



February 2022
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”.*

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FEB 2.....Punxsutawney Phil predicted 6 more weeks of winter as he emerged from his burrow at Gobbler’s Knob in Pennsylvania. However, New York City’s Staten Island Chuck expects an early spring. So, take your pick!

FEB 22.....8:00 am—BREAKFAST FOR THE BIRDS SET-UP @ PETE’S POOL FIELDHOUSE

FEB 23.....9:00 am BREAKFAST FOR THE BIRDS. See page 5 for more info.

MAR 14.....9:30 am ENUMCLAW GARDEN CLUB BOARD MEETING. KEY BANK.

MAR 20.....SPRING FORWARD!

MAR 23.....10:30 am ENUMCLAW GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING

APRIL 25—MAY 1.....NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

MAY 13.....NOON SET-UP FOR PLANT SALE. Contact Shannon if you need pots, want to set-up a potting party or have any questions.

MAY 149 am ENUMCLAW GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 26, 2022

After The Pledge of Allegiance Karen thanked the members for being such an inspiration to her during this difficult time.

Lanette read a handwritten thank you note from our Scholarship recipient dated 1-10-2022 "Dear Garden Club Thank you for choosing me for the 2021-2022 Garden Club Scholarship winner. I have enclosed my grades and class schedule as requested. I received a 3.68 my first semester and will work hard to keep it up.

Thank you, Hunter Schumacher

We also received a thank-you from the Senior Center for our donation

Discussed Breakfast for the Birds (more info on page 7) & we were reminded to start thinking about what plants & garden art we have to donate to the upcoming Plant Sale May 14.

Debora & the committee announced that the date for the 100th Anniversary Party has been moved to May 24, 2023 in order to set the record straight. She passed around an article found in an old yearbook belonging to Ann Bremmeyer's mother that alerted her to the correct date for our organization. The information came from a Courier-Herald article of the Garden Club Chronology.

Visitor, Joan Meyer, was introduced & by the end of the meeting she was our newest member!

Horticulture speaker, Tory Bennett, brought in some sarcococca, escallonia, nandina & choisya (Mexican orange) to show us what shrubs are looking good right about now. Another good choice is New Dawn Vibernum or Witch Hazel. Now is the time to cut the floppy leaves on your hellebores so they can put on a pretty show & cut forsythia branches to bring indoors & force the bloom. Her advice for this time of the year is PULL WEEDS & MULCH!!!

After lunch Tory gave us a mini-design class. Some of the examples were Line, Transparency, Form, Mass, & Sculpture. Within the designs some of the important elements are flow (lets your eyes travel), weight, contrast & balance. She showed us how she adds to her designs by accenting & how just adding a few flowers, leaves, or branches can make a big difference. She makes it look so easy & that part of the fun is deciding what to do & then how to do it! One of the sculpture designs is featured in the National Garden Club's Vision of Beauty Calendar & the National Gardener Magazine Winter Issue that Carol just sent out. Tory stressed the importance of not forgetting the element of design in our gardening experience.



EGC BOARD MEETING JANUARY 10, 2022

After the Pledge of Allegiance Vice-President Lanette opened the meeting with this quote from Judy Garland: “ Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else” & a bit of inspiration from Mary Engelbreit who reminds us “She who loves a garden loves the wonders of creation & appreciates the joy that flowers bring”.

Discussed Breakfast 4 Birds, Chinook District Luncheon, our General Meetings, the 100th Anniversary Party, & the Plant Sale. Information in this newsletter on all of the above.

CHINOOK DISTRICT NEWS

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 further notice.

Coming up in 2022

Mar 16 Chinook District “*Fairy Tales From the Garden*”
at The Cove. 1500 W. Shorebrook Drive, Normandy Park 98166.

- Doors open at 9 am to decorate tables & seating starts at 11 am. Proof of COVID vaccination & booster required & will be checked at the door.
- A catered lunch will be served. Clubs will provide dessert.
- Unique entertainment, raffle baskets, design auction, sales table, & door prizes!!!
- Tickets are \$200/table (seating 8) or \$25 each. Tables are rectangular with length of 8'. Hostess will decorate table & serve dessert. Susan Petticlerc has a full table but contact Connie Keen if you are interested or purchase your ticket directly from Susan Nash @ 425-281-0450.
- Connie is in charge of making the raffle basket for our club. If you would like to donate towards the basket please contact her & the items can be dropped off on her front porch. Connie has chosen the theme “Guilty Pleasures” for our basket.
- In addition to the raffle basket that Connie is working on we need three volunteers to bring dessert. Please ask your membership if anyone is interested to provide a dessert. They don't have to attend to donate a dessert. We can pick it up ahead of time. Please contact Karen.
- Brynn Tavasci will be in charge of entertainment.



