

GARDEN CHATTER APRIL 2024



The hum of bees
is the voice
of the garden

- Elizabeth Lawrence

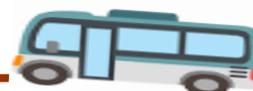
2023-2024 OFFICERS

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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 for our Garden Club

April 24	9:30 am	General Meeting sign-in & get together.
	10:00 am	Meeting begins with the Pledge of Allegiance. We will be going over the standing rules. You should have received them as an email or by post. Please look them over. Horticulture: Please bring whatever you are enjoying from your garden & make sure it is well marked.
	11:00 am	Program: To be announced.
	Noon	Potluck.
May 10	12:00 pm	Set-up for the Plant Sale..see more info on pg 4.
May 11	9:00 am	Plant Sale. Volunteers please arrive by 8 am.
May 13	9:30 am	Board Meeting at Key Bank Community Room.
May 22	9:30 am	General Meeting sign-in & get-together.
May 29		MEMBER APPRECIATION BUS TOUR~ Heronswood & Bay, Hay & Feed Store with box lunch provided by Ambrosia Catering Company. If you previously signed up and your plans have changed, please send a note to dhm16@comcast.net .



THINKING OF YOU
GARDEN THERAPY

If you know of a Garden Club member who is ill, 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

A "Welcome" card was sent to new members Christy Phelps, Cindy Moore, Julie Pearl, & Dawn Barker.

A "Thinking of You" card was sent to Sally Zoll & Willie Dahlquist.



EGC BULLETIN BOARD

Hostesses this month are Judi King, Debora Akers, Carol Pedersen, Bev Stevens, Paulette Sitzenstock, MeriKay Schiller, & Maryn Otto.



The centerpiece will be provided by Sheila Shannon. You will need to be at the VFW Hall between 8:30 & 8:40 to help set up the tables & set out food.

Hostesses provide 1 raffle item each. Also plan on staying to help clean up & take down the tables & chairs.

Please find a friend to fill in for you if you are unable to be there!

Don't forget we are all asked to help take down the tables & chairs.

Thanks
Clarine, Meribeth, & Dixie

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.

The cut-off date for the May newsletter will be Wednesday, May 15th @ noon.

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

CHINOOK DISTRICT NEWS FOR 2024

www.chinookgc.org/

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

\$400 ea. was awarded to 4 school gardens in Highline & Federal Way
School Districts. A 5th project will be funded with a donation
from Marine Hills Garden Club.

"Have a wonderful Spring & keep on digging!"

- **April 18**

Greater Seattle District presents "Awash in Memories". Join them for a day of Design, food & friendship. Watch 10 NGC designers create amazing designs with sculptures & materials presented to them minutes before they begin. They will be competing for the coveted title of DESIGNER OF THE DAY!! Tickets available from LonaC1929@outlook.com 206-398-9471. \$30 donation includes lunch. Location: The Cove in Normandy Park. Doors open at 11:00.

- **April 29-30**

NGC Gardening School, Course #1 in Tacoma. Pre-registration required. To be held at the Dryer Masonic Center, Tacoma. This course will be on Basic Botany & Soils, Techniques for Growing Outdoor Flowers, & Plant Propagation. Class starts at 8:30 & ends at either 3:30 or 4:30, depending on if you will be taking the test which is not required.

Course #2 October 28-29, 2024

Course #3 April 28-29, 2025

Course #4 October 29-30, 2025

For more info contact Kathy Johnson at kathy16@msn.com

- **May 1, 10:00 am**

Chinook District 60th Birthday Celebration. For the Design Program, we will be creating May Day baskets & hearing about Roses during the Horticulture program. There will also be a Flower Show during lunch. We will be remembering the 60's in our dress, & showcasing club activities from 1964-2024.

- **June 2-5**

The National Federation of Garden Clubs Convention will be held in Denver.

- **August Correction:**

The Pacific Region Convention will be held in Anchorage this year.



Arbor Day Foundation®

The Plant a Tree Award is on the calendar year, so start counting how many trees you have planted between January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. The cooler wetter days of fall are perfect but you can be planting them now before the hotter days of summer. If your soil is consistently 50 F or higher, you're good to go. Just be sure to water well. Go to arborday.org for more information

Arbor Day April 26, 2024 is all about ensuring our earth & the trees upon it are all happy, healthy, & growing to be as strong as they possible can be! They can't talk, but no doubt the trees will thank you for keeping the planet clean & green.

Acts of creation are ordinarily reserved for gods and poets.

To plant a pine, one need only own a shovel.

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE MARCH MEETING...

After the pledge of Allegiance, President Marilyn started the meeting with this inspiration:

"Things I learned from the Easter Bunny...

