

# GARDEN CHATTER OCTOBER 2023



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## WHAT'S COMING UP at the Enumclaw Garden Club?

**OCT 25 ENUMCLAW GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING AT THE VFW HALL**  
**DON'T FORGET TO DUST OFF YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME & JOIN OUR ANNUAL PARADE!**

**Prizes for outstanding costumes! Last years winners >>>>**

**9:30 am Sign-In & Get-together**  
**10:00 am Business Meeting**  
**10:45 am Horticulture. Please bring a snip of something wonderful from your garden! Don't forget to let us know what it is.**  
**11:00 am Program: Alison Johnson is back! She will be demonstrating how to make your own garden cloche. If you want to make your own, President Marilyn needs a final count to reserve the material. The cost is \$10 cash.**  
**Noon Everyone please bring your favorite dish or dessert to share! Coffee, tea, & water will be provided. Please check your yearbook to see if you are one of the hosts.**

**OCT 28 MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY at the Foothills Trail**  
**10am—Noon Contact Marilyn Nelson with any questions**

**NOV 2 SENIOR CENTER "THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY TREE DECORATING"**  
**10:30 am Everyone Welcome! The more the merrier! Contact Yolanda Nelson with any questions.**

**NOV 5 "FALL BACK"!!! Daylight Savings Time Ends**

**NOV 6 ENUMCLAW GARDEN CLUB BOARD MEETING\* a week early due to Thanksgiving**  
**9:30 am Key Bank Community Room. All Committee chairmen are encouraged to attend**

**NOV 11.....**



**NOV 15 ENUMCLAW GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING AT THE VFW HALL.**  
**\*a week early due to Thanksgiving**  
**Breakfast 4 the Birds tickets available for \$25 or buy a table!**



**Yoda,  
Miss Minnie Pearl &  
the Conductor**

**THINKING OF YOU**  
**GARDEN THERAPY**

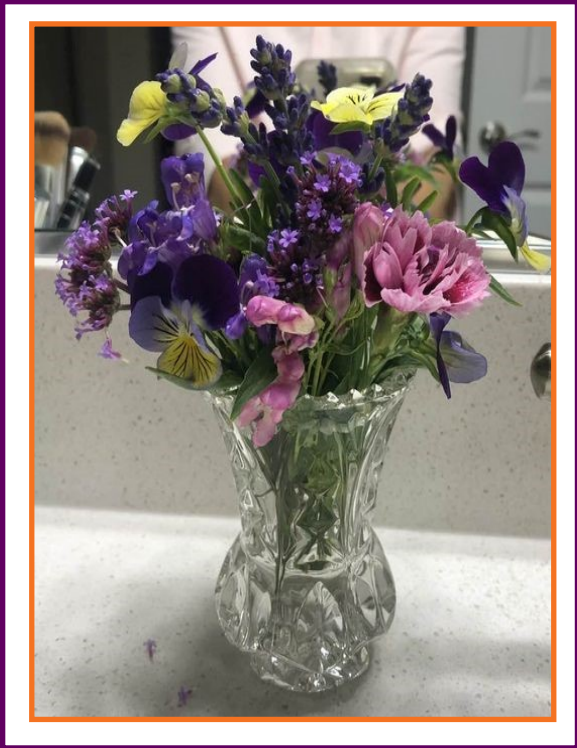
**Our new Garden Therapy person is Yolanda Nelson**

**253-777-5810 [ziinia2007@yahoo.com](mailto:ziinia2007@yahoo.com)**

If you know of a Garden Club member who is ill or just needs a little cheering up, or encouragement, please let Yolanda know.

“Get Well” cards were sent to Barbara Hammond & Linda Wilhoit after their recent surgeries. “Welcome” cards sent to Suzann Ravet, Bev Stevens. Diana Kodad, Pamela Waddell & Lindsey Ryan.

Please let Carol Pedersen know anyone who needs remembering & she will send out an email to the members.



