

November 2021
GARDEN CHATTER



PRESIDENT— KAREN ARRIS
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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.

**NOV 8.....EGC BOARD MEETING & TRIMMING THE SENIOR
CENTER TREE FOR THANKSGIVING. THANKS TO ALL WHO COULD HELP!**

**NOV 11.....VETERAN'S DAY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO WREATHS
ACROSS AMERICA GO TO wreathsacrossamerica.org FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

**NOV 17.....ENUMCLAW GARDEN CLUB REGULAR MEETING. (NOTE! THIS IS
THE WEEK BEFORE THANKSGIVING). GATHER @ 10:30 FOR SIGN-IN &
CONVERSATION WITH MEETING STARTING AT 11. DON'T FORGET TO BRING ANY
HORTICULTURE FOR TORY TO SHARE.**

DEC 13.....NO EGC BOARD MEETING

**DEC 14..... @12 NOON BRING YOUR GREENERY TO THE VFW HALL & JOIN IN MAKING
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY “IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE AT EGC”.
THE MORE THE MERRIER!**

**DEC 15.....OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY! WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS BEST!
NOTE THIS IS A WEEK EARLIER BECAUSE OF CHRISTMAS.**

♦ **JUST A REMINDER THAT WE ARE STILL COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR PENNY PINES.
JUST LOOK FOR THE JARS AT OUR MEETING! EACH DONATION GOES TOWARD PLANTING
TREES IN OUR BEAUTIFUL FOREST.**

♦ **SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SHARON FAGNAN OR
DORIS MARIS BY TODAY. SEE PG 7 FOR COMPLETE INFO. PLEASE CONTACT SHARON OR
DORIS WITH ANY QUESTIONS.**



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 "Feel Better" card to Marty Slack & a "Welcome" card to new member Ella Eaton.

Are you READY?

- February 23, 2022 is the upcoming date of the B4B at Pete's Pool with Marianne Binetti speaking. All donated items have been stored and Charlies is doing the catering. All committee Chairmen agreed to hold their position but we do need a Chairperson for the Silent Auction.

More info soon!!!

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

We have 79 members in Garden Club this year.

The following still have their yearbooks to pick up:

Martha Nicholas, Lisa Malpass,
 Jennifer Mitchie, Diana & Dave Weston,
 & Lynn Woolum.

If unable to come to a meeting please make arrangements with a friend to get your copy. Thank You!

Check it out!!!

EGC Web-site:

enumclawgardenclub.info

Debbie B'Hymer has been doing a great job updating the latest club info onto our web-site! You can contact her with any questions or comments at: debhymer@aol.com

Please note that the newsletter is included on the web-site. 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.

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. Because of Christmas December 5th @ noon will be the cut-off date.
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**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING
(OOPS! Last newsletter should have said September General Meeting)**

**Karen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance &
an Inspirational quote by Gertrude Jekyll:
The love of gardening is a seed that once sown never dies.**

Karen reminded us that there will be no centerpieces required for the General EGC Meetings. Don't forget to bring your brown bag lunch & beverage.

The District Calendar "Vision of Beauty" was on display & Karen collected \$6 each from anyone who wanted a copy. They are a nice size that fits right in your purse.

We had our much anticipated Halloween Costume Parade. Pictures are on page 5. Can you guess the winners?

Debora arranged for Alison Johnson, Master Gardener & member of the National Perennial Alliance (NPA), to speak on "Gardening with an English Accent". She gave a slide presentation showing us a 900 year old Infirmary Garden at Westminster Abbey, the Sissinghurst White Garden, & several English Gardens. She talked about creating whole borders with pots, designing with pathways & steps, framing views with gates & hedges, & using statuary & garden art in our gardens. There is a new way of gardening: *Mingling* different species, *Massing* the same species & varieties, & *Muddling* which is planting graduating sizes & avoiding large stripes of plants. Her gardening tip was the "*Chelsea Chop*" which is cutting your sedum in half the last week in May to keep it from flopping. You can also do this to your aster & phlox. We are the same gardening zone as England so should have success with many of the same plantings. She generously passed out list of her Essential 'English' Perennials. Carol emailed a copy but if you didn't see it please contact one of us.



**Ila Raben is turning 100 years young on November 29, 2021.
She has been a Garden Club member since 2005.
Thanks to Carol Pederson for the great picture.**

CHINOOK DISTRICT NEWS

New url 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 the end of the year.

- Nov 3 District General Meeting on ZOOM. Horticulture Program was Jason Billingsley speaking on "Current Popular Plants & Cultures". The Design Program was "I've Been Framed" by Debbie Spiller.
- Nov 8-9 Standard Flower Show, *Sights and Sounds of the Season*, Little Creek Casino Resort Shelton, WA. Registration needed in advance for Horticulture. Info was in last months newsletter or contact Sharon or Tory.
- Jan 5 District Board Meeting (in person TBD). Feb 9-13, 2022 Northwest Flower & Garden Show, Seattle **YEAH!**
- May 31-June 1, 2022 WSFGC Symposium, Dryer Masonic Temple, Tacoma. Information with details & registration coming in January.

