

March 2021
GARDEN CHATTER



PRESIDENT— KAREN ARRIS
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FLOWER—PEONY

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

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MARCH 14

MARCH 17 SAINT PATRICK'S DAY MARCH 20 1st DAY OF SPRING

MARCH 2 EGC GENERAL MEETING ON ZOOM...

APRIL 4 HAPPY EASTER



President Karen opened our March 8th EGC Board Meeting with 14 members present. She offered us the following heartfelt inspirational message (I have condensed it) : One of the most fundamental drives that we have as gardeners is to grow & be one with nature. The art of finding wisdom from our natural world is called “nature’s insight”. By observing & understanding the ways of nature we can draw beautiful insights that help us grow in life. We all love the outdoors. Many of you love long walks in the forest & spending early cool summer mornings in your gardens. What we are not always conscious of is that each of us not only uniquely find what we are looking for in nature but also what we are ready for. Nature has a way of adapting its lessons to suit our unique individual needs. You have all heard the saying “Slow down & smell the roses”. When I first joined the garden club I had just retired from the rat race & still in overdrive. ..like the song, “there were birds in the sky but I never heard them singing”. So when I finally slowed down, what did I find? Friendship, support, love & beauty all around. Garden Club is a huge network where we share, we care, & we cooperate. Where we all depend on each other. Like the honey bees, if one of us suffers from an “attack” or illness, we warn others so we can swarm in & nurture that person. So, if we stop & listen to the forest, what would she say? I think the old growth would tell us about resilience & how we live in the present. I can’t help but look into the forest & question how sometimes I chose to live, how I overlook, sometimes, what is right in front of me. Like the sunflower that moves her face to the sun, I see you.

See B4B plant sale update on page 3.

Highlights from the February EGC general meeting!

- Vice-President Lanette filled in for President Karen & Tory Bennett opened our meeting with a special prayer.
- 14 members joined our ZOOM meeting.
- A thanks for our donation & continued support was read from Featherhaven. In February a bald eagle from East Olympia was admitted into their care. According to their web-site it was later transferred to Discovery Bay Wild Bird Rescue for further oxygen treatment. This majestic bird was a first! They are in the process of signing up volunteers for 2021.
- Just a reminder that Janelle Frazer, former EGC member & current EGC web-site assistant, has reached out to us to help her gather 90 balls of yarn for her mother-in-laws 90th birthday. She needs them by June. If you have any from a leftover project or if you find a box of leftover that is inexpensive to free please drop it off at Cynthia Sables or Lanette Knapp's house. No need to call in advance...just put by the front door and they will see that Janelle gets it. Thanks in advance!
- Robin Pokorski Director of the Pacific Region Garden Clubs gave a very energetic/ interactive/visual presentation on a wide range of topics including propagating geraniums, different varieties, and scented geraniums. Plus how differences in their foliage brings texture to the garden. Even though she is from California & has a different perspective on propagation she gave us something to think about. See pg 7 for her tip. We appreciated her discussion & suggestions on club membership & participation. She reminded us "They come for the information but stay for the people". Robin also gave us a tour of her home at Christmastime with 34 (yes 34!) beautifully decorated trees. In fact her whole house & yard was decorated for the season. Robin encouraged us to Reconnect to YOUR Pacific Region by joining in on some of the available Workshop Wednesdays. See page 4 for a list of the remaining March workshops. I have included the past ones so you can see what has been offered. Robin is sending us a link each week to make it easy for us to jump in & enjoy!
- In her Horticulture talk Tory suggested cutting our forsythia & bringing it indoors to enjoy. Wait a little longer to cut down your sword ferns but go ahead & cut the grasses down leaving an inch or two or until you start to see the tops of new growth.

NO CHINOOK DISTRICT NEWS THIS MONTH



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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THINKING OF YOU
GARDEN THERAPY
Chairperson Becky Butcher
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A sympathy card was sent to former EGC Robynn Bell's family after her passing & flowers & Thinking of You card was sent to Bob & Karen Arris after Bob's surgery.

If you know of a Garden Club member who is ill or just needs a little cheering up or some 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

April 14th at noon is the cut-off date for the next newsletter.

GET READY!!!

Breakfast for the Birds & Plant Sale 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.
- June 5, 2021 (June 4th set-up) Plant Sale Update: Shannon has received the permits from the City & the Senior Center. She picked up some clay pots from Mary Williams sale for the plant sale in June. Wabash will pick up what is left over from our sale for theirs the next week-end. Becky Butcher & Shannon are going to coordinate changing the triangle banner to eliminate a date so it can be used year after year. That will eliminate having to get a new one each year.

