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The Garden Scoop

Arlington Garden Club

www.arlingtongardenclub.org

October 8th, 2018



Date **October 8th** at 11:00 am
Gleneagle Golf Club Family Restaurant
7619 W Country Club Drive, Arlington 360-435-6713

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 Chicken Chili

Greeters Barbara Van Buskirk & Jill Pflugrath

Program "Growing Iris All Year Long" with Patrick & Margaret Spence

Patrick and Margaret started their collection in 2004 with just a few irises. The collection grew quickly—fast enough that they opened Cascadia Iris Gardens in 2008. So much has changed since then. By 2011, their iris collection outgrew their property.

They found property in Lake Stevens in 2011 and moved there to start planting and continuing the business of sharing their love of irises. Unfortunately, with many setbacks.

Fast forward six years to 2017, and they are now producing excellent-quality irises. Their collection of Japanese irises is now one of the best anywhere, both in variety and quality. Their collection of 40-chromosome Siberian irises is unsurpassed in the United States and perhaps anywhere in the world.

They are adding collections of many different plant species. Receiving an excellent collection of spring ephemerals from Carla Lankow, trilliums, erythroniums, arisaemas and the like. They have well over 200 varieties of daylily, 50 or so peonies and have just started what they hope to be one of the largest collections of lilacs around.

They are also working diligently to provide an environment that attracts and protects the resident and migratory bird life in our area. See their Birds & Bees page to see Margaret's photos and read a few stories.

September Program~~ "Recycling Right" with Heather Teegarden was a very informative program and our group had many, many questions and comments for her, of which she answered all of them.



Heather Teegarden



Guyce Lafavour,
Heather Teegarden, &
Jeannie Lish

Here are a few of the flower decorations that many garden members brought to adorn our tables. To see more photos, visit our website www.arlingtongardenclub.org/.



Membership~~ Libby Adams, Membership Chairperson, reports that we have one new member:

Goetz, Kandy (Chuck) 3710 97th PL NE, Marysville, WA 98270
360-659-0245 cell: 425-345-7880 goetzce@comcast.net bd 10/8 j 9/18

June Boe has a new email address-- june.boe123@gmail.com
We had three quests: **Chuck and Kandy Goetz** who came with Jack Lybyer. **Pat Buchanan** was brought by Ron Young.

Financial~~ From Treasurer Barbara Lindberg, **The Joy of Giving Tree:** We still need additional members to volunteer to approach businesses for gift cards/coupons/certificates for the Joy of Giving Tree to be raffled off at the Holiday Garden. Please let me know if you can help with this and give me the name of the business that you will solicit so we don't duplicate our efforts. I also have the letter to give to the business and the receipt for the tax-deductible donation. I will have these letters at the board meeting and the general meeting in October. I need to have the gift cards/coupons by the end of October as we will be promoting our Holiday Garden and selling raffle tickets at Arlington Hardware on the first Saturday in November and we need to have a complete list so folks will know the value of the raffle. If we all just get one, it will make this a valuable tree(s) and make it easier to sell



the raffle tickets. Members can also purchase raffle tickets as well as sell them to our family, friends and acquaintances.

Holiday Garden~~ Raffle tickets and Bookmarks - Please sign up for raffle tickets to sell, not just for your purchase. We have 1000 tickets for this fund raiser. Remember your Book club, Quilt club, the gym you attend. Wherever you know people who might be interested. This is a group effort, not just one or two members.

September Activities Included~~ From President Judy Ness:

The gnome painting workshop was a lot of fun. We received 15 gnomes and still have 5 left to paint so another workshop will be held. We have an order for a Seahawk and a UW gnome. So only 13 more to sell!



Judy Ness



Carol Jacques & Connie Gronning



Jack Lybyer & Laura Lane



Joyce Lybyer

The cork workshop held on Sept. 20th went well with many attending:



Laura Lane, Cheri Hansen & Shauna Gould



Linda Monzo, Judy Headrick, & June Boe



Carol Jacques, Kristi Fina, and Karen Ricketts

The garden tour was a huge success with 16 or 17 members joining on a lovely day. Thank you to Sharon Dittenberger, Bea Randall and Kathy Engle for their generosity. It was evident that a lot of hard work went into getting ready to host us.





Activities for October~~ Save the date! **Thursday, October 18th**, 2nd Cork Workshop at the Stillaguamish Room from 10 am to 2 pm. We need your help to make enough cork ornaments to sell at the Holiday Garden. Come one, come all.

