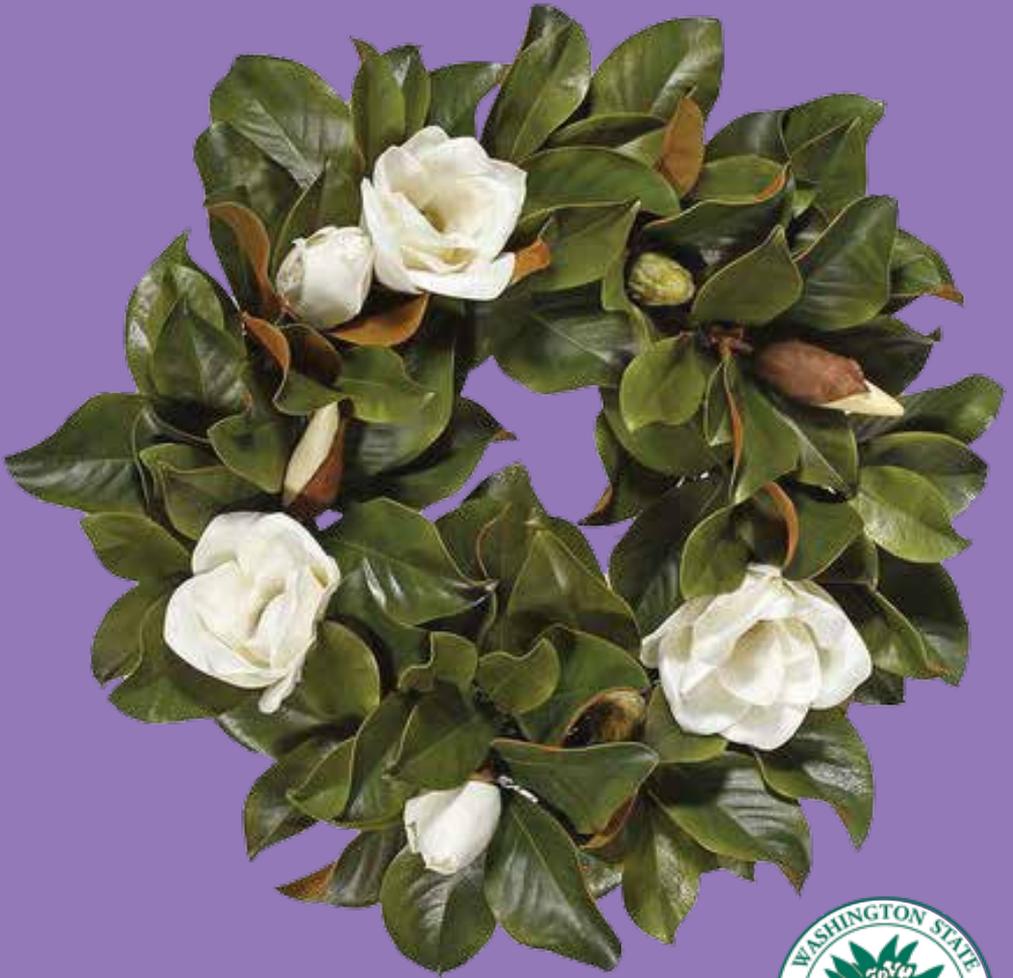


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# PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear Members,

I hope you enjoyed the Holiday Season and all its delights and activities. Take time to relax and take care of yourself so that you can appreciate all that you have, not worry about what you do not have. Remember the Rolling Stones' song, "You Can't Always Get What You Want." During this time of the year, it is helpful to reflect on the past year and think about your hopes and goals for the next year. I receive so much from all of you and your abilities with your gardens, floral designs, and activities to improve our world. I will strive to get into my garden in the new year. Hope springs eternal.

It was wonderful seeing so many of you in person at the Winter Board Meeting at the Little Creek Casino Resort in Shelton. Having the Flower Show made us feel as if life might someday become more normal. Being able to meet and share ideas is always a benefit of meeting with other members. I especially enjoyed the Blue Star By-Way Marker dedication in Kelso on November 11, 2021. It was such an inspiring dedication and reminded us of all that we owe to those who have served.

Please take advantage of the opportunities available to you online through our website, [www.wagardenclubs.com](http://www.wagardenclubs.com) and the National Garden Club's website, [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org). There is so much information online from NGC schools, many online blogs and ways to connect with each other. Do you know about NGC Membership Mondays via Zoom? Check out the website. Being a member of WSFGC and NGC gives clubs access to grants for activities to benefit your clubs and its goals. Have you explored the free websites for online classes and events such as Eventbrite? It is also a terrific way to advertise your club activities.

Best wishes to you.

–Anne Sullivan

President, WSFSG

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*"Flexibility and an open mind allow us to grow our abilities and our gardens. Do not audit life. Step up and make the most of your life now."*

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Magnolia trees are found throughout the Williamsburg Historic Area. Their deep green leaves are every bit as beautiful as their large, fragrant flowers. Magnolia trees are a favorite for use in decorations around Colonial Williamsburg. Magnolia trees were thriving in Virginia and the eastern United States before the first colonist arrived. Explorers were astonished by their first glimpse of this enormous, unusual tree with its fragrant giant blossoms.



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Photo from "Colonial Williamsburg Catalog,"  
courtesy of Anne Sullivan.

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# WSFGC NEWS

## Kelso Garden Club Dedicates Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker November 11, 2021

Blustery weather on Veterans Day could not dampen the spirits of local veterans and more than 100 guests attending the dedication of the first Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker in Cowlitz County, Washington.

