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PRESIDENT'S DESK

Did anyone else have the same experience I did about a week ago? One day it felt like summer and the next day it felt like fall. There was no segue into fall. It was just there. I'm not complaining because fall is one of my favorite seasons. I relish wearing long sleeved shirts, sweaters, and sweatshirts. The mornings start getting colder and the days get shorter. Fall is also the time for me to start thinking about the indoor activities that I enjoy – sewing, crafts, more reading, visiting more garden clubs. It also means it's time to start buttoning things up in the garden – but remember – do not rake up the leaf litter and other debris. There are insects that use it as protection during the fall and winter months, either as an adult, larva or pupae stage, or egg stage. Also remember to not dead head the flowers with seed heads because they are a natural food source for birds during the winter months. The hollow stems of some perennials also provide critical shelter for some insects during the winter.



The 21st through the 23rd of August, the state hosted a Patriotic Standard Flower Show, “Red, White, & Bloom, America” at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Thank you to Lenda Sundene for agreeing to be the chairman of the flower show. She did a fantastic job! A chairman is only as good as the members who volunteer to help or sign up for the designs and other sections of the show, so thank you also to them. The designs were over the top gorgeous.

Then the first week of September Central District hosted the 2026 WSFGC Fall Board Meeting in Yakima, WA. Can you believe this small district not only hosted the 2026 WSFGC convention in June but then pivoted around, and hosted the fall board meeting. And they did both with finesse and unwavering dedication. Thank you to the Central District members!

On September 20, I had the opportunity to attend “Forever StreamFest, Tending our Gardens Beyond our Backyards” in Port Angeles, WA. This event is sponsored by the Port Angeles Garden Club and is a free community event. I tried making it around to all the exhibitors, unfortunately I was under a time constraint and was only able to stop at 75 percent of them. It takes many hands and many hours to put an event like this together – my congratulations to the Port Angeles GC! Here are some of the things I learned about:

Lights Out, Olympic Peninsula! Protecting our birds in flight at night.

Volunteer Opportunities with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Did you know that if you volunteer 24 hours on WDFW-approved projects, you can earn a complimentary annual Discover Pass?

Habitat at Home – this program encourages people to connect with nature anywhere they live, work, and play. You can apply for a certification sign from WDFW so you can help raise awareness, educate others, and encourage neighbors to join in wildlife habitat creation.

Washington's Native Bees – did you know we have approximately 700 native bees?

10,000 Years Institute – they evaluate the effects of human activities on natural environments – forests, rivers, wetlands, and estuaries and through development of innovative, science-based approaches to restore ecological integrity, they promote sustainable practices in landscapes across the region.

I found a publication “Northwest Treaty Tribes, Protecting Natural Resources for Everyone.” It gives you information on tribal marine management, fisheries research, and wildlife management.

There was so much good information! I will definitely put this event on my calendar for next year. Oh, and there was good music played by in-person bands.

We live in an amazing state. As the days get cooler and shorter, don't let that stop you from going outside to enjoy nature.

Dorrie Carr

WSFGC President 2025-2027

“Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads.” – Henry David Thoreau

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Sedum 'Autumn Joy'
Johnson Point Loop NE,
Olympia

Photo Dorrie Carr

SHOW RECAP

Photos by Sharon McKissick

“Red, White, & Bloom, America”

Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs held an NGC Standard Patriotic Flower Show, “Red, White, & Bloom, America” at the Bellevue Botanical Garden on August 22 and 23. The enthusiastic and dedicated committee had fun planning the

“Rockets’ Red Glare” A creative design by Linda White, East Lake Washington. It won the Award of Design Excellence, Designers Choice Award and WSFGC PP Ellen B. Swenson Flower Arrangement Award.



event from start to finish. Working together with good humor and mutual support created a beautiful flower show at a gorgeous venue. Many visitors from all over the world viewed the horticulture, design, educational exhibits, botanical crafts, and photography, all provided by our volunteer organization. Chairman Lenda Sundene extends thanks and appreciation to everyone on the “Red, White, & Bloom, America” committee.

Please enjoy many photos of highlights of the event.

—Brynn Tavasci for Lenda Sundene, Chairman, “Red, White, & Bloom, America” Flower Show



Tory Bennett’s Grouped Mass design in the class “In the Air, on Land, and Sea” won a Designer’s Choice Award and the WSFGC PP Carolyn Erickson All Fresh Design Award.



The WSFGC PP Brynn Tavasci Recycled Art Award went to Brynn Tavasci, Chinook District, for her Floor design "Sails Set to the Sky." (Left)



The NGC Table Artistry Award and WSFGC PP Phyllis Danielson Table Setting Award went to Debbie DeFillips, East Lake Washington, for her exhibition table design "Fourth of July Picnic." (Above)

"Heroes" a decorated picture frame by Erin Gregory, Chinook District, won the NGC Botanical Arts Artistic Craft Award and the WSFGC PP JoAnn Goldman Artistic Craft Award. (Right)



SHOW RECAP



“Quilts of Valor” by Carly Dube, Central District, won the NGC Educational Award and the WSFGC PP Carol Klingberg Educational Award. (Left)



The Youth Educational Award went to Rosalia Cadette Girl Scout, Central District, for “Made for You and Me.” (Above)



Debbie B'Hymer, Chinook District, won the Terry Critchlow Photography Award for her entry in “Soaring over America.” (Left)



The NGC Award of Horticultural Excellence went to Karen Tanner, East Lake Washington, for *Tetrapanax* (Rice Paper Plant). It also won the WSFGC PP Betty Belcher Horticulture Award. (Left)

