

GARDEN CHATTER November 2024

GO NATIVE! LIVE SIMPLY. BLOOM WILDLY.



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member of the Chinook District, Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs,
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What's next for our Enumclaw Garden Club?

- NOV. 4 ENUMCLAW GARDEN CLUB BOARD MEETING
9:30am Key Bank Community Room
Committee chairs are encouraged to attend & all members are welcome
- NOV. 20 ENUMCLAW GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING AT THE VFW HALL
9:30 am Sign-In & Get-together
10:00 am Business meeting
10:45 am Horticulture. Please bring a snip of something from your garden to share! And, don't forget to tell us what it is.
11:00 am Program: Justin Henderson of PowellsWood garden, is now director of horticulture at Lakewold Gardens in Lakewood. He will speak on designing a winter garden.
Noon Everyone please bring your favorite dish or dessert to share!
Coffee, tea, & water will be provided.
- DEC. 2 ENUMCLAW GARDEN CLUB BOARD MEETING
9:30 am Key Bank Community Room
Committee chairs are encouraged to attend & all members are welcome
- DEC. 10 10:00 am SET-UP for "Tropical Christmas Party" at VFW Hall
- DEC 11 9:30 am "TROPICAL CHRISTMAS PARTY"...See page 5 for more info

GARDEN THERAPY
"THINKING OF YOU"

If you know of a Garden Club member who is ill,
needs a little cheering up or some encouragement,
please let Marilyn Cooper know at
mcooper201301@gmail.com or 206-817-5272
A card was sent to Eileen Griffiths.



EGC BULLETIN BOARD

Hosts this month are Sharon LeVander,
Christy Phelps, Lynn Holderbein,
Ella Eaton, Yolanda Nelson, Valerie
Skaggs, Bea Brisbane, & Sue Deabes.

The centerpiece will be provided by
Liz Close.

You will need to be at the VFW Hall
between 8:30 & 8:40 to help set up the
tables & set out food.

Hostesses provide 1 raffle item each.
Also plan on staying to help clean up &
take down the tables & chairs.

Don't forget we are all asked to help
take down the tables & chairs.

Please find a friend to fill in for you if
you are unable to be there!

Thanks, Clarine, Meribeth, & Dixie

The yearbooks are here!
Please deliver one to a
friend who isn't able to
make the meetings.



WEB-SITE

www.enumclawgardenclub.info

Please contact Debbie B'Hymer with any
questions, comments or club updates for the
web-site at: debhymer@aol.com

Remember, the newsletter is included on the
web-site, so please let Sharon Fagnan know if
there is any info you don't want made public.



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.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
DECEMBER 4th

Please contact me with any corrections
or additions to the newsletter.

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Please send all EGC Treasurer
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CHINOOK DISTRICT NEWS

All meetings start at 10:00 am & are held at the
Auburn First United Methodist Church, 100 St. SE Auburn 98002

PLANT A TREE AWARD

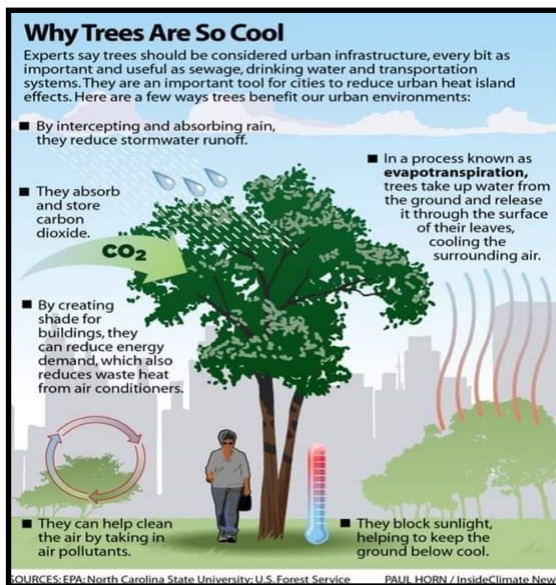
Fall has arrived & so have the rains, which means it is time to start planting trees. Please keep a count of trees planted by individuals & the entire club. The trees can be planted any place; your yard, the neighbor's yard, a school yard or a park. Anywhere! The award year is January 1 to December 31, 2024. The club & individual tree counts for the year are due by May 1. Give your count to your club president: Jeanette Pruin, Chairman.

