

GARDEN CHATTER APRIL 2025

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2024-2025 OFFICERS

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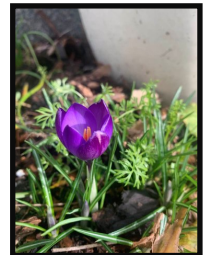
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member of the Chinook District, Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs,
& Pacific Region of the National Garden Club, Inc.

What's next for our Enumclaw Garden Club?



- April 23** **GENERAL MEETING at the VFW Hall**
- 9:30 am Sign-in & get-together
 - 10:00 am Business Meeting
 - 10:45 am Horticulture. Bring whatever is poppin' up in your garden to share. Please don't forget to mark with the name & any interesting info.
 - 11:00 am Program: Our April speaker is Roger Walker, immediate Past President of the Puget Sound Dahlia Association. Roger is also responsible for the Dahlia garden at the Bellevue Botanical Garden; a stunning display of dahlias.
 - 12 noon Potluck
- May 5** **BOARD MEETING at Key Bank Community Room**
- 9:30 am Committee chairs are encouraged to attend & ALL members are welcome!
* NOTE the meeting is being held one week early
- May 9** **SET-UP FOR PLANT SALE *more info on page 7**
- 8:00 am Meet at the city parking lot, corner of Cole & Initial
- May 10** **ENUMCLAW GARDEN CLUB SPRING PLANT SALE *more info on page 7**
- 9:00am—2:00 pm
 - ***Please plan on arriving by 8am if you are volunteering

GARDEN THERAPY
"THINKING OF YOU"

If you know of a Garden Club member who is ill,
needs a little cheering up or some encouragement,
please call or text Connie Keen at 253-508-9219.

EGC BULLETIN BOARD

Hosts this month are:

Donna Bogdon, Melissa Turner, Twyla
Colvin, Carol Pedersen, Karla Tripoli,
Cheryl Trichia, Sandra Sundstrom,
Pat Strom & Margaret Storbo.

The centerpiece will be provided by
Joy Emry Johnson.

Hosts provide 1 raffle item each.

You need to be at the VFW Hall at 8:30
am to help set up the tables & chairs,
& to set out food for the potluck.
Please plan on staying to help clean
up & to 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 Fagnan 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. Text or email Ginny Montgomery with
any questions at 360-599-4581.**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS
MAY 7th @ noon

Please contact me with any corrections
or additions to the newsletter.

Sharon Fagnan at
sharonjimfagnan@comcast.net
or 253-350-8930

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

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE MARCH MEETING?????

After the Pledge of Allegiance President Marilyn Cooper opened the meeting with this inspiration :
"To the world you may just be one person, but to one person you may be the world".

New visitors were introduced, as well as a new member who hasn't been able to attend, but is now looking forward to meeting us all & being involved in the garden club.

Marilyn asked for volunteers to be on the nominating committee for the Executive Board. The current board has served 4 years & are looking forward to just being members at large.

Nancy Wittman, who will be the new editor of the Newsletter & the Yearbook asked a few questions as to how we would like to see the Yearbook. A hand vote was taken & a majority of the members present would prefer the smaller sized yearbook. She also shared some new ideas.

Shannon & Trish talked a bit about the Plant Sale & Garden Art. Sign-up sheets for next years committees were available as well as sign-up sheets for the Membership Appreciation Day.

We had a lot of great plants for the Horticulture portion of the meeting. There were violets, hellebore, pulmonaria, brunnera & corydalis. There were hyacinth & narcissus bulbs. The shrubs included eunonymus, an early rhody, camelia, peirus japonica, forsythia, variegated boxweed, hebe & rosemary.

Tory told us some more about the Chinook District NGC Flower Show on May 21. The judges are looking for flowers to be in a clear clean container with no plant material in the water. Also, only 1 stem per container. All designs need to be natural, unless using dried plant material. Nothing artificial. For more information contact Tory Bennett.

