



## December 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 & GROW, SO ARE THE  
 FRIENDSHIPS WE ALL COME TO KNOW”.*

Enumclaw Garden Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation  
member of the Chinook District, Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs,  
Pacific Region of the National Garden Club, Inc.

DEC 13.....NO EGC BOARD MEETING

DEC 14..... 10am BRING YOUR GREENERY TO THE VFW HALL & JOIN IN MAKING CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY “IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE AT EGC”. THE MORE THE MERRIER!

DEC 15.....IT’S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY & WE ARE HAVING A POTLUCK!!! BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE! \*\*\*\*\*NOTE THIS IS A WEEK EARLIER BECAUSE OF CHRISTMAS SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SHARON FAGNAN OR DORIS MARIS BY THE END OF TODAY. PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE MEETING IF YOU CAN. SEE PG 7 FOR COMPLETE INFO. CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

DEC 25.....

*Merry Christmas*



JAN 1, 2022....

JAN 10.....EGC BOARD MEETING 9:30 AT KEY BANK. ALL ARE WELCOME!



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

**Chairperson Becky Butcher**

**206-384-5174**

**becky.butcher@comcast.net**

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

Becky has recently sent a "Thinking of You" card to Doris Maris.

## Are you READY?

- February 23, 2022 is the upcoming date of the B4B at Pete's Pool with Marianne Binetti speaking. All donated items have been stored and Charlies is doing the catering. All committee Chairmen agreed to hold their position but we do need a Chairperson for the Silent Auction.

**More info soon!!!**

If you have any B4B questions please contact Twyla @ 253-886-2414 or [TwylaC@comcast.net](mailto:TwylaC@comcast.net)

- Christmas party will be Potluck!!!! Please check the yearbook to see when you are assigned to be one of the host-ess' or to bring a raffle item for the meeting. If you are unable to do it in your month please try to find someone to fill in for you. Maribeth will be calling you prior to the meeting you are signed up for.

Thank you for helping to make our meetings a good, safe time for all.

Clarine (206-293-1965)

Dixie & Meribeth

- Just a reminder that we are collecting donations for Penny Pine. Each donation goes towards planting trees in our beautiful forests. Just look for the jars at our meeting & clean out your coin purse.

### EGC BULLETIN BOARD

### Check it out!!! EGC Web-site:

Debbie B'Hymer has been doing a great job updating the latest club info onto our web-site! You can contact her with any questions or comments at: [debhymer@aol.com](mailto:debhymer@aol.com)

Please note that the newsletter is included on the web-site. If there is any info you do not want to be made public please let Sharon know.



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.

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

If you have anything you would like to share please send to me & I will include it in the next newsletter.  
January 12th @ noon will be the cut-off date.  
[sharonjimfagnan@comcast.net](mailto:sharonjimfagnan@comcast.net) or 253-350-8930

### Highlights from the November Meeting



- \* After opening the meeting with the pledge of allegiance Karen introduced new members Sue Deabes, Marilyn Cooper, Lynn Woolum, & Ella Eaton.
- \* Lanette read correspondence thanking EGC for our donations to the Chinook District Scholarship Fund, the Lake Wilderness Arboretum & the VFW Hall.
- \* Shannon announced that the taking down of the Thanksgiving Tree & decorating the Christmas Tree at the Senior Center will take place on Nov. 29th @ 11 in time for the Christmas parade on Dec. 6th.
- \* The time for decorating the VFW hall for our Christmas party on Dec. 14th has been changed to 10am.
- \* Sharon & Doris reminded us that the the Smokey Bear/Woodsey Owl posters have to be submitted to them by Dec. 15th. You can bring them to the next meeting or call one of us to pick up. See pg 7 for more info.
- \* Clarine announced that we will be having a potluck at the Dec. meeting. A show of hands decided that we will serve ourself.
- \* Connie is in charge of our clubs raffle basket for the District's Holiday Luncheon in March. Please contact her if you have any contributions.
- \* Amy Brown owner of Enumclaw's Laughing Goat Farm shared her passion & enthusiasm for gardening with a presentation of beautiful pictures for inspiration & way too much info for me to write down. Some of her points (not necessarily in this order) were: What is the style of garden you love, what speaks to you, right plant right place, size does matter, details matter, think seasonally, go WILD with a mix of annuals, perennials & edibles, design principles are shapes, texture, color, & love. Choose the plants you love. Let your garden herald the arrival of each season with exuberance. Focal points, Plant pockets/masses, let your understory plants make a statement. Rethink grass as a textural whimsical element adding movement. She suggests biodiverse sustainable gardens & include nitrogen fixing plants.