The Chinook President is in need of a member to take over their website. If you are interested please let EGC President Karen know.

Garden Chores NOVEMBER Don't fear the fall cleanup. A spirited sweep of your garden clears the way for creepy collaborators to feed in your soil. Begin by removing any diseased plants. Applying amendments that are slow to break down in Autumn allows time for natural processes to work. Fallen leaves are a valuable source of no-cost garden riches. Leave leaves lie where they drop, or gather up to spread around garden shrubs & perennials, where they will slowly break down over winter (Rhodys are the exception). Even when things are looking the most bleak & barren, the garden is host to a teeming population of insects & soil microbes—literally, a web of life that sustains growth. Herbaceous plants & fading annuals also provide plenty of natural materials that can be cut back & left in place to cycle nutrients back into the soil. Be sure to leave a few plants & seed heads standing to feed overwintering birds & provide habitat for beneficial insects & soil microbes. Try concentrating your tidying efforts along frequently used pathways & leave everything else a little looser. Now sit back & relax with those catalogs & beverage I mentioned last month!



- 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. Thank you for helping to make our meetings a good, safe time for all. Clarine (206-293-1965) Dixie & Meribeth

- Janelle Fraser sent thanks to everyone who contributed to the many balls of yarn for her mother's 90th birthday surprise. Her goal was to knit 43 sweaters this year & she is on #42! She donates these sweaters & loves a deal so this was the perfect gift.
- Please make this additions to your Yearbook:

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EGC BULLETIN BOARD

HALLOWEEN FUN



& THE WINNERS ARE

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**Glenda the Good Witch, a Hippie & a Deviled Egg took the prizes.
AKA: Laura Curnan, Shannon Brock, & Gayle Schmidt.**

Several members joined together at the Senior Center for the annual Fall Tree Trimming. After Thanksgiving the traditional Christmas tree will be trimmed for the holidays.





**GREAT ART PROJECT FOR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, NEICES,
NEPHEWS, & NEIGHBORS
GRADES 1—5**



**THE SMOKEY BEAR & WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST!
DEADLINE for our chapter is December 15th**

ANNOUNCING the 2022 Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest! Children from first through fifth grade are invited to participate in the 2022 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Poster Contest! The U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. are giving students the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of wildfire prevention through original drawings of Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl.

SMOKEY BEAR SAYS: ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES! Smokey Bear is recognized nationally and internationally as the symbol for wildfire prevention. The original Smokey Bear appeared in 1944. Smokey's message, "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!" encourages personal responsibility for wildfire prevention. Smokey Bear teaches children and adults to be careful with campfires, barbecues, trash fires, and matches.

WOODSY OWL SAYS: LEND A HAND—CARE FOR THE LAND! Woodsy Owl is America's icon for the conservation of the environment. Since 1971, Woodsy has helped parents and teachers inspire children to observe, explore, and care for the environment. He challenges children to "Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!" and to take an active role in caring for the land through recycling, reusing, and reducing waste, planting and caring for trees, using resources wisely, and not littering.

PRIZES • The National Grand Prize Winner of the Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest will be honored with a Recognition Ceremony in Washington, D.C. A round-trip and accommodations for four will be provided for a 4 days/3nights stay. • The National Garden Clubs, Inc. will award a \$50.00 check to each of the first-place national winners.

POSTER RULES

1. All poster entrees must be sponsored by a local Garden Club.
2. Posters must feature Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl and must not feature both together.
3. Smokey Bear posters must include Smokey's wildfire prevention message: Only you Can Prevent Wildfires
4. Woodsy Owl posters must include Woodsy's conservation message: Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!
5. Posters should encourage children to take a personal role in preventing wildfires or conserving natural resources.
6. Each entry should be 11 x 17 inches in size.
7. Materials that can be used include: crayons, markers, poster paints, water colors, etc.
8. The choice of paper color and texture is up to the child.
9. No three-dimensional posters, computer scanned, or electronically generated images will be accepted.
10. The following information should be written on the form available from the club **Poster Chairman** & affixed in the lower-right corner: A. The artist's name, address, home phone number, grade level, school, teacher's name, city, and state. B. Should school policy preclude giving students' address and phone number, please include the school address and phone number. C. Each poster must also show the name of the sponsoring local Garden Club as well as an address, phone number, and email for the local Garden Club. (Do not use a dark marker for this information as it may show through.)
11. Posters are to be completed by individual student artists. Competition may include students from first to fifth grade.
12. Since Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl are official icons protected by law, the colors of their clothing need to be accurate. Check the colors on the Web site www.fs.usda.gov/learn/kids.
13. Students should be reminded to check spelling. Posters with spelling efforts will be disqualified. Any group of children can participate. Scout troops, after school programs, and the like are perfectly appropriate. The child's grade must be included on the poster so that the participant can compete in the correct grade category.
14. Winning posters should be copied as they will not be returned.
15. Past winners are permitted and encouraged to participate again, but not national winners.
16. Posters may include artwork pasted upon a second piece of paper. However, they must be flat. 3D posters are not allowed.

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where friendships grow...
November 2021

HAPPY
BirthDay

To all who celebrate
In NOVEMBER

