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# The Garden Scoop

Arlington Garden Club  
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February 11th, 2019



**Date** **February 11th** at 11:00 am  
Gleneagle Golf Club Family Restaurant  
7619 W Country Club Drive, Arlington 360-

**Agenda**

11:00 am	Social
11:20 am	Business Meeting
12:00 pm	Lunch
12:45 pm	Program
1:45 pm	Miscellaneous
2:00 pm	Adjourn

**Program Fee** \$15 fee for everyone (even if you come late).

**Menu** Ham with Mac & Cheese

**Greeters** Barbara Clevenger & Joan Vlasic

**Program** **"Stillaguamish Tribe Medicinal & Native Plants" by Tamara Neuffer**

At this hands-on workshop you will learn about the importance of the mighty conifers of the Pacific Northwest, their significant importance to salmon habitat and the many traditional and medicinal uses of these evergreen giants.

Participants will learn to make and bring home body oil made from their favorite smelling conifer trees, find out about their powerful medicine and gain a new appreciation for the importance of trees on our landscape.



January Program Highlights~~"Fairy Gardening" by AGC member Penny Hanson.



Table Decorations~~



Blushing Bromeliad

Financial~~From Treasurer Barbara Lindberg:

**Fred Meyer Rewards Program**

The Arlington Garden Club has a rewards program with Fred Meyer. Each year Fred Meyer donates \$2.5 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Here's how the program works:

Sign up for the Community Rewards Program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards card to the Arlington Garden Club. All you need to do is call **1-800-576-4377** and **press option 3**, give them your rewards card number, verify your name, address and phone number. Then give them our non-profit number, **LT607**, and they will get you connected. Then every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you help our garden club earn a donation. You will still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.

If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer Store.

**Amazon Smile Program**

AmazonSmile is a program where Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization selected by their customers. Our Arlington Garden Club is registered with the Amazon Smile program. Here's how the program works:

The Arlington Garden club has a direct link which is, <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-0651245>. This link will take you directly to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) in support of the Arlington Garden Club. By using this link, you won't have to search for our club among a million other non-profit organizations.

A second option is to go directly to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). This will bring up a screen to select your charity. You can scroll down the list to find Arlington Garden Club WA or simply type in Arlington Garden Club and click on "search", currently our club is the 4th one listed. Just make sure it says WA and not MA or TX (for now it says Granite Falls WA but will be changed to Arlington WA soon). Click on Select. On the next screen you need to check the box that confirms your selection. Then click on "start shopping". This will take you to your shopping screen and you will notice at the top of your screen it will say "Supporting Arlington Garden Club". You are now signed up and this should show each time you shop in amazon smile.

Just remember each time you shop on Amazon you need to use the direct link or [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to benefit the Arlington Garden Club. **You can enter either one on your toolbar or in your Favorites so you don't have to type the direct link or [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) each time.**

**Membership**~~Libby Adams, Membership Chairperson, reports that we have three new members – we now have 111 members:

**Marshall, Laurie** 8420 123<sup>rd</sup> Ave. NE Lake Stevens 98258  
Cell: 425-320-9689 [backcountry03@frontier.com](mailto:backcountry03@frontier.com) bd 9/29 j 1/19

**Simmons, Patricia** (John R) 16514 McRae Rd. NW Arlington  
360-652-4138 cell: 206-465-8448 [pattypatrish@live.com](mailto:pattypatrish@live.com) bd 12/20 j 1/19

**Rall, Wendy** 8417 179<sup>th</sup> Pl. NE Arlington 98223  
Cell: 425-319-6776 [wjrall@comcast.net](mailto:wjrall@comcast.net) bd 9/19 j 1/19

**Email Address Change:**

Laura Lane [lauralane.AGC@outlook.com](mailto:lauralane.AGC@outlook.com)

**We had four guests:** Lynn Johnson brought by Ron Young, Shirley Campbell brought by Pat Veal, Mary Larmay brought by Barbara Clevenger; and Laurie Marshall was introduced by Marjorie Zehrung.

**Plant Sale**~~ From Merle Green, our AGC Plant Sale Lead 2019:

AGC Plant Sale is scheduled for **May 11, 2019**. Please mark the date on your calendar. Start spreading the word to friends, family and neighbors. Take a stroll around the yard and identify plants that you wish to donate for our plant sale. The sooner your plants are potted, the better they will look on sale day. If you need planting pots, please contact one of the Plant Sale Team, Merle Green, Kristi Fina, Faith Martian, Guyce Lafavour.