Sponsored by the Kelso Garden Club, the By-Way Marker is located in Tam O'Shanter Park in Kelso. Veterans from WW II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the War on Terrorism (Desert Storm, Gulf War, Afghanistan) had the honor of unveiling the memorial stone and revealing the trib-

ute to all members of the American Armed Forces, whether past, present or future.

Speakers included WSFGC President Anne Sullivan, Pacific Region Director Lana Finegold, 2019-2021 Pacific Region Blue Star Marker Chairman Diane Franchini and Immediate Former WSFGC President Dorrie Carr. Cowlitz County Staff Chaplain and Marine veteran Mario Gambaro gave the Invocation and offered a tribute to our veterans. He reminded the audience that the reason they could



**Photo ©2021 Brennan Kauffman/The Daily News** From left, Korean War Veteran Ronald Rider, WWII Veteran Ronnie Vernon, Korean War Veteran Bernard Schleb, Vietnam War Veteran Michael Gholston and Iraq War Veteran Derek McCorkle unveil the Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker in Tam O'Shanter Park, Kelso on Veterans Day 2021.



Photos by Anne Sullivan



The Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker was dedicated in Kelso on November 11, 2021 by the Kelso Garden Club.

attend a baseball game at the stadium across from the memorial site was because that freedom was assured by the men and women who serve in the armed forces. Mayor Nancy Malone accepted the Blue Star Marker on behalf of the City of Kelso.

Kelso Garden Club members hope the Blue Star Marker will help our community acknowledge, appreciate and remember ALL local military members. We hope the memorial will stand as a permanent sign of gratitude to the veterans and their families for their courage, determination and perseverance which protects the freedoms of our nation.

—Sarah Koss,  
President Kelso Garden Club

Below: Present at the dedication in Kelso are (L to R) Pacific Region Director Lana Finegold, WSFGC President Anne Sullivan, WSFGC Former President Dorrie Carr and Pacific Region Blue Star Marker (2019-2021) Chairman Diane Franchini.



## Central District Garden Clubs Are Active

Happy New Year to everyone! We hope you enjoyed time with family and friends as you celebrated the season. We have been busy and want to share our news with you.

Our October 25th **General Membership** meeting was filled with lots of fun new ideas. We had lots of prizes for members who brought a first-time attendee to a district meeting and for every member who showed up with their new *2021-2023 Central District Directory* in hand. Everyone loves prizes. We had a Directory Scavenger Hunt that was lively and encouraged members to actually open their Directory to see what's inside.

We were excited to welcome Linda Maida and Judy Strickland from Hill and Dale District, who gave us a fabulous design program and a chrysanthemum horticulture program at our Naches venue. They were informative, entertaining and even helped judge our flower show. With only 17 in attendance plus three guests we still had a respectable flower show with 43 entries, including ten designs and four photographs. Linda even brought a member up to create a pumpkin design. Claudia was so excited because it was the first design she had ever done. I think we got her hooked!!

With only three clubs in Central District, we celebrate everything that each club is doing. **Mt. Cleman Garden Club** added two new members. They hosted a "Brown Knees and Dirty Fingernails" youth gar-

dening booth at the Naches Sportsman's Days community event. Kids (and some adults) enjoyed planting a shoe with *Sempervivum* (Hens and Chicks) succulents to take home. They planted a total of 70 shoes before the supplies ran out. They supported the Town of Naches' Christmas festival with a lighted truck parade and a visit from Santa sitting next to an eight-foot tree decorated by the club. Every year the tree is decorated with a different theme. This year's decorations were multi-colored painted hydrangeas, drummer boy drums made from commercial toilet paper rolls, and bells made from mini flowerpots. Members celebrated the holiday with a luncheon, gift exchange and a canned food drive. Non-perishable foods were donated to a local family. The membership, although very small, is very generous, donating over \$200 worth of food annually.

**Queens of Spades Garden Club** is trying several field trip meetings. The first one was held at Wheel Line Cider in the Upper Badger Pocket area of Kittitas County. They toured the facility, tasted some hard cider, and learned about the four-generation business. They learned to make wreaths using a wreath-making machine at Diane Franchini's in November and looked forward to once again getting together for a Christmas party and donating to the FISH food bank and the women's shelter in Ellensburg. The Kids Centerpiece event that they have done for many



years was different this year. One hundred “Grab-and-Go” kits with all the materials and instructions were assembled so that kids could make their centerpiece at home.

**Toppenish Garden Club** had a member put on a workshop on Mason Jar Designs that they turned into centerpieces for the district meeting. They are also working on their Blue Star Marker at the Toppenish Flag Pavilion and want to share some exciting news about it at our

next meeting. They celebrated the holidays by making Christmas swags to sell. They also invited people to join in making their own swag using the club’s donated materials and their “swag making” experience. Swag making is always a fun time with fellowship, food and lots of laughter. Members decided to use the money they would have spent on their usual Christmas party gift exchange to donate to a local charity.

—Diane Franchini, Director



Advertise your next district or club  
event in your magazine,  
*Washington Garden & Design.*  
Download information from  
*wagardenclubs.com* or from your  
*WSFGC Program and Meeting Guide.*



# WSFGC NEWS

## Environmental Consultants

Several Environmental Consultants took a virtual Tri-Refresher online from Ohio. WSFGC has 13 Environmental Consultants and two

Master Environmental Consultants.  
—*Lana Finegold*,  
Pacific Region Director

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## Judges Council

As chairman of the WSFGC Judges Credentials Committee I am pleased to announce that Lenda Sundene of East Lake Washington District and Susan Nash of Chinook District are now NGC Accredited Judges. They have passed four different flower show schools, written a flower show schedule and taken the written book test over the last few years. They will be wonderful additions to our WSFGC Judges Councils. Congratulations.