Brynn Tavasci, Chinook District, won the NGC Grower's Choice Award for her Dish Garden exhibit containing *Fittonia albivenis*, *Chamaedorea*, and *Pterandra elegantissima*. (Below)



Sean Gaddis, Greater Seattle District, received the 'Ludgvan Cross' for his *Agapetes* exhibit. (Left)

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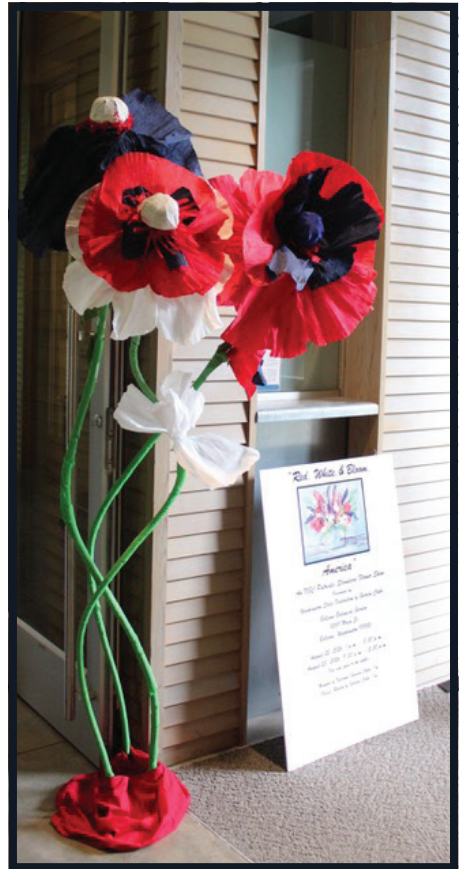
From left to right, these exhibits won an Award of Merit. Karen Tanner, ELWA, *Dahlia* 'My Hero;' Joy Johnson, Rosa 'Saint Patrick;' and Brynn Tavasci, Chinook District, *Helianthus* 'Evening Sun.'





Jane Baker's Exhibit *Vitex agnus castus* won the NGC Arboreal Award and the WSFGC PP Marva Lee Peterschick Arboreal Flowering Shrub/ Tree Award. Jane is a member of Chinook District. (Left)

Throughout the Show venue were creations like these giant poppies created by Annie Brooks of the Friendly Flower GC, Black Hills District.



THANK YOU

Many thanks to all the Chairmen who worked diligently for a successful WSFGC Flower Show. I am very pleased with the strong teamwork: Dorrie Carr, Kathy Johnson, Brynn Tavasci, Tory Bennett, Linda White, Gale Baullinger, Jeanette Pruin, Linda Maida, Debbie DeFilipps, Judy Swortz, Anne Benedict, Laura Robinson, Judy Strickland, Terry Critchlow, Diane Franchini, Sharon McKissick, Ellen Daly and Shirley Lee.

What a great team. Many thanks for celebrating 250 years of America. "Red, White and Bloom, America"

—Lenda Sundene, Flower Show Chairman

DISTRICT/CLUB NEWS

Photos by Kathy Johnson

Hill & Dale District Adopts Seven Blue Star Markers

In Pierce County, there are nine Blue Star/By Way Markers. Hill & Dale District has two markers, and the Tahoma District sponsored the other seven eight years ago. Tahoma District and many of their clubs folded, but the markers are still in place.

Back in February, I discovered this grant for the Blue Star Markers, but it was due in just four weeks. Our district did not have a board meeting prior to the due date, so I brought up the subject at a plant sale committee meeting where several club presidents were in attendance.

Many questions were asked of me, like: "Do these sites have water?"

"Who will maintain them later?" "Who needs to give us permission first to do these plantings?" Well, I could not answer all the questions because I did not even know where all these seven sites were. I encouraged the clubs to take on this project while some did and others did not, basically because of the lack of knowledge about them and the requirements.

Three clubs and the Hill & Dale District took this project on, and each received a grant from NGC and supported this great cause. Each of these groups had a little different scenario and experience while plan-

ning and planting these markers.



Blue Star Memorial Marker Lakewood Veterans Hospital



Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker Point Defiance Park



Blue Star Memorial Veterans War Memorial Park



Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker, Orting Soldiers Home

Left, the marker located at the Orting Soldiers Home is right at the bottom of the assisted living ramp. So, here many veterans watched or walked by as the members were planting. The club took an extra step by handing out a Thank You card to all the veterans living here.



**Blue Star Memorial Highway
Veterans War Memorial Park**



**Blue Star Memorial
Gravelly Lake Drive & Veter-
ans Drive**



**Blue Star Memorial By-Way
Eatonville Cemetery**

Glove & Trowel also adopted two markers

These Blue Star Markers are both located in the War Memorial Park, next to Narrows Bridge. The one on the left is located on Jackson Ave. For this marker the Department of Transportation did not want a large planting because it may cause distraction to drivers on such a busy street.

Garden Hour Garden Club

On Sunday, May 17, Garden Hour Club planted their red, white & blue flowers at the Veteran's Hospital. Large flags were placed that same day in the middle circle with smaller American Flags placed on the outside of the boulder rocks serving as the border. (Photo on left)

Country Gardeners Club took on two sites.

On the left below is the Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker mounted on a rock, next to the Rose Garden at Pt. Defiance Park. Members worked with the maintenance department who made suggestions as to what the deer do not prefer.