Biochar Pick up~~

BIOCHAR with or without Composted Dairy Manure
For pick up Tuesday, October 23rd, 11:00 am at our shed next to the Food Bank

In time for your fall garden!

The garden club is going to try to make available Biochar with manure for our members and possibly for sale at the Holiday Garden.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the October meeting to take orders.

The cost per bag is as follows:

Raw Biochar 1 cubic foot bag \$22.00

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**15% biochar & 85% dairy manure composted for over 4 months**

**1 cubic foot bag \$15.00**

**One cubic foot will cover an area 12 ft. x 12 ft. x one inch deep.**

**Biochar article on page 7.**

**Mayor's Garden**~~ From Joyce Lybyer: we had several people volunteer to work on the Mayor's Garden and eventually help with the new George Boulton addition right next to the Mayor's Garden. Here are the names of the new people: Pat Haugen, Anne Brenaman, Kathleen Fitchitt, Roy and Carol Denton.

A reminder to all the gardening team that we will have a work party right after our **October 8th** meeting at the Garden to clean up and plant spring bulbs. So please remember your gardening tools and gloves.

**November Activities**~~ **Arlington Hardware**-- Your help is needed to pass out bookmarks and sell raffle tickets on Saturday, **November 3rd**. A sign-up sheet will be available at the October meeting. There will be a sign-up sheet for each job.

**Wreath Decorating**-- Hadley Hall at the Boy's and Girl's Club on **November 14th at 10am to 2pm**. Be sure to bring wire and branch cutting tools to work with. Please bring a potluck dish to share with the group.

**Set-up for Holiday Garden**-- **November 16th with time yet to be determined.**

**AGC 2019 Plant Sale Team**~~ Fall is here, and we are busy putting our gardens to bed. Please remember to pot up any extra plants that you want to hold over for the 2019 Plant Sale.

Do you need planting pots? Please call Merle Green (360-436-1778) to arrange a delivery of the size and quantity of plastic pots you need.

[Member's Garden Photos for the Website](#)~~ The Arlington Garden Club website ([arlingtongardenclub.org](http://arlingtongardenclub.org)) includes a Members Page tab that has up-to-date photos, calendar of upcoming events, Garden Scoop editions (current and from the past year) as well as board and meeting minutes, plus more. At the top of the page is a photo of Karen Rickett's beautiful garden. The board agreed it would like to have a slideshow of member's gardens at the top of the website to replace the single photo. That's where you all come in! Please send Tina Wilson, editor of the website, the best photo(s) of your garden. This could be a general garden photo or a focus photo such as a specific flower, plant or focal point. Anything that shows your garden at its best. Photos can be taken any time of year. Photos submitted must be in focus or at least the main subject should be in focus. Please limit to three photos or fewer per member. Your name will be included with photos chosen just as Karen's name is included with the current photo at the top of the website. You may also include a very brief description of your photo such as flower name, etc. Email Tina a digital photo or mail her an actual printed photo that she can scan. Please see your yearbook for Tina's email and mailing address. Also, feel free to call her with questions. Printed photos will be returned upon request. There is no time limit and photos may be submitted any time of year. It would be great to get several right away, though, to get the slideshow going.

### [Learning Opportunities in our Community](#)~~

## Master Gardener Program Accepting Applications for 2019 Training

Join over 350 Snohomish County Master Gardeners in sharing good gardening and environmental stewardship practices with county residents by becoming a WSU Snohomish County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Community Educator.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2019 Master Gardener training class which starts in January. Training focuses on familiarization and learning how to use resources to research, educate, mentor, and answer horticulture questions for the public in a collaborative environment. All training is open book and no memorization is expected.

Training involves approximately 80 hours of classroom and workshop instruction held once a week on Thursdays, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> through March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Tuition for this extensive training program is \$275 plus a volunteer commitment of 40 hours each year for two years working, learning and having fun with other like-minded volunteers on a variety of horticultural and environmental educational projects. Without the volunteer commitment, tuition is \$775.

For more information and an application, please visit the Extension website at <http://tinyurl.com/y8srkp2y> or call the Extension Office at 425-338-2400.