Also National Garden Clubs has granted Emeritus status to Esther Banholzer at her request. She has been a judge for 33 years in Chinook

District. Through her years as a garden club member she has served on many committees. She has been state Flower Show Schools Chairman, Symposium Chairman and Judges Credentials Chairman for numerous terms. Esther has been District Director of Chinook District and served on the WSFGC Nominating Committee several times. She has been very active in her club, her district and our state. We will miss her very much.

—*Sherry Matthews*,  
WSFGC Judges  
Credentials Chairman

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## WSFGC Booth at Northwest Flower & Garden Festival

Northwest Flower & Garden Festival will be held February 9-13 at the Washington State Convention Center, 705 Pike Street, Seattle. WSFGC Eastlake Washington District Director Linda White, [elwd.org](http://elwd.org) and Greater Seattle District Director

Mitch Grospe, [greaterseattledistrict-gardenclubs.com](http://greaterseattledistrict-gardenclubs.com) are teaming up to share a booth at the Northwest Flower & Garden Festival to promote our Districts and attract new members. Purchase tickets at [gardenshow.com](http://gardenshow.com).

## REMEMBERING KAREN LEE



Karen Huie Lee, 67, went to be with the Lord after a valiant struggle with health issues, most recently from the side effects of COVID 19. She passed on September 6, 2021. Karen loved her pets and was an enthusiastic gardener. She served as President of Issaquah Garden Club, 2004-2007, and Pres-

ident of Avant Designers in East Lake Washington District, 2007-09. She served WSFGC on the Board of Directors from 2005 until she died. For WSFGC she chaired Membership brochures and longevity certificates, 2005-2011; Yearbooks, 2011-2019; Landscape Design Awards, 2019-21. She was a talented floral designer and won the WSFGC Artistic Craft Award for a lovely necklace made of hydrangea flowers.

With a background in marketing, she advised WSFGC to use a larger font in its membership brochure. Her computer skills were noteworthy. She created a member interest card that was used for many years at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show Educational Booth hosted by WSFGC. She will be missed.

Surviving is her husband Dale Weiss. His address is 582 240th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA 98074-3634.



# WSFGC NEWS

## HOLIDAY SHOW 2021 *Sights and Sounds of the Season* An NGC Standard Flower Show

Members from all over Washington State took the opportunity to participate in the NGC Standard Flower Show, *Sights and Sounds of the Season*, at the winter state board meeting held at Little Creek Casino Resort in Shelton on November 8-9, 2021. Many were hungry for the opportunity to design, show horticulture and be with friends from across the miles. Yep, we got the band back together again...and it was a beaut'.

Everyone was carefully masked, but you could see the smiles in participants' eyes. Uncertain of how many would show up with horticulture, some shuffling of exhibits was required to spread the bounty from crowded tables to others with more room. You never know what will come in, and our growers didn't disappoint. Designers, both new and experienced, adjusted their designs, very happy to be with other flower show fans. New designers found it doesn't actually "hurt" to enter a flower show. Others were happy to see they have still "got it" even after a hiatus.

Show Chairman Suzann Stahl held meetings by Zoom for committee members to exchange ideas and plans. She was also the Awards Chairman and provided signage and

printing. Show Co-Chairman Ellen Daly assisted Suzann and created the theme staging and logo. Julie Darby tended to hostesses, logistics and happily helped anyone who asked. Dorothy Bertram was the Judges Chairman, and all extend a special thank you to the judges and alternate judges who provided their expertise.

Dorrie Carr was the Horticulture Chairman, ably assisted by Diane Pfundt, Dana Risch and Anne-Marie Stedham. Brynn Tavasci wrote the schedule, created the floor plan and was back-up for Classification Chairman Jeanette Pruin. Advance entries were taken by Tory Bennett. Diane Franchini was Design Consultant and Clerks Chairman. A grateful thank you goes to the hardworking clerks team: Becky Flaherty, Deborah Green, Terry Critchlow, Judy Smith, Robin Kabrich, Loretta Lukkasson, Veronika Dunnam, and Tory Bennett. Thanks to photographer Sharon McKissick for the excellent photos.

Thank you to all the exhibitors who entered design and horticulture; there is no show without you.

—Brynn Tavasci,  
NGC Master Flower Show Judge



Staging photos by Sharon McKissick.

Staging by Ellen Daly set the mood for a festive Holiday Show inviting enthusiastic exhibitors to participate.



*"Sights and Sounds  
of the Season"*

**Washington State Federation of  
Garden Clubs presents a  
Free Flower Show Open to the Public**

**Little Creek Casino Grand Ballroom A & B  
Monday, November 8 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 9 from 9:00 a.m. - noon**

**Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc. &  
Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.  
*For the safety of yourself and others,  
please wear a mask!***