Our program, by Justin Henderson of Lakewold Gardens, included a slide show on "Dreamy English Gardens". Some (but not all) of the gardens he showed us were the Sissinghurst Gardens, a National Trust Garden known for its long distances & straight long narrow rows. Great Dixter House & Gardens, which is planted in long borders where anything & everything goes, is one of the great wildlife habitats in England, and is a fully immersed experience. Gravetye Manor, created in 1885 by William Robinson author of 'The Wild Garden', is known for it's repetition that allows the eye to travel, it's 2 acre kitchen garden & croquet lawn. Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens, with its 19th-century Italianate style house, has a series of lakes & hundreds of sculptures through-out the 240 acres. Hidcote Manor, another National Trust Garden, and one of the best known gardens in Britain, has topiaries, mazes & secret rooms that draw you in. It is a very natural experience for visitors & is known for creating habitat for wildlife, as well as it's sustainability with less water usage. Bourton House is a 3-acre garden, & one of the best gardens our speaker has ever seen, with both a formal & wild structure. Barnsley House in Cotswold is being restored to the great garden it once was. RHS (Royal Horticulture Society) Harlow Carr is a delight in every season, planted in masses of colorblocks. It also has wonderful alpine gardens. Newby Hall, a 17th-century estate features rolling double borders, herbaceous borders & woodland walks, which were developed in 1921. Justin was a very enthusiastic humorous speaker & we enjoyed the presentation very much.

P.S. from the April Chinook Winds: Due to the generosity of those who came & supported our Breakfast 4 the Birds, we were able to donate close to \$4800 to Featherhaven. Marilyn Cooper.



Some Brief Pruning 101 from Tory Bennett

Just wanted to share some pruning information that could be used right now before everything takes off and grows more than you knew it could.

On shrubs and trees, it is good to cut to a branch that is shaped like a Y, cut one of the side branches off. It will have the look that it just grew like that and you do not end up with short dead stubs.

If a branch is in the way of a walk way or side of the building you might as well cut it off since it will always be an issue. It will not be growing shorter any time and might as well be pruned out. Again, prune it back to a Y and don't leave a stump to die and rot. On larger tree branches don't cut too deep into the trunk or branch because you will cut the collar where the healing cells are that will heal the cut. If you look really careful, you can see a slightly raised ring around where the branch meets the trunk, or main branch, and that is where the healing cells are.

For pruning roses, yes, there are many ways, but the ones that I use is to cut back hard. A rose can not produce a rose bigger than the branch it grows on so, you would want to prune off any small branches back to the strong stem. Cut above a bud, with the thought that if the bud is facing into the plant, then that is the direction the branch will grow in. So, find outward facing buds and cut above those. When cutting branches, one thought is to make the cut on an angle so water can not set on the cut. Instead, it will run off and keep from rotting the stem. The old stems can be cut out leaving the bright green one that will produce better for you.

I'm sure there is much, much more information that can be shared. For now this might help get you started.

CHINOOK DISTRICT NEWS

**All meetings start at 10:00 am & are held at the
Auburn First United Methodist Church, 100 St. SE Auburn 98002**

- **April 28-29 NGC Gardening School Course #3
Dryer Masonic Center 306-134th St. So Tacoma
Contact Kathy Johnson @ kathyj16@msn.com**
- **May 7 Chinook District General Meeting & Installation
Horticulture Program: "Propagation"
presented by Fred Wemer, King County Master Gardener
Design Program: Chinook Designers Guild
"Designs for Installation of Officers"
Clerks: Enumclaw, Auburn, Marine Hills, O'Brien**
- **May 21 Chinook District NCG Flower Show, Auburn**
 - **June 2-5 WSFGC Convention Shelton, WA
The Wonderful World of Color**

**Don't miss out on the fun, great speakers, out-of-the-world designer,
great workshops & all the wonderful people!**

Registration now available on state website Home/wa-garden-clubs

- **June 25 Chinook District Awards Ceremony & lunch**

**Please keep a count of trees planted in 2024 by individuals & your club.
Submit tree counts to Jeanette Pruin by May 1.**

Ponderings from Penny

**This is my last message to you as Chinook District Director. Thank you
all for everything your clubs have done these past two years. Chinook
District is an active & involved group in spreading the joy of gardening,
the knowledge of horticulture & design, & funds to teachers to involve
more youth.**

**One of my goals these two years has been working with youth & I feel
good about the grants we gave many teachers for the gardening
projects with their students. Thank you to each club for contributing to
the Chinook District Youth Educational Grant.**

**The 60th Birthday Party for Chinook District was also one of my goals,
to celebrate how each garden club has continued to spread horticulture
& design information through the years. I know we all had a lot of fun
that day. 60 years & still growing!**

**Soon we all will have the May 7 General Meeting & Installation of new
District Director, Erin Gregory. I know you will support her as you have
with me. I will continue serving Chinook District, so you will see me at
meetings as immediate Past District Director.**

**May 21 is our big NGC Flower Show, so that will be a place to
showcase the many special plants, arrangements, & crafts you all can
contribute. It was wonderful seeing the designs arranged by the
Judges Council & Designers Guild on March 19.**

Thank you again for your support.