Everyone is entitled to a bad hare day.

Some body parts should be floppy.

Don't put all your eggs in one basket.

And Everyone needs a friend who is all ears".

- Representatives from the Cemetery Board & Parks Dept. were each given checks in the amount of @\$2000.00 each.. This represents 60% of the proceeds from the Breakfast 4 the Birds. On April 26th the Parks Dept. will be planting trees at the Dog Park. All are welcome to help.
- Flowers were given to the Breakfast 4 the Birds committee.
- We had 4 new members sign up.
- A report was given on Breakfast 4 the Birds. A few indoor plants were left after the event & if no one claims them they will be sold at the plant sale.
- Twyla gave us a progress report on the Plant Sale. Specialty Soil has donated bags of soil for our use. Workers will be given a ticket that entitles them to purchase 2 plants Friday the 11th from 4-5. This change in the standing rule will be voted on at the next meeting.
- Debora reminded us that sign-up sheets were out for their choice of lunch during the Membership Appreciation bus tour in May.
- Committie volunteer sign-ups were also out for the upcoming 2024-2025 year beginning July 1. Committee information & responsibilities are listed starting on pg. 50 of your year book. More questions? Give this years chairman a call. List beginning on pg 6 of your year Book.
- Nancy Wittman will be taking orders for Garden Club t-shirts in the fall.
- Marilyn Nelson reminded us that there is a work party on the Foothills Trail every Wednesday from 9-noon. Bring gloves & a shovel. Indigenous plants are wanted.
- Tory Bennett gave us a hint of Spring with a beautiful centerpiece filled with plants that are currently blooming: Pieris Japonica, Currant, Forsythia, Viburnum burkwoodii, Quince, Epimedium, White Camelia, Bridal Veil Spirea, Girls & Boys Pulmonaria (Lungwort), & Hinoki Cypress. Other plants brought for our enjoyment were PJM Rhody, large & small Muscari (Grape Hyacinth), Fritillaria (checkered lily), Daphne Odora, Corydalis, & a red Camelia. She also reminded us of the Design Program "Awash In Memories" at the Cove on April 18th. Tickets available (\$30 donation) from LonaC1929@outlook.com.
- Bryn Tavisky, National Recycle Chairman, gave a very enlightening & entertaining program on 2nd uses for garbage trash. Some of the clever items she used were inverted vases, ceiling light fixtures, paper shipping tubes, salad bowls, a microwave tray, International Coffee cans, styrofoam balls painted & floating as a water feature, a plastic colander, a bunsen burner tray...the list goes on. She brought some beautiful masks, purses, straw flowers & gift bags made out of paper mache. Also some beautiful mosaic balls, a wire blackbird & a bird bath. Some of her favorite tools are E-6000 glue, miracle sealer, Folk Art acrylic paint, & dry grout in different colors. Her recipe for paper mache is to find the cheapest non-coated paper you can (newspaper & voters pamphlets work best), rip into small pieces, & soak in water.

Instead of filling the landfill use trash & HAVE FUN!



ENUMCLAW GARDEN CLUB SPRING PLANT & GARDEN ART SALE

FACILITATOR: Twyla Colvin
253-886-2414 (cell)



SET-UP, FRIDAY, MAY 10TH

12:00 pm for table set up & preparing for plants.

Bring your plants & garden art on Friday between 1:00pm-5pm

DAY OF SALE, SATURDAY, MAY 11TH

All workers please arrive by 8am.

Also bring a wagon & a chair if you have one.

We won't be needing boxes this year!

Everyone has the same job unless you have made different arrangements with Twyla.

All plants need to be identified & priced before Friday. Call or text Twyla @ 253-886-2414

Garden Art -

Here are some last minute ideas if you weren't sure what to donate ... planted containers, hanging baskets, metal objects, bird feeders, bird houses, bird baths, old yard furniture, garden tools any outdoor garden item. If your donation won't take an overnight rain storm, bring your donation by 8:00 AM Saturday ... ie., books, house plants, etc. Questions? Call Yolanda Nelson, Trish Pierce, or Joy Emry Johnson.



THANK YOU SPECIALTY SOILS!!!

How this donation came about...

I (Nancy Wittman) contacted Specialty Soils in February of 2023 because the soil on our property was crap, but didn't know how to fix it in my life-time. Angelo came to our house to consult and scoop a soil sample. The soil test showed our soil was high in some minerals and quite deficient in other minerals. Organic matter was severely lacking and our super rocky soil was over 75% sand. Angelo custom mixed a mulch to address our missing minerals, organic matter (well composted manure), and I requested he add a weed seed inhibitor. The mulch created (what I call) a garden miracle - by fall 2023 we had worms - and weeds weren't a problem!