# AWARDS

## Sights and Sounds of the Season Top Exhibit Award Winners November 8 & 9, 2021

<b>Award</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Garden Club</b>	<b>District</b>
Award of Merit	<b>Chris Sherrill</b> <i>Abutilon megapotamicum</i> 'Vesuvius'	Country Gardeners	Hill and Dale
	<b>Gale Baullinger</b> <i>Cucurbita pepo</i> 'Tiger Stripe'	West Sammamish	East Lake Washington
Arboreal Award	<b>Kris Ripley</b> <i>Thuja</i> 'Ember Waves'	Des Moines	Chinook
	<b>Gale Baullinger</b> <i>Fatsia japonica</i> 'Variegata' Camouflage™	West Sammamish	East Lake Washington
	<b>Lana Finegold</b> <i>Cotoneaster lacteus</i>	Sherwood Forest	East Lake Washington
Award of Horticultural Excellence	<b>Gale Baullinger</b> <i>Fatsia japonica</i> 'Variegata' Camouflage™	West Sammamish	East Lake Washington
Betty Belcher Horticulture Award	<b>Gale Baullinger</b> <i>Fatsia japonica</i> 'Variegata' Camouflage™	West Sammamish	East Lake Washington
Designer's Choice Award	<b>Judy Boxx</b> "Crisp Air"	Tulip Valley Gardeners CAL	
Designer's Choice Award	<b>Tory Bennett</b> "Sugar Plums"	Enumclaw	Chinook
Petite Award	<b>Sherry Matthews</b> "A Tiny Bit of Magic"	Glove and Trowel	Hill and Dale
Ellen B. Swenson	<b>Judy Boxx</b> "Crisp Air"	Tulip Valley Gardeners CAL	
Judith Juno Petite Design Award	<b>Sherry Matthews</b> "A Tiny Bit of Magic"	Glove and Trowel	Hill and Dale
Holiday Excellence Award	<b>Judy Boxx</b> "Crisp Air"	Tulip Valley Gardeners CAL	
Recycling Award	<b>Sherry Matthews</b> "A Tiny Bit of Magic"	Glove and Trowel	Hill and Dale



Photos by Sharon McKissick.

## Top Exhibitor Awards for Horticulture



Award of Merit, Chris Sherrill, Country Gardeners, Hill and Dale, *Abutilon megapotamicom* 'Vesuvius'



Award of Merit, Gale Baullinger West Sammamish, East Lake *Cucurbita pepo* 'Tiger Stripe'



Arboreal Award, Kris Ripley, Des Moines, Chinook, *Thuja* 'Ember Waves'



NGC Award of Horticultural Excellence, NGC Arboreal Award, WSFGC Betty Belcher Horticulture Award, Gale Baullinger, West Sammamish, East Lake Washington, *Fatsia japonica* 'Variegata' Camouflage™



Arboreal Award, Lana Finegold, Sherwood Forest, East Lake Washington, *Cotoneaster lacteus*

# AWARDS

## Top Exhibitor Awards for Design



**WSFGC Judith Juno Petite Award, WSFGC Recycling Award, NGC Petite Award, Sherry Matthews, Glove and Trowel, Hill and Dale, "A Tiny Bit of Magic"**

**WSFGC Holiday Excellence Award, NGC Designer's Choice Award, WSFGC Ellen B. Swenson Award, Judy Boxx, Tulip Valley Gardeners, CAL, "Crisp Air"**

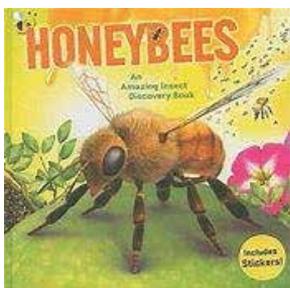


**NGC Designer's Choice Award, Tory Bennett, Enumclaw, Chinook, "Sugar Plums"**

**Closeup view of Petite Design by Sherry Matthews, Glove and Trowel, Hill and Dale, "A Tiny Bit of Magic"**



# BOOK REVIEWS



## *Honeybees, An Amazing Insect Discovery Book*

**Susan Ring**

**Illustrated by Kim & James Neale**

**2009 Piggy Toes Press**

**\$5.00 Hardcover**

Learn all about honeybees for ages three and up. This is a short book and very informative for learning about the honeybee. Pictures and words clearly portray how they eat, pollinate and dance. A section on beekeepers and how the bee makes the hive and honey is enchanting. Let's help to keep honeybees happy!



## *The Little Guides: Flowers*

**Geoffrey Burnie**

**2000 Fog City Press**

**\$14.95 paperback**

This is a small book but full of information about flowers of many types: annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs and bulbs. Each section of flower type has landscaping design hints to help you decide on how and what you want to grow. Do you want color, fragrance or a particular bloom time? Many plants are listed of each type with their growing guidelines and the best site for your landscape. Suggestions are given for whether you want to start your own with seeds or to buy starts at your favorite nursery. To enjoy your garden all year, clear directions are given on how to plant and care for them over the seasons.



## *A Kid's Herb Book, for children of all ages*

**Lesley Tierra**

**L.Ac., AHG**

**Illustrations**

**by Susie**

**Wilson**

**2000 Robert**

**D. Reed**

**Publishers**

**\$19.95 paperback**

Did you ever want to know about the art of herbal medicine? The author feels that there is a profound and lasting value to that which we take

the time to introduce to our young children because seeds planted in youth are those whose roots go the deepest. This is a great book full of projects, activities, songs, stories, and recipes for young children or old about common herbs. They introduce about 17 common herbs that you will find in your yard, or out in the neighborhood in sidewalk cracks or at the local nursery. You will learn what the plant is used for, how to create a tea, candy, pop, salve or present, and where or how the plant grows. Gardening is a wonderful science for enjoyment.

# HORTICULTURE

## A POTLUCK OF PRETTY PLANTS

One can find many fuchsias that are more winter-hardy than their predecessors. Plant breeders have worked to create fuchsia that will do well in areas with moderately cold winters. In my Zone 7a garden I have several that grow and bloom quite well. The newest addition is *Fuchsia 'Genii'* which is an award-winning erect plant that grows approximately three feet high and two feet wide. It begins blooming from early summer until first frost and the single, small to medium flowers feature narrow, elegantly upcurved cerise sepals, a slender cerise tube and reddish-purple petals. These really pop against the handsome, small, golden leaves. The luminous foliage and lovely pendant flowers make this shrub stand out in a semi-shady spot in your garden. It is hardy in Zones 7 through 9 and not too fussy about soil type. Typical of fuchsia this plant will appreciate a spot where the soil stays moist but not soggy.