**Blue Star Memorial Highway
Dogwood Park**



**Blue Star Memorial
Longbranch Fire Station**

—Kathy Johnson, Hill & Dale District Director

DISTRICT/CLUB NEWS

Port Angeles Garden Club held its 5th Annual Forever StreamFest on September 19 at Pebble Beach Park. This year's theme was "Tending Our Gardens Beyond Our Backyards."

Forever StreamFest is a free, family-friendly community event presented by the Port Angeles GC, featuring food, music, and educational activities for both adults and children. Our mission is to introduce Olympic Peninsula families to the many local organizations working to preserve, protect, and restore the natural resources of our beautiful North Olympic Peninsula.

It is our hope that StreamFest empowers our exhibitors to share their work with the community, raise awareness, inspire engagement, and recruit new volunteers. When we first hosted StreamFest, we had just 15 exhibitors. This year, we welcomed more than 45. Attendance has also grown through the years from 150-200 visitors to more than 500 last year.

But the true success of Forever StreamFest isn't measured simply by attendance, new sign-ups, or the number of participating exhibitors. What really matters is the tangible impact we can help create. It's the person who discovers the Salmon Coalition and volunteers to plant trees along our rivers, or the community member who decides to help 4PA clean up a homeless encampment. Those are the outcomes that make all of our work worthwhile. Of course, the numbers tell an encouraging story, too.

The Port Angeles GC was also an exhibitor at StreamFest. For the fifth consecutive year, we featured our popular Adopt-a-Native-Plant giveaway. Our members purchased native plants from the Clallam Conserva-

tion District this past winter, lovingly cared for them, and even propagated additional specimens specifically for this event.

To engage our youngest visitors, we created an interactive children's passport featuring native plants, pollinators, hummingbirds, and bees. Young explorers visited different exhibitor booths, found matching pictures, and collected stamps in their passports. Once their passport was complete, they got to plant their own bean seed and took both their passport and potted seed home.

StreamFest has also helped to increase awareness of Port Angeles GC and each year it brings us new members eager to get involved.

Congratulations Port Angeles GC for receiving First Place from the WSFGC in two categories: the PP Roberta Lothian Environmental Awareness Award and the Community Project with Native Plants/Wildflowers Award.

—Sandra Cameron, StreamFest Co-Chairman, Port Angeles GC

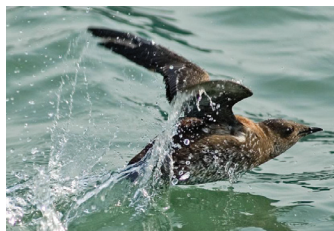


Sept 4 was National Wildlife Day

The Olympic National Park and all of the Peninsula have unique wildlife, some found in other areas of the west, but some found only here. From the sea-shore to the mountains are hundreds of species.

How many have you seen in the wild? Some I have seen in my own backyard, others on hikes or at the shoreline tidepools. Here is the list of just a few: cougar, marmot, elk, whitetail deer, black bear, salmon, steelhead, 300 species of birds including spotted owl and the marbled murrelet, grey whale, Dungeness crab, and the snow mole and the Olympic salamander found only here.

Respect these wonderful creatures, help conserve their habitat and act safely around them.



Marbled murrelet
Photo by Kim Nelson and Dan Cushing



Olympic Snow Mole
Photo by John Brew



Olympic salamander
Photo by John & Karen Hollingsworth

—Linda Wells, Wildlife Conservation Chairman

Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs Natural Disasters Grant

The Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs announces the newly formed WSFGC Natural Disasters grant, with the initial \$1,000 funding being provided by the Endowment Fund.

The purpose of this grant is to assist districts or clubs with their garden-related restoration efforts from a natural disaster. Promote and process WSFGC Natural Disasters Grants donations from districts, clubs and individuals.

Any of these member groups may apply for the grant of up to \$1,000 to help replant, restore and beautify areas such as parks, gardens and other sites that have been damaged by natural disasters such as flood, fire, earthquake, tornadoes, ice storms etc.

It's important to make it clear this is a standalone grant. This is totally sep-

arate from the NGC Natural Disasters funding. When a club or district makes a donation, it will need to be specific as to where they want the funds to be directed.

I will be glad to go over the procedures and will be accepting donations for the WSFGC Natural Disasters.

It is important that our districts, clubs and members be aware of this additional opportunity when we are faced with one of these natural disaster occurrences and want to do something to restore the land.

You may contact me by phone or e-mail at jasmum@comcast.net or 253-845-3946

—Judy Strickland, Chairman, Natural Disasters/Global Partners Running Water Committee

MARKETING & OUTREACH



WSFGC Affiliate Memberships Now Available!!

WSFGC members, this is your opportunity to help us “Grow Our Future.”

What is an Affiliate Member?

An Affiliate Member doesn't have to be a nonprofit. It can be an individual, organization, or business that shares our mission to serve our communities. Affiliate Membership offers us an opportunity to connect with like-minded organizations, share knowledge and resources, participate in educational programs and special events and strengthen our collective impact across Washington.

Why do we need Affiliate Members?

Growth is critical to WSFGC's sustainability. Affiliate members will expand our reach to prospective Federation leadership, District and Club members, provide opportunities for interesting and educational programs, and be helpful with fundraising or other special events.

How do they become an Affiliate Member?

With just the completion of the Affiliate Membership form within this Publication (and available on the WSFGC Website) the organization or business could become a WSFGC Affiliate. Dues are based on our fiscal year, July 1-June 30. *It is \$30 per year for Affiliate Membership.*

What are the benefits of being an Affiliate Member?

