



Sylvia Neth's beautiful  
Tree Peony began  
blooming May 1

## May 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".*

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.

### ***WHAT'S NEXT for the Enumclaw Garden Club?***

**MAY 13.....NOON SET-UP FOR PLANT SALE. More info on page 5**

**MAY 14 .....ENUMCLAW GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE 9am—3pm**

8 am Working members arrive

9 pm Open to public

**MAY 15..... Please submit to Karen Arris the number of trees you have planted between 4/1/21-3/1/22 & also if your yard has been designated as Certified for Birds, Bees & Butterflies.**

**MAY 25.....ENUMCLAW GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING AT THE VFW HALL**

10:30 am Sign-In & Get-together 11:00 Meeting Starts

Lunch at noon will be a potluck. Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share! Coffee, tea, & water will be provided

**JUNE 18.....2:30 pm SAVE THE DATE!!! EGC is invited to a Garden Tour at**

Omar Watson (Carolyn May's brother) & George Shriver's wonderful garden in Marine Hills. More info to come.

**JUNE 29.....10 am TEA & TOUR.**

**JUNE 30.....DUES ARE DUE! See pg 3**


**JULY 4.....DOWNTOWN PARADE. Decorate your car, your truck, yourself & join in the fun!  
Staging at 10, Parade starts at 12.**

**JULY 14-17..KING COUNTY FAIR. Horticulture Show info to come.**



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GENERAL MEETING APRIL 27TH

After we recited the pledge of allegiance Karen opened the meeting.

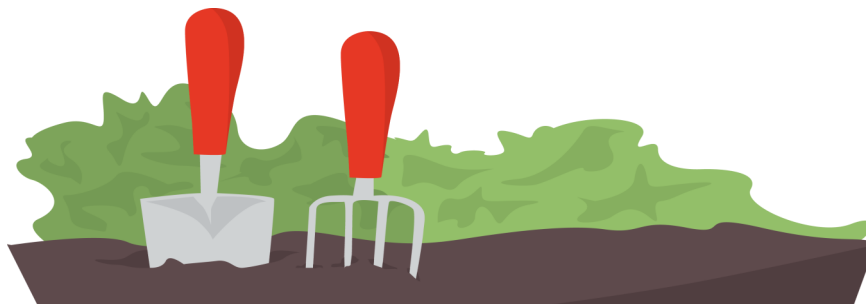
- A reminder that our 100th Anniversary Party will not be May 25th. We will have our regular general meeting. The 100th Anniversary Party will be May 24, 2023.
- May's meeting will be potluck with everyone bringing something to share.
- Discussion about garden club members buying plants at the sale. Every-  one agreed that the members should put off picking out their plants until later in the morning & that the sale is for the community. If there is something that you desperately "just have to have" whoever brought it probably has extras to share. We have 3 brand new canopies. Much thanks to Debora & Jon for finding them for us.
- Bee Evan introduced visitor Joy Johnson.
- Decisions were made about the Tea & Tour this summer. See pg 5 for more info.
- Karen & several others talked about the importance of serving on the Executive Board. After nominations from the floor we are still in need of a President. This is very important as our club will not be able to move forward without one.
- At the beginning of Tory's Horticulture program she reminded us that **ALL MEMBERS** are welcome to bring cuttings from their garden. Just provide whatever information you have & she will fill in where needed. It's fun t& informative to see what is growing at the time. Some of the many examples today were an impressive King Kong Coleus grown from a cutting, Apricot Quince, Viburnum Carlisee, Raspberry Mugwort (a moundy plant), Yellow lutea Corydalis, Little BeautyTulip, Bleeding Heart ground cover, Monster Beauty Tulip, Ginny G dwarf Rhody, Stolwinjk Gold Alpine Clematis, & a Hornet gold & maroon Tulip that she planted for her daughter's high school graduation party in 1999. There was also a lovely arrangement that included a Gerbera Daisy, Spanish Bluebells, Wallflower ( FYI: part of the cabbage family) & lilac. She also showed us a basket put together for the Garden Art Sale that included Pansies & Heuchera (pix on pg 7). Once again, she stressed **MULCH! MULCH! MULCH!** Bring your buckets for Power Poo Soil Amendment located off 208th from the Auburn-Enumclaw Highway. First drive on right. If you are interested in submitting an entry for any plant show remember that they need the real botanical name of the plant.
- A delicious potluck was enjoyed by all.
- Jim Olson, Master Gardener, gave a very detailed presentation on "Growing Your Groceries". If you need a reason to start a veggie garden he gave us several: Space, Time, Love Variety, Love Fresh, Sustainability/Organic, Love! Love! Love! Delicious Food. Very important to understand our PNW climate. We are zone 7-8 where the average low is 10-20 degrees. We all have micro-climates in our garden so pay attention! The recipe for veggie harvest is Site, Soil, Species, Start (when to), Sustain, & Savor. He recommends a Gardening Calendar, a soil test, & a moisture meter. Also consider a soil thermometer. Maximize your sun: 6 or more hours of full sun a day. Your garden should face N-S with the bed at least 3-4' wide & paths wide enough to get a wheelbarrow thru. Accessibility to water a must & he recommends raised beds. If you have a shortage of space plant in containers or go vertical. To till or not to till? NO! This just stirs up weed seeds. Fertilize & compost. Potting soil breaks down so add amendments every couple of years. The plant info label has everything you need to know about planting & caring for your plant. Watering is an art! Slow & low is best. 1" a week. Identify the critters you have. Catch them at it...90% of them are beneficial. Use the least invasive/aggressive method to control them. Observe & define problems with plants. Identify potential problems & solutions. Pesticides are valuable but read & follow ALL directions on pesticides. Savor! Easiest & most enjoyable part of gardening is nurturing & feeding yourselves & others.