*Sedum* is another plant genus that is being given quite the makeover. *Sedum spurium 'Voodoo'* is a showy, low water groundcover that makes a show in the landscape with its deep red, evergreen foliage and showy rose-pink summer flowers. Like most sedums it has a wide hardiness range of Zones 4 through 9 and has best color in full sun but will tolerate semi-shade. Sedums are low water users so are perfect for that hot, dry spot where you need color. 'Voodoo' grows about four to five inches tall and like most groundcovers it will fill in nicely. *Sedum 'Back*

*in Black'* is a hybrid with the look of the old *Sedum spectabile*, which is an upright form that spreads slowly. The foliage is, as you can imagine from the name, quite dark. It is nearly black and the flowers in mid to late summer are a great contrast being a dark pink to red. This sedum grows about 18 inches tall. Another similar plant is *Sedum 'Mr. Goodbud'* that has large dense heads of light purple buds that make the dark purple flowers look fantastic as they open. This is a more compact, shorter plant. *Sedum makinoi 'Ogon'* has a cheerful look. Dainty golden yellow leaves with red stems are the hallmark of this low growing mat-forming plant. Its height is about two to four inches. It makes a great filler in a pot with its cheerful color as it cascades over the edge of the pot. *Sedum hakonense 'Chocolate*



*Sedum spurium 'Voodoo'*

Photo by Cassiokrauze, www.stock.adobe.com



Ball' has needle-like, dark bronze to deep brown foliage and forms a low neat mound. Its late summer, yellow star-shaped flowers stand out nicely against the dark foliage. This unique plant forms a low spreading mound that, with the onset of cooler temperatures, the foliage takes on a lovely reddish hue.

*Tecomaria capensis*—Cape Honeysuckle—did not disappoint this summer in the garden. It was new this spring and took off quickly after being planted in the ground. It was purchased to offer color in the fall garden. Its bright green foliage and its growth habit while mostly upright is also reminiscent of its cousin the *Campsis Radicans*—Trumpet Vine. The flowers are smaller than a trumpet vine and a deeper red-orange. It is hardy in Zones 7b through 11. It is an evergreen shrub in the warmer part of its range with sprawling, woody, vine-like stems. Branches can be pruned and shaped to form a lush shrub or hedge. It may grow as high as 72 inches tall if not pruned. My new plant remained upright and grew about five feet tall with several branches covered with flowers starting in late July and continuing until a hard frost zapped its leaves. Here at the very edge of its hardiness the cold winter will no doubt kill back some of this year's growth.

"What is that?" It is a new dwarf of *Poncirus trifoliata* called 'Baby Dragon.' I have grown the larger form *P. trifoliata* 'Flying Dragon' in my garden for several years. I love the unusual contorted, ridged, twisted stems with their inch-long spines. The leaves are small and dark green. Fragrant flow-

ers are borne in the late spring and early summer; eventually orange-like small fruit develop. The tiny 'Baby Dragon' is the supremely dwarf of this plant and sports highly congested and twisted deep green stems armed with green thorns and the occasional lacy leaf. The mostly green stems are able to photosynthesize giving this fun little plant the capacity to survive with few leaves. This new dwarf is an architectural delight that looks amazing in the right pot. It is hardy in Zones 6a through 10b and will take sun to part shade and will grow slowly to about four feet tall and wide.

Fancy-leafed geraniums or Pelargoniums more correctly are not only attractive with their bold foliage colors, they also bloom spring through fall. *Pelargonium* 'Mrs. Pollock' is noted for its terrific tri-color foliage. In a warmer climate it is a bushy, evergreen, tender perennial with large leaves adorned with green centers, gold edges and brilliant dark red splashes. It blooms with double scarlet-red flowers. This is an heirloom variety dating from 1858. Another outstanding choice is *Pelargonium* 'Happy Thought.' This cultivar has a green ruffled leaf with a creamy yellow center and a slight brown tone. The flowers are red, and the growth habit is strongly upright. These plants can be saved for years if you pot them up and put them in a place where they will not freeze solid for the winter.

Help yourself and choose a selection from this fanciful potluck and continue to enjoy and explore the world of gardening.

## Bird Watching: Woodpeckers

High energy suet is an excellent source of food for many birds all year long. Birds come to the suet feeders during the breeding season in the spring when constructing their nesting sites, in the summer when feeding their young and in the winter months when food can be scarce.

This summer I enjoyed watching all the woodpeckers coming to the high energy suet cakes that are attached to the Douglas Fir tree in my Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary. I keep the suet in the refrigerator as they are easier to handle and was hanging up two high-energy suet cakes every day!

*Downy Woodpecker:* At six inches, this is a sparrow-sized black and white bird. Males have a small red patch on nape with a short, stubby tail. Males are larger than females. Their habitat is woodlands, parks and gardens. The male chisels into wood with his longer, stronger bill while the female pries under the wood with her shorter bill. She lays four or five white eggs in a hole in a tree. They reside from Alaska across Canada south throughout the United States except the Southwest.



*Hairy Woodpecker:* At nine inches, this robin-size woodpecker is black and white with unspotted white back and long bill. The male has a red head patch. They have undulating flight and a sharp distinctive peek voice.



The male has a red head patch. They have undulating flight and a sharp distinctive peek voice.

Their habitat is deciduous forests. The female lays four white eggs in a hole in a tree. They secure food by hammering holes through bark and extracting grubs with their extremely long, flexible tongues. They reside from Alaska and across Canada south throughout the United States to the Gulf of Mexico.

