

MAY 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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MAY 1	MAY DAY
MAY 9	MOTHER’S DAY
May 26	EGC GENERAL MEETING AT THE VFW HALL!!!! 10:30 SIGN-IN & GET TOGETHER WITH MEETING STARTING AT 11. MORE INFO ON PAGE 2 IN THE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES.
MAY 31	MEMORIAL DAY
JUNE 4	SET-UP DAY FOR PLANT SALE ON FRIDAY @ NOON: table set-up & preparing for plants
JUNE 5	EGC PLANT SALE ON SATURDAY @ 9AM...please arrive to work by 8am
JULY 14	KING COUNTY FAIR HORTICULTURE SHOW: ENTRY TIME IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 9AM TO 12PM. JUDGING @ 1PM. GO TO WWW.kingcofair.com/open-class-4h
SEPT 22	EGC GENERAL MEETING ON THE FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN!

Highlights of the May 10 ECG ZOOM Board Meeting

- 12 members joined together to recite the pledge of allegiance & President Karen opened with these words of inspiration “ A little progress each day adds up to big results”. No one knows that more than a gardener. It takes a little work every day to stay on top of the weeds & do all the mulching & keeping on top of it all but big rewards for all the hard work are just around the corner.
- Laura Curnan is our newest member.
- Mary Williams new address is : 9515-198th Ave E #373 Bonney Lake 98391
- Discussed whether Key Bank will be available for Board meetings starting Sept. Probably.
- Spent quite a lot of time talking about the Plant Sale. Will discuss at the General Meeting & see page 4.
- Karen will have hand sanitizer & masks available at General Meeting, May 26th, at the VFW Hall. If we are back in phase 2 our plan is to continue with a ZOOM meeting or possibly meet outside.
- Debora reminded us that 2022 is the 100th Anniversary of the Enumclaw Garden Club & suggested a themed birthday party set in 1922 to celebrate. She volunteered to chair a planning committee.
- Cynthia is checking into the 4th of July Parade. She will pick up the entry form at the Chamber of Commerce.

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE EGC GENERAL MEETING ON APRIL 28th
16 members joined on ZOOM**

- Karen welcomed everyone & after the pledge of allegiance she opened the meeting with these inspirational words from Laura Ingalls Wilder : “ It is the simple things of life that make living worthwhile: The sweet fundamental things such as love & duty, work & rest, & living close to nature.” I think we can all agree she was describing a gardener!
- We were very excited to talk about our May 26th General meeting at the VFW Hall! We will be following the safety guidelines so that will mean bringing your own lunch & beverage & we will not use the name tags until September. If you would like to help setting up tables & chairs @ 9:30 email Clarine. I know we are all eager to pitch in next year so committee sign-up sheets will be out. Bring your calendar! We will have the raffle table.
- Tory gave us a video walk through her yard. We saw a green viburnum, persian lily spring trillium, an alpine & montana clematis, tulips & more tulips. One of the tulips she remembers planting in the fall of 1999 for her daughter’s graduation party. Of course it is maroon & gold for the Enumclaw Hornets! Her advise for us is to Mulch! Mulch! Mulch! Great super-doo mulch can be found at Hygrass farm on 384th, Scarecrow Pride from Kranic Farm is sold @ GE&B Nursery on 400th, & Power Poo is free at the Power Plant on 208th off the Auburn/Enumclaw Hwy. This one is super hot so be careful! Amending your soil is great for healthy plants & soil.
- Patrick Spence owner of Cascadia Iris Gardens in Lake Stevens gave an informative talk along a slideshow of the many beautiful iris in the PNW. He walked us through the many choices available in order to achieve year around bloom. The season really gets underway in April Some are even rebloomers & give you an encore performance for up to 3 months starting in July. There Bearded, Beardless, Japanese & Siberian. dwarf, short, medium, & tall iris. Iris that attract hummingbirds, that are very fragrant & some not so fragrant but still eye-catchers. Some have variegated foliage perfect for winter gardens (along with seed pods that add interest in the winter garden) & some are perfect for rock gardens. Cut iris will last indoors about 2 weeks & cutting them encourages them to rebloom. One thing to keep in mind is buy local in order to guarantee the right growing conditions for your area. Bearded iris need to be planted with the rhizome above soil level while the Beardless need to be planted 2-3” below the soil level. If you plant the Japanese Iris too deep, don’t worry, it will self-level. No chemical fertilizer added at the time of planting but do fertilize in the spring. No amendment is needed with compost. If you have powdery foliage cut it down & it will grow back beautifully. Same with top-heavy foliage that is floppy. As for cleaning up your garden & cutting off the old foliage “the best time is when you have time.” If you notice thatching ants on your plants not to worry because they eat aphids & slugs. Just don’t step on their nest & they won’t bother you. Unfortunately there isn’t enough space to describe all of them so go on their FaceBook page for pictures or email him at Cascadia Gardens.com with questions & orders. On-line classes are available & Open Garden times are 10am-4pm each week-end May-June & the 1st & 2nd week-ends in July (most iris’ in bloom!). Private & Group Tours by appointment. Patrick told us that the pandemic has turned non-gardeners into gardeners & we all know you can’t have too many gardeners!