Karen ended the meeting with these words: "Thanksgiving is about taking a moment to be thankful. I woke up early this morning because I didn't want to have to rush. The pleasant surprise was that I got to take in the sunrise. While I was sitting enjoying the quiet, I heard a bird tweet. I thought of my day ahead and getting to come see all of you. I am so thankful for all of you and the friendships I have made here. I want to take a minute to tell you all how much I appreciate your dedication and hard work you put in to help make all this happen. I also want to put a bug in your ear to think about the friends you come here with and sit together over lunch with and how fun it might be to take a turn running this party we call EGC. One of you could be President, another Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. It's only two years, and it's lots of fun getting together as an executive board and planning these gatherings. We as a club have been together for so long, 100 years, we are practically on auto pilot. Everyone knows what to do, and you get lots of help. There is plenty of time to think about it. We will be calling for new members in May.

Love, appreciation and thankful,  
your President Karen.

Our speaker Amy Brown,  
from  
Laughing Goat Farm



## CHINOOK DISTRICT NEWS

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

Director Linda Haas' theme this year is

***Mutuality: Birds, Bees, Butterflies & Gardens.***

All meetings start at 10am on the 1st Wednesday of the month

At the Chinook level in person meetings are closed until the end of the year.

### Coming up in 2022

Jan 5 District Board Meeting (in person TBD).

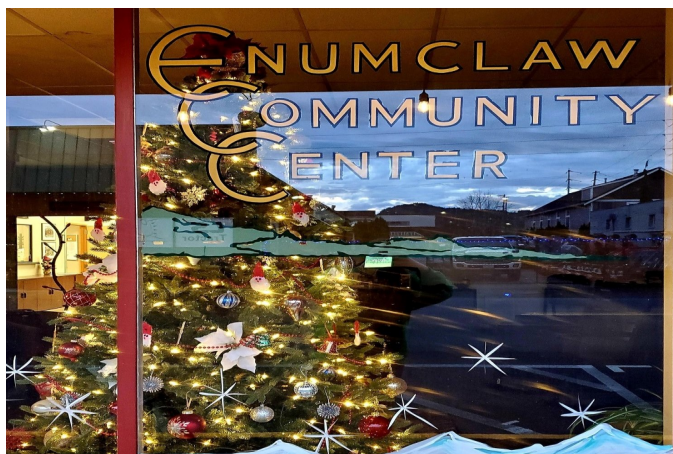
Feb 9-13 Northwest Flower & Garden Show, Seattle **YEAH!**

Mar 16 The Board has decided that the Christmas Holiday Luncheon will be changed to a Spring Fling. Please note that this date has changed since the last newsletter. It will be held at the Cove in Normandy Park. More info to come.

May 31- June 1WSFGC Symposium, Dryer Masonic Temple, Tacoma. The theme is "Fairy Tales from the Garden".  
Information with details & registration coming in January.

The Chinook President is in need of a member to take over their website. If you are interested please let EGC President Karen know.

Thanks to all who came out to decorate.



Our National Garden Clubs President, Mary Washauer, encourages garden clubs to engage in projects that “preserve, protect, & restore the environment within our communities”. In the spirit of that request our District President, Linda Haas, has asked us to think about what we can do to be as beneficial to our pollinators as they are to us. Avoid pesticides & herbicides, plant native, & when you are cleaning up your garden leave some seed heads for the birds. Supply water, be sure there are places for birds, bees, & butterflies to hide from predators & raise their young. Linda would like to know if any of us have had our yard certified as a wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. She would like to know how many & challenge us to do more. There will be a sign-up sheet at the table.

