

**APRIL 2021**  
**GARDEN CHATTER**



**PRESIDENT— KAREN ARRIS**  
**VICE PRESIDENT— LANETTE KNAPP**  
**SECRETARY— CAROLYN MAY**  
**TREASURER— CYNTHIA SABLE**

**FLOWER—PEONY**

**THEME—” Precious as the flowers we nurture  
and grow, so are the friendships we all come to know”.**

**Enumclaw Garden Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation**

APRIL 22 EARTH DAY...RESTORE THE EARTH!  
APRIL 28 ECG GENERAL MEETING ON ZOOM WILL OPEN AT 10:30 WITH A TIME  
FOR VISITING BUT THE ACTUAL MEETING PORTION WILL NOT START  
UNTIL 11:00. PLEASE JOIN IN WHENEVER YOU CAN.  
\*\*\*SEE PAGE 6 FOR DEBORA'S INTRODUCTION TO OUR PROGRAM  
"IRIS—A FLOWER FOR ALL SEASONS" PRESENTED BY CASCADIA GARDENS.  
MAY 10 ECG BOARD MEETING ON ZOOM @ 9:30 am. ALL ARE WELCOME!



Eight EGC members joined president Karen at the April Board Meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. In honor of Earth Day her inspiration were words from Luther Burbank, an American Botanist, horticulturist & pioneer in agriculture science, that reminds us “Flowers always make people better, happier, & more helpful; they are sunshine, food & medicine”. Who knows that better than gardeners!

- The big news is that we will be able to hold our May 26th General meeting at the VFW Hall. This will allow more of us to get together than if we went to Soos Creek. We will need to bring our own lunch. More info at the General Meeting.
- If you have planted any trees this past year between 4/1/20 & 3/31/21 please contact Eileen
- Griffins @ 360-825-6871 by May 1 with the amount & she will let district know. The Plant -A -Tree Award is for individuals and/or the club.
- Karen has provided a list of EGC gardeners who offered plants for the Blue Star Memorial Marker flower bed at Tahoma National Cemetery.
- See page 4 for Shannon's update on the plant sale.

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE EGC GENERAL MEETING ON MARCH 24th**

16 members joined in

- President Karen opened the meeting with this Bee inspiration: NASA has a poster hanging with bees that reads: "Aerodynamically a bee's body is not made to fly; the good thing is that the bee doesn't know ". The law of physics says that a bee cannot fly, the aerodynamic principle says that the breadth of its wings is too small to keep its huge body in flight, but a bee doesn't know, it doesn't know anything about physics or its logic and flies anyway. This is what we can all do, fly and prevail in every moment in the face of any difficulty and in any circumstance despite what they say. Let us be bees, no matter the size of our wings, take flight and enjoy the pollen of life."
- See update on the plant sale on page 4
- If you have anyone you would like to nominate for an award or would just like to know more about them contact Eileen Griffiths at 360-825-6871 by May 1.
- We discussed the possibility of having our May 26th General Meeting at the Soos Creek Pavilion. They offer a discount for garden clubs to rent the space with a 2 hour window of time for @ 30 members with social distancing & masks. There is also a separate picnic space available. This is a tentative idea that Cynthia is looking into. More info later! You might remember that we stopped there as part of our member appreciation bus tour May 2018. It is a lovely spot to spend the afternoon with your garden club friends (See update in board minutes).
- Horticulture...Tory showed us her very pretty pink 'Miss Tingley' Camelia. This was her 3rd attempt to grow one & was planted from a 2 gallon pot in 2000. She gave us an update on her planting strip: the crocus' are done, mixed in the strip are specie tulips, gloxinia, skillia, & grape hyacinth (muscari). The larger muscari have singular leaves & the smaller 2 leaves. Also blooming is a Forsythia with a variegated leaf that resembles spider webbing veins. According to Marianne Binetti your Tea roses should be pruned down to 24". Tory says as for Wisteria, that should be in bloom any moment so should be pruned very early/late winter or again just after bloom. The Trumpet Vine should have been pruned the first week in March as it blooms on new wood. Pruning your Clematis is a little trickier. Clematis like Jackimanii only bloom on new growth so should have been pruned already. Leave some on the clematis that only grow on old growth & the no prune are the evergreen, montana & alpines.