## The 16th Annual Winter Speaker Series



Every year, when the days are at their shortest, the weather looks the bleakest, and die-hard gardeners are out shoveling compost in the mud, wondering if the sun will EVER shine again, the Snohomish County Master Gardener Foundation hosts the annual Sustainable Gardening Winter Speaker Series.

The lecture series features eight celebrity gardeners, authors and subject matter experts sharing their knowledge on a variety of gardening subjects. Whatever the topic, they are always entertaining and educational. Plus, they are SUCH a wonderful break from the winter doldrums!

The lectures are generally held every two weeks (exact scheduling depends on the speakers' availability) from the first Friday in January through early April in **Lynnwood, WA**. They run from 9:30 - 11:30am. Coffee and snacks are available at 9am and at the break.

Admission is by season pass sold between August and January. The price for a season subscription is \$85. Individual tickets are available at the door for \$20 on a space

available basis. (Season passes can be purchased online through Dec. 30th. After that date, they can be purchased at the door.)

In addition to the information shared by the speakers, gardeners can "talk shop" with other like-minded individuals. Many of the speakers will have their books available for purchase which they may sign after the session. In some cases, the speaker will bring favorite plants for sale.

The lectures are held Fridays from 9:30 am-11:30 am at:

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**6215 196th St SW**  
**Lynnwood, WA 98036**  
**(located west of Hwy 99, just past Trader Joe's)**

Come join us and get an early start planning your garden projects for 2019.

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### The EVERGREEN DISTRICT PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL FALL WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 18TH 10 am to 2 pm

Tickets are \$20 pre-sale \$25 at the door. Bea and Carol will have tickets at our OCTOBER meeting.

#### **First Speaker UP Is Our Club's Own SHAWN O'LEARY SPEAKING ON: "Cannabis - Oils and Creams"**

If you came to our AGC when he spoke to us, you heard him the first time he did a talk. Now he has had plenty of practice and while our talk was great he's WONDERFUL now!

If you missed him at our meeting here's your chance to hear his talk and have a really fun day, with lunch thrown in. Other programs featured are:

#### **"Tough Coastal Gardens" by Susan Calhoun and The East Lake Washington Designers Club doing a presentation on Floral Design**

Location: Rosehill Community Center  
304 Lincoln Avenue, Mukilteo, WA  
(Remember AGC is a member of the Evergreen  
District of Garden Clubs.)



#### Stilly News~~

**Donate to the Stilly Thrift Store!!!** The funds raised through sales at the thrift store contribute about 25% of our operating budget!!! Even if you do not think you have items of great value, remember that clothing that is too worn or stained to be saleable as apparel can be recycled. **Clean fabric can be bagged and labelled 'RECYCLE' and donated just like other items.**

**Shop at the Stilly Thrift Store.** We're open 10:00am---4:00pm Monday through Saturday.

**Flu Shot Clinic.** Bring your Medicare/Insurance card to the center on THURSDAY, October 18, from 10:00 am-12:00 noon.

## BIOCHAR

### **What is Biochar?**

One common attribute of all biochars is that they are primarily composed of recalcitrant carbon that can persist in soils for decades to millennia, but because there are many ways to produce biochars from many different feedstocks, the chemical and physical properties of biochar vary dramatically from one char to another.

Biochar is a soil amendment that is produced when organic waste material is partially combusted in the presence of limited oxygen. Biochar can be used by itself or can be blended with other soil amendments to address a wide range of environmental and agricultural Challenges. These applications include improving soil health, remediating polluted soils, sequestering carbon, lowering greenhouse gas emissions, and improving soil moisture.



### **What are the benefits of applying biochar to soil?**

When biochar is added to marginally productive or unhealthy soils, it can vastly improve the physical, biological, and chemical properties of the soil. For example, biochar can improve the health of the soil by increasing pH, it can help mitigate drought by increasing the ability of water to infiltrate or to remain in the soil, it can bind toxic metals to allow plants to grow and stabilize polluted landscapes, and it can provide hospitable climates to improve seed germination. You can learn about projects in the Pacific Northwest that harness these benefits to improve our regional soil quality and ecosystem health.