May 31—June 1 WSFGC Symposium, Dryer Masonic Temple, Tacoma. Price is \$75 for both days, including lunch. More information next month.

Flower Gals is currently inactive & hopes to resume meetings & tours in the Spring.

Barbara Smith is hoping to present a Design Class. Tentatively the cost is \$30 for a series of 3 classes. Contact Karen if this is something you would be interested in.

Good Day To You All...It's with great sadness that I inform all of you. The Hill & Dale Workshop that was scheduled for March 29, 2022 will not be taking place. We as a district have decided that with the Covid and many people still becoming ill, we have canceled the event. There are so many behind the scenes working pieces and members coming from other districts, we are erring on the side of caution. Please pass on to all of your club members. Thank you for understanding our having to make this tough decision. Rachel, District Director.

Arbor Day/Plant a Tree reminder to count the number of trees you have planted between April 1, 2021 & March 31, 2022. Call Eileen Griffiths or check the website for information on the Arbor Day Award.

THINKING OF YOU
GARDEN THERAPY

Chairperson Becky Butcher

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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 Welcome card to our newest member Joan Meyer, a Sympathy card to Sheila Shannon & Sylvia Neth & a Thinking of You card to Doris Maris.



Gourd from Robyn Bell's collection will be in the B4B Silent Auction.

• Please check the yearbook to see when you are assigned to be one of the hostess' 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. Hostess duties also include arriving at 9:30 to help set-up.

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

Web-site:

Please contact Debbie B'Hymer with any questions, comments or club updates for the web-site at: debhymer@aol.com

Remember that the newsletter is included on the web-site so 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 Cluegc b & click on JOIN. Call or email Ginny Montgomery with any questions.

Please send all EGC Treasurer correspondence to
Cynthia Sable at:

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.

March 16th @ noon will be the cut-off date.

sharonjimfagnan@comcast.net or 253-350-8930



breakfast for the birds

English Country Garden

Pete's Pool Fieldhouse

45224-284th Ave SE Enumclaw

SPEAKER Marianne Binetti

February 23, 2022

Doors open Wednesday 9 am at Pete's Pool
(set-up Tuesday, February 22 from 8-1)

- Please contact the following if you have any donations or questions:
 - Twyla Colvin, B4B Chairperson, if you have any items that need to be stored for the silent auction. You can also bring them the morning of set-up from 9-1 or the morning of the event from 7:30-9.
 - Gayle Schmidt or Cynthia Sable if you have plants for the silent auction.
 - Kathy Wetton & Carolyn Hotton for raffle items.
 - Barb Slack can be contacted with any questions about the Hat Parade. This year's decorating suggestion is "Guess who's coming to breakfast in your garden?". This is always so entertaining & a surprise to see what you come up with. Hope everyone joins in the fun!!!
- The cut-off date for purchasing tickets was Feb 16th.
- The EGC General membership decided that we have taken the proper precautions to keep our membership safe by selecting an extra large venue where there will be plenty of air circulation, limited the number of ticket sales to limit the number of people attending. We are sitting just six people at each table, are serving a boxed brunch to alleviate serving & utensil issues, & are spreading out the silent auction items to prevent bunching. Although masks are not required while in the act of eating or drinking, masks & hand sanitizer will be available free of charge. Hand washing facilities & supplies are also available. We are trusting our membership to stay home if they are sick & to use their best judgement on distancing & other measures. This guidance will be posted in a prominent location.
- It was suggested that club members park in the back parking lot by the football field. Handicapped access at the end of the building.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Hi, my name is LAURA CURNAN & I am thrilled to be a member of EGC. For years I attended the plant sale and bought many, many flowers. I would leave the sale with barely any space to drive. Pots were crammed into every crevice of my car. I was the Executive Director of High Point Village for over 30 years. My youngest son bought a home in Sun Top and urged me to sell my "big house" and join him in Enumclaw. I was running a community in Gig Harbor at that time and Covid was spoiling all my fun so when I decided to move and retire one of the first things on my agenda was to join Enumclaw Garden Club.

