

GARDEN CHATTER MAY 2024



2023-2024 OFFICERS

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WHAT'S COMING UP for our Garden Club

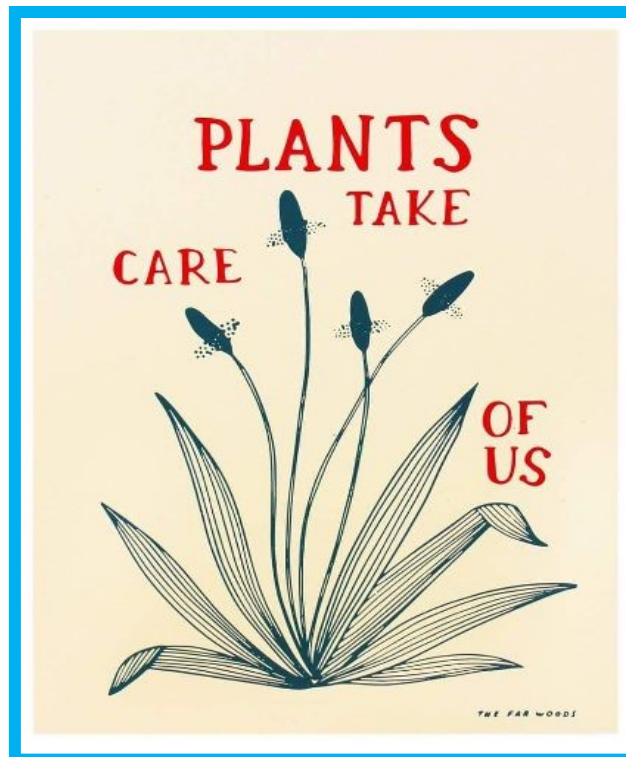
- May 22**
- 9:30 am General Meeting sign-in & get together.
10:00 am Meeting begins with the Pledge of Allegiance.
We will be voting on the bylaw changes. You should have received them as an email or by post. Please look them over.
Horticulture: Please bring whatever you are enjoying from your garden & make sure it is well marked.
11:00 am Program: Amy Brown from the Laughing Goat Farm will be joining us again. This time she will be talking on how to "Start from Scratch".
Noon Potluck.
- May 29**
- Member Appreciation Bus Tour~
Heronswood & Bay, Hay Feed Store.
*****See pg 6 for all of the details*****



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

Yolanda sent a card to Joy White, a dear friend of Mary Williams, & a Welcome Card to new members Sandra Sundstrom & Kim Bushaw.



EGC BULLETIN BOARD

Hostesses this month are Julie McGrath, Bea Brisbane, Twyla Colvin, Ella Eaton, Lynn Hieronymus, Tricia MacLaren, Lori Molinaro, & Karla Tripoli.

The centerpiece will be provided by Trish Blackburn.

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.

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

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

Thanks
Clarine, Meribeth, & Dixie

Please be thinking about which month you would like to be hostess beginning in September. Sign-up sheets will be out at the next meeting.

This is the last regular newsletter until we get together in September. Please continue to send pix of your gardens & I will include them in the end-of-summer newsletter.
sharonjimfagnan@comcast.net
or 253-350-8930