### **Answers to some Biochar questions.**

Biochar is not like potash. Potash has been used for many, many years to fertilize gardens but it only works for 2 to 3 years and then it starts to wash away with winter rains. Potash is derived from burning wood completely to ash. Biochar is also produced by burning wood but we stop it at the charcoal stage - well before it all turns to ash. Gardeners have to be careful if they continuously add potash or ash to the garden over many years. It can raise the pH well away from the 6.5 normally recommended for vegetable and flower gardens. Gardeners also have to be careful that too much potash can raise potassium levels way too high for good plant growth. If a gardener has been using potash for many years it is wise to get a soil test and see if the potassium levels are adequate or too high. If potassium levels are low, they should continue adding potash. Frankly, if potassium levels are adequate, I would start using biochar and loading it with a good organic fertilizer like compost.

The stuff they sell at Costco is Garden Grande. Keep an eye out at Costco because once it starts selling it sells out very, very quickly.

## **Arlington Garden Club Board Meeting minutes ...**

September 5, 2018

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

Present: Connie Gronning, Merle Green, Judy Headrick, Karen Ricketts, Libby Adams, Sharon Dittenberger, Penny Hanson, Linda Monzo, Cheri Hanson, Jan Hawley/Vice-pres., Barbara Lindberg/Treasurer, Chris Nielsen/Secretary, Judy Ness/President

Absent: Mike Conner, Joyce Lybyer, Jack Lybyer, Nancy Yonker, Rosalie Johansen, Georgia Johnson, Dorothy Johnson, Laura Lane

Minutes: The June Board Meeting minutes were approved as printed in the Scoop.

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

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| Checking balance as of 8/30/18 | \$4,536.26 |
| Cash on hand                   | 200.00     |
| AGC Business Savings           | 4,000.49   |
| Checks for month of 8/2018     | 575.20     |
| Deposits for month of 8/2018   | 465.00     |
| Outstanding checks             | 211.08     |

Total of checking-cash-savings \$8,736.75

President's Comments: -Holiday Garden Raffle Tickets are ready; will be picked up for Saturday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, "Art in the Park". Set up canopy on Friday at 3:00.  
-AGC may not be doing Children's Day at Stanwood School since there is a new principle for the school. We'll know more later.  
-At the AGC President's Retreat on Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> it was suggested to have one or two "Mingle Meetings" during the year to encourage members to expand their circle of friends in AGC and get to know new members. Suggested meetings were the November meeting and another in the spring. Encourage all members to introduce themselves to new members.  
- The city has asked AGC to take care of the Boulton Memorial Garden that is adjacent to the Mayor's Garden. Possibly asking other members to assume this task rather than asking Joyce Lybyer's group to do it. Table this until October.

Programs: -Cheri Hansen said that the planned program for September had to be cancelled and is replaced by "Recycling Right" with Heather Teegarden. This was recommended by several AGC members.  
-It was suggested that if members have a topic or question they would like addressed during the program to write it on a card to be collected before the speaker gives the presentation so that these topics could be included during the talk.  
-Remind the speaker to repeat questions from the audience over the microphone so all members will hear.  
-Looking for trainee to shadow Cheri Hansen this year.

#### Committee Reports

##### Activities:

**9/17 - Gnome Workshop** will be at Judy Ness' on Monday, September 17. Signup sheet at September Meeting. The club purchased 20 gnomes for \$20 each. Need members to take orders from friends for paint colors (suggested Seahawks, UW, WSU). Suggested sale price \$45 to be lowered if not selling. Ready to sell at Holiday Garden, and at Plant sale if any left.

**9/18 - Downtown Garden Tour** – Tuesday, September 18, AGC Tour of members' gardens in "Old Town" Arlington.

**9/20 - Cork Workshop** – Thursday, September 20, 10am - Bring hot glue gun, glitter, craft paint - at the Utility Building (where the Board Meeting is held).

##### Holiday Garden:

**-Planning meeting** for Holiday Garden will be Saturday, Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, at 10am at Gleneagle.

**-Cutting evergreens** for wreaths and arrangements will be at Connie Gronning's on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10am. Bring totes for the greens. We'll also be wiring the greenery to wreath forms in preparation for decorations.



-**Decorating wreaths** and making small arrangements on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 – 2:30 at Boys and Girls Club.

Old Business: -Cheri Hansen requested the club purchase a **portable speaker** for the microphone for off-site events. Judy Headrick made a motion and Karen Ricketts seconded. All in favor.  
-Judy Ness requested that the club purchase **on-line storage space** available from the web site through GoDaddy to store important documents and have them easily available for the club now and in the future. This service will add approximately \$20 a year to the website fee of \$225 per year. Connie Gronning made a motion and Barbara Lindberg seconded. All in favor.  
-Judy Ness requested that the club add funds to our account at **Copy, Mail & More** when the club needs good quality copies made quickly. Judy Headrick made a motion and Connie Gronning seconded. All in favor.