The volunteer sign-up sheet will begin circulating at the February General Meeting.

® Clean gallon pots sell best.

® Perennials, annuals, groundcover, shrubs, edibles (vegetables, berries, herbs, etc.), small trees and garden art are welcomed.

® Don't have plants from your own garden to donate? Consider making a planter from nursery stock.

® This month is optimal for starting seeds inside. They will be blooming in May!

® Our sale day also includes a bake sale. Think about the treats you may wish to share.

**Potting Day at Sunnyside Nursery**~~From Kathy Engell:

SAVE THE DATE!

On **Saturday, May 25, 2019**, our club is teaming up with Sunnyside Nursery in Marysville for a "Potting Day" from 10 am–4 pm. Customers purchase plants and a pot (or bring their own). The Nursery supplies the soil and we get to do the potting. You are invited to participate in this rewarding experience. All AGC volunteers will receive a 10% discount on their own plant purchases. Sign-up starts at our March meeting.



**Biochar available**~~

We have 25 bags of biochar left. On Thursday, March 14, at 10am, the gate will be open and any member interested in purchasing a bag(s) of biochar should come to "The Shed" located next to the Arlington Food Bank on the south side with their \$15.00 per bag in hand. (South of the Transfer Station on 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE)

### Garden Club Apparel Available~~

Well actually, YOU supply the apparel and purchase an iron-on badge and you will have "AGC Apparel"! The badges are \$10 and available from Treasurer Barbara Lindberg at any club meeting. The badges have appeared on members' shirts, vests, jackets, hats and most frequently, green aprons! The badges look like this:



### AGC History Committee~~ From Laura Lane:

We are looking for anyone else in our membership who wishes to work on our AGC History. The committee is forming now, so, please sign up today.

Many thanks to those of you who have volunteered.

### June Fling~~ "Happy Birthday" is the Theme for our June Fling 2019. From Ann Ostrander:

It was March 5th, 1934 that 24 Arlington citizens met for the first time to form Arlington Garden Club. We should be proud of the fine history of our club. For decades members have worked hard and donated time and money to benefit and beautify the city of Arlington. Next month marks the 85th anniversary of our club! The June Fling Committee thinks it is fitting that we celebrate this milestone at our June Fling with a Happy Birthday theme!

Thank you so much to the ladies who have volunteered to decorate a table:

Barbara Clevenger, Dorothy Elliott teaming with Nona Anderson, Judy Headrick, JoAnn Heichel, Carol Jacques, Dorothy Johnson, Meg Jacobsen teaming with Sharon Dittenberger, Jeannie Lish, Chris Nielsen, Ann Ostrander, and Kathy Picket teaming with Olivia Bergan.

Happy Birthday should be a fun theme to work with! This will be our last meeting before we take a summer break and a great way to celebrate our club, gardening and each other. Please be thinking of an item(s) to bring to the silent auction. In March we will pass around a sign-up sheet for members who want to attend.



### In the News~~



#### **Judy Ness Receives Mayor's Volunteer Award**

On Tuesday, January 22, 2019, Judy Ness was presented with the Mayor's Volunteer Award. Judy has dedicated her last 13 years of volunteer service to service clubs, Homeowners associations, and the City of Arlington.

## Upcoming Activities~~

**Trip up to Bellingham** to the Painted Peace workshop of Stephanie Burgess will be on **Wed, Feb 20**. We have made a trip up to her workshop before and it is always a fun trip because there are so many pieces of art for the home and especially the garden. We only had six people sign up at the January meeting, which surprised me but maybe everyone did not understand what the trip was about. We have room for five more people as we have two vehicles going. Visit [paintedpeace.com](http://paintedpeace.com) to look at Stephanie's work. Meet at Gleneagle in the far east end of the parking lot to carpool with a 10am departure.

### **The Day Trip to Victoria – Submitted by Judy Ness:**

when I read that 40 garden club members back in the 1930s made a trip up to Butchart Gardens I was stunned and wondered why do we not try and do the same? At the January meeting we had 12 members sign up for the trip.

Now we have to wait for better weather and hopefully the new tunnel in Seattle relieving the traffic before we try this adventure.

I am thinking that if you wanted to bring your significant other, why not? As long as we have a bus big enough to get us to Seattle and home.