*Pileated Woodpecker:* At seventeen inches this is the largest woodpecker in North America. Black with white neck stripes, conspicuous white wing



linings and prominent red crest, the males have a red "mustache," females have black. Voice is a loud-like cuck-cuk-cuk-cuk



Photos courtesy of stock.adobe.com

rising and then falling in pitch and volume. Habitat is mature forests and borders. Four white eggs are laid in a tree cavity. Staple food consists of carpenter ants living in fallen timber, dead roots and stumps. The pileated woodpecker excavates fist-sized rectangular cavities and uses its enormously long, sticky tongue to reach the ant burrows. Residents live across southern Canada, south in mountains of Northwestern states and east to Gulf Coast states.

It was a thrill this summer to have a pair of pileated woodpeckers bring their two young to the suet feeders. They also all enjoyed drinking at the nearby bird bath.

*Northern Flicker:* At twelve inches this is a large, brownish woodpecker. It has a brown back with dark bars and spots, whitish or buff below with black spots, black crescent on breast. Its white rump is visible in flight. Western birds have salmon-pink



wing linings and males have a red "mustache." Voice is a loud repeated flicker or wicka-wicka-wicka. Six to eight white eggs are laid in a tree cavity, utility pole or bird house. Habitat preferred is open country with trees, parks and large gardens. It resides from Alaska east through Manitoba to Newfoundland and south throughout

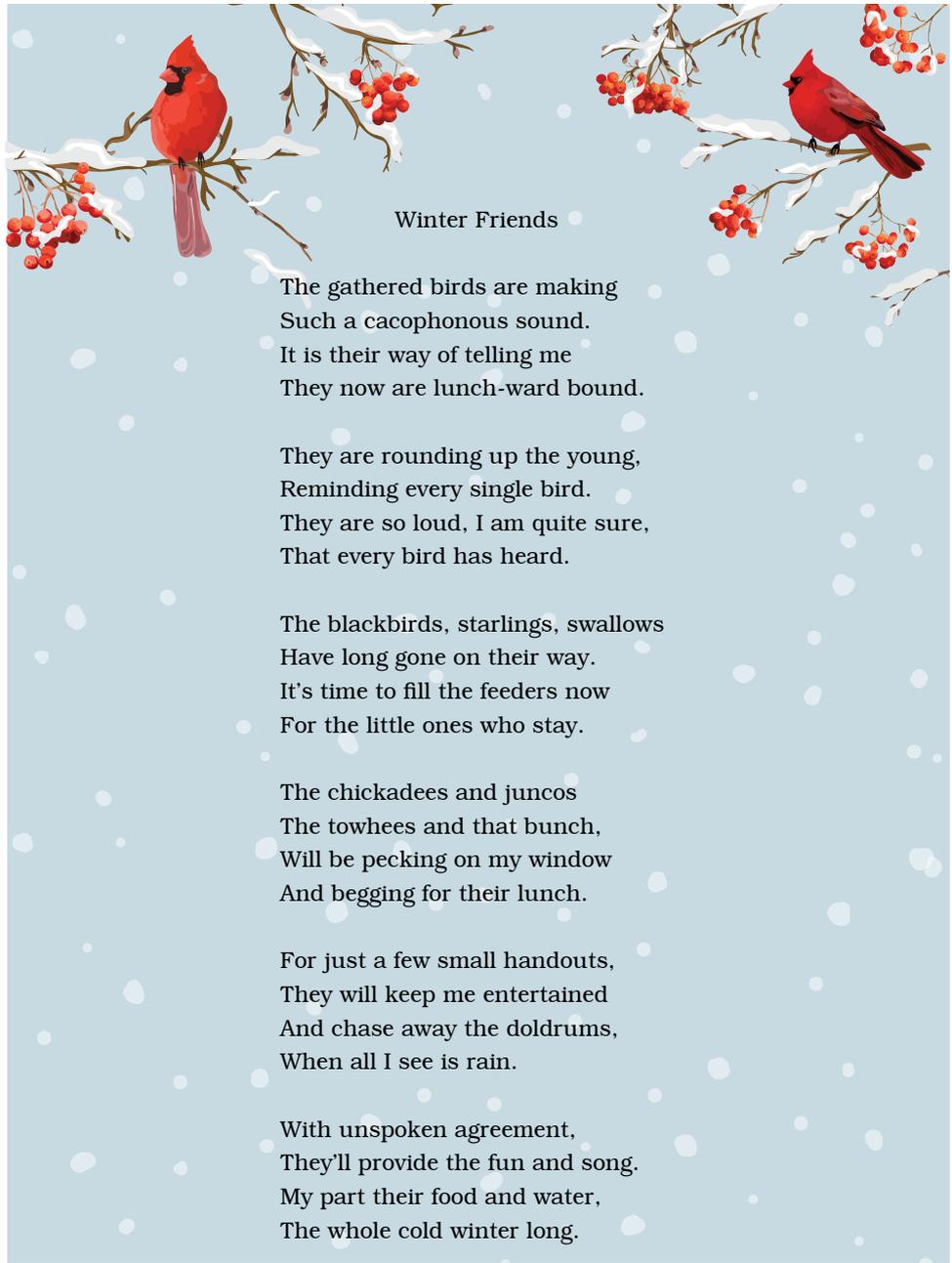
the United States. Flickers are important to the woodland community providing cavities for many hole-nesting birds. They feed on ants and other ground insects and berries in the winter. The northern flicker occurs in three color forms: "red-shafted" in the West, "yellow-shafted" east of the Rocky Mountains and "gilded" found in the Sonoran Desert of the Southwest.