**\*\*\*CHINOOK DISTRICT NEWS APRIL 2021\*\*\***

Next District General meeting on ZOOM will be May 5 @ 10 am

Thank you from Susan Nash for our support over the last two as she served as District Director. The new Director & officers will be installed at the May meeting.

Federal Way, Normandy Park (2) & Renton garden clubs will be having their Spring Plant Sales. There will be a King County Fair this year! Entry time is Wed., July 14 from 9-12pm with judging at 1pm. The website is [kingcofair.com/open-class-4h](http://kingcofair.com/open-class-4h). Bring in your lovely Horticulture for the fair attendees to enjoy! If you need supplies for your flower arrangements contact Barbara Smith at 253-631-7118. The quest for perennial donations has been fruitful! The garden at the Blue Star Memorial Marker in Tahoma National Cemetery will be re-designed & later this month two volunteers from each club will be asked to help out with the planting.



**THINKING OF YOU**  
**GARDEN THERAPY**  
**Chairperson Becky Butcher**  
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A Sympathy card was sent to Nancy Agler, Get Well cards to Lynette Knapp, Pat Strom & myself, & a Thinking of You card to Margie Sheeley.

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

Please send all EGC Treasurer correspondence to Cynthia Sable at:  
 enumgcfinance@gmail.com or  
 POBox 714, Enumclaw

The newsletter is becoming more & more important as a way of communicating with our Garden Club friends who don't have access to email or ZOOM so please let me know if you have anything you would like to pass on.

Also please send any garden related DIY tips, articles, recipes, events, and/or photos that you would like included in the newsletter to:

sharonjimfagnan@comcast.net  
 or give me a call at 360-825-1854

May 12th at noon is the cut-off date for the next newsletter.

### Breakfast for the Birds Update

- February 23, 2022 is the new date for the B4B at Pete's Pool with Marianne Binetti speaking. All donated items will be stored. The caterer, unfortunately, is not sure whether or not his restaurant is going to make it. All committee Chairmen agreed to hold their position for next year's event but we would like to have a Chairperson for the Silent Auction.

A big **THANKS** to Twyla

If you have any B4B questions please contact Twyla @ 253-886-2414 or TwylaC@comcast.net

### Garden Club Tea and Tour

I'm hoping we will be able to have some kind of garden tour this summer. Time, and details are still to be determined. If you are willing to share your garden, please let me know. If you know of a member's garden you'd like to see, let me know that, too, and I will contact them. Gardens are not expected to be "perfect." All gardens are works in progress and we all learn by seeing how others manage theirs.

Bee Evans, Tea and Tour Chair  
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[evans\\_bee@hotmail.com](mailto:evans_bee@hotmail.com)



Yolanda Nelson, Shannon Brock, & Barb Slack donned their Easter Bonnets & participated in the Senior Center Easter Parade! (I think they were missing our Breakfast for the Birds annual event!) They caravanned & handed out Tulips to our local Seniors who came out to greet them! At Crystal Aire they met up with a Funny Rooster (who was actually Becky Butcher) handing out candy to them! It was fun! Thanks for the pictures!



## ALL HANDS ON DECK!!!

### Spring Plant & Garden Art Sale

**Set-up Friday June 4th, @ noon**

**Saturday, June 5, 2021, @ 9 a.m.**

- As we are finally now into Spring and in the middle of cleaning up our gardens, you may wish to divide some of your perennials and donate them to the Plant Sale. By dividing plants now it will give them a chance to “heal in” and be ready to sell.
- Since EGC Members provide their own potting soil, it is helpful to know that potting soil can be purchased at our local Enumclaw QFC, \$3.49 per bag with a purchase of 3 bags.
- SET UP will be on Friday, June 4th @ noon for table set-up & preparing for plants. Bring your plants & garden art on Friday, between 2pm –5pm. If you have spare boxes for customers to fill please bring them on Friday.
- DAY OF SALE Saturday, June 5th  
All members working need to arrive by 8am. Please bring a chair if you have one.
- The triangle banner has been updated without a date so it can be used year after year.
- Advertising, as usual, will be in the Courier-Herald, on flyers, bookmarkers, & the reader board at Rotary Park. *Tell all your friends!*
- Shannon will be making phone calls & is hoping that everyone will volunteer for the same job they had last year. She will have sign-up sheets at the May meeting.