PENNY PINES

Since launching a partnership in 2004 with the United States Forest Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Garden Clubs Inc., and it's members in Garden Clubs across the nation, have played an active role in restoring our forests by donating tens of thousands Pennies. What began in California in 1941 as a statewide conservation program, Penny Pines has now expanded to all 50 states. The program replaces National and Urban forested areas damaged by insects, fires or natural catastrophes. For every \$68 donated, the forest plants 200 seedlings, which means that our garden clubs have contributed to help supply hundreds of thousands trees!

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

This December 14th, on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to REMEMBER the fallen, HONOR those that serve, and TEACH the next generation the value of freedom, is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 4600+ participating locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad. Join us by sponsoring a veteran's wreath at a cemetery near you, or by volunteering or donating to a local sponsorship group. The cost is \$17 each wreath. Go to wreathsacrossamerica.org for more information or to donate a wreath. Our local veteran's cemetery is Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent.



What happened at the last meeting?

- Marilyn opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance & shared this inspiration: "The laughter shared with an old friend is laughter for the soul".
- Two visitors were introduced & were given the October newsletter.
- Awards were given out & it was mentioned that Eileen Griffiths is now an honorary member after being in the garden club for 25 years.
- The Breakfast 4 the Birds committee has been busy planning the event. See pg 5 for more information.
- Sharon LeVander thanked everyone who helped water & maintain the plantings at the VFW Hall & the VFW Memorial this summer. She is asking for greens to help fill in after the flowers are gone.
- The library has asked for our participation in the Enumclaw Little Green Library. This will be an opportunity to get community members of all ages exposed to & immersed in STEM/STEAM (science, technology, engineering, math, & art) with ties to plants & gardening. More information to follow.
- Nancy Wittman brought a t-shirt sample & reminded us next month's meeting is the last chance to purchase a t-shirt or sweatshirt with our garden club logo. A card reader will be available this month or you can pay by check or cash. Nancy also gave us information on the Membership Appreciation in June. See pg 6 for more information.
- Marilyn Nelson encouraged everyone to bring their favorite gardening tools & help clean up the Foothills Trail parking area on Make A Difference Day, October 26th, 10am—noon. Kandi Dodrill is creating a Facebook post to get the word out.
- Liz Close gave us a preview of the "Tropical Christmas" Party in December. More info on pg 5.
- Darlene DeGroot announced our Scholarship winners McCoy Brooks, Enumclaw Highschool & Madalyn Mac Donald, Buckley High School.
- A good variety of plants were shared during the Horticulture portion of the meeting. Diana Weston brought Astromeria, that were starts from 2 years ago. She is very partial to this flower as it was her wedding flower. Also displayed was a Hardy Fuschia, Painted Abolution (Spotted Flowering Maple), Porcelain Berry Vine, Queen Lime Zinnias, grown from Territorial Seeds, & a yellow Dahlia. If you get a chance, check out the Strawberry Tree on the north side of the Hospital parking lot! A reliable source tells us it even has edible fruit!
- Once again we had a lively Costume Parade & a tasty potluck.



And our winners were:

Joy Emry Johnson,
Val Skaggs,
Nancy Wittman,
& Karen Arris

WHAT'S COMING UP FOR OUR GARDEN CLUB?

December 11 - "TROPICAL CHRISTMAS PARTY"

- ♦ Set-up will be December 10 @ 10 am.
- ♦ We will have a cookie exchange. Bring a dozen or more & take home the same amount.
- ♦ Volunteer Gift Exchange. Suggested \$20 or less.
- ♦ Non perishable food items, check or cash donations to the Plateau Outreach Ministeries (POM) Food Bank.
- ♦ No ugly sweater contest this year, so deck yourself out in your tropical attire. Hula skirts anyone?
- ♦ Photo area for selfies or a group photo...great opportunity to take a pix for the yearbook.
- ♦ DJ...wear your dancing shoes.
- ♦ Our song leader extraordinaire, Sheila Shannon, will lead us in our favorite Christmas Carols.