A big THANKS to Twyla & Shannon!
 If you have any B4B questions please contact Twyla @ 253-886-2414 or
 TwylaC@comcast.net
 June Plant Sale questions please contact Shannon @ 206-914-4181 or
 shannonb@skynetbb.com



**Pacific Region's Workshop Wednesdays
Presented by Stars from around the Country**

This free series of workshops are presented as a benefit of membership to Pacific Region members and their friends. Please join us. The headliner will present their 20-minute program followed by a 5-10 minute Membership idea/tip followed by a 5-10 minute Hot Shot Topic centered on the administrative side of things.

Workshops begin via ZOOM promptly at 9:30 a.m. PST.

Contact Robin Pokorski, PRGCDirector@gmail.com to get on the link distribution list.

- **February 3**
Presenter: Gina Jogan
Headliner Topic: Flower for Valentine's Day
Hot Shot Topic: How to set an agenda presented by Robin Pokorski
- **February 10**
Presenter: Darlene Newell
Headliner Topic: Combination Plantings
Hot Shot Topic: Treasurer's Reports presented by Robin Pokorski
- **February 17**
Presenter: Jackie Davies
Headliner Topic: Petite Floral Designs
Hot Shot Topic: Email etiquette presented by Robin Pokorski
- **February 24**
Presenter: Tina Tuttle
Headliner Topic: 7 Plants that Changed the World
Hot Shot Topic: Motivating participation presented by Robin Pokorski
- **March 3**
Presenter: Sahshah Middleton
Headliner Topic: Ikebana Decoded
Membership Plus++: Becky Hassebroek
Hot Shot Topic: "Calling for the question" presented by Robin Pokorski
- **March 10**
Presenter: Frances Thrash
Headliner Topic: DIY Containers & Aspidistra leaves are your friend!
Membership Plus++: Becky Hassebroek
Hot Shot Topic: "What to do with the member that doesn't follow through" presented by Robin Pokorski
- **March 17**
Presenter: Dot Yard
Headliner Topic: "The versatile daffodil....something for everyone"
M Membership Plus++: Becky Hassebroek
Hot Shot Topic: "Laying a motion on the table" presented by Robin Pokorski
- **March 24**
Presenter: June Ann Hassebroek
Headliner Topic: "Dynamic Dainty Dimensions"
Membership Plus++: Becky Hassebroek
Hot Shot Topic: "Here's a new idea – now what?? 'presented by Robin Pokorski

HISTORY OF THE BELLEVUE BOTANICAL GARDEN

1981 Cal and Harriet Shorts deed their mid-century home and 7.5 acres of "arboretum" land to the City of Bellevue, with the provision it remains a public park. **1984** Iris and Bob Jewett approach Parks director Lee Springgate about creating a botanical garden on the Shorts property. The City and the Shorts family agree this is a great idea. The Jewetts and numerous volunteers launch the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society to promote the creation of Bellevue Botanical Garden. The City of Bellevue sets aside 10 acres increasing the total acreage to 17.5. **1986** In January, the Society incorporates as a 501(c)(3) non-profit in the State of Washington. **1989** The City of Bellevue and the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society complete the Master Plan for the Garden. Saved by the Bellevue Historical Society, the rustic Sharp cabin from early 1900 relocates to the Garden from its former home at NE 8th and 124th Avenue NE. The City of Bellevue sets aside 19 more acres, increasing total acreage to 36. **1990** The former Shorts' residence undergoes renovation to become a visitor center. The Northwest Perennial Alliance (NPA) installs the Perennial Border. The Yao Garden relocates from Kelsey Creek Park to the Garden. The Eastside Fuchsia Society installs the Fuchsia Garden. **1991** The Bellevue Botanical Garden Society's first docent class meets. **1992** The Bellevue Botanical Garden opens to the public on June 27. **1993** The Puget Sound Dahlia Society installs the first Dahlia Display. **1994** The Waterwise Garden, a cooperative effort of the City of Bellevue Parks and Utilities Departments, opens to the public. The East Lake Washington District of Garden Clubs installs the Wildflower Garden along the Lake-to-Lake Trail next to Main Street. The Garden dedicates the Yao Japanese Garden. The Living Lab school program launches to introduce students, kindergarten to grade 5, to the concepts of botany and natural science. **1997** The Alpine Rock Garden opens to the public. First master plan update. **1999** The original Native Plant Garden opens to the public, and later becomes the Native Discovery Garden in a new location. **2006** The Bellevue Botanical Garden Society helps the City of Bellevue purchase additional acreage, increasing the total to 53 acres. **2007** The Garden partners with the Hardy Fern Foundation for management of the Garden's fern collection. Rhododendron Glen is built. **2008** Second master plan update. **2009** Northwest Perennial Alliance Perennial Border two-year renovation project begins with assistance from the Society. **2010** A Collections Stewardship grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services funds an inventory update of Garden plant collections. **2012** The Ravine Experience opens with a suspension bridge and bird-friendly habitat trail. **2013** Construction begins on the 8,500 square foot Visitor Center and The Aaron Education Center, made possible by a City of Bellevue Parks Levy and generous Bellevue Botanical Garden Society donors. A Learning Experiences grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services funds our interactive visitor map, bed markers and interpretive signs, and an oral history of BBG conducted in partnership with the Eastside Heritage Center. **2014** The new Visitor Center and The Aaron Education Center open to the public in June, along with new gardens: the Entry and Parking Lot Winter Gardens, the Entry Courtyard Gardens, the Iris Rain Garden, the Wetland, and the Spring Courtyard and Tapestry Hedge. **2015** The Garden partners with the Northwestern Chapter of North American Rock Garden Society to care for the Rock Garden. **2016** The Garden partners with the Washington Native Plant Society to assist with the native plant collection and care of the Native Discovery Garden. A grant from Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust helps the NPA fund the construction of their Plant Propagation Exhibit. Copper Kettle Coffee Bar opens in the Shorts House. **2017** The Urban Meadow opens to the public. The City of Bellevue, the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, and all Garden partners celebrate the Garden's 25th anniversary in June.