Annual Membership dues are nominal only \$30 per year.
Eligible to attend quarterly Board of Director events with special programs and workshops.
Continuing Education- Eligible to participate in National Garden Clubs Schools in Landscape Design, Environmental, Gardening and Flower Show Schools. Offered online and in person.
Attend WSFGC Annual Conventions
Directory - Free publication online and in print
Participation in 70 clubs' events and programs
Program and Meeting Guide online
Participation in the WSFGC Scholarship Program
<i>Washington Garden & Design</i> newsletter free ½ page advertisements
Website – Social Media Event promotion available, resources
Zoom- Regularly occurring educational opportunities and discussions

How do we recruit and sign up an Affiliate Member?

It's easy! We will help you with that process. Contact Membership Chairman Judy Swortz or the Marketing and Outreach Chairman, Suzann Stahl and we'll get you started!

Together we can cultivate partnerships that inspire, educate, and help our communities and natural environment flourish for generations to come.

—Suzann Stahl, Chairman, Marketing and Outreach Committee



Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs

New Affiliate Member Application Form

AFFILIATE NAME _____ DISTRICT _____

AFFILIATE CONTACT PERSON _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

OBJECTIVES OR PURPOSES _____

NUMBER OF MEMBERS _____

Recommended by: _____

Membership Chairman or District Director Signature _____

WSFGC member contact _____

District Dues, if required by your district, should be included with application

WSFGC Affiliate membership dues are \$30.00 per fiscal year (July 1-June 30)

Make check payable to WSFGC. Mail or present the application and check to the Membership Chairman or District Director for his/her signature who will then submit your application for approval to the WSFGC Board of Directors.

Chairman or Director: Send a copy of this form to the current Corresponding Secretary and current Membership Chairman

Judy Swortz, Membership Chairman
9634 6th Ave SE
Lacey, WA 98513
judyswartz@comcast.net
253-359-4285

Give to the new Affiliate Member contact: A copy of the WSFGC Directory, Program & Meeting Guide, Marketing & Outreach Guide, password to the website wagardenclubs.com, and the address to the

COUNTY FAIR NEWS

Photos: Kathy Johnson

Pirates Have Landed

Well as you can see in the picture the pirates did swarm the floral building & tried to take it over. But... were unsuccessful because our 688 entries and hostesses working Saturday morning stood their ground and saved the building, or the newly renamed building as the "Garden Pavilion."



Pirate Group from Bonney Lake, visiting our building

Again, another fantastic fair thanks to all the "Worker Bees" who gave their time, energy, and dedication to the 2026 Pierce County Fair. An event of this size would not be possible without all our volunteers.



Pirate Ship "Old Bloomin"



Pirates are trying to figure out how to make Captain Hook's Hook

Randie Welcher did an excellent job building a pirate ship from scratch right in front of the building and out of recycled materials. Julie Wells also worked her magic inside & out of the building by drawing and painting our treasure maps. We are very lucky to have these two talented ladies.



Front of the Floral Building

The Purple Geranium Nursery supported us again by donating baskets, annuals, and a few perennials, nearly 800 total. After the fair, most of these are passed forward as we donated 90 pounds of vegetables and 400 pounds of flowers to



“Nourish Pierce County Food Bank” in Graham. The food bank graciously took the flowers and were delighted to pass them out to families.

The kids planting activities led by Gail Harte are always successful. They planted sedums again in old painted shoes and topped them off with a small pirate flag. Many families return and tell stories of how their kids, when young, planted in shoes and those shoes are still sitting in the garden at home. Thanks to Portland Avenue Nursery for the years of sponsoring this activity by providing the plants and soil needed. Please support and shop these two nurseries.

With 688 total entries, the rock scavenger hunt and making a “parrot” or a “Captain Hooks Hook,” the building was hopping all day long. This was the largest number of entries in recent years.

Plus, let’s not forget about the main reason we have this building and that is to show off all our Horticulture. While walking through the building people are always saying **“it smells so good in here”**



Kids Planting in Old Shoes



Showing off their Hooks



Flower Show & Rosette Winners

Thank you to all the members that helped with the cleaning, decorating, hostessing and cleaning up. We are incredibly grateful to have such a dedicated team.

Your hard work and willingness to serve our community is deeply appreciated.

—Kathy Johnson,
Hill & Dale District Director



Making Captain Hooks Hook

COUNTY FAIR NEWS

Thurston County Fair

Photographer: Ellen Daly

“Wings of Glory” an NGC Flower Show was celebrated at the Thurston County Fair July 30 through August 2, 2026. This annual flower show is produced by the Black Hills District of Garden Clubs, with many volunteers submitting entries, working hosting shifts, supervising the kid’s art project, setting up and cleaning up the building and all the other tasks required to put on a judged show! The TC Fair Committee worked for months planning and producing this show.

As this is an NGC Standard Flower Show, Dorothy Bertram of the Friendly Flower GC, Olympia GC and Black Hills Designers organized the required judges and clerks for a busy

morning of judging and awarding ribbons to the worthy displays. Judy Smith of the Friendly Flower GC planned a luncheon for the judges and the workers, and her committee of volunteers was much appreciated for their flawless organizational skills and great food.

The weather cooperated; not being too hot or too cold, and a great attendance was recorded at the fair. Horticulture entries are always a guess—depending on the weather preceding the week of the fair, we never know what is going to be in bloom! This year was a good one for dahlias, hydrangeas, roses and lilies.