February 19, 2025 - BREAKFAST FOR THE BIRDS

- ♦ "Queen For A Day".
- ♦ Set-up February 18th at Enumclaw High School Commons.
- ♦ Speaker Lisa Taylor.
- ♦ Start designing your "Crown" for the Hat Parade.
- ♦ Sale of tickets will begin at the Christmas Party & will be \$30 each.



JUNE 25, 2025 - MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION GARDEN TOUR

This year we will be visiting the Bellevue Botanical Garden <https://bellevuebotanical.org>. BBG is known for its National Perennial Alliance (NPA) Border and many other stunning gardens. For those interested, a private tour is available (limit 50). Suggested cost is \$5 for each member. There is also a marvelous gift shop and a coffee shop. After touring BBG, Alison Johnson, who has spoken to the club numerous times, is opening her spectacular, unique garden to us. Our catered luncheon will be in her garden. Look for sign up sheets at the January meeting.

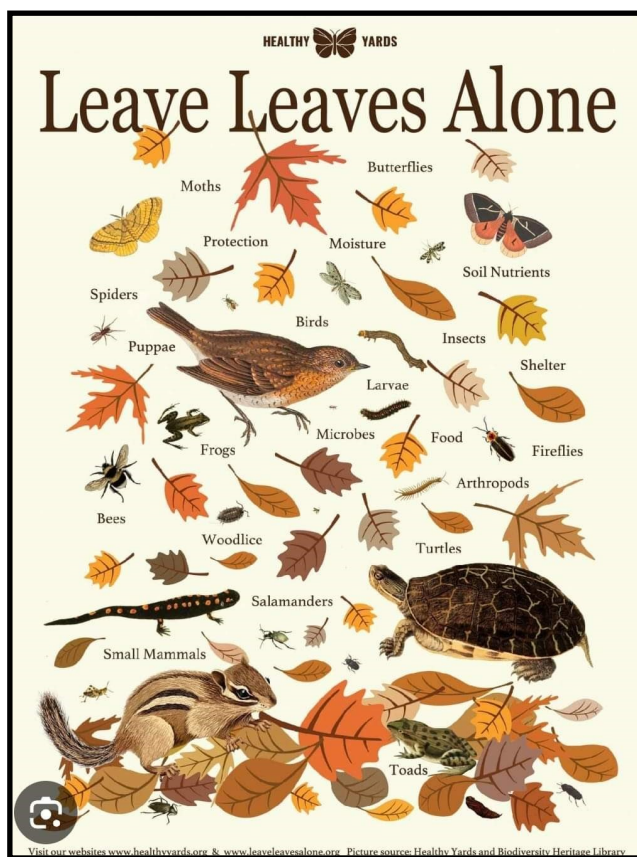


EGC T-shirt / sweatshirt REORDER

Don't miss out! Last opportunity to order at the November meeting.

You can choose from 4 style options: ladies V-neck short sleeve tee (same style as 2023 order), a ladies V-neck pull over sweatshirt (not the usual boxy shape), & a unisex round-neck long or short sleeve T-shirt. To keep the order from getting messed up, we'll limit the color options to two... Poppy and Blue Iris. Zip-front hoodies aren't available this time.

Nancy has sent a PDF order form to your email. Please print, look it over to make your choice & bring to the meeting along with your payment. Order forms will also be available at the meeting. You have several options for payment: cash, check, debit card, or credit card. Please email or call Nancy Wittman if you have any questions.



PLEASE ADD TO YOUR YEARBOOK

- Pg 7 Garden Therapy “Thinking of You”
should read
Marilyn Cooper 206-817-5272

- Pg 55 Birthdays
should read
April 24 Trish Blackburn
May 7 Karen Arris
May 7 Sharon Keil

- Pg 39 Welcome New Members
We now have 104 members!

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Where friendships GROW
NOVEMBER 2024

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL WHO CELEBRATE IN

