

GARDEN CHATTER DECEMBER 2023



*****2023-2024 OFFICERS*****

PRESIDENT — MARILYN COOPER
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member of the Chinook District, Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs,
& Pacific Region of the National Garden Club, Inc.

WHAT'S COMING UP at the Enumclaw Garden Club?

- DEC 12** 10:00 am Set-up for tomorrow's Christmas Party. Call Connie Keen with questions. Come even if you didn't sign up. All hands are welcome! Bring your greenery for the tables. Bring 3 toilet paper cardboard rolls & a stapler, if you would like to make a snowflake. This is a very simple craft you can even make with your grandchildren.
- DEC 13** 9:30 am **GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY. Let's Garden and Be Happy!!!**
Tickets will be available for Breakfast 4 the Birds.
Things you need for the Christmas party:
Wear your favorite, once a year, Christmas outfit!
NO ugly sweater contest this year!
Start thinking about what you would like to share at the pot luck.
Small exchange gift item, of not more than fifteen dollars.
If you wish, a donation for the food bank or POM.
Something we don't know about you or your garden.
Example: I like hats or I grow cilantro.
1 dozen cookies for the cookie exchange.





THINKING OF YOU GARDEN THERAPY

If you know of a Garden Club member who is ill, or just needs a little cheering up or encouragement, please let Yolanda Nelson know @ 253-777-5810 or ziinia2007@yahoo.com
Carol Pedersen will also send out a group email to the members. Just let her know who needs remembering, @ 253-686-3942 or cajunchili@comcast.net

Yolanda sent out a "Get Well" card to Debora Akers after her recent foot surgery. Also sent were "Welcome Cards" to new members Cathy Martin & Melissa Turner.



EGC BULLETIN BOARD

A reminder & a thanks in advance from Clarine, Meribeth & Dixie

If you didn't get a chance to sign up as hostess, for this garden club year, you have been assigned a month. If not, you are a sub. You will need to be at the VFW Hall between 8:30 & 8:50am to help set up the tables, set out the food and clean up & take down tables after the meeting. Hostesses also provide a raffle item & one lucky person is chosen to provide the centerpiece. The schedule is in the yearbook. Please find a friend to fill in for you if you are unable to be there. Thanks

When you generously bring free items to the meeting please take home anything that is left over.



WEB-SITE

www.enumclawgardenclub.info

Please contact Debbie B'Hymer with any questions, comments or club updates for the web-site at: debhymer@aol.com

Remember, the newsletter is included on the web-site, so please let Sharon know if there is any info you don't want made public.



Find us on
Facebook

All members can join our Facebook page. Go to Enumclaw Garden Club & click on JOIN. Call or email Ginny Montgomery with any questions.

Please send all EGC Treasurer correspondence to Joan Meyer at: enumgcfinance@gmail.com or POBox 714, Enumclaw 98022

The cut-off date for the January newsletter will be the 10th @ noon.
sharonjimfagnan@comcast.net or 253-350-8930

DID YOU MISS ANYTHING AT THE OCTOBER MEETING???



After the pledge of allegiance President Marilyn started the meeting off with these words:
 “Be thankful what you have...you’ll end up with having more”.

Six new members & visitors to our club were announced & welcomed.

Connie Keen announced the District Christmas Party on Dec. 5th.

The committee members gave their reports:

- **Christmas Party:** Connie Keen filled us in on our Christmas Party. A vote was taken & we may bring 1 doz. cookies for the cookie exchange, if we wish to participate. A second vote was taken & there will be NO ugly sweater contest.
- **Plant Sale:** chairman Twyla Colvin suggested planting seeds for the plant sale. She provided pots donated by Enumclaw Landscape & labels. Additional pots are available from Enumclaw Landscape @ their landscape site on 432nd.
- **Breakfast 4 the Birds:** Joy Emry Johnson started out. There were baskets available to use for your silent auction items. She provided letters to give out when you ask for donations. These letters explain what the Garden Club does/has done for the community & has our logo on it. There is a sign-up sheet to let others know which businesses you have been to so there isn't a duplicate. Gayle Schmidt asked for house plants in 5"-6" pots for the sale. These have been very popular items. Karen Arris would like you to be saving your tall twigs for an arbor she is making. Tickets are available @ \$25 per person or \$200 for a table.
- Nancy Wittman brought a sample of the t-shirt & sweatshirt for purchase. She provided order forms & extended the order date until Dec. Carol to send out email letting everyone know.
- **Membership Appreciation Chairman Debora Akers** asked us to sign up for the bus trip May 29th to Heronswood Botanical Gardens & the Bay Hay & Feed Store on Bainbridge Island. The bus will be leaving from the downtown parking lot where the plant sale is held. A sign-up is also provided for a private tour, with a nominal fee.

Under New Business

- A vote was taken to increase our donation of 20 wreaths, instead of our usual 10, to support Wreath's Across America. President Marilyn was looking into having them placed at our local Tahoma National Cemetery.

Some concern was brought up about our being able to continue using the VFW Hall for our meetings. After discussion we were reassured that “at this point in time we don't have to be concerned”.

Who doesn't love lavender! Jackie Szarka from Like Holm Lavender showed us how to “Cultivate & Cook with Lavender”. She displayed & talked about many different species. The biggest bang for your buck is a natural hybrid called Grosso which has a strong scent & is a tall grower.