—Ellen Daly,

Show Chairman “Wings of Glory”



Youth Collages Winners



The WSFGC PP Carolyn Erickson All Fresh Design Award and the Thurston County Fair Designer's Choice awards were won by Veronika Dunning of the Friendly Flower GC and Black Hills Designers for her Transparency design "Wind Beneath My Wings." (On left)



The WSFGC PP Ellen Swenson Flower Arrangement Award was won by Patty Isom of the Black Hills Designers for her Exhibition Table design "Freeman's Farm." (On right)

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Dorothy Bertram's "The Eagle and the Hawk" Multi-rhythmic design won a blue ribbon.



JoAnne Sandell with "Fly Like An Eagle," a Tubular Design staged on an open black box was also a blue ribbon winner.





Sharon McKissick's lunch buffet table for four won first place in the "Yorktown" class. Sharon is a member of the Olympia GC and the Black Hills Designers.

In the table designs, JoAnne Sandell's "Brandywine" romantic dinner for two on a 34" square card table won first place in this class.



The NGC Educational Award and the PP Carol Klingberg Educational Award went to Cheryl Dale of the Olympia GC for her display on Eagle Preservation.

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Botanical Arts is a division in a Standard Flower Show that allows for additional types of Horticulture, Design and other art-like exhibits.

Botanical Arts Horticulture



Botanical Arts Crafts

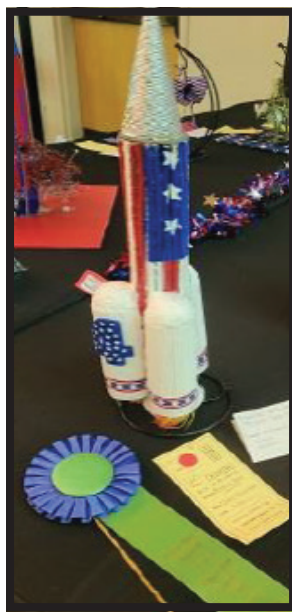




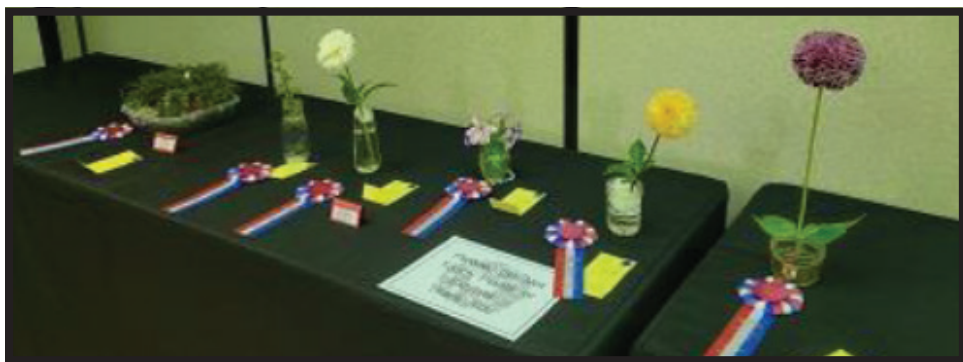
Botanical Arts Horticulture Award: JoAnne Sandell—Glycerinated “Fatshedra.”



Dorothy Bertram's toy saber won the PP JoAnn Goldman Artistic Crafts award and the NGC Botanical Arts Artistic Craft Award.



Jeff Johnson of the Olympia GC and Black Hills Designers won the Recycling Award for his “Rocket’s Red Glare” Botanical Arts Crafts entry.



Youth Horticulture Winners

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Some of the Horticulture winners are shown below:



Far Left: Cherry Pedrick (Friendly Flower GC), Award of Merit Winner for *Lysimachia clethroides* (Gooseneck Loosestrife)

Left: Ellen Daly (Olympia GC), Award of Merit Winner for *Agapanthus* 'Lily of the Nile'

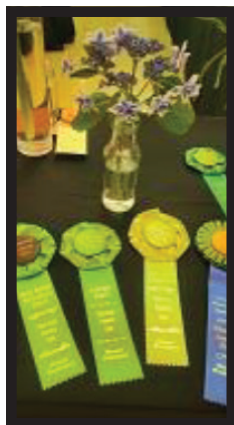
Right: Lily Award went to JoAnne Sandell (Olympia GC) for *Lilium hybrid*



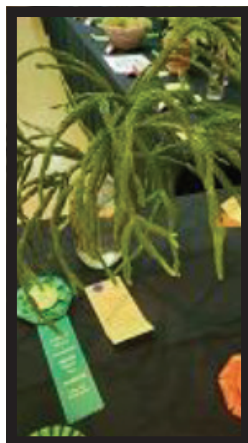
The Glad Award went to Ellen Daly (Olympia GC) for *Gladiolus xLarge*

JoAnne Sandell also won the Rose Award for her *Rosa* 'Double Delight'

Suzann Stahl won an Award of Merit for her exhibit *Melianthus* 'Antonov's Blue'

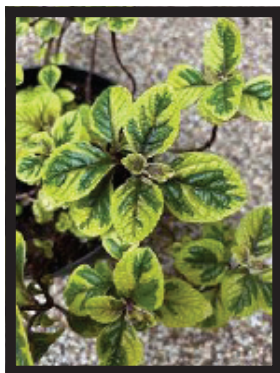


The WSFGC PP Marva Lee Peterschick Arboreal Flowering Shrub/Tree Award went to Dee Murdaugh for her *Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Star Gazer' (two years in a row!). Dee is a member of Olympia GC. (On left)