I will continue to work on this trip which includes a bus to Seattle, the Victoria Clipper to Victoria B.C, Afternoon Tea at the Gardens and a City Tour. The quoted price was \$233 each which is last year's price and does not include the bus but at least you have an idea of what this will cost. I am working with Travel Time located in Gleneagle on this trip.

**The Mount Baker Orchid Society** cordially invites you to attend the 2019 show of blooming orchids March 9 and 10, 2019, at Skagit Valley Gardens, 18923 Peter Johnson Rd., Mount Vernon, WA 98273 (exit 221 on I-5). Open hours for the show are 9 to 5 on Saturday, and 9 to 4 on Sunday. There will be exhibits by orchid societies, and sales by Emerald City Orchids and MBOS members. The show and parking are free.

The show will be judged by American Orchid Society accredited judges, and ribbons and trophies will be awarded. Members will be available to answer your orchid questions. An orchid repotting service will also be available, along with instructions on how to grow orchids successfully at home. The nursery is a full-service nursery with café.

For more information, please contact Betsy at [betsyp1045@gmail.com](mailto:betsyp1045@gmail.com) (360-647-1752). The Facebook event page is at <https://www.facebook.com/events/473630206484411/>.

## Evergreen District Dissolution~~from your President, Judy Ness:

As mentioned at the January meeting I was notified by the Evergreen District Director Marie Waller that the Evergreen District is going to dissolve because of lack of interest. Currently there are 3 or 4 Arlington Garden Club members who participate in the District activities out of 108 members, which is a small percentage. A number of Districts have dissolved and garden clubs have left to go on their own and just be a garden club in their community. In 2002 there were 13 clubs in the Evergreen District and now there are 5 or 6.

The voting options are:

1. Go on our own as a club.
2. Joint Chuck-a-Nut District which is located to the north of us in Mt. Vernon. From what Marie told me they would like to disband also but they have a member who will be State President in a couple of years so they are going to continue. It would seem that unless there is a big influx of interest this District will disband in a few years also.
3. Continue to pay \$5.00 per member to the State and become a garden club at large, but not have voting rights. I do not know what we have ever voted on, but this is what I was told.

Ballots will be available when you arrive at the February meeting and a bag will be on each table for you to deposit your ballot. The majority of ballots voting will determine what the club will do.

**To Each Garden Club Member in Evergreen District**~~From Marie Waller, Evergreen District Director  
<[waller1397@comcast.net](mailto:waller1397@comcast.net)>

As the Director for Evergreen District, I have been asked by the upcoming President of the Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs (WSFGC), Dorrie Carr, to reach out to all of the garden club members in our District to see how they'd like to see funds from the sale of the WSFGC Headquarters House (HQH) (aka Garden House) on Beacon Hill in Seattle, spent over the next few years.

For those of you who aren't aware of the sale of the Headquarters House, here is some information regarding just that....

The house and property were sold to a young woman from Beacon Hill herself and she has plans to open a bakery in the house, called "Flour Box". Due to the age of the house, she wants to continue the process of getting Landmark Status approved. She has a lot of renovations to complete before it'll be open to the public. She also plans to host baking classes, weddings, community, and local events at the property. The house was sold on October 10<sup>th</sup> for \$1,438,888.

The "Headquarters House Sale Finance Committee" is currently being formed to determine the best ways to invest and use these monies.

In what ways could the HQH funds be used to benefit our members?

Please respond to Dorrie Carr directly with your response via email at [hdcarr@comcast.net](mailto:hdcarr@comcast.net)

**The Future of Evergreen District**~~

If you were at the January General meeting you probably remember Carol Jacques reporting that our Evergreen District of Garden Clubs is in a crisis because we apparently cannot come up with a slate of officers for our 2019-2021 election. Our district director, Marie Waller, has called a board meeting for February 19th at 10:00 at the City of Everett's Glenwood Fire Station which is just off of Everett's 41st Street which turns into Mukilteo Blvd. At this meeting we will be deciding upon several options:

1. To come up with a slate of Evergreen District officers for the 2019-2021 two years, while having a closer relationship with Chuckanut District officers, the District immediately to our North, encompassing Skagit, Island, and Whatcom Counties,
2. If our District cannot come up with our own slate of officers, merging with Chuckanut District or
3. Cease to exist as a district but clubs would have the option of still belonging to the federation by paying their annual dues, and becoming a club with membership-at-large, which would mean we would have no vote or official voice in the decisions the state organization makes, but members could still participate in national and state activities.

Chuckanut District charges their clubs dues of \$5.00 a year per member, and uses the money to pay for the registrations and transportation of their officers to represent them at the state meetings.