Penny Merriman, Chinook District Director

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN !!!!!

Time to renew your membership! Dues this year are \$30.00, which includes the district newsletter and The Chinook Winds, via email.

If your information has changed, please include any changes with your check.

If you would like to receive the Chinook Winds, let us know. Otherwise, we won't clutter up your email inbox.

Bring cash or check to the April meeting or mail checks to:

Enumclaw Garden Club

P.O. Box 714

Enumclaw, WA 98022

or

Joan Meyer

138 Hogan Drive

Enumclaw, WA 98022



Please look on pgs 49-53 in your yearbook for COMMITTEE info & start thinking about how you would like to share your talents by signing up for a COMMITTEE.

Call this years volunteers with any questions.

We still need volunteers for

Breakfast 4 the Birds: Silent Auction,
Programs, Tickets, the Hat Parade.

Also, Membership Appreciation & The Tea & Tour.



**PLANT SALE..... MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
ALL HANDS ON DECK BOTH DAYS!!!**

SET UP: 5-9, Friday
8am members arrive
1pm-5pm bring plants & garden art
If your garden art won't survive
raindrops bring Saturday morning

SALE: 5-10, Saturday
8am members arrive

Hi all,

As you know, this is our annual fundraiser and the proceeds from the sale enable us to support our many community projects. The plant sale is well supported - and has gained in popularity year after year - this is due to our enthusiastic, plant loving members!

The planning, preparation, set up and take down requires the help of all able bodied members. Many hands make light work - and I sure appreciate your willingness to host planting parties, making garden art and gathering the necessary supplies to ensure a successful sale.

I will be pricing the plants for the sale 4-24-25 to 5-2-25. Please plan to sign-up on my 'plant pricing sheet' at the general meeting on 4-23-25. If you aren't at the meeting - call or text me at:

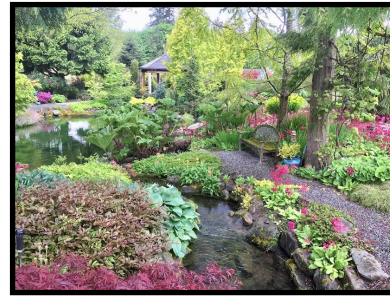
206-914-4181 to schedule a time for me to come to your home to price your plants. It would be most efficient if you're able to use plant tags to label each of your plants for the sale. I have lots and lots of plant tags for you to use. It is ideal for plants to have at least 3 weeks to acclimate to their new little pots - and to trim off any dead or broken stems/leaves before the sale. Please completely fill the pots with dirt.

Regards, Shannon Brock



Please bring a chair &, if you have one, a wagon that we could use for hauling around plants.

WHAT'S COMING UP FOR OUR GARDEN CLUB?



MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION GARDEN TOUR JUNE 25th



This year we will be visiting the Bellevue Botanical Garden (BBG) and Joanne White's private garden. After visiting BBG, we will have box lunches in Wilburton Hill Park, followed by a visit to Joanne White's private garden.



TEA & TOUR JULY 16th

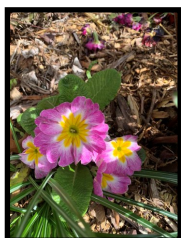


Hello Garden Club Friends!

Have you been toying with the idea of sharing your garden with us? Are you interested, but a little nervous, or apprehensive? Well, I bet your space is just perfect. And, we would love to add a couple more yards to our tour on Wednesday, July 16th. Please give me a shout if you have and questions about participating, or if you'd just like some encouragement. Whether large or small, complete or still in the works...we are just excited to share in your journey.

Looking forward to hearing from you

Trish Blackburn (253) 205-9982 (cell) or johnandtrishblackburn@comcast.net



PLEASE ADD TO YOUR YEARBOOK We have 109 members!!!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

Kelly Ward	2025
46119-284th Ave SE	253-350-5792
Enumclaw, WA 98022	
theswallowsnest202@gmail.com	

New member? We would like to get to know you. Please send me a picture & a brief message letting us know where you're from, why you joined the garden club, etc. & I will put the info in the next newsletter. Also include your birthday month & date if you would like it to be in the yearbook.
Thanks! sharonjimfagnan@comcast.net

THIS COULD BE
YOU

Thanks to Sharon LeVander & Trish Pierce for planting
the pots at the VFW Hall & the VFW Memorial.



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Where friendships GROW
APRIL 2025

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO ALL WHO
CELEBRATE IN APRIL