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

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



WHAT HAPPENED AT THE APRIL MEETING

- ◆ *After the Pledge of Allegiance Marilyn opened the meeting with the above inspiration.*
- ◆ *A card was read from Nancy Wittman thanking us for all of the cards, visits, & calls after her spill at the last meeting (which she told us about with much humor).*
- ◆ *The Executive Board announced that they would love to continue to serve in their offices for an additional year. Voted, approved & installed.*
- ◆ *We welcomed one new member.*
- ◆ *Sign-ups were set out for the remaining committee chairmen needed, The Heronswood Bus Tour luncheon, & food for the Tea & Tour.*
- ◆ *The Garden Art committee reminded us that the Garden Art will not be marked down 1/2 price. They made available colorful markers for us to use on our items to designate what they are.*
- ◆ *Twyla & crew will be picking up the items in the storage shed on Thursday, the 9th. Friday the 10th tables will arrive between 9-10 & tents will arrive between 10-11. Plants should be arriving between 11-12. Plan on coming out to help set out the plants between 12-4. She asked for help putting out signs & advertising. Sheila Shannon & Connie Keen volunteered to spend the night in the Dahlquist motorhome & watch over things. Twyla is available to price your Plants.*
- ◆ *The Scholarship Committee plans on meeting on May 6th.*
- ◆ *Sharon LeVander will need volunteers to sign up for watering weekly through the summer months at the VFW Hall. There will also be a summer work party at the VFW Hall to weed around trees that were planted & around the sign.*
- ◆ *There will be one more cloche making class on May 3rd @ Kandi Dodrill's.*
- ◆ *A very lively discussion was had over the proposed Standing Rules revisions. Except for Standing Rule 10 & 13 the revisions passed. Thanks to our parliamentarian, Karen Arris, for keeping us on task. The committee announced that we will be going over the Bylaw revisions at the May meeting. You should have received them either by email or post. Please look them over.*
- ◆ *Liz Close did a wonderful job telling us about the beautiful plants on the Horticulture Table. There was Dwarf pink & white Rhodys, a reddish/orange deciduous Azalea, Snowball Bush, Long-stemmed Snowdrop (Leucjum), 'Black Hero' Tulip, 'Baby Moon' & 'Misty Glen' Narcissus, Spurge (otherwise known as Euphorbia), Dogwood, Primrose, Solomon Seal, Cimeguga, Forget-Me-Nots, & a Shooting Star Wildflower. Thanks to everyone who shared something from their garden!*

After the meeting there was an open mike session. A few of the topics were what are the best hummingbird feeders to keep the hornets out, the best time to control slugs & when/how to prune blueberries. Thanks Nancy for the suggestion.

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!"

June 26 Chinook District Awards Ceremony

The Plant a Tree Award is based 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

Thank you to our members who helped and participated in Chinook District WSFGC 60th birthday celebration. It was much appreciated. A note is included from Chinook District.

Good morning Marilyn,

I just wanted to say thank you so much for the wonderful spread you and your members laid out for the Chinook 60th birthday party. Please let your baker know that our members and their guests absolutely loved the cupcakes.

Erin, 1st Asst District Director



It was my first time entering horticulture into the flower show, and I was shocked that I won 2 blue and 2 red for my tulips. I also won "Most likely to be made at Woodstock" crown award for my floral head dress. Karen Kelley Arris



Plan on visiting these Garden Club Plant Sales

May 17-18, 9am-4pm O'Brien GC
19007-120th Ave. SE, Renton


June 1, 9am-4pm Auburn GC
Les Gove Park
910-9th St. SE Auburn

2024 SPRING PLANT & GARDEN ART SALE



DON'T FORGET!!! SAVE THE DATE

May 29th Member Appreciation Bus Tour

- 7:45am Arrive at Stevenson Ave between Cole St and Railroad (near Arts Alive), bus will be at the curb. Plenty of parking in the big parking lot. This is same area where we had the plant sale.
- 8:00am Bus departs for Heronswood 
- 10:00am Arrive at Heronswood & separate into groups: those taking a private tour or those on a self-tour.
- 12:00pm Gather for lunch in Heronswood's picnic area (if time gets away from us, we may need to eat on the bus).
- 12:30 pm Depart for Bay Hay and Feed.
- 2:30pm Depart for Enumclaw.

A FINAL HEACOUNT IS NEEDED...AND MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ORDERED LUNCH.

If your plans have changed and you can not attend, please send me a note, dhm16@comcast.net.

Otherwise the club will have to eat your cost:

\$10 entry fee + \$15 lunch = \$25 aprpx a person, an unnecessary expense.

Your consideration is appreciated. Debora Akers
This will be a fun outing spending time with friends,
making new friends, & lovely plants!

4th of July Parade...let's march again!
Cynthia is in the process of submitting the application
& will send out more info later.

King County Fair

July 11-14

Represent the EGC in the Horticulture Show

Tea & Tour

July 17 @ 9:30 (earlier starting time this year)

1. Jennifer Michie
2. Cindy Moore
3. Maryn Otto
4. Kandi & Ellie Dodrill

More info to come...