Evergreen District has never charged dues, but has done fund raisers and requested donations from their member clubs to pay for these expenses. There is a change if the two districts merged, they would be able to charge their clubs less per member per year because we have two large clubs, and they wouldn't need the extra money to pay their officer's expenses. If Evergreen District ceases to exist there is a chance Chuckanut District may petition the state to absorb Snohomish County anyway, and we'd still become a member of Chuckanut District.

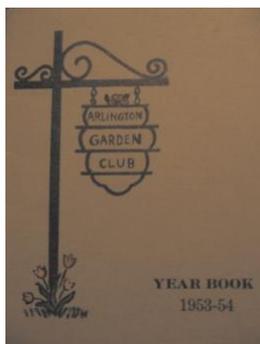
**ALL MEMBERS OF OUR GARDEN CLUB ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING ON FEBRUARY 19TH AT 10:00** at the City of Everett's Glenwood fire station which is about 3blocks South of Mukilteo Blvd (Everett's 41st Street becomes Mukilteo Blvd.)

Bea's schedule is that she is going to the VA hospital every-other day to sit with her brother who broke his neck Dec. 21st. The days she is home she would be available to discuss this further with you if you call her at 360-435-3892.

**Submitted by Bea Randal**

## ~~Looking Back as We Move Forward~~

### **Arlington Garden Club History (condensed)**



Trips made by members to commercial gardens and flower shows in adjacent cities and towns resulted in much valuable and inspirational information being brought back. In the fall, the Garden Club was asked to take charge of the general decorations at the Stillaguamish [sic] Fair. In return for a concession, where a flower show and a sale of plants and bulbs were conducted.

Election of officers was held on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, and Mrs. Meyer was re-elected President, with Mrs. E.W. Soper, as Vice President, and Mrs. John Wrage, Secretary-Treasurer. Meetings were discontinued during the winter months, and resumed on February 11<sup>th</sup>, when a pot-luck luncheon was held at the home of Mrs. A.H. Moll, and tentative plans were outlined for work for the coming year.

Under the competent supervision of Mrs. Lou Sontra, Chairman of the Park Committee, effective work at Terrace Park was carried on with the number of shrubs and plants already there, augmented by generous gifts.

Encouraged by the general reaction to the efforts to beautify the triangular plot on Lebanon St., and with the assurance of assistance from several of the business men, and from the City Council, who agreed to extend water pipes to the plot, more ambitious plans were put into effect, than had been attempted the previous year; and, under the direction of Mr. Earl Livingston, the soil was prepared, and the carrying out of a permanent plan was begun, Mrs. Mose and Mrs. Wrage especially distinguishing themselves, and qualifying as real "dirt gardeners".

### Stilly News~~



**Will Clinic** at Snohomish County Legal Services in Downtown Everett. February 9<sup>th</sup> with appointments available at 9:30am, 10:30am, and 11:30am. Free to income qualified seniors. Receive completed Last Will and Testament, Health Care Directive, and Durable Power of Attorney. Call 425-258-9283 ext. 22 for an appointment and to verify eligibility.

**AARP safe driving classes** are offered every other month. The 2019 schedule is as follows...March 19/20, May 14/15, July 9/10, Sept 10/11, Nov 12/13.

Sign up NOW for March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Spots fill quickly so call early. There is a fee paid directly to the instructor. You may become eligible for a discount on your auto insurance. There is also a discount for Stilly members. Call 360-653-4551 to reserve your spot!

**Preventing and Responding to Identity Theft** presented by the Sno-Isle Libraries. FREE to attend on Wednesday February 20<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm---3pm in the Board Room at the Stilly Center.

**Living Well with Diabetes.** FREE six-week course starts February 22. Six consecutive Fridays, 1:00pm---3:30pm at the Stilly Center. Call 425-265-2283 to register. PS...I just spoke with a recent graduate of this course who told me she is now able to manage her condition with diet and exercise---NO MEDICATIONS!

# Arlington Garden Club Board Meeting minutes ...

January 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Ness at 10:03am.