New Business: -Judy Ness requested someone with computer skill to send out the Holiday Garden flyer to local floral clubs and previous year's guests.  
-Karen Ricketts suggested that members bring their copy of The Scoop to the meeting each month to highlight activities happening.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 am.  
Respectfully submitted by Chris Nielsen, Secretary

## Arlington Garden Club Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Ness at 11:25 am.

Minutes: The May general meeting minutes were accepted as presented in the Scoop.

Financial: Barbara Lindberg presented an abbreviated financial report. If you would like a complete report Barbara has them available. The report was accepted as presented.

Checking Bal as of 8/30.....\$4,536.26  
Cash on hand.....200.00  
Savings.....4,000.49  
Total of check-cash-savings...\$8,736.75

**Joy of Giving Tree** – Let Barb know if you want to add a contributor to the donation list and please gather the donations as soon as possible. We plan on splitting the gift certificates among two, and possibly three, trees.

Barbara Van Buskirk has raffle tickets for the Joy of Giving Tree.

See Barb Lindberg for AGC Logo patches, \$10 each.

President's remarks: + New start time for the business meeting will be 11:20 (make a note in your directory on page 32). We need a little more time so we don't run over in the afternoon. Also, please have your raffle donations on the table by 11:00.  
+ During the President's Retreat in August it was suggested we have "Mingle Meetings" a couple of times during the year to enable the members, old and new, to mix with new members. We plan on doing this in November and again in March.  
+ Past experience has shown that passing out bookmarks for advertising AGC projects in the Gleneagle community is not proving worthwhile, and the bookmarks could be better utilized in other areas.  
+ Six more 5 ft. plywood gnomes have been made for pathway signs and decorations during our Holiday Garden and Plant Sale. Six volunteers stepped forward to paint them - Linda Wallitner, Tam Conrad, Jack Lybyer, Ron Young & Pat Buchanan, Carol Jacques and Nona Anderson. Gary Lindlof is making stands for these gnomes.

- Membership:** We welcomed Chuck and Kandy Goetz guests of Jack and Joyce Lybyer, and then Kandy joined during the meeting. Pat Buchanan came as a guest with Ron Young.
- Programs:** Cheri Hansen, program chairman, is looking for someone to shadow her position this year and take the program position beginning next fall.
- Activities:** **Gnome Painting** – Mon, Sept 17, at 10:00: Instructions by PNW Stone Works at Judy Ness'.  
**Garden Tour of Old Arlington** – Tue, Sept 18, at 1 pm: Meet at the Mayor's Garden.  
**Cork Workshop** – Thurs, Sept 20, at 10:00: Making items for the Holiday Garden at the Utility Building.  
**Holiday Garden Planning Meeting** – Sat, Sept 29, at 10:00 at Gleneagle.  
**Arlington Hardware** – Sat, Nov 3 to pass out bookmarks and sell raffle tickets.  
**Cutting greens and forming wreaths** – Thurs, Nov 8, at 10:00 at Connie Gronning's. Bring large totes to carry greens, gloves, and pruning shears.  
**Decorating Wreaths** – Wed, Nov 14, at 10:00 – 3:30 at Boys & Girls Club, Hadley Hall: Potluck lunch.
- Committee Reports:** + Joyce Lybyer had a work party last week at the Mayor's Garden in preparation for the AGC Garden Tour. The group will be planting bulbs in October.  
+ The city has asked the garden club to take over the upkeep for the George Boulton Memorial. Joyce announced that five members have volunteered: Pat Haugen, Kathleen Fitchitt, Anne Brenaman and Roy and Carol Denton.

Bea Randall proudly announced that our club won all the awards at the Evergreen District Flower Show and she had a nice display of pictures.

Carol Jacques presented two certificates from the District: one to show their appreciation for the AGC taking care of the Blue Star Memorial at the I5 rest stop, and the other for all our community projects.

Kristi Fina announced that she has many pots, small and large, to donate.

Kitty Fitch is planning to be back in October and thanks to members that helped take care of her plants over the summer.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00

Respectfully submitted by Chris Nielsen/Secretary

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TO PLANT A GARDEN  
*is to believe*  
IN TOMORROW.

audrey hepburn