*****CHINOOK DISTRICT NEWS MAY 2021*****

The newly elected 2021-2023 Chinook Executive Board Officers are:

District Director: Linda Haas, Parkside Garden Club

1st Assistant Director: Penny Merriman, Marine Hills Garden Club

2nd Assistant Director: Connie Keen, Enumclaw Garden Club

Recording Secretary: Maxine Ranta, Marine Hills Garden Club

Treasurer: Susan Petticlerc, Enumclaw Garden Club

THINKING OF YOU
GARDEN THERAPY

Chairperson Becky Butcher
 206-384-5174
 becky.butcher@comcast.net

Cards were sent to Connie Keen & Dixie Good.

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
Dues are due by June 30th
See pg 6 for more info

This will be the last regular newsletter until we get back together in September. However, if you send me your pictures of the plant sale or your gardens I will include them in an August edition.

Send them to me @

sharonjimfagnan@comcast.net

September 15 @ noon will be the cut-off date for the next regular 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 still need 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
 360-825-1785 or 425-785-4818
evans_bee@hotmail.com



I can't thank everyone enough for the surprise birthday 'drive through': all the balloons, flowers, cards, etc, and getting to visit with so many! Thank you!

I am looking forward to when we can be together again! Clarine



ALL HANDS ON DECK!!!**Spring Plant & Garden Art Sale****Set-up Friday June 4th, @ noon****Saturday, June 5, 2021, @ 9 a.m.**

Message to EGC members from Shannon Brock:

I will be contacting those members who are donating plants for the plant sale, the weeks of May 17th and May 24th with her schedule to price. Please label your plants. For those of you who have plants to donate but have not been contacted by Shannon, please call her at 253-939-2380 or 206-914-4181 (c) to get on the pricing schedule. You do not have to be home, just let Shannon know. Thank you to everyone for your donations.

- **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.
- **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 it by 8am Saturday...ie books, house plants, etc...

Please contact me with any questions... Shannon @ 253-939-2380 or 206-914-4181 (cell)

Thanks! Thanks! Thanks! to Shannon for all
of the Xtra work to put this sale together during these pandemic times!

Plant tags for your yard

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Bloedel Reserve – One of North America’s 10 Best Botanical Gardens
“Nature can do without man, but man cannot do without nature”, Prentice Bloedel

Thanks to Debora Akers for submitting this article.

In need of peace and serenity and to be surrounded by nature, then visit Bloedel Reserve on Bainbridge Island. Walking the grounds of the Reserve is truly therapeutic and restorative.

History - A Gift to All (from the website)

In 1951, Virginia and Prentice Bloedel purchased the property that would become Bloedel Reserve. It was their private residence for more than 30 years, many devoted to exploring the relationship between people and nature.

Yale-educated, Mr. Bloedel began a teaching career but soon became the reluctant heir to his father’s timber business. An environmentalist at heart, he innovated several of today’s conservation concepts such as “reuse.” He advocated reusing hog fuel, a log byproduct, to help generate sawmill power and worked with pulp mills to reduce waste. His most enduring “green” idea was to plant seedlings to reforest clear-cut land.