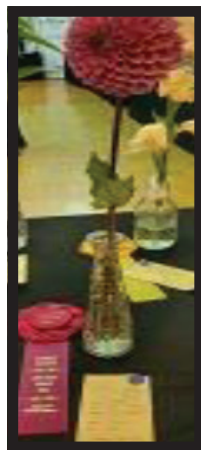


The Arboreal Award went Cherry Pedrick of Friendly Flower GC for her *Cryptomeria japonica*. (On left)

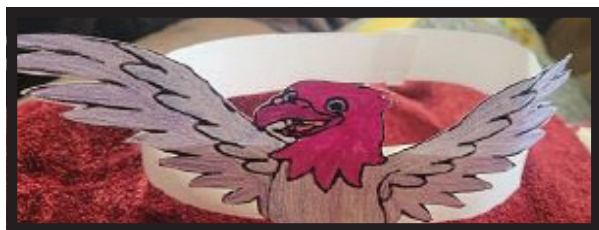
The Grower's Choice Award went to Lucy Lindgren of Olympia GC. (On right)



JoAnne Sandell, Olympia GC, won the Dahlia Award. (On right)



We held a kid's coloring project on Thursday – Sunday for an hour each day, where kids could color and decorate an eagle headband, which were then spotted on small heads all around the fair. Becky Flaherty of Friendly Flower GC kindly provided all the supplies, and volunteers from several garden clubs helped the kids create their masterpieces.



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Horticulture

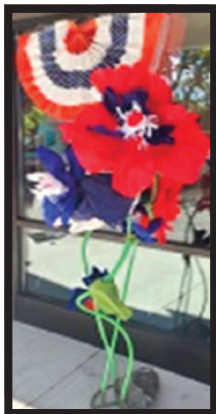


Fruits and vegetables on left. Outdoor container plants below.

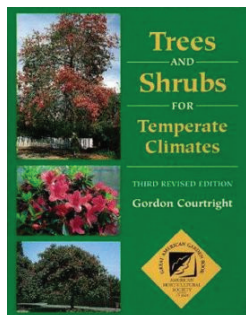


A special thank you to Annie Brooks of Friendly Flower GC for loaning our staging committee the use of these amazing giant poppies, which had been made for the Tumwater July 4th parade, but also did their duty at other events after that occasion.

Thank you to all who worked, entered, judged, clerked, hosted and otherwise participated in our wonderful Thurston County Fair! We always want volunteers, so please keep us in mind for next year's fair. Special thanks to the TC Fair Committee and their months of hard work: Sharon McKissick, Julie Darby, Judy Smith, Suzann Stahl, JoAnne Sandell, Dorothy Bertram, Dee Murdaugh, Debbie Ripley, Chris Hill, and Debbie Spiller. Dee generously hosted all our meetings, providing delicious snacks and drinks and continuous encouragement as we put everything into place.



BOOK REVIEWS

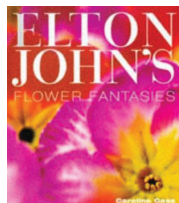


Trees and Shrubs for Temperate Climates
Gordon Courtright
 1979 Timber Press
 \$29.95 paperback

This book is intended to be

a visual plant dictionary of plants available at nurseries. 1997 selection by American Horticultural Society as a "Best Book."

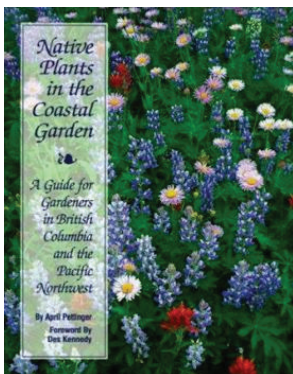
Full color pictures organized by their growth characteristics - low growing, medium growing, tall growing, trees, vines, conifers - are a great way to see how the plant would look when you are planning your landscape. Each plant includes helpful info on its zone and sun/shade planting guide. The author has also provided a helpful list of common vs botanic names to help when you shop. More lists of plants are available by flower color, damp or dry areas.



Elton John's Flower Fantasies
An Intimate Tour of his House and Garden
Caroline Cass
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What a fantasy to be in Elton John's home seeing how he can use his imagination in his garden and home using flowers and plants. Yes, he has two beautiful homes and gardens full of colors. Yes, he has his own flower people that do all the work. Yes, he has the money to do everything imaginable. Yes, he is a rock star. This book is a biography and full of beautiful photographs of flowers that all relate to the songs that Elton is famous for singing. Enjoy the pictures of the Mass style designs that are used in many parts of his home— on a table, in the fireplace, on the mantle or in the bedroom. Or view Pave style designs next to his Oscar statue and as a bowtie on a statue bust. You also can have at least one flower arrangement in your home to give you pleasure of their colors.



Native Plants in the Coastal Garden
A Guide for Gardeners in British Columbia and Pacific Northwest
April Pettinger
 1996 Whitecap Books
 \$16.95 paperback

This author has provided us with many reasons to start planting your garden with plants "native" to your area. Describing how to get started by looking at your landscape style and plant habitat. She has described many plants by type and growing conditions and their wildlife benefits and giving us propagation ideas of many plants by seed or cuttings. There are provided Resource Guides that are helpful for finding the plants for your garden.

Your new native landscape is now easier to maintain and a provider of food and shelter for the indigenous wildlife to thrive.