**EGC BULLETIN BOARD**

**A reminder & a thanks in advance from Clarine, MariBeth, & 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 & 8:50 am to help set up the tables, set out the food, 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. If unable to be there please find a friend to fill in for you.**

**When you generously bring items to the meeting to give away, please take home anything that is left over. Thanks**

**Shannon Brock & family thanks everyone for their thoughtfulness & all they have done for them these last few months.**



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

**WEB-SITE**

**[WWW.enumclawgardenclub.info](http://WWW.enumclawgardenclub.info)**

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

The cut-off date for the November newsletter will be the 8th @ noon. This is a week early because of Thanksgiving.

[sharonjimfagnan@comcast.net](mailto:sharonjimfagnan@comcast.net) or 253-350-8930

**DID YOU MISS ANYTHING AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING???**

**After we recited the Pledge of Allegiance, President Marilyn Cooper opened with this thought: "A fallen leaf is nothing more than summers wave goodbye". She introduced the new board: herself, Vice-President Debbie B'Hymer, Secretary Laura Curnan, & Treasurer Joan Meyer & opened the meeting. In no particular order, here is what we discussed:**

**The Breakfast 4 the Birds theme is "A Secret Garden" & co-chair Joy Emry Johnson promised something very woodsy. Karen Arris already has lots of ideas. Co-chair Dee Nash told us about some new ideas including a buy a table option. Bid numbers will be our ticket number this year. Tickets available at Nov. meeting.**

**President Marilyn let us know that District is having a Garage Sale on November 1. They are asking for crafts & baked goods. Let her know if you have a donation.**

**There will be a series of two Flower Design Classes. Info is in the District News on pg. 4.**

**If you've ever wondered why a jar filled with change is passed around, Karen Arris gave a history of the Penny Pines Reforestation Program. For every \$68 donated, 200 trees are planted.**

**Marilyn Nelson encouraged us to participate in Make A Difference Day, Oct. 28th at the Foothills Trail from 10 am till noon.**

**Debora got us very excited about our Membership Appreciation Trip on May 29th. It is free to all participating members & we will be going to Heronswood Botanical Garden in Kingston, with a stop at the Bay Hay & Seed, an old fashioned farm store & nursery in Bainbridge. Transportation will be provided.**

**Sharon LeVander thanked the many volunteers that helped water & maintain the VFW Hall & VFW Memorial pots during this very, very hot summer.**

**Darlene DeGroot reported that we had 3 scholarship winners. \$2,000 to Zach Miller, \$1,000 to Raegan Rose Chevalier & \$1,000 to Aleah Watterson. She read a little about each of them & explained why they stood out above the many other applicants.**

**There was a very interesting specimen on the Horticulture table: A giant Paulownia tomentosa: AKA Princess Tree, Empress Tree, Foxglove Tree. In addition there were different varieties of Salvia, Japanese Rose Bud (Kerria Japonica), Dahlias, Cosmos & Anemone. Tory provided Penstemon starts & showed us how to make mini-greenhouses to help us propagate many plants such as salvia, chosia (mock orange), & clematis for the Plant Sale in May. She asked us to continue bringing whatever we have in our yard for the Horticulture portion of the meeting. Tory gives us a bit more information, during each horticulture talk, to have a successful Design entry. Thanks to everyone who shared something.**

**The Budget was passed & our program was "Catching Up & Looking Ahead".**

**As usual there was lots of great food & laughs! The recipe for the beet & pineapple salad was requested. If you made it please pass the recipe on to me & I will include it in next month's newsletter. Debora's hummus recipe is on pg. 4.**





## CHINOOK DISTRICT NEWS

[www.chinookgc.org/](http://www.chinookgc.org/)

**Director Penny Merryman'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**

### **Nov 1...Chinook District General Meeting**

**Horticulture Program "Black & Gold" presented by Sue Miller**

**Design Program: Linda Maidas' program will be**

**"Designing for Fall & Winter Interest, using foraged plants"**

**Clerks: Enumclaw**

**Luncheon: Reservations must be made by the Tuesday of the week before  
& the cost is \$12. Please contact our President Marilyn, if you plan to  
attend.**