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Bellevue Botanical Garden is made up of many gardens to delight & educate. A complete list of the 11 gardens are on the web-site bellevuebotanical.com but my personal favorite is the *Perennial Garden*. Renowned for year-round dramatic displays, the perennial border is an example of a distinctively American-style mixed border and is a living demonstration of what works best in Northwest gardens. Come delight in thousands of perennials, shrubs, bulbs, evergreens and trees that provide color and beauty year-round. Stroll the paths, relax on the benches, and enjoy the largest public perennial garden in the country maintained entirely by volunteers.

The Northwest Perennial Alliance created and maintains this award-winning garden. It is a source of education and hands-on learning opportunities for NPA members, horticulture students and gardeners throughout the Puget Sound area.

Volunteering a few hours in the Border is the ideal way to expand your knowledge about gardening while giving back to the community. You usually find our volunteers in the Border at 10 a.m. on Thursdays. Many volunteer opportunities are available but PLEASE NOTE: Due to COVID19 we are not able to train new volunteers at this time.

Mother's Day This status of the 2021 event is unknown at present. Please check back for updates. Celebrate this special day by spending it at the beautiful BBG.

Arts in the Garden is our annual summer event that features garden art and entertainment. Please check back for information regarding the status of the 2021 event

Even though our traditional Garden d'Lights event didn't happen in 2020, you can still enjoy the lights virtually! Take a few minutes to watch our short video and immerse yourself in the beauty of Garden d'Lights. See you in 2021! If you've never seen this it is a treat!

Public & private Garden tours have been discontinued until further notice but please come & wander the lawns & paths at your leisure. The coffee bar, parking lot & restrooms are open & there are designated picnic areas. Admittance is free but a small donation is appreciated. Service animals only, please.

Garden Hours:

Dawn-dusk, Daily

Visitor Center Hours:

Closed until
further notice

Trillium Store Hours:

Sat & Sun, 11am-3pm

Shopping appointments and online orders are available

Copper Kettle Coffee Bar Hours:

Takeout only
10AM-3PM Daily



Next month's favorite place article will be on Federation Forest just up the road off 410.
 Do you have a favorite local place to go when you just want to wander
 & take in the beauty of the Pacific Northwest?
 Do you have a picture of your adventure you would like to share?



Go to www.weneedwater.org to register for Marianne Binetti's free ZOOM classes.

March 6's topic was on "Plant This, Not That" & March 13th's will be on Easy Peasy Edible Gardening" Growing A Food Forest.

How to propagate your geraniums:

- Cut a 6-8" piece from the non-woody section of your plant. Take off all of the leaves but the top 2. Put directly in the soil, right next to leaves. Keep damp but not moist in your garage or cool indoor area.

Let us know what works for you!



Reports are still coming in steadily of sick or dead birds at backyard feeders throughout the state. Salmonellosis has been causing a die-off of finches, such as pine siskings, as well as other songbirds since February, The State Department of Fish & Wildlife has extended a recommendation to keep our feeders down until at least April 1. Bird baths should also be drained. This also includes hummingbird feeders. Remember that discontinuing the feeding will not leave them without food supplies. There will be plenty of other natural food sources. If you do choose to leave them up they ask that cleaning be done to the feeder itself as well as around it, that gloves be worn, & for hands be washed afterward.

May the sun bring you new energy by day.
 May the moon softly restore you by night.
 May the rain wash away your worries.
 May the breeze blow new strength into your being.
 May you walk gently through the world and know
 It's beauty all the days of your life.

Native American Blessing and Apache Prayer
 Dedicated to Robynn Bell
 A Dear Friend & Former Garden Club Member

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*Where friendships
grow...*



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