AWARDS

Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs 2025 Awards

Congratulations to all the winners and to all the participants in the 2025 award year. Awards were presented at the WSFGC annual meeting and convention in Leavenworth at the Icicle Resort. Amongst pompoms, cheers and laughter the winners were announced.

The first-place winners are listed below as well as the Pacific Region Garden Clubs and National Garden Club winners.

ARBOR DAY: Port Angeles GC, Olympic Peninsula District, Planted a Strawberry Tree.

BIRD CONSERVATION: Bogachiel GC, Olympic Peninsula District, Discovery Bay Wild Bird Rescue

Community Enhancements and Service:

Community Beautification (continuing project): Bogachiel GC, Olympic Peninsula District, Memorial Gardens

Community Gardens: Marine Hills GC, Chinook District, Medicine Wheel

Community Special Achievement: Hill & Dale District - sponsorship of floral building at the Pierce Co Fair; Port Angeles GC, Olympic Peninsula District, Forever StreamFest; Tending our Gardens Beyond our Backyard.

ENVIRONMENTAL/Wildlife Conservation

Conservation Activities: Greater Seattle District, Seattle Civic Garden Center, Schmitz Preserve Park

Wildlife Survival: Bogachiel GC, Olympic Peninsula District, Discovery Bay Wild Bird Rescue

GARDEN CLUB GROWING PROJECT: Queens of Spades, Central District, Tulip/Daffodil

HONOR CLUB: Root & Bloom GC, Hill & Dale District, 1431 Points

HORTICULTURE ESSAY: Radhika Kumar, Marine Hills GC, Chinook Dis-

trict, "A Bomb Paeonia Roots Friendship"

LANDSCAPE AWARD: Sherre Granger, Root & Bloom GC, Hill & Dale District
MA 2 SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE AWARD

MA-2A: Root & Bloom GC, Hill & Dale District, Website

MA-3A: Bogachiel GC, Olympic Peninsula District, Facebook

MA-4A: Cindy Johnson, Enumclaw GC, Chinook District, Brochure

MA-4B: Hill & Dale District, 50th Celebration Digital Presentation

POLLINATOR CONSERVATION: Root & Bloom GC, Hill & Dale District, South Hill Library

PUBLICATIONS

PUB-1 Publications: Newsletter or magazine 3-12 pages: 2B Chinook District, District Newsletter; Debbie Angel, Marine Hills GC

PUB-1 Publications: Newsletter, magazine or bulletin 13-14 pages: Olympia GC, Black Hills District, Club Newsletter, Michael Spurzem

PUB-1 Publications: Newsletter, magazine or Bulletin over 24 pages: Veronika Dunnam, *Washington Garden & Design*, Friendly Flower GC, Black Hill District

PUB-2 Publications: Horticulture, design: 3C Brynn Tavasci, Brochure, Chinook District

PUB-2 Publications: Membership: Enumclaw GC, Chinook District, Membership Pamphlet

PUB-2 Publications: Calendars, Cookbooks: 6B Hill & Dale District, District Calendar

PUB-3 Published article, pamphlets or book by an individual: Mary McBride, Root & Bloom GC, Hill & Dale District; Garden Tour Booklet



THERAPY GARDENS:

Passive Therapy: Marine Hills GC, Chinook District

YEARBOOK AWARDS

Clubs under 20 members: Toppenish GC, Central District

Clubs 20-29 members: Rosalia GC, Central District

Clubs 30-44 members: Queens of Spades GC, Central District

Clubs 70-99 members: Port Angeles GC, Olympic Peninsula District

Clubs 100 or more members: Enumclaw GC, Chinook District

District Yearbooks: Hill & Dale District

Guild: Black Hills Flower Designers, Black Hills District

YOUTH

Youth Involvement Awards:

Horticulture: Root & Bloom GC, Hill & Dale District

Flower Show: Hill & Dale District, Fair Flower Show

Conservation: Bogachiel GC, Olympic Peninsula District, Bees

Environmental: Marine Hills GC, Chinook District, Public Schools

POLLINATOR POWER POSTER CONTEST

Kindergarten: Brodie Peterson, White Pass Elem. School, Illahee GC, Black Hills District

Grade 1: Brookly Hall, White Pass Elem. School, Illahee GC, Black Hills District

Grade 2: Luke English, Liberty School, Rosalia GC, Central District

Grade 3: Violet Casey, Rosalia Schools, Rosalia GC, Central District

Grade 4: Elayna Bell, White Pass Elem School, Illahee GC, Black Hills District

Grade 5: Adalee Stephens, Rosalia Schools, Rosalia GC, Central District

Grade 6: Serenity Seachao, White Pass Elem. School, Illahee GC, Black Hills District

Grade 7: Krystal Mosser, Rosalia Schools, Rosalia GC, Central District

Grade 9: Peighton Ellsworth, Rosalia

Schools, Rosalia GC, Central District

Grade 11: Abagale McGuire, Rosalia Schools, Rosalia GC, Central District

Grade 12: Megan Maley, Rosalia Schools, Rosalia GC, Central District

RECYCLED SCULPTURE, NGC YOUTH CONTEST

Grade 4: Patton Hale, age 9, Rosalia GC, Central District

Grade 5: Christopher Taylor, age 10, Rosalia GC, Central District

Grade 6: Rhett Larson, age 11, Rosalia GC, Central District

SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL

Youth Poster Contest Grades 1-5

Grade 1: Madilyn Krampret, Priest River Elem., Rosalia GC, Central District

Grade 2: Aylla Towe, Priest River Elem., Rosalia GC, Central District

Grade 3: Bently Mabie, Rosalia GC, Central District

Grade 4: Leila Snyder, Marine Hills GC, Chinook District

Grade 5: Jude Snyder, Marine Hills GC, Chinook District

FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

Recycling Award Individual

Kathy Johnson, Root & Bloom GC, Hill & Dale District

Recycling Award District or Group Olympia GC, Black Hills District

FLOWER SHOW ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Horticulture Specialty Show

