

January 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”.**

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- JANUARY 27** EGC GENERAL MEETING ON ZOOM WILL START WITH GREETINGS @ 10:30 AM & MOVE INTO THE MEETING SHORTLY AFTER THAT.
- FEBRUARY 8** EGC BOARD MEETING ON ZOOM @ 9:30 AM...EVERYONE WELCOME!
- FEBRUARY 3** CHINOOK DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING 10:00 A.M. ON ZOOM. INCLUDES DESIGN & HORTICULTURE PROGRAM. ABOUT NATIVE PLANTS. ENTER YOUR WINTER DESIGN TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SLIDE SHOW. EMAIL TO smnash9@gmail.com OR TEXT TO 425-281-0450.
- FEBRUARY 24** EGC GENERAL MEETING ON ZOOM... BREAKFAST FOR THE BIRDS CANCELLED (SEE UPDATED INFO ON PG 2).

President Karen opened the EGC Board Meeting with an inspiration from the Greek philosopher Plato. Simplified, his message is one that says the perception of the world from a group of people chained to the wall of a cave only to see the shadows from the fire is going to be different from someone who is able to roam free outside of the cave. She challenged us to keep our minds open when communicating with our garden club friends. Think of each conversation as a gift we give to each other. One of the strengths of this club is the love and selfless dedication to helping each other & in helping in our community. Thank you for all of your support to me as your president & for being so patient through this Covid-19 pandemic. Hopefully, soon we will be able to get back to potlucks & gatherings where we can talk, visit, & support each other face to face & HUG HUG HUG!

Highlights from the December general meeting!

Vice President Lanette opened the meeting with these words of inspiration:
 “Never underestimate the healing power of a moment in the garden”.

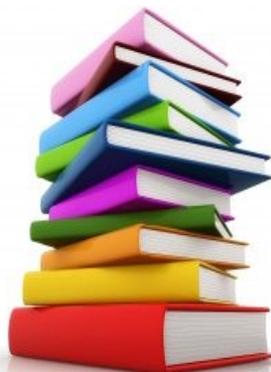
- 19 members, all decked out in their Christmas finery, joined our ZOOM meeting.
- Shannon will get the Plant Sale permit then we will wait & see what happens. May have to move till June or think up some creative ways to have sale. Last summers driveway sales were very successful. See updated info on pg 2.
- Tory encouraged us to fill our empty pots with greens. Some suggestions were holly, cedar, and choisa. Just cut & stick right in the dirt.
- Raymond Larson took us on a visual tour of the Winter Jewels on the UW Botanic Gardens. Some highlights were the different varieties of Witch Hazel, fragrant Sarococca, variegated Red Twig Dogwood, Japanese Stewartia, Camelias, Heaths, and Korean Rhododendron. See page 4 for more info on the Arboretum. Thanks to Debora for arranging the speaker.

CHINOOK DISTRICT NEWS

- January 12-13 NCG Gardening School Course 4. Pre-registration required.
- April 26 & 27 WSFG Symposium 2021...SAVE THE DATE!
 The Symposium For All @ Little Creek Resort & Casino. This is a state event. More information soon.
- Reconnect to YOUR Pacific Region! Enter the PRGC Coloring Contest. The deadline is January 31 & prizes to be handed out at the Convention. Check your email or go to www.PacificRegionGardenClubs.org to find more information.
- Six students sponsored by clubs in Chinook District created Woodsy Owl Posters. The winning posters for each grade will be sent to Pacific Region & winners announced at a later date. Each child entering a poster receives a certificate of participation & bag of goodies. Thanks to everyone who helped.
- Elections for the Chinook Executive Board will be held during the February 3 General Meeting. Nominees from EGC are Connie Keen for 2nd Assistant District Director & Susan Petticlerc for Treasurer.
- EGC donated \$500 to the Chinook District Scholarship Fund which combined with the other clubs sent \$1500 each to WSU & UW, \$100 to WSFGC, & \$75 to the WSFCG Teachers Conservation Fund.
- A big thank-you to all who contributed to Wreaths Across America. 50-75 wreaths were donated from the district.

What have we been reading?