**Present:** Judy Ness/President, Barbara Lindberg/Treasurer, Jan Hawley/Vice President, Chris Nielsen/Secretary, Jack Lybyer, Merle Green, Judy Headrick, Penny Hanson, Kitty Fitch, Joyce Lybyer, Mike Conner, Cheri Hansen, Georgia Johnson, Ann Ostrander, Libby Adams, Karen Ricketts, Sharon Dittenberger

**Absent:** Nancy Yonker, Laura Lane, Dorothy Johnson, Rosalie Johansen, Connie Gronning

**Minutes:** No December board meeting was held.

**Financial Report:** Barbara Lindberg presented the financial report. It was accepted as presented.

Checking as of 12/31.....	\$6,028.80
Cash on hand.....	200.00
Savings.....	<u>4,000.61</u>
Total.....	\$10,229.41

Review of Holiday Garden financials:

Income.....	\$8,280.00
Expenses.....	4,186.64
Profit.....	\$4,093.36

Our non-profit fee has been paid to the Secretary of State.

**President's Comments:** Thank you note from Ruth Pfeiffer's family for flowers sent.

At the Jan 14<sup>th</sup> meeting I will call on Joyce Lybyer, Ann Ostrander and Merle Green to introduce their committee members.

**Committee Reports:** Judy Ness and Jan Hawley will be calling the Trustees to attend a meeting to discuss offices/positions that need to be filled. Trustees are Georgia Johnson, Dorothy Johnson and Joyce Lybyer.

**Communications:** Penny Hanson mentioned in the January Garden Scoop the DVD that records the beginning of the Arlington Garden Club in 1934 through 1968. Penny will be including excerpts in The Garden Scoop and the files have been sent to Tina Wilson for inclusion on the website. Judy Headrick suggested that we read the article at the meeting on Monday. Ann Ostrander also suggested using the material at the June Fling for the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

**Holiday Garden Publicity:** The Thank You ad to the Herald for the HG donations was very expensive. We won't be doing that again. Thank You notes that we are already sending to each organization is sufficient. It was suggested that we advertise our events on Channel 21.

**Programs:** Cheri Hansen – Thanks to Cheri with help from Chris Nielsen on the Christmas Party. It was a huge success. Everyone was happy to have the party at the Gleneagle Club House.

June Fling: Ann Ostrander – The theme will be “Happy Birthday”. Linda Wallitner is working with Ann and will be the chairperson for the 2020 June Fling. Will make a time slot for club history during the party.

June Fling Publicity: Dorothy Johnson – not here today. For the June Fling this year Judy would like the club to create a news article about the AGC, history and current activities, then go to the Arlington Times offices and present it. Ann Ostrander to call Dorothy and plan the publicity. Possibly to ask some members of the City Council to attend.

Plant Sale: Merle Green – Saturday, May 11, is sale date. Considered moving the sale from the Mayor’s Plaza to Legion Park. There would more room there and we have permission from the city. The down side is that it probably would be muddy and springtime is usually wet. After discussion it was decided to stay at the Mayor’s Plaza and expand into the parking lot.

Discussed including some vendors with garden related items at the Plant Sale. Not sure whether to charge a set fee or a percentage of their sales. No decision made.

Future Projects: Mike Conner – No news on the new community garden. It is moving forward.

Discussion regarding plaques for the memorial stones. Should each person that passes away have a separate stone under the memorial tree or should there be one stone for all future members. No decision made.

Old Business: The display sign on West Ave. is coming down.

Karen Ricketts will hand out sign-up forms for Fred Meyer to members at the meeting. Many shop there but are not signed up for this program. Also, sign-up for AmazonSmile on Amazon.com. The club is on the lists for both retailers to receive a percentage of purchases by members that are participating in the programs.

New Business: Request from the city to donate for shrubs at the Mayor’s Garden. Need more information; tabled until February meeting.

Kitty Fitch will take Hospitality position replacing Judy Headrick.

Sherri McCarthy will be home on January 14<sup>th</sup>. She is healing well but not ready to be out and about for about a month. Hopes to come to the February meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Nielsen/Secretary

# Arlington Garden Club Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Ness at 11:20 am.

**Minutes:** No December minutes to approve.

**Financial:** Barbara Lindberg presented the financial report. It was accepted.

Checking Bal as of 1/12.....\$5,961.15

Cash on hand.....200.00

Savings.....4,000.61

Total of check-cash-savings.....\$10,161.76

Members were encouraged to think about donation ideas; need to be horticultural, environmental or ecological.