Sculpting the landscape became the focus of Mr. Bloedel’s retirement. Almost daily, he could be found walking the grounds, thinking of how to shape his masterpiece. With the help of noted landscape architects and designers, including Thomas Church, Richard Haag, Fujitaro Kubota, and Iain Robertson, he “wove” several unique landscape experiences throughout the native Pacific Northwest forest. Mr. Bloedel’s commitment to ecological principles prevailed; for example, he placed water features only proximal to natural groundwater.

Later in life, the Bloedels gave the Reserve to the community and established a nonprofit to support its operations. In 1988, the Reserve opened to the public as a 150-acre public garden and forest preserve.

Some believe Mr. Bloedel’s love of nature was ingrained from his time as a student and teacher at California’s Thacher School, which had an ambitious outdoor component in its curriculum. Others speculate that walking the land and creating the gardens helped Mr. Bloedel deal with the side effects of polio, which he contracted as a young adult.

Mr. Bloedel was deeply interested in the relationship between people and the natural world, and the power of landscape to evoke emotions — from tranquility to exhilaration. He was ahead of his time in understanding the therapeutic power of nature and funded early research into the psychological effect of time spent outdoors.

Visiting

Bloedel Reserve is an experiential public garden and forest reserve – a mixed tapestry of woodlands, meadows, and landscaped gardens. The Reserve has 150 acres and 23 distinct landscapes, a loop of well-maintained bark and gravel trails winds through the Reserve. Plan to spend at least 2 hours to walk the entire loop.

Hours – Tuesday – Sunday, 10am to 5pm, Timed Tickets must be booked in advance <https://bloedelreserve.org/tickets/>, no picnicking is allowed, service dogs only, most of Bloedel Reserve is wheelchair/stroller accessible; discover more at <https://bloedelreserve.org/>



DUES ARE DUE...BY JUNE 30th

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**

MORE IDEAS FOR YOUR SUMMER FUN!

BE SAFE! Know your trail & take the 10 essentials:

navigation, light, food, severe weather protection, sun protection, tools, fire-starters, communication, first aid kit, shelter.

♦ I want to share my favorite outing: O'Grady County Park trail. It is a good workout and lovely, especially if walkers resist ceaseless chatter and look at the trees and listen to the birds. It is downhill on a gravel road and then trails cut off for more interesting nature. The trees are so tall growing from far below . The bottom is an old farm meadow with a bench to rest and eat a snack. The river has changed course so no longer visible from the meadow. There is a long trail winding through the woods that does reach the river but I am too old to go that far now. The walk back up can be a puffer but just take it slowly . It is near Wabash Church. Head north on 244th Ave SE & turn left at SE 400th St. Turn right onto 212th Ave SE & follow road when it bends to the left & becomes 384th Travel to 188th Ave SE &n turn right. The road dead-ends in less than a mile at your destination.....Louise Poppleton

♦ Keep an eye on the Soos Creek Gardens website/FB page for wonderful programs and events coming up this season. Their FREE 3rd Wednesday at 12:30pm - 2pm gardening/nature programs resumed this year, starting on April 21,with a great program on how to care for your own trees, both large and small. Other topics this year are: Heritage Roses, Crows, Fall blooms for your garden, etc. The BIG Spring Plant/Yard Sale was April 23/24, 10am to 4pm. We will have to keep it in mind for next year!.....Cynthia Sable

♦ Looking for a pleasant walk suitable for all ages? Head out on the Green Valley Road, west of Flaming Geyser Park. The Green River Natural Area can be visited from two points on the north side of the river. The Metzler access includes a paved parking lot while the Doreen Johnson trailhead has only a wide spot for a few vehicles. At the end river's edge the Green River is wide & serene. These 2 hikes & The O'Grady Trail are part of the Green River Natural Area.

Thanks again to Yolanda for sprucing up the area by the Senior Center Parking Lot.



A big thank you to Marilyn & Chuck Nelson at Wilkeson Sandstone Quarry for donating this beautiful stone for our Elk on the Trail plaque.



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