IN THEIR OWN WORDS...



I've lived in Buckley for a little over two years after relocating from the Cincinnati area after twenty some years there (although I did grow up in Bellevue). I joined to learn more about gardening in this area &, honestly, about gardening more in general now that I'm retired & have more time. My favorite flower is the columbine. Dawn Barker



Here is some general info: I have lived in the Renton/Kent area up until 8 years ago when I got married, and my husband and I moved to Bonney Lake. We love it out here! My grandparents were very much into gardening, & both of my parents are Master Gardeners, so there is a love of gardening in our family! My favorite flowers are roses, especially David Austin roses, with their old- fashioned look, and wonderful fragrance. I grow some vegetables too, in particular I love heirloom tomatoes. I happened to meet a couple of Enumclaw Garden club members at the King County Fair flower exhibit. They were so nice, and informative that it made me want to join! I attended the "Breakfast for the Birds" event this year, and loved it! I am very excited to be a part of this group! Cindy Moore



Hello, I have lived in Buckley my entire life on a farm. Parents Joe and Betty Albert had a dairy farm where I learned how to work hard & grow plentiful gardens. I don't have a favorite flower but I do like growing zinnias.

I joined EGC to be with others that have a passion for flowers, gardens & garden art. Previously I was a vendor for the Buckley Plant Sale & offered a lot of garden art for sale. Now I hope to help our communities doing the same. Christy Phelps



Please add this info to page 39 in your yearbook...
We now have 114 members!

Mary Angman **NEW ADDRESS**

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Kim Bushaw **NEW**

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Enumclaw, WA 98022
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602-380-2877

Sandra K. Sundstrom **NEW**

877 Sheets Road
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360-829-5249

It's Time to Pay Your Garden Club Dues

Dues are due by our May general meeting, but no later than June 30th in order to have your name in the yearbook. If you have no changes from last year's contact information, just write a check & mail it.

**If you need to make changes to your contact information
please complete this form & return with your check.**

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Cell _____

City _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Garden Club Dues..... \$25.00 \$ _____
Receive by email _____ Reg mail _____ (no charge)

Chinook Winds District Newsletter **optional** \$3.50 _____
Receive by email _____ Reg mail _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Make checks payable to Enumclaw Garden Club. Dues can be paid at any meeting or mailed to:
Enumclaw Garden Club
P.O. Box 714
Enumclaw, WA 98022

DUES ARE DUE
JOAN WILL BE ACCEPTING DUES AT THE MEETING.
PLEASE LET HER KNOW IF YOUR INFO HAS CHANGED.





COMMITTEE SIGN-UP'S FOR THE 2024-2025 YEAR WILL BE OUT AGAIN AT THE MAY MEETING.

WE STILL NEED CHAIRMEN FOR: DISTRICT COORDINATOR, GARDEN THERAPY, PROGRAMS, MEMBER APPRECIATION, HIGH SCHOOL GARDENERS, THE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL, MEMBER'S TEA & TOUR, SPRING PLANT SALE, & 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.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE ALREADY VOLUNTEERED FOR NEXT YEAR!



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

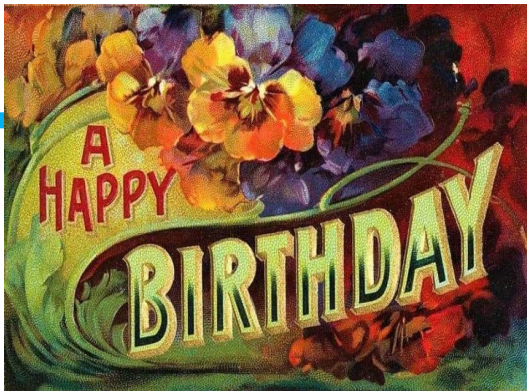
Please email me a newer picture of yourself that you would like for me to include. If you would rather not include a picture please let me know that, too. If I don't hear from you I will use a recent picture that has been taken at various events.

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

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TO ALL WHO
CELEBRATE IN
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