduled, the bed is now filled with almost 150 winter pansies. Thank you to Jana Chapman, Des Moines Garden Club, for her assistance planting the flowers. Thanks again to the generous patriot who provided the gorgeous pansies at a substantially discounted cost, making this beauty and tranquility possible for cemetery visitors.



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 GALLS

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.

Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs 2019 Awards

Unless indicated, the awards listed below are first place winners.

Arbor Day: Auburn Garden Club

Birds: Elizabeth Close, O'Brien Garden Club

Conservation – Recognition of districts, clubs & individuals contributing \$75 or more: Des Moines Garden Club

Community Beautification – A beautification project in a city, town, or neighborhood: Auburn Garden Garden Club, Maintenance of Backyard Idea Garden and small garden in Les Gove Park

Community Service – Community Gardens: Marine Hills Garden Club, Continuing support for community gardens at Olympic View Elementary, Nautilus K-8, Illahee Middle School, and Light of Christ Lutheran Church. Marine Hills Garden Club, In partnership with another organization, continuing support of a community garden at Nautilus K-8 school.

Garden Club Membership Longevity Certificate: Maple Trails Garden Club, 55 years

WSFGC Flower Show Achievement Award – Horticulture Specialty Flower Show: Des Moines Garden Club, "Plantmania"

WSFGC Flower Show Schedule Award – NGC Horticulture Specialty Flower Show: Des Moines Garden Club, "Plantmania", Jeanette Pruin, Chairman

Garden Therapy – Active Therapy (24 or fewer members): Marine Hills Garden Club

Garden Therapy – Passive Therapy (24 or fewer members): Marine Hills Garden Club

Garden Therapy – Passive Therapy (25-49 members): 2nd place Des Moines Garden Club

Garden Therapy – Passive Therapy (50 or more members): 2nd place Auburn Garden Club

Horticulture Essay Award: Debbie Angel, Marine Hills Garden Club, "Cannas"

Honor Clubs: 2nd Auburn Garden Club, 5th Des Moines Garden Club

Membership and Promotions – Club Website: 2nd O'Brien Garden Club

Membership and Promotions – District Website: 2nd Chinook District

Natural Disasters Donations Award of Merit: Des Moines Garden Club

Publications Awards: Newsletter – Small Club: 2nd Des Moines Garden Club, *Down the Garden Path*

Publications Awards: Newsletter – Large Club: Enumclaw Garden Club, *Garden Chatter*

Publications Awards: Membership Brochure: Enumclaw Garden Club

Publications Awards: Published Article: Debbie Angel, "Cannas"

2019 Yearbook Award of Excellence:

Club (20-29 members): HM Des Moines Garden Club

Club (30-44 members): 2nd O'Brien Garden Club

Club (45-69 members): 3rd Parkside Garden Club

District: Chinook District

WSFGC Junior/Intermediate Youth Award - Youth Involvement - Club contributing the most outstanding service toward gardening among youth: Marine Hills Garden Club

Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs 2019 Past President's Awards

Unless indicated, the awards listed below are first place winners.

Cerita Goody Civic Achievement Award – Awarded to the club judged with the best Civic Development project: Marine Hills Garden Club, Community gardens at three schools and a community garden at a local church.

Helen Wolf Club Program – Awarded to a club presenting the most outstanding program promoting NGC objectives: Des Moines Garden Club, “The Pluses and Minuses of Roses”

Pat Crawford Arbor Day Award – Awarded to a garden club for an outstanding Arbor Day project: Auburn Garden Club

Berta Deming Blue Ribbon Award: Debbie Angel, Marine Hills Garden Club (34 blue)

Judith Juno Petite Design Award: 3rd Brynn Tavasci, Parkside Garden Club

June Willard Garden Club Flower Show Staging Award: Des Moines Garden Club, “Plantmania”

Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs – 2019 Youth Awards

Pollinator Power Poster Contest K-6th Grades “Bats”:

1st Grade: Riya Ferris-Kumar, Marine Hills Garden Club

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest – 1st grade

1st place Evelyn Snyder, Marine Hills Garden Club

3rd place Riya Ferris Kumar, Marine Hills Garden Club

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest – 3rd grade

HM Jonah Eklund, Parkside Garden Club

Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs – Scholarship Boosters

Gold Ribbon donation of \$100 - \$499:

\$100 Esther Banholzer, Maple Trails Garden Club

\$150 Jeanette Pruin, Des Moines Garden Club

Green Ribbon donation of \$500 and more:

\$500 Parkside Garden Club

\$1000 Des Moines Garden Club

Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. 2019 Awards

Publications – Communications

Horticulture Essay: 1st Debbie Angel, Marine Hills Garden Club, Chinook District

Newsletter or Other Publications – Club: 2nd Enumclaw Garden Club, *Garden Chatter*