- *The Full Cupboard of Life*
- *No 1 Ladies Detective Agency*
Alexander McCall Smith
 - *The Gown*
Jennifer Robson
 - *Night Circus*
Erin Morgenstern
- *When We Believed In Mermaids*
Barbara O'Neal
 - *The Honey Bus*
Meredith May
 - *The Soul of an Octopus*
Sy Montgomery
- ♦ *Anything written by John Grisham & James Patterson*



THINKING OF YOU

GARDEN THERAPY

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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 sent a sympathy card to Twyla Colvin.



Breakfast for the Birds & Plant Sale Update
 This is an update from the December General meeting. At the January Board Meeting we made the decision to cancel the B4B due to COVID restrictions. Twyla is contacting the venue, caterers & speaker about next years availability. All donated items will be stored. We also decided to move the Plant Sale to June 5 (set-up June 4) following the COVID outdoor mandatory restrictions. Shannon is submitting the permit. Continue potting up your plants! Karen has pots available & hopefully we can have a potting party or two later in the spring.

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

Raffle: Kathy Wetton & Carolyn Hotton

Plant Sale: Cynthia Sable & Gayle Schmidt

Silent Auction: Twyla Colvin

June Plant Sale questions please contact

Shannon @ 206-914-4181 or

shannonb@skynetbb.com

If you have any garden related DIY tips, articles, recipes, events, and/or photos that you would like included in the newsletter please send to sharonjimfagnan@comcast.net

February 10th at noon is the cut-off date for the next newsletter.

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

Hopefully this will be the first article on the many amazing parks & garden paths just waiting for us to enjoy & explore... I think we could all do with an outing or two (while social distancing, of course). Please submit any suggestions & information you have to the Garden Chatter.

Next months article will be on the Lake Wilderness Arboretum suggested by Doris Maris.

- **University of Washington Botanic Gardens**

Comprises the gardens and programs of the Washington Park Arboretum (1934) with those of the Center for Urban Horticulture (1980) • Part of the UW College of the Environment and the School of Environmental and Forest Sciences (formerly the College of Forestry) • When combined, the gardens cover over 320 acres.

- **Washington Park Arboretum**

The Arboretum contains the largest and most diverse temperate plant collection in the northwest United States – A living museum on 230 acres with over 40,000 plants – One of the most important tree collections in North America – Managed by the University of Washington (owns the plant collections, provides educational programs, interpretation and horticultural care) and the City of Seattle (owns the land, manages the lawns, trails, utilities, Japanese Garden) – The Arboretum Foundation helps raise funds for education programs, new gardens and garden maintenance.

Two main concentrations of winter blooming plants in the Washington Park Arboretum are the Joseph A. Witt Winter Garden & Woodland Garden Witch Hazel Family & Camellia Collection near the Pacific Connections Garden.

- **Center for Urban Horticulture**

Miller Library • Hyde Herbarium • Demonstration Gardens • Union Bay Natural Area • Yesler Swamp • RareCare program • UW Farm • Classrooms and labs • Meeting facilities
Center for Urban Horticulture.

Dear Ms Neth & Enumclaw Garden Club members...I have successfully completed my first semester at South Dakota School of Mines & Technology. I do want you to know that I enjoyed studying paleobotany in my Geology class & that I look forward to my Dinosaurs class this coming semester, which will involve paleobotany as well! As you might imagine it has been quite a semester. Most of my classes have been online, which is more challenging I believe. Several of my college friends contracted COVID & because I was exposed to them I had to be quarantined for 2 weeks. That was really isolating & I had to do all of my classes online. A difficult time which I came out healthy. I am also on the Golf team & had to miss practice & two matches. Outside of college I really enjoyed the outdoors near Rapid City. I went hiking in the Black Hills & I learned to identify the natural plants. I have met students from around the USA who will be lifelong friends. College life was not normal by any means this year but I am glad I selected SDSMT to attend. I am very grateful for the Scholarship you have selected for me.

Thank you again, Ava S. Jenkins

EGC passed along some Christmas cheer to the Local Seniors and gave out floral arrangements! Thanks to everyone who made this possible!



Living Court



Cascade House



High Point Village

GARDENING TIP FROM MARIANNE BINETTI

Hosta are slug magnets so I grow some in pots and use a bit of Worry Free pet safe bait and always remove the dead foliage in the fall to cut down on overwintering slug eggs. This is hosta Great Expectations and it has been in the same plastic pot (hidden inside clay pot and sitting on some bricks) for 5 years in Enumclaw, WA.

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