### **Nov 20th & 27th...Flower Design Classes. Cost is \$25 for both classes.**

**Contact Barb Smith to register @ 253-631-7118**

**Emphasis will be on different types of line, line mass & mass designs, as  
well as how they are created using the Principles & Elements of Design.  
The difference between Traditional & Creative designs will be discussed.  
Students will learn some of the basic types of designs that are used in the  
home. We will go over different types of products & mechanics that are  
used to help make the designs. The class will help those students just  
beginning or those who have some knowledge of floral design.**

### **Dec 6...District Christmas Luncheon. Please let President Marilyn know if you will attend.**

**Per your request: Debora Akers Sweet Potato Hummus  
Serves 6**

**2-16 oz cans chickpeas, drained, reserving 1/3 c liquid**

**1/2 cooked sweet potato**

**1/2 c tahini**

**1/2 c fresh lemon juice**

**1 to 1-1/2 tsp kosher salt**

**1/2 garlic clove**

**1/4 tsp ground cumin**

**6 c sliced cucumbers ( for dipping)**

**Using a food processor or blender process everything except  
cucumbers until smooth. ENJOY!**



**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 U.S. 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](http://wreathsasscrossamerica.org) for more information & to donate a wreath. Our local veterans 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...

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Nancy Wittman is working on art for the new EGC t-shirt and zip-front hoodie (sweatshirt). The art, t-shirt and hoodie will be presented at the October general meeting. There will be a show-of-hand vote for the art selection by those in attendance at the meeting. Majority rules. Nancy will then create an order form email with color and size options for the items to be silkscreened. The art for the items will print with white ink.

Carol will send ordering information to the EGC email list in early November. All members interested in purchasing a t-shirt and / or hoodie will be asked to reply by email to Nancy with their individual size and color selections, before the November general meeting on 11-15-23. Hard copies of the order form will be available at the November meeting for those members who don't do the email thing. The order will be compiled and placed by 12-1-23. The finished items will be distributed 1-24-24.

**YEARBOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE  
OCTOBER & NOVEMBER MEETINGS. IF YOU ARE  
UNABLE TO ATTEND PLEASE ASK A GARDEN  
CLUB FRIEND TO PICK YOURS UP OR CONTACT  
SHARON FAGNAN @ 253-350-8930.**

## *in their own words...*

We moved to Enumclaw in 2018 & built a house by Deep Lake. My favorite flower is a DAHLIA & I'm growing about 50 varieties this year! I'm a second year flower farmer & learning everyday. My other hobbies are embroidery & crochet. My main job is making custom apparel.

Renee McLeran



I've lived in Enumclaw for approximately 20 years. I just retired from a career in education. I've worked on making my yard a welcoming space for bees, birds, insects, tree frogs, squirrels & more, by focusing on native plants. I also enjoy growing perennial food. I'm looking forward to learning and making connections with other gardeners.

Thanks so much, Suzanne Ravet



Good morning. Here are a few sentences about me. I am originally from Seattle, lived in Issaquah for 38 Years, then moved to Enumclaw in 2015 when I retired. I am relatively new to gardening. I love roses and am learning what a chore it is to maintain them, but I like tending to them as they provide so many beautiful bouquets all summer long. When I am not gardening I like to hike, camp and travel. I have twin sons. One lives in Seattle and the other in San Diego. The son in San Diego has twin daughters so I travel to San Diego multiple times per year to visit them. I have never been in a garden club & joined after talking to my neighbor Debra Akers. I look forward to meeting you all & learning more about gardening.

Diana Kodad



**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**

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*Where friendships GROW  
OCTOBER 2023  
(101 members)*



October birthdays have 2 birth flowers to choose from. Often associated with the sun, marigolds symbolize warmth, creativity & positive energy. Cosmos are known to symbolize harmony, peace & balance.

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