



# GARDEN DELIGHTS

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Issaquah Garden Club  
January, 2009

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January 14, 2009

At our January meeting, following our Business meeting and Horticulture Moment (presented by Rita Hansen) we will share in a hands-on project for our program. We will make a candle centerpiece or two, under the direction of June Willard.

Please bring nuts, seeds, and small cones, which you've collected. Bring a glue gun and extra glue sticks, or Elmer's liquid glue, a small wooden base and appropriately-sized candle to use in constructing your creation. A few wood bases and a selection of cones and dried materials will be provided. Call June at 425 746-5336, if you have questions.



June, showing examples of the centerpieces we'll make.

We'll partake of a luncheon provided by IGC members who volunteered, as a part of our activities for this day. Dianne Tanner will be calling all those who signed up to bring food, early next week.

**Please remember that we have voted to bring donations for the Issaquah Food Bank, each month.** Items that are especially needed are canned tuna, spam or chicken, peanut butter, and pasta sauces. ANYTHING that is brought will be greatly appreciated. There continues to be a huge need in our area with new families appearing daily.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our December meeting gave me many reasons for reflection.

Again, I was struck by the diversity of our member's talents. Thanks to Jessica Liepins and her helpers for the gorgeous and diverse florals that added so much to our Holiday Potluck.

Speaking of Potluck = food :-)

Thank you to Rita Hansen for her work in orchestrating the meal. Sherran and all the other ladies that helped with presenting our meal. And a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed a dish to our table. The clean up crew. And my honey who stepped in and did whatever was asked of him, thank you Keith.

As we near the New Year, my wish for all and our club is a spirit of co-operation, adventure and willingness. And above all that your fondest wishes and dreams become your reality.

Geneme' Keyser

## New Officer Slate for 2009/2011 Term

The current Executive Board will not be standing for re-election for the next two year term. A nominating committee must be formed and new officers selected. The term is for two years to coincide with the terms at the district level.

If you are willing to step forward to help on any level, please let one of your current Executive Committee members know. This is *your* club and a great opportunity for you to right the wrongs

Geneme' Keyser

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**Don't forget to check our 2008-2009  
Yearbook for the Calendar of Events  
for the East Lake Washington Dis-  
trict!**

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## PICTURES FROM OUR HOLIDAY MEETING, DECEMBER, 2008



June Ann Hassebroek with centerpiece



Jessica Liepins with Christmas table setting

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR LONG-TIME MEMBER AND FRIEND...**

To ICG Members...

Issaquah Garden Club has been a fun and educational organization for 80 years. Each active member makes a sizeable contribution to the success of our club. For the last few years, it has been difficult to get officers. We all need to contribute to ensure our club runs smoothly and under good leadership.

You all know I believe in our organization with all my heart. While I have only been in Issaquah Garden Club 11 years....I have belonged to seven various garden clubs throughout the country for the last 40 some years and always a member of our parent organization, National Garden Clubs. After donating 40 some years to garden club, it breaks my heart to see our club struggle and not be in a position to take over and fix things. But IGC is filled with such talented and special members, that surely we can work together to create a valuable club.

**June Ann Hassebroek**



Mueller Backyard



Paul Brynes' back yard garden on Squak Mountain

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## **MEMBERS' SNOW PICTURES**



Keyser Farm



Snowy garden along the Bukantz walkway

## WOODY PERENNIALS

Most of us think of perennials as herbaceous plants. A perennial is a plant that lives for more than two years. There are many plants in our perennial border that cross over into the realm of woody perennials due to their wooden stems on older growth. Scientifically, trees and shrubs are also woody perennials in their growth habit.

Pruning of these cross-over perennials takes special care. They are better left until well into mid-spring before cutting back. It is important to not cut them to the ground or they probably will die. Leave at least 6" of living woody stem so there will be growth buds.

Examples of woody perennials: *Artemesia* 'Huntingdon' and 'Powis Castle', Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia*), Shrubby Wallflower (*Erysimum* – 'Bowles Mauve'), *Fuchsia*, St. John's Wort (*Hypericum*), Lavender (*Lavandula*), Tree Mallow (*Lavatera*), Russian Sage (*Perovskia*), Cape Fuchsia (*Phygelius*), Lavender Cotton (*Santolina*).