**President's remarks:**

- + Long-time member **Ruth Pfeiffer** is visiting us today.
- + **Fred Meyer** – Discount totaled less than \$20 so no rebate this quarter. See Karen Ricketts for an application so your purchases at Fred Meyer can be included.
- + **Amazon Smile** – When you purchase on Amazon please register for Amazon Smile and indicate your donation to go to Arlington Garden Club.
- + **Craft ideas** for members to make and sell at the Holiday Garden: Gnome bottle toppers, decorated fancy bottles, painted wooden shapes. Share your ideas if you can think of any other ideas that we can make to sell.
- + Our donated **Metro Bench** on 204<sup>th</sup> was destroyed. Hope to have more information by next month on the replacement.

## Committee Reports:

**Communications** - Penny Hanson read from **our garden club's early history from 1934 - 1968** which was printed in The Garden Scoop in January. This reading was from the initial formation of the club in 1934 and we all enjoyed hearing the activities and the humor. We'll be sharing more of these moments in our history during the year.

**Sunshine Committee** - Sharon Dittenberger is now in charge of the Sunshine Committee.

**Membership** - Libby Adams – We have 109 members in our club. Remember to bring and wear name tags.

New Member – Marshall, Laurie 8420 123<sup>rd</sup> Ave. NE Lake Stevens 98258

Cell: 425-320-9689 backcountry03@frontier.com bd 9/29 j 1/19 (introduced by Marjorie Zehrung)

Guests – Mary Larmay brought by Barbara Clevenger

Shirley Campbell brought by Pat Veale

Lynn Johnson brought by Ron Young

**Activities** -

- + Trip to Bellingham to **Stephanie Burgess' shop for Peace Art** at the end of February. Transportation would be carpool or in your own car. If interested see Karen for the sign-up sheet.
- + **Potting Day at Sunnyside** will be Saturday, May 25.
- + Possible trip to **Vancouver Island** in the spring to visit gardens. No plans are made yet, just asking for interest. This was not discussed at the meeting but a sign-up sheet if interested was at the greeter's table.

**Programs -** Thank you to Cheri Hansen for a wonderful Christmas Party; and to Chris Nielsen for the Song Books, to Tam Conrad for the music and to Tina Wilson, Kitty Fitch and Sandra McDaniel for the table decorations.

**Mayor & Boulton Gardens -** Joyce Lybyer and her team: John Marsh, Tam Conrad, Kathy Engell, Guyce Lafavour, Dorothy Johnson, Ann Ostrander and Connie Gronning. New team members: Ann Brenaman, Kathleen Fitchitt and Ray and Carol Denton

**June Fling -** Ann Ostrander and her team: Linda Wallitner, Nona Anderson and Tam Conrad. Since this is the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year for the Arlington Garden Club we selected “Happy Birthday” as our theme. We will have the Silent Auction again with items members bring from home, and there will be 11-12 tables to decorate in the style of the theme. A sign-up sheet is going around for members who want to decorate a table.

**Plant Sale -** Merle Green and her team Faith Martin, Christy Fina and Guyce Lafavour. Saturday, May 11 is the day of our annual Plant Sale at the Mayor’s Court Yard. It is time to plant annual seeds indoors or divide and repot perennials from your garden. Don’t forget indoor plants if you have some to divide and replant. Also, keep in mind small trees, vegetables and herbs.

**Old Business:** JoAnn Heichel shared that **Inez Kuhnhausen** had a stroke last fall. She is our oldest member, is living at home and not able to attend the club meetings. She would love visitors; please call ahead and let her know you are coming.

**New Business:** **Dissolution of the Evergreen District** – The Evergreen District is choosing to dissolve because there are not enough people interested in attending the district meetings or participating as officers. Many clubs have chosen not to belong to the district because there isn’t the interest or the time to participate in the District, State and National meetings. There will be a vote at the February meeting on what our club will chose to do. 1. Go on our own. 2. Join the Chuck-a-Nut District (Mount Vernon). 3. Become a Club at Large – remaining in the State and National group. Discussion followed: Carol Jacques would like to see us choose to be a “Club at Large” and pay dues to get state and national news and magazine. Other members said they would miss the education and the social experience that belonging to the district provided. Many also realize that our lifestyles today are different from the past and most of us don’t have the time to devote belonging to the district and state groups. The **Blue Star Memorial** is sponsored by the Evergreen District, but with their dissolution, the Arlington Garden Club would like to take responsibility for upkeep of this memorial.

**This n’ That:** **Kitty Fitch** shared a very large dried hydrangea blossom. She has many starts from this plant. **Nita Dew** brought an arrangement of pink winter heather in a fairy garden arrangement. **Dianne Jochimsen** brought a large bromeliad with pink flowers and variegated foliage.

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Nielsen/Secretary



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