Smokey the Bear / Woodsy Owl Poster Contest – 1st Grade: 1st place Evelyn Snyder, Marine Hills Garden Club

National Garden Clubs, Inc. 2019 Awards

Flower Shows – Horticulture Specialty Show: Des Moines Garden Club, “Plantmania”

Smokey the Bear / Woodsy Owl Poster Contest – 1st Grade: 2nd place Evelyn Snyder, Marine Hills Garden Club

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Auburn

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

Auburn Garden Club has not been meeting, but we have been keeping in touch via email and our Facebook page. We do not expect to meet again until after the first of the year. In September and October, club volunteers maintained the Les Gove perennial garden, approximately every other week. We also had a couple of sessions weeding and laying mulch in the Blue Star Marker garden in Auburn's Veteran's Park. We limit attendance at these events to maintain social distancing. We met with Park Department personnel to start a clean-up job on the Backyard Idea Garden, which had not been touched all year, due to city budget cuts. We will hold another Backyard Idea Garden work party on October 27, to spruce the garden up prior to Auburn's scaled-down Veteran's Day celebration starting November 7. We will participate in Auburn's "Sweet Treats for Vets" – a drive through event on November 10 -- by supplying carnations with our club's "Thank You" attached.

Des Moines

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

A good number of the members of our garden club met October 1 at an outside space at Soos Creek Botanical Garden. We social-distanced in the covered shelter after we went on our own wandering the garden trails. Very beautifully maintained with a large pond and perennials, natives, and an aviary with doves. Very peaceful and meditative. We didn't have enough time to go down into ravine to creek and grasslands – maybe next time. Our mid-November meeting will be making our own wreaths for the holidays. It will not be a community event this year. We are still figuring out our future plans.

Enumclaw

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

We held our September Board Meeting and General Meeting via Zoom and will continue to do that until we move into phase 4. There were 18 members able to connect via Zoom; still only 20% of our membership, so we are loading up our Newsletter so as to assure that important information gets out to all members. We sent out our yearbook electronically to save on printing, and have continued to connect via Facebook, cards, and phone calls. We passed our budget for the year and agreed to continue our regular community donations. We are investing in updating our website to make it more interesting. Our focus for the next few months is our Breakfast for the Birds gathering in February.

We had a wonderful speaker, Master Gardener Susan Miller, on "Black & Chartreuse Plants that Pop." Some members shared their vegetable garden bounty and apples, pears, and plums from their fruit trees through curbside or porch pick up and are considering costume or hat decorations for our October Zoom meeting.

Maple Trails

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

For our September program we met at Soos Creek Botanical Gardens. The weather was not promising but we were determined to meet. With boots and umbrellas, we enjoyed a walk through the wonderful gardens and as a bonus they were having their annual plant sale. Lot of nice evergreens and vintage roses at great prices. We all were so happy to get out in the fresh air and enjoy our passion for gardening and the plants that make it all happen.

Marine Hills

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

We are planning virtual meetings via Zoom for this year. We had great attendance at our September meeting. While we did not have a program, we covered a lot at our business meeting, including approving our annual budget and deciding on most of our donations for the year. Our program for our October 20 meeting will be Judith Jones presenting about ferns.

O'Brien

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

This September, our club couldn't have our normal meeting, but we desperately needed an outing. So, we met at the Kent East Hills Nursery parking lot, shared information, grinned happily at each other, then shopped for plants. It was a perfect light outing for our members. It proves that it doesn't take much to stay in contact in these tough times.

On October 23, we will meet at Soos Creek Outdoor Pavilion at 11 am for a socially distanced meeting and a presentation from the lovely staff at The Windmill about Hellebores.

Parkside

Co-presidents:

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Sissi Smithhart 206-719-7429 sissismithhart@gmail.com

Parkside Garden Club has gained a new member, bringing our membership to 53. Two members agreed to co-lead our 2021 Plant Sale. We are off to an early start dividing and potting plants for our sale, with "Planting Parties" scheduled at three members' gardens this month. We have two current community projects. Parkside is partnering with the Highline Heritage Museum in the design and planting of a new flagpole garden near the museum entry. The City of Normandy Park has invited us to be featured on their Channel 21 video channel. One video will show Parkside gardeners digging, dividing, and repotting perennials from a fall garden. Also, the "Lins Family Peonies" video will be shared. Our club meeting on October 15 is a field trip to the Japanese Gardens at the Seattle Arboretum to see the fall colors!

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WSFGC WEBSITE: <https://www.wagardenclubs.com/> password: peony

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