To learn more about woody perennials, with focus on dwarf conifers, container gardening, and floral design, attend Flower Show School III, March 24 and 25, in Bellevue, WA. Register in advance by contacting Mary Dahlgren: 425-747-9335 or [MLDahlgren@comcast.net](mailto:MLDahlgren@comcast.net)

**June Ann Hassebroek/Janel Garnett**

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## WHAT TO DO AFTER THE DEEP FREEZE

June Ann believes that we should be very slow to cut off things that we think are dead. She recommends we give plants until next summer to see if they will sprout back out on the stems.

## ODDS AND ENDS... PUTTING IN MY TWO BITS' WORTH

*"The richest person is not the one who has the most, but the one who needs the least."*

I recently sent members a delightful video I'd received from Frankie Mowers: "Hot Chocolate." It included the following advice:

*Live simply  
Love generously  
Care deeply  
Speak kindly*

What worthwhile suggestions for all of us for 2009! So...I've chucked part of the preachy editorial I wrote for this issue, but will excerpt a couple of sentences: "We forget that, in the cosmic scheme of things, specific meetings and specific food will be forgotten. What we'll remember are the friendships we've developed, the good times we've shared, and the gardening information we've learned."

I sincerely hope that 2009 will be a better year for all of us, one with fewer crises, whether economic, health-related, or climactic. I hope that I'll have a chance to share more friendship and laughter with new friends I've made, that no varmint does in more of my chickens, that my tomatoes ripen earlier, and that I remember what's important in life and forget what's not... I hope our plant sale is a big success—I'm worried about that—and that our club continues in the fine fettle we'd all like.

*Enjoy your hot chocolate!!*

**Cate Mueller**

# *ISSAQUAH GARDEN CLUB*

Minutes, December 10, 2008

The December meeting of the Issaquah Garden Club was called to order by President, Geneme' Keyser at 10:15 A.M. The minutes were approved as corrected to reflect that Rita Hansen had circulated a list for members to designate their contributions for the December luncheon.

The **Treasurer's report** reflected that the club had a balance of \$9115.97. The dues and benefits of membership were announced.

**Correspondence:** Geneme stated that the club had received a note from Paul Brynes, in response to our card for the loss of his mother.

**New Business:** Karen Lee circulated a sign-up sheet for the work party, December 17 at the Issaquah Care and Rehabilitation Center. Those intending to volunteer were asked to bring greens, but no holly.

Geneme' noted the need for selection of a nominating committee for next year's new officers. She noted that we will also need a program committee for the next year.

Dianne Tanner stated that members need to sign up for lunches for several months, including January but not February.

Cate Mueller reminded members of the Plant Sale in May, and the need to start seedlings and prepare cuttings and divisions of plants in the coming months.

**Program:** Jessica Liepins and the following members presented holiday arrangements they had brought: Joanne Dinken, June Ann Hassebroek, Karen Lee, Sherran Whatley, and June Willard.

June Willard spoke of January's program, noting that members could obtain items from craft stores, such as Michael's, from junk stores and consignment stores. She suggested ribbon be purchased to go around the edge of the wooden base. She also said that one could use white glue, or clear silicone bathroom caulk, instead of a glue gun. She suggested rhododendron seed pods, nuts and small cones be brought for building the centerpiece.

**New Member:** Please add Arleen C. Balciunas to your Yearbook. Her address is 2929 224<sup>th</sup> Place, SE, Sammamish, WA 98075-7141, telephone number 425 391-0376. Her Email address is [arleenk@comcast.net](mailto:arleenk@comcast.net).

The meeting was concluded by enjoying a fine holiday luncheon.

## **IGC WORK PARTY AT THE ISSAQUAH CARE AND REHAB CENTER, DECEMBER 17, 2008**



It was Dec.17th, the day after the snow started, but come snow or sleet or foul weather, the flowers and arrangements must get done! Joann Morgan, Jeanette Mahoney, Karen Bukantz and June Ann Hassebroek and her husband Lyle braved the weather to do the job. We worked quickly like Santa, to be on our ways but this time it was nice that we are arranging in the dining room while the residents watched and conversed. Special thanks to Joann for the decorative ribbon bows and to June Ann for an amazing collection of beautiful greens! Our next date will be February 12th, at 10am for Valentines Day! Thanks to all who helped make this happen.

**Karen Bukantz**

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