**GARDEN ART...here are some last minute ideas if you weren't sure what you could donate: Planted containers, hanging baskets, metal objects, bird feeders, bird houses, bird baths, old yard furniture, garden tools...any outdoor garden items. If your donation won't take an overnight rain storm, bring your donation by 8am Saturday...ie books, house plants, etc...**

**If you were unable to connect with Shannon for pots, labels or help with pricing give her a call. All plants need to be identified & priced BEFORE the sale on Saturday morning.**

Any questions please contact  
Shannon @ 253-939-2380 or 206-914-4181 (cell)



## FEDERATION FOREST

From Enumclaw travel east (past the Golf Course) on SR 410 about 18 miles to milepost 41. Well-signed on right hand side of highway.

Grab a picnic, and take a stroll among the old-growth trees of Federation Forest. This little-known gem on the White River offers family-friendly hiking and a peek at an important piece of Washington history.

A native plant garden surrounds the park's interpretive center, named for Catherine T. Montgomery. The noted backpacker, teacher and conservationist is credited with being the first to envision the Pacific Crest Trail, back in 1926.

Step inside the center to learn about the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, native to this area, and the Washington State Chapter of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, an organization of women's service clubs that has worked for decades to preserve this forest. In 1926, the group began a campaign to save some of Washington's rapidly disappearing old-growth trees, leading to the establishment of Federation Forest.

Whether you're taking a break on your way to the mountains or looking for an afternoon outing, you will find tranquility on the river and beauty under the park's cool forest canopy.

For spring flower displays, visit in May and for technicolor displays of vine maple visit in fall – in fact, in past years we've even enjoyed a picnic in December. In July it simply felt like an old-fashioned sleepy, summer day and we were grateful for the park's shady trails.

**PARK FEATURES:** Federation Forest is a 574-acre day-use park with hundreds of acres of old-growth Douglas-fir trees, mature western hemlock, Sitka spruce and western red cedar. Its short, flat interpretive trails make the park an ideal destination for families with young children. Even without interpretive signs, Douglas firs with their charred, protective bark tell of ancient forest fires. Here the focus is on handsome evergreens ranging from spruce trees to not-so-majestic yew trees dwarfed by larger evergreens (Noble fir, Alaska red cedar, Douglas fir).

The Catherine Montgomery Interpretive Center is open June through August on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to dusk. During April, May, September and October, the Catherine Montgomery Interpretive Center is open on the weekends depending on weather conditions.

**Automated pay stations:** This park is equipped with automated pay stations for visitors to purchase a one-day or annual Discover Pass and boat launch permit.

**PICNIC & DAY-USE FACILITIES:** There are two picnic shelters without electricity. The upper picnic area has a covered shelter, braziers and restrooms with running water. The shelters can be reserved [online](#) or by calling (888) CAMPOUT or (888) 226-7688. Camping is not allowed, and dogs must be on leash and under physical control. Fires are only allowed in fire rings in designated picnic areas. Bicycles are allowed on paved roads only. The park is open from 8 a.m. to dusk (year round). For additional information on this park, including closures, rules and regulations, visit the [Washington State Parks website](#).

**TRAILS:** 6.87 miles of hiking trails. Two interpretive trails meander thru the forest; the West Loop (@1 mile) & the East Loop (1/3 mile) that run along the old river terrace.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES & FEATURES:** Amphitheater, Barbecue braziers (10), Bird watching, Wildlife viewing, ADA compliant restrooms.