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The enemy of lavender is water! Don't water unless there is an extreme heat wave. They need sun! Don't plant next to a water loving plant like a rose. Needs good drainage but no mulch. Lavender is a shrub & wants to become a tree which causes them to split apart & not grow flowers. So, the more you prune the more they like it. Prune in fall before frost & again in the spring. Plant new plants in Sept/Oct. The most surprising thing I learned: If you buy a new plant in the spring DON'T allow it to bloom. Cut it back & treat as a 1st year plant. Harvest when 10-20% of flowers are open to keep the lavender from falling apart. Hang upside down in a dark place for 2 weeks. Pinch the buds or put them in a pathway & then you will enjoy the smell for years. Super easy to propagate. Just take a soft cutting & root in dirt. Two lavenders I especially liked were Edelweiss (white) & Betty Blue (compact deep blue). Lake Holm Lavender isn't open to the public but she recommends Mountain Glow Lavenders in Auburn.



CHINOOK DISTRICT NEWS

www.chinookgc.org/

**Director Penny Merriman's theme this year is
"Celebrate each other & educate our youth"**

**All meetings start at 10 am on the 1st Wednesday of the month
Auburn First United Methodist Church, 100 N St, Auburn
Flower Gals are no longer meeting**

**The Plant a Tree Award is now on the calendar year, so start counting how many trees you have planted between January 1st 2024 through December 31, 2024.
The cooler wetter days of fall are perfect for tree planting!**

January 3, 2024

Chinook District Board Meeting



Val Skaggs took the design class offered by the district in November & learned how to create a Traditional Crescent design & a Pyramid L shape design.



A BIG thank-you to everyone who contributed to our Pampered Pet basket for the Chinook District Christmas luncheon. Lots of great items for both cats & dogs.

Marilyn



Saturday, DECEMBER 16, 2023

Each December, on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to REMEMBER the fallen, HONOR those that serve and TEACH the next generation the value of freedom, is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 3700+ additional locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad.

Join us by sponsoring a veteran's wreath at a cemetery near you, by volunteering or by donating to a local sponsorship group.

Go to wreathsasscrossamerica.org for more information & to donate a wreath. Our local veteran's cemetery is Tahoma National Cemetery, in Kent.

REMEMBER



HONOR



TEACH



WREATHS
across
AMERICA

SERVE

&

SUCCEED



Please add this info to page 39 in your yearbook...
We now have 105 members

Kandi Dodrill **CORRECTION**

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Cathy Martin **NEW**

2023

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Melissa Turner **NEW**

2023

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Yearbooks are available. If you haven't been able to pick yours up,
Contact Sharon Fagnan @ 253-350-8930
or ask a garden club friend to pick it up for you.



*"The love of gardening is a seed
once sown that never dies"*
2023-2024



New member? We want to meet you!

If you are a new member, & would like to be featured in the newsletter, please send me a small bit of info about yourself & a pix.

No pix? No problem...we can have one taken at the next meeting. Just let me know.

Sharon Fagnan

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YOUR PHOTO
HERE

IN THEIR OWN WORDS...

I'm Kandi Dodrill & my husband & I own a 5 acre fiber farm just outside of Enumclaw in Auburn. We have a motley crew officer growing animals filled with personality on our farm. We have the luxury of working with beautiful fiber but also the animals make a lot of manure that feeds our prolific garden. I have been a stay at home mom, Girl Scout leader, Boy Scout leader, and 4-H leader. I am now a farm educator and teach classes on & off the farm about fiber, crafting, gardening, & cooking. I am looking forward to meeting members of the Enumclaw Garden Club!



THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME OUT TO MAKE ORNAMENTS & DECORATE THE SENIOR CENTER CHRISTMAS TREE

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Enumclaw Garden Club member Trish MacLeran was recently elected President of the WA Vegetation Management Association. The Association will be sponsoring the 74th Annual WA State Weed Conference, November 6-8, 2024 in Wenatchee. More info to come as the date gets closer.

Keeping in mind for 2024



Jan 8, 2024

EGC Board Meeting

9:30 am

Key Bank Community Room

All committee chairmen are encouraged to attend

Jan 24

EGC General Meeting

9:30 am Sign-up & get together

10 am Business meeting

10:45 am Horticulture:

Please bring a snip of something from your garden & be sure & let us know what it is.

11 am Program:

Tory Bennett has a "Surprise Topic" for us!

12 noon Pot luck social

~Save the Date~

May 29, 2024

Membership Appreciation bus tour to Heronswood Botanical Gardens

& Bay Hay & Feed on Bainbridge Island

8:30am - 4:30pm (at least)

In appreciation of all the member's hard work and a celebration of our garden club and friendships, the garden club is going to visit Heronswood in Kingston. Heronswood was created by renowned plant explorer Dan Hinkley. The botanical garden is an amazing display of rare and unusual plants. For more information, visit <https://www.héronswoodgarden.org/visit>. We will also be visiting the Bay, Hay and Feed Store - a combination of a nursery, garden shop and old fashioned mercantile. Catered box lunches will also be provided. Please sign up at the next meeting or contact dhm16@comcast.net.

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**Where friendships GROW
DECEMBER 2023**



December birthdays also have two birth flowers. They are holly & narcissus, aka paperwhite. Most recently holly represents happiness & peace. Narcissus is said to represent purity, faithfulness & respect.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL WHO CELEBRATE
IN DECEMBER**