*Red Breasted Sapsucker:* At eight to nine inches, this is a shy woodpecker with long white wing patch, barred back and white rump. Adults' entire head, throat and breast are bright red with a yellow belly. Immature birds are dusky brown with light spots



above, lighter below with black-and-white checkered wings and tail. Habitat is in woodlands and their edges, groves of aspen and alders. She lays four to six white eggs in a cavity drilled in a tree. Mainly a coastal bird, it breeds from southeastern Alaska and British Columbia south to coastal California. Happy birding.

—Ann Kronenwetter,  
WSFGC Bird Chairman



## Winter Friends

The gathered birds are making  
Such a cacophonous sound.  
It is their way of telling me  
They now are lunch-ward bound.

They are rounding up the young,  
Reminding every single bird.  
They are so loud, I am quite sure,  
That every bird has heard.

The blackbirds, starlings, swallows  
Have long gone on their way.  
It's time to fill the feeders now  
For the little ones who stay.

The chickadees and juncos  
The towhees and that bunch,  
Will be pecking on my window  
And begging for their lunch.

For just a few small handouts,  
They will keep me entertained  
And chase away the doldrums,  
When all I see is rain.

With unspoken agreement,  
They'll provide the fun and song.  
My part their food and water,  
The whole cold winter long.

# YOUTH PROJECTS

## Summary: Green Gables Elementary Pollinator Project

### **Project Components:**

The Green Gables Pollinator Project connected students, families, and teachers to the powerful experience of pollinator gardening.

- Students first explored the important role pollinators play in the farm to table process. The role pollinator gardening plays in fruit and vegetable production was stressed.
- Students were then given opportunity to plant their own pollinator garden at home using Pollinator Seed Kits funded by the WSFGC Garden Grant.
- School employees assembled the “Pollinator Kits.” All needed materials for this project were included. Completed kits were distributed to families.
- Garden lessons will be offered by the district garden specialist in the 2021-22 school year and the Marine Hills Garden Club.
- The Marine Hills Garden Club donated pollinator perennials and annuals for the school garden.
- Marine Hills Garden Club members and friends made face masks for youngsters who were working in the garden. Many of these had pollinator-related prints on the fabric.
- Educational signage was created and placed by each planting at beginning of the 2021-22 school year.
- Scholars were encouraged to take snap shots of their plant starts individually or on Zoom.
- This project came to full circle when school reopened in September with classroom visits to the garden.

This garden project for youth is what I would love to see done by each club. I hope that this sparks ideas for club projects. Marine Hills GC is in Chinook District in WSFGC. They applied for Ames Tools’ free tools program grant, the Espoma fertilizer grant and the WSFGC garden grant in addition to the club’s contributing funds for purchases of plants. It is wonderful how clubs can make a project work better using our garden club connections. We truly strengthen each other and this kind of project exemplifies *One Green World*.

—Lana Finegold,  
Pacific Region Director

**Note:** This initial project took place during distant learning. In the 2021-2022 school year, students have ongoing access to our school garden, community resources, and hands on learning within a school environment. Materials purchased through grants are an essential part of curricular implementation.

## Green Gables Elementary Pollinator Project Grant Summaries **WSFGC/NGC Pollinator Grant Spring Semester-2021**

- Pollinator plants and seeds donated by Marine Hills Garden club were planted in the garden.
- “Pollinator Plant Kits” were assembled by school staff and then sent to all Green Gables families. Needed

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materials and planting directions were included with each kit. Thus, students were able to create their own "Pollinator Garden" at home.

- Staff introduced project to scholars by performing a lively pollinator skit on Zoom and our district YouTube Channel.
- Decatur High School Agriculture Leadership students created instructional videos that outlined each step of the planting process, the importance of pollinators and how we can ensure their survival by creating beneficial habitats. This project was part of their semester grade.
- During weekly Zoom assemblies, the Green Gable principal and office support staff played up the pollinator plant challenge, encouraging scholars to grow their seeds, show their plants on camera and rewarding participation with a drawing. Filming in the garden even took place!
- Green Gables Functional Core students helped assist in planting pollinator plants in school garden. (This was limited due to Covid restrictions.)



An instructor shares information with students.

## **Summer School- 2021**

- Green Gables served as one of the four host schools for elementary

summer school in 2021. Ten teachers and about 125 scholars in the first through fifth grades participated in an eight-lesson garden unit at Green Gables. This unit focused on reciprocity and community in the garden, and it was heavily informed by Native people's connections and relationships to plants and animal communities.

- In the pollinator/beneficial insect lesson, scholars searched for all the pollinators they could find in the garden and then designed their own hotel room to add to a Bug Hotel built out of pallets. This included building rooms with bamboo tubes for solitary bees and rolled corrugated cardboard for lacewings. We heard a report back from one family that scholars began building bug hotels at home! Scholars also felt so comfortable around bumble bees that they asked to pet them.

## **Fall/Winter Semester- 2021**

- Visits/lessons are arranged for interested classrooms to garden either during class or recess time.
- Pollinator signage was designed and installed.
- Collaboration with Marine Hills Garden Club and Green Gables is planned to host a pollinator plant session for school families.

## **Ames Tool Grant**

- Tools were received mid-summer and utilized by district staff to maintain the garden.
- In the 2021-22 school year, during garden visits, students are learning about the multiple uses of specific garden tools purchased through the Ames Tool Grant.



Photos courtesy of Debbie Angel

- Ames tools are used during all gardening tasks and to increase student involvement in the garden.

**Espoma Fertilizer Grant**

- Products purchased through the Espoma Fertilizer Grant are being used to fertilize our fall plantings. Fall plantings with scholars include greens, broccoli, garlic and fava beans.
- Into the next planting season these products will help maintain spring bulbs, fruits, vegetables, flowers

- and native plants.
- Additionally, students will continue to learn which Espoma fertilizers meet various plant needs as seasonal plantings continue.