Take satisfaction in a job well done!

- **For a free gardening calendar go to: [www.metromastergardeners.org/calendar/](http://www.metromastergardeners.org/calendar/)**

### THINGS YOU CAN DO IN MAY

- Still time to plant summer bloomers. Purchase new geraniums. Start to plant containers later in the month. Be mindful of nighttime temps & be prepared to cover delicate plants. Keep weeding & watching for slugs. Mow your lawn every 5-7 days & allow fine clipping to fall back on the turf to add nutrition. Mother's Day is often the time to put tomatoes in the ground-if overnight temps are over 55 degrees. If you can't wait, protect with insulating covers.
- Support Monarchs...make your garden friendly to these pollinators by planting several kinds of pesticide-free native milkweed (*Asclepias*) that flower at different times. Avoid tropical milkweed, which is invasive, or milkweed that's been treated with insecticides to be aphid resistant. Go to [saveourmonarchs.org](http://saveourmonarchs.org) to request free seeds.



# 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. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

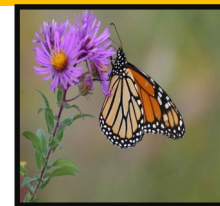
### REMIT TO:

Enumclaw Garden Club  
PO Box 714  
Enumclaw, WA 98022

## CHINOOK DISTRICT NEWS

[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



### Coming up in 2022

- April 6 District ZOOM Board Meeting
- May 5 District General Meeting, The Cove, 1500 SW Shorebrook Dr., Normandy Park
- **May 15** Please submit to Karen Arris the number of trees you have planted between 4/1/21-3/1/22 & also if your yard has been designated as Certified for Birds, Bees & Butterflies.
- May 22 Debbie Angel, President of Marine Hills GC, will be presented the Gardner of the Year Award at the Bellevue Botanical Gardens. Contact Karen Arris if you are interested in attending.
- **May 31—June 1** WSFGC Symposium, Dryer Masonic Temple, Tacoma. The price is \$75 for both days, including lunch. Design Instructor will be Shirley Tetreault from Albuquerque, NM teaching about Multi-rhythmic & Angular Design. The Horticulture instructor will be Jan Griffin from FL (formerly WA), teaching about conifers & flowering trees. For schedule & registration go to [wagardenclubs.com/event-calendar](http://wagardenclubs.com/event-calendar)
- June 22 Chinook Awards Ceremony
- Barbara Smith is hoping to present a Design Class at the VFW Hall in Enumclaw if she can get a few more people to sign up. The cost is \$30 for a series of 3 classes. Contact Karen Arris if this is something you would be interested in.

