



GARDEN DELIGHTS

Issaquah Garden Club
October, 2008

ISSAQUAH GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

Look what our Garden Club has done!

Pictured are three of the trophies won by Issaquah Garden Club, representing First Place awards in District-wide competition. These are traveling trophies.

The clock was awarded for our Yearbook, which also won at the state level. It was donated by Past WSFGC President, and Past ELWD Director June Willard. The pedestal bowl, donated by Past Director Ruth Sieverts, was awarded for our Newsletter, which also won at the State level.

The large metal trophy was awarded for our Civic Involvement. The trophy was created by IGC member Betty Zink and donated by former Issaquah Garden Club President and Past District Director Ann Chandler. Civic Involvement includes our Arbor Day project, Blue Star Memorial Marker festivities, Garden Therapy, Issaquah History Museum native garden, work with community Youth, Pea Patch garden with donation of food to needy, and Bellevue Botanical Garden Native Garden efforts. (We also won a State Award for Civic Involvement.)

IGC was also awarded a brown ceramic trophy (not pictured) created by Past District Director Lucille Massey. This was awarded for IGC promotion of Floral Design.

IGC won State Awards and \$10 each for Birds and for Garden Therapy. Our Garden Club was also awarded \$500 from National Garden Clubs, Inc., for our Native Trail at Bellevue Botanical Garden.

These awards represent a fraction of all the great work accomplished by our club. Even if a member didn't physically work on these various projects, just by them paying dues and being supportive, a lot can be accomplished. A big thank you goes out to all of our members for last year's work. Each member is encouraged to take an active part in at least one or more outside special project as well as taking a fair turn on the Board.

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AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 8 MEETING

Horticulture Moment: Joan Harris

Business:

Discuss 2008-2009 Club Budget
Discuss 2008-2009 Club Projects

Program: "Joys of Miniature Rock Garden Bulbs" by June Ann Hassebroek

Spring blooming miniature rock garden bulbs to buy and plant now. Dwarf trees, shrubs and petit plants to plant now for spring beauty in your garden.

Program to be followed by a Field Trip, meet at Noon:

Don Carlin's Dwarf Conifer Garden at 3606 219th Place SE, Sammamish, WA 98075

Don Carlin's passion for confers has resulted in him becoming an ardent collector of dwarf and miniature conifers. Presently, his collection features over 300 different species/cultivars. When those colorful little trees are combined with a great number of rare dwarf and brightly-colored Japanese maples, the result is a garden which his eight-year-old son refers to as "the Rainbow Forest."

OCTOBER EVENTS

October 11: Give Kids a Hand Auction,
1:00 pm to 4:00pm. \$10.00 per ticket.

(June Willard has tickets.) St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 2650 148th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98007

RSVP By September 30th, 2008 for planning purposes

Oct. 18: WSFGC Workshop: Ponds & Containers, at the WSFGC Headquarters House, Seattle. Reservations are \$15.00, and include lunch; call Lona at 206-878-4537.

October President's Message

Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so love the people who treat you right, forget about the ones who don't, and believe that everything happens for a reason. If you get a chance, take it. If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said life would be easy, they just promised it would be worth it.'

----Harvey Mackay

SMOKY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST

Again this year, we're inviting 1st through 5th grade students to demonstrate through original drawings of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl their understanding of fire prevention and basic environmental conservation principles.

The Grand Prize National Poster Contest Winner will win a free round trip airfare and accommodations for four to Washington, DC. A \$100 U.S. Savings Bond will also be awarded to the First Place National Winners from each grade level sponsored by the National Garden Clubs, Inc.

The goal for 2009 is for all clubs to have entries for this years contest. Entries are to be sent or delivered, no later than January 7, 2009. to Dianne Tanner. Please contact Dianne for poster information and rules: 425 392 7430, Email butterdmt@comcast.net .

ANNUAL GARDEN CLUB AUCTION
Nov. 12, 2008

Come join in the fun-filled activity of the day to raise money for IGC.

Proceeds will support our ongoing programs and events. Let's make it the best auction ever. To do this we need ALL of you to participate.

First of all, we need your auction items. We have some good ones for a great start: High Tea at Rita Hansen's; Guest House stay with gourmet dinner at Keith and Geneme' Keyser's; an original painting by Jeanette Mahoney; a certificate for three six-inch poinsettias from Squak Mountain Greenhouses and Nursery; tea time basket, base of cone, pod and seeds with candle.

You are encouraged to start bringing your items to the October 8 meeting or email Dianne Tanner: butterdmt@comcast.net, with a description of your donation or item; she will make certificates, if requested. Anyone want to bake a dessert for three months, make some soup? What else can you make? Crafts? Centerpieces? Wreaths? Basket of homemade jams, jelly or canned goods? Any special basket with theme. What new or gently used items do you have that would be a great gift for someone? Remember the holidays are coming and it will be the perfect time to pick up some gifts for that someone special.

A light lunch will be served for all to enjoy. Bring friends, neighbors, relatives! Let's make this fun and successful.

Dianne Tanner



IGC COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Administration

Awards: TBD

Bylaws and Standing Rules: Executive Committee.

Calendar Sales: TBD

Financial Review: Paul Brynes

Hospitality: Joanne Dinken

Refreshments: Jeanette Mahoney

Membership: Executive Committee

Newsletter: Cate Mueller

Nominating: Jeanette Mahoney

Programs: Jeanette Mahoney

Properties: Joan Harris

Publicity: IGC Board

Sunshine: Joann Morgan

Website: Rita and John Hansen/Karen Lee

Yearbook: IGC Board/Karen Lee

Fundraising

Auction: Dianne Tanner

Pennies for Projects: Martha Huey Franklin/
June Willard

Plant Sale: Cate Mueller/June Willard

ELWD Give Kids a Hand: Contact Geneme' Keyser

Community Outreach

Issaquah Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
(formerly Gardens of Issaquah Care Center):
Jeanette Mahoney

Issaquah History Museums (IHM):

Rita Hanson

A WORD TO THE WISE

Your editor subscribes to the Gardener's Supply Company newsletter, on-line. The company has an excellent article on composting, "Back-to-Basics Composting," at the following website:
<http://www.gardeners.com/Back%2520to%2520Basics%2520Composting/5007%2Cdefault%2Cpg.html?SC=LNA7037A>

I've found this company to be an excellent source of both gardening supplies and good information.

A PROMISE FULFILLED

At the beginning of each garden club year, the officers and members set out a goal of what they hope to accomplish. This goal is written up in a Yearbook. This outline lets everyone know what the group hopes to learn and accomplish. The mission of our group is to teach as many people as possible how to create beautiful and sustainable gardens, learn about floral arranging and be involved in civic and youth oriented projects.

The Awards any club wins represent how good a job a garden club does in reaching their goals and fulfilling the garden club mission. By winning first place with our Yearbook and first place with our Newsletter, it is a good example of the quality of our communications. The first place for Garden Therapy and Civic Involvement at both District and State level confirms our high standards. Issaquah was the only club in our District to win a National Award for a project. Our National Award and \$500 was for the work done at the Bellevue Botanical Garden Native Trail.

Three cheers for the help each of you put into making such top notch achievements. Now think about what you can do for the upcoming year to continue programs and projects that help us all work towards making our world a more beautiful place.

June Ann Hassebroek

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