Mason bee and lace wing 'homes' for pollinators were distributed to children to locate in their gardens.



These youngsters are ready to work with their Ames tools.



Students work on their lessons.



Students harvest the plants.

Photos by Linda Maida

## Variety in Designs Adds Unofficial Element of Fun

Playing with your designs and having fun with them is a side benefit of your creativity with plant material. Remember that the material will often speak to you and tell you how to use it, according to Georgia Farman, a popular NGC Design instructor.



Brynn Tavasci, NGC Master Flower Show Judge, adds texture and interest with the background to enhance her Creative Transparency Design which has a strong vertical interest. The blue color is dominant and pleasing to the eye. This design was in the *Sights and Sounds of the Season* show.



Linda Maida, NGC Master Flower Show Judge, inserted the carnations into the lemons in this colorful Creative Abstract Design. The carnations stayed fresh for days. This is a great tip to use in future designs.

Debbie Spiller, NGC Master Flower Show Judge, shouts the class title with her Creative design "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree." The Joy Parker acrylic ribbon connects the Creative Stretch Design's two components. The berries in the foliage are echoed with the ornaments on the ribbon enhancing the flowing rhythm.



# PACIFIC REGION

## TIPS for Garden Club Members



Here are some TIPS for your next presentation at your club meeting.

*Focus on the Goal* of the Report and the audience's knowledge of the words you use.

### *Know your Target:*

**WHO, WHAT, WHEN:** time, date and day of week  
**WHERE:** location, address, directions  
**HOW:** deadline, money needed for funding, contact who/phone, email  
**WHY:** fundraiser, tour, lecture, work party, school

### *Use Visual Aids:*

poster, PowerPoint, cartoon presentations

### *Give Presentation:*

written, oral, pantomime with props

*Steps to take with written and oral communications:*

### WRITTEN:

Observe submission deadline  
Be *concise*  
Have a *clever title* to attract reader and grab interest  
Be *accurate*

### ORAL:

Know *timing* if limited  
*Practice* for phrasing, emphasis, time limit



Use *notes* or write out every word  
Have *eye contact*: look at your audience

*Preparation creates success.*

On pages 21 through 23 is a fabulous report about a project involving youth with Marine Hills Garden Club, Chinook District. This garden project is what I would love to see throughout our region. This project is what I want to see for the One Green World Project. This is how we create One Green World. I

hope that this sparks ideas for your club projects. In addition to WSFGC endowment and NGC Youth Pollinator Garden Grants, Marine Hills GC members took advantage of Ames Tools' free tools program and the Espoma fertilizer grant. Go to the National Garden Clubs Inc. website at [gardenclubs.org](http://gardenclubs.org) for information about grant programs designed to help garden clubs with their projects.



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## Managing Editor's Desk:

Dear Garden Club Members,

We are beginning a new year and are now learning to live with Covid which is apparently here to stay. We are resilient and will adapt and persevere just like the many plants we cultivate. In my garden, the oregano moved to another spot which it likes much better and is thriving in the well-drained soil. I know that the wind and ants act as 'farmers' and move seeds around, yet still the seeds grow and the plant thrives. Amazing, after all these years!

Members have been inquiring about WSFGC's policy on obituaries. The only free obituary is that of the WSFGC President. This is a long-standing policy, explicitly stated in the *WSFGC Policy and Principles Manual*. We have many members who contribute much to WSFGC over the years of their participation from their local garden club to District to State and even to Pacific Region and National Garden Clubs, Inc. We encourage garden clubs and districts to join together to purchase an ad honoring that very special person who contributed so much and who has joined God's Garden Club in Heaven.

The advertising rates and contract are printed for your convenience on the next page. Do consider honoring your members and advertising your events in *WG&D*.

Happy New Year,  
Judith Juno,  
Managing Editor

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# EVENTS

- February 9-13** *Northwest Flower & Garden Festival*, Washington State Convention Center, 705 Pike Street, Seattle. Look for the WSFGC Booth manned by members of Greater Seattle and East Lake-Washington Districts.
- February 1** *Pacific Region Garden Clubs Pollinator Poster Contest deadline*. Posters made by youth will be judged by grade level. Information and sample posters are on the PRGC website [pacificregiongardenclubs.org](http://pacificregiongardenclubs.org). Submit entries to WSFGC Chairman Mary Lou Paulson.
- March 2-3** *WSFGC Spring Board Meeting* will be held at Hotel Windrow, 502 North Main Street, Ellensburg WA 98926. Reservations at (509) 962-8000 or [hotelwindrow.com](http://hotelwindrow.com). The Call letter will have details regarding deadline date, code and room rates.
- April 25-27** *Pacific Region Garden Clubs Convention*, Las Vegas NV. See PRGC website [pacificregiongardenclubs.org](http://pacificregiongardenclubs.org) for details.
- May 18-21** *National Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention*, Orlando FL. See NGC website [gardenclubs.org](http://gardenclubs.org) for details.
- May 31 & June 1** **SAVE THE DATE** WSFGC SYMPOSIUM, Dryer Masonic Center, Tacoma. Design Instructor: Shirley Tetreault from Albuquerque NM. Topic: Multi-rhythmic and Angular Design. Horticulture Instructor: Jan Griffin, FL (formerly WA). Topic: Conifer and flowering trees. Details coming later.



## OUR MISSION:

Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs coordinates the interests of garden clubs to provide education, resources and networking opportunities for its members in promoting gardening, floral design, civic and environmental responsibility.

**Editor's Note: Due to the impact of the coronavirus and COVID-19, check with the event coordinator to determine whether the event will be held as scheduled.**

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