### ELECTION TIME!!!

We will be voting on a new slate of Officers for the 2022-2023 year at the meeting on May 24th!

Nominees are:

VP/Correspondence...Debora Akers

Secretary...Laura Curnan

Treasurer...Joan Meyer

**HOWEVER, we still need a PRESIDENT.**

Officer positions are for only one year this term in order to get in-sync with the Chinook District.

It's a great way to get to know each other & participate in the club activities.



**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 "Thinking of You" cards to Ila Raben, Cynthia Sable, & Sandy Kanaga



- 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 Chipman-Green (206-293-1965)  
Dixie Good & Meribeth Vasallo

**DATE CHANGE FOR VFW GARAGE SALE**  
Accepting Donations Thurs. 5/12  
from 9am to 3pm  
Sale Fri. 5/13 from 8am to 4pm

**EGC BULLETIN BOARD**

Please send all EGC Treasurer correspondence to Cynthia Sable at:

enumgcfinance@gmail.com or  
POBox 714, Enumclaw

**TEA & TOUR**

**WEDNESDAY, June 29th @ 10**  
Sign up sheets for refreshments will be at the next meeting

We have 6 gardens on the tour this year!

All gardens are a work-in-progress & we learn by seeing how others manage theirs.



**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 Club & click on JOIN. Call or email Ginny Montgomery with any questions.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHAT'S GROWING IN YOUR GARDEN!** Please send pictures to me or post on Facebook & I will include in the newsletter.

**sharonjimfagnan@comcast.net or 253-350-8930**

Also, please let me know if I have anything wrong, I welcome corrections & comments!





# HERE WE GO! SPRING PLANT SALE

## SET-UP FRIDAY, MAY 13

City parking lot corner of Cole & Initial

@ NOON for table set-up & preparing for plants

Bring your plants & garden art between 2pm-5pm

If anything will be affected by the weather please bring Saturday morning.

## SATURDAY, MAY 14 @ 9 AM

All working members need to arrive by 8am. Please park away from sale in order to leave space for the community shoppers.

All plants go 1/2 price at 2pm.

Please remember to bring a chair if you have one

& cardboard boxes that are in good condition packed in black plastic bags.

## ALL HANDS ON DECK!

- Shannon is asking that we keep the same jobs we had at last years plant sale. If you are unable to please contact her @ 206-914-4181. All plants need to be labeled & identified before Saturday morning. If you need help with this call Shannon Brock @ 206-914-4181.
- If you need pots contact Shannon or Pam Protto @ 360-825-4116.

## GARDEN ART

Attention: Garden Club Members,

We would like YOU to contribute to our Garden Art Sale this spring

Each year as part of our Plant Sale we have Garden Art & if each of us will add one or two items (or more) it will enhance our Sale.

Garden Art can be anything that you imagine: rusty old garden tools, rakes, galvanized buckets, bird houses, old boots & shoes (children's clogs or small shoes with succulents). Just let your imagination take over.

We would like u to bring your Garden Art on set-up day Friday, May 13th. If it won't take overnight rain please bring by 8am Saturday morning. We will price it for you. If u can't make it that day you can drop it off at my house (off of Porter St.) Call or text me at 253-777-5810 to arrange.

Many thanks to all of you, Yolanda Nelson.





# some GARDEN ART ideas



**IF YOU HAVE NICE FRESH MOSS FOR THE GARDEN ART PLEASE BRING ON FRIDAY. IT'S A GREAT FILLER & MAKES EVERYTHING LOOK SO GOOD!**



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WHERE FRIENDSHIPS  
GROW



**TO ALL  
WHO CELEBRATE  
IN MAY**