March 2024 we bought more of the same Specialty Soils mulch for our garden, because I certainly want to continue to improve our soil and manage weeds. While at our home, Angelo offered to donate bags of potting soil to our garden club to benefit our plant sale. We've arranged with Angelo to pick up the bags as needed and deliver to a location specified by Twyla.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the donated bags of soil. If / when you or someone you know needs garden soil, amendments or mulch, etc... please buy from Angelo and tell him thank you from the Enumclaw Garden Club.

Specialty Soils is located less than a mile east of Krain Corner at 39522 272nd Ave SE Enumclaw WA, 98022.

<https://www.specialtysoils.com/>,

[\(253\) 638-2272](tel:(253)638-2272), info@specialtysoils.com



Potting Party at Debbie B'Hymer's



Potting Party/Birthday Celebration for Clarine Chipman-Green





budget bites

MIDDAY Make-Ahead

This easy salad relies on flavorful, budget-friendly staples and is a breeze to toss together for hassle-free lunches

Edamame, Chickpea & Corn Salad

- 1½ cups frozen shelled edamame
- 1¼ cups fresh or frozen corn, cooked
- 1 (15.5-oz) can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 2 Tbsp minced red onion
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 3 Tbsp lime juice
- ¾ tsp cumin
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp pepper
- 3 Tbsp chopped cilantro

1. Cook edamame according to package directions. Rinse under cool water and drain well.

2. In a large bowl combine edamame, corn, chickpeas and onion.

3. In another bowl whisk together oil, lime juice, cumin, salt and pepper. Pour over salad. Add cilantro and toss. **Serves 6**

Per serving: 311 cal, 14g fat, 0mg chol, 16g prot, 34g carbs, 3g sugar, 8g fiber, 223mg sodium

Recipe by Jean Kressy



TERESA BLACKBURN



Val Skagg's Quiche Lorraine

- Pastry for 1 piecrust
- 1 T. butter, softened
- 12 bacon slices
- 4 eggs
- 2 C. heavy cream or whipping cream (I use half and half)
- ¾ t. salt
- 1/8 t. ground nutmeg (I like more)
- ¼ pound natural Swiss cheese shredded (1 cup) - I like Gruyere or Jarlsberg.

Prepare and roll out pastry. Line one 9-inch pie plate. Spread crust evenly with butter. Chill well.

In 10-inch skillet over medium heat, fry bacon slices until crisp and brown.

Drain bacon on paper towels and crumble. Preheat oven to 425 F. Spread crumbled bacon pieces in prepared piecrust.

With wire whisk, beat eggs, cream, salt and nutmeg. Stir in cheese. Pour egg mixture into crust. Bake 15 minutes; turn oven down to 325 F; bake 35 minutes more.

Quiche is cooked when knife inserted in center comes out clean. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Margaret Storbo's Corn Bread Pudding Serves 12

- ½ C melted butter
- 1 can cream style corn
- 1 can whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 T sugar
- 2-8 ½ oz boxed Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
- 1 C sour cream

Preheat oven to 350

Mix together melted butter, drained kernel corn & creamed corn

Add both boxes of muffin mix & stir together

Add sugar & sour cream & mix well.

Pour into greased 9x9 casserole dish & bake 50-55 minutes until top is golden brown & knife comes out clean.

Can also be made in a cast iron skillet.

Provided by Diana Weston

PER YOUR REQUEST!



Please add this info to page 39 in your yearbook...
We now have 112 members!

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DUES ARE DUE

**JOAN WILL BE ACCEPTING DUES AT THE NEXT MEETING
AFTER THE VOTE ON THE STANDING RULES.**





COMMITTEE SIGN-UP'S FOR THE 2024-2025 YEAR WILL BE OUT AT THE APRIL & MAY GENERAL MEETINGS. WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR DOOR PRIZES, PROGRAMS, MEMBER APPRECIATION, HIGH SCHOOL GARDENERS, THE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL, MEMBER'S TEA & TOUR, & BREAKFAST 4 THE BIRDS.

• PLEASE LOOK IN YOUR YEARBOOK FOR COMMITTEE INFO & RESPONSIBILITIES STARTING ON PG 50 & IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL THIS YEAR'S VOLUNTEERS STARTING ON PG 6.



It is my plan to have everyone's picture in the 2024-2025 yearbook, but I NEED YOUR HELP!

Please email me a newer picture of yourself that you would like for me to include. If you would rather not include a picture please let me know that, too.

and thanks to those who have sent me their picture already!

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Where friendships GROW
APRIL 2024

TO ALL WHO
CELEBRATE IN
APRIL