More info on this in next month's newsletter.



- Our club has sponsored two wreaths for 2021. Here is the info if an individual wishes to sponsor one or more wreaths. If you do sponsor wreaths please let Karen or Cynthia know how many as Chinook District is keeping a total of how many our clubs and individuals have sponsored. Note the wreaths must be purchased prior to Dec. 18th.

<https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org>





**GREAT ART PROJECT FOR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, NEICES,  
NEPHEWS, & NEIGHBORS  
GRADES 1—5**



**THE SMOKEY BEAR & WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST!  
DEADLINE for our chapter is December 15th**

**ANNOUNCING the 2022 Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest!** Children from first through fifth grade are invited to participate in the 2022 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Poster Contest! The U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. are giving students the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of wildfire prevention through original drawings of Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl.

**SMOKEY BEAR SAYS: ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!** Smokey Bear is recognized nationally and internationally as the symbol for wildfire prevention. The original Smokey Bear appeared in 1944. Smokey's message, "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!" encourages personal responsibility for wildfire prevention. Smokey Bear teaches children and adults to be careful with campfires, barbecues, trash fires, and matches.

**WOODSY OWL SAYS: LEND A HAND—CARE FOR THE LAND!** Woodsy Owl is America's icon for the conservation of the environment. Since 1971, Woodsy has helped parents and teachers inspire children to observe, explore, and care for the environment. He challenges children to "Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!" and to take an active role in caring for the land through recycling, reusing, and reducing waste, planting and caring for trees, using resources wisely, and not littering.

**PRIZES •** The National Grand Prize Winner of the Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest will be honored with a Recognition Ceremony in Washington, D.C. A round-trip and accommodations for four will be provided for a 4 days/3nights stay. • The National Garden Clubs, Inc. will award a \$50.00 check to each of the first-place national winners.

**POSTER RULES**

1. All poster entrees must be sponsored by a local Garden Club.
2. Posters must feature Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl and must not feature both together.
3. Smokey Bear posters must include Smokey's wildfire prevention message: Only you Can Prevent Wildfires
4. Woodsy Owl posters must include Woodsy's conservation message: Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!
5. Posters should encourage children to take a personal role in preventing wildfires or conserving natural resources.
6. Each entry should be 11 x 17 inches in size.
7. Materials that can be used include: crayons, markers, poster paints, water colors, etc.
8. The choice of paper color and texture is up to the child.
9. No three-dimensional posters, computer scanned, or electronically generated images will be accepted.
10. The following information should be written on the form available from the club **Poster Chairman** & affixed in the lower-right corner: A. The artist's name, address, home phone number, grade level, school, teacher's name, city, and state. B. Should school policy preclude giving students' address and phone number, please include the school address and phone number. C. Each poster must also show the name of the sponsoring local Garden Club as well as an address, phone number, and email for the local Garden Club. (Do not use a dark marker for this information as it may show through.)
11. Posters are to be completed by individual student artists. Competition may include students from first to fifth grade.
12. Since Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl are official icons protected by law, the colors of their clothing need to be accurate. Check the colors on the Web site [www.fs.usda.gov/learn/kids](http://www.fs.usda.gov/learn/kids).
13. Students should be reminded to check spelling. Posters with spelling efforts will be disqualified. Any group of children can participate. Scout troops, after school programs, and the like are perfectly appropriate. The child's grade must be included on the poster so that the participant can compete in the correct grade category.
14. Winning posters should be copied as they will not be returned.
15. Past winners are permitted and encouraged to participate again, but not national winners.
16. Posters may include artwork pasted upon a second piece of paper. However, they must be flat. 3D posters are not allowed.



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*where friendships grow...*  
*December 2021*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all who celebrate  
In DECEMBER