My former home had no grass, just shrubs, trees and flowers. As my husband's health deteriorated, I kept carving out more space for plants. And when the lawn mower died, I hired a landscaper to get rid of all the lawn and I had a wonderful time planting. John loved mowing but quickly settled into telling me where I should put new plants.

I went to UW, where I met John. We lived in Seattle until we were bursting out of our home with the arrival of our children. In 1980 our fifth baby was born just 3 weeks after our move to a home between Federal Way and Puyallup. When I began to wonder what my life would be like when our youngest started school an opportunity opened in the retirement industry. This led to a job in Enumclaw and I fell in love with the people who live here. I would often tell people that I lived in Enumclaw but slept somewhere else. I was fortunate to work in many capacities with businesses and organizations in town. I've sung in choirs and acted in several plays in town. High Point Village started POM's dinner/auction and remained the sponsor until Covid stopped large events.

I live in Sun Top in a brand-new home with a brand-new yard. I long for an established garden. You can find me digging in my yard almost every day. I'm looking forward to all the fun and friendship Enumclaw Garden Club has to offer.



JOAN MEYER and her family are new to Enumclaw, coming from Plano, Texas, a suburb of Dallas. She moved to be near her son and daughter-in-law and two grandchildren. Joan was a member of the Plano Garden Club and participated in their many activities. She loves gardening, reading and within the last couple of years started quilting, although she is still not sure if that is going to be in her wheelhouse. Joan lives with her husband, Dick and adult son, Wayne. Joan is excited about learning new gardening techniques, secrets and plants of the Pacific Northwest.

**I WAS UNABLE TO GET PICTURES BEFORE THIS WENT OUT
SO PLEASE LOOK FOR THEIR NAMETAG & SAY HELLO!**

DIRECTOR LINDA HAAS' MESSAGE...LET'S GET CERTIFIED!!!

This past year I had my yard certified as a Wildlife Habitat. I chose to do this via the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). However, WA State Fish & Wildlife also has a certification program. Both programs have specific criteria for certification, including food, water, places for cover, sustainable gardening practices, & places to raise young. Food sources can be seeds, berries, nectar, nuts, fruits, sap, pollen, or foliage/twigs. Supplemental feeders can be seeds or suet & feeders for butterflies, hummingbirds, & squirrels (!) *Note: I thought that was who bird feeders were for, at least mine seem to be.* Water sources can be a birdbath, shallow dish, butterfly puddling area, rain garden, a spring, or the ocean. Places for cover for shelter from harsh weather & hiding can be a wooded area, bramble patch, ground cover, rockpile/wall, dense shrubs/thicket, evergreens, brush/log pile, a burrow, or meadow/prairie. There are many sustainable gardening practices. Examples of soil & water conservation are limiting water use, creating a rain garden, using mulch or ground cover, reducing lawn, & collecting rainwater. Examples of controlling exotic species include practicing integrated pest management, removing invasive exotic species, & using native plants. Examples of organic practices are eliminating chemical pesticides & fertilizers & creating a compost pile. Places to raise young are mature trees, host plants for caterpillars, dead trees/snags, dense shrub/ thickets, a water garden pond, meadow, prairie, or nesting box. It was fun to go through the lists & see things I was already doing to make my yard a wildlife habitat. I hope you can do the same. Let's make Chinook District a Wildlife Habitat Mecca.

NWF Certification has a \$20 fee, with the option to purchase a certification sign. There is no fee for certification from WA Dept of Fish & Wildlife. Certification may be accomplished online with the NWF at

<https://www.nwf.org/garden-for-wildlife/certify> or
WA State Dept of Fish & Wildlife "habitat at home" at
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/living/backyard>

The North American bird population has decreased by 2.9 billion breeding adults, a net loss of 29% over the last half-century.* Scientists have identified habitat loss as the biggest reason for the decline.

Get our NEW Certified Wildlife Habitat® sign!

Our redesigned Certified Wildlife Habitat® sign incorporates the National Wildlife Federation's new logo, featuring our ambassador Ranger Rick. Only those who have created a wildlife habitat garden and earned Certified Wildlife Habitat® status can post the sign.



Please let Karen know if you have had your property certified.

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Where friendships grow...
February 2022



Happy Birthday
To all who celebrate
In FEBRUARY