**DUES ARE DUE...**

**It's Time to Pay Your Garden Club Dues**

**If you have no changes from last years information just write a check & mail it. If you need to make changes to your contact information please complete this form & mail with your check**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Garden Club Dues**..... **\$25.00** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Receive by email \_\_\_\_\_ Reg mail \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chinook Winds District Newsletter optional \$3.50** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Receive by email \_\_\_\_\_ Reg mail \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**REMIT TO:**  
**Enumclaw Garden Club**  
**PO Box 714**  
**Enumclaw, WA 98022**

**We have a great presentation for the April 28th meeting!  
 Patrick and Margaret Spence, owners of Cascadia Iris Gardens  
 will be presenting:**

**Iris – A Flower for All Seasons**

*A look at how you can, by using the diverse variety of iris available, achieve year 'round bloom in your garden.*

For more information on Patrick and Margaret following is their bio:

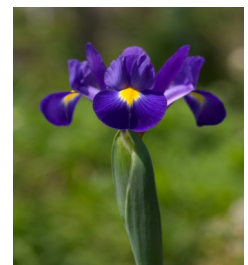
*Patrick and Margaret Spence are the owners of Cascadia Iris Gardens, a commercial nursery featuring the genus iris. Set on 5 acres in Lake Stevens, WA, we have an ever expanding series of display beds used to demonstrate how irises can be a focal point in any perennial border. Our stated goal is to showcase how you can use iris to achieve year 'round bloom in your garden. The reality is that we just love plants of all types and use the display beds as an excuse to add as many unusual plants as possible.*

*Patrick is the President of Siberian Iris Society, as well as Immediate Past President of the Society for Japanese Iris and the King County Iris Society. Margaret is a director for the King County Iris Society and the Editor of The Review, the twice-yearly publication for the Society for Japanese Iris. Both are accredited iris judges through the American Iris Society.*

*Patrick and Margaret enjoy traveling to talk about irises having spoken across the United States, Canada and New Zealand.*

Let's have a great showing at our April 28th meeting. If anyone needs help Zooming, please give me a call and I will gladly walk you through the process - as many times as needed. These presentations are fun, informative, inspiring AND you get to see your friends in the garden club!

I am serious, call me if you need help with Zoom @ 206-321-4940.  
 See you all on April 28th!  
 Take Good Care, Debora



**Coming up: Bloedel Reserve on Bainbridge Island & local hikes.**

**Do you have a picture of your adventure you would like to share?**

**Interested in the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival April 1-30? To see about purchasing passes for Tulip Town or Roozengaarde or drive-by locations go to:**

**[visitskagitvalley.com/skagit-tulip-festival/](https://visitskagitvalley.com/skagit-tulip-festival/)**



**MARCH 26, 2021 UPDATE: A drop in the number of reports of sick or dead birds across Washington and other northwest states means backyard bird feeders could have been put up again around April 1, but with caution.**

**Since WDFW first put out word of the outbreak in early January, reports of sick or dead birds have decreased substantially, but they are still coming in. “The disease is still circulating, and we could see the numbers jump back up if we ease precautions too quickly,” said WDFW veterinarian Dr. Kristin Mansfield. “If you usually feed birds at multiple feeders, consider putting up only one or two- widely spaced on your property- to start.”**

**You may also wish to use feeders that accommodate fewer birds (such as tubes rather than platforms) and continue to keep the ground below bird feeders clean by raking or shoveling up feces and seed casings that could spread salmonella. Provide only enough feed to last a day or two — in support of regular cleaning efforts within that same span; and to help keep wastage underneath the feeders down and manageable for cleaning under feeders. These measures assist in spreading birds out and keeping seed fresh and feeders clean. There is a possibility that handling infected contaminated bird feeders can spread the salmonella bacteria to humans. When filling or cleaning feeders, be sure to wear disposable gloves and wash hands thoroughly afterwards.**

**If you live in bear country, consider leaving your feeders down as they can attract hungry bears coming out of hibernation this spring.**

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*Where friendships grow...*  
*April 2021*

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