“Tribute to Eliza Jane Meeker” Hill & Dale District

District Small Standard Flower Show

“Cheers to 50 Years” Hill & Dale District

District Standard Flower Show

“Garden Party” Chinook District

District Standard Flower Show with Fair

“Strut Your Stuff” Black Hills District

Club Standard Flower Show, Size D

“Birds of a Feather” Olympia GC, Black Hills District

AWARDS

Club Standard Flower Show, Size B

"Journey Through Wine Country"
Friendly Flower GC, Black Hills District

FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE AWARD

Clubs – Standard Flower Shows (21-35 Members)

"Journey Through Wine Country"
Friendly Flower GC, Black Hills District

Clubs – Standard Flower Shows (More than 100 Members)

"Birds of a Feather" Olympia GC, Black Hills District

Districts

Small Standard Flower Shows (9 or fewer Clubs)

"Launch Pad" Hill & Dale District

Standard Flower Shows

"Garden Party" Chinook District

Standard Flower Show with a Fair

"Strut Your Stuff" Black Hills District

NGC Specialty Horticulture Show

"Tribute to Eliza Jane Meeker" Hill & Dale District

PAST PRESIDENT'S AWARDS: The Past President's awards are the top awards offered from WSFGC, judged to be the best in their categories.

Betty Belcher Horticulture Award:

Tamara Larson, Root & Bloom GC, Hill & Dale District

Dahlia pinata 'Penhill Watermelon' – Flower Show "Cheers to 50 Years"

Terry Critchlow Photography Award:

Jeanine Faulkner, Root & Bloom GC, Hill & Dale District

Rain Drops – "Splish Splash"

Phyllis Danielson Table Setting Award

Exhibition

JoAnne Sandell, Olympia GC/BHFD, Black Hills District

Champagne Anyone – "Journey Through Wine Country"

Functional

Dorothy Weaver, Auburn GC, Chinook District

Vintage Spring Luncheon – "Garden Party"

Carolyn Erickson All Fresh Design

Award

Kathy Johnson, Root & Bloom GC, Hill & Dale District

Space Shuttle – "Launch Pad"

Joann Goldman Artistic Craft Award

Kathy Johnson, Root & Bloom GC, Hill & Dale District

Puddle Protectors – "Splish Splash"

Judith Juno Petite Design Award

Vicki Kammerer, Olympia GC, Black Hills District

Electric Boogie – "Strut Your Stuff"

Carol Klingberg Educational Award

Kathy Johnson, Root & Bloom GC, Hill & Dale District

Eliza's Gladiolus – "Eliza Jane Meeker"

Marva Lee Peterschick Arboreal Flowering Shrub/Tree Award

Judy Smith, Friendly Flower GC, Black Hills District

Hydrangea macrophylla – "Journey Through Wine Country"

Ellen B. Swenson Flower Arrangement Award

Diane Franchini, Queens of Spades GC, Central District

Floating Maiden – "A Little Bit of Magic"

Margaret Titlow District Flower Show Staging Award

Hill & Dale District, "Cheers to 50 Years"

PAST PRESIDENTS' AWARDS 'NON-FLOWER SHOWS

Verna Armstrong Presidents Award

Best Flower Show Schedule
Friendly Flower GC, "Journey Through Wine Country," Black Hills District

Margery V. Bardon District Newsletter Award

Chinook District

Pat Crawford's Arbor Day Award

Port Angeles GC, Planted a Strawberry Tree, Olympic Peninsula District

Berta Deming Blue Ribbon Award

Debbie Angel, Marine Hills GC, Chinook District



M. Cerita Goody Civic Achievement Award

Marine Hills GC, Chinook District

Violet Gose Club Achievement Award

Root & Bloom GC, Hill & Dale District

Marianne Larson Club Newsletter Award

Olympia GC, Black Hills District

Roberta Lothian Environmental Awareness Award

Port Angeles GC, Olympic Peninsula District

Joyce Lounsberry Garden Therapy Award

Active: Auburn GC, Chinook District

Passive: Marine Hills GC, Chinook District

Ann Murray (Mabry) Judges Council Educational Award

Chinook District Judges Council

Jeanette Pruin Youth Involvement Award

Root & Bloom GC, Hill & Dale District

Suzanne Stahl Community Garden Award

Marine Hill GC, Medicine Wheel Community Garden, Chinook District

Anne Sullivan Yearbook Editor's Award of Excellence

Rosalia GC, Central District

Brynn Tavasci Recycled Art Award

Karla Stover, Root & Bloom GC, Hill & Dale District

Helen Wolff Club Program Award

(29 or fewer members) Des Moines GC, Chinook District

PACIFIC REGION OF GARDEN CLUBS AWARDS

PUBLISHED ARTICLES, PAMPHLET OR BOOK

1st Place: Brynn Tavasci, Parkside GC, Chinook District, Category C Floral Design

2nd Place: Radhika Kynmar, Marine Hills GC, Chinook District, Category B Horticulture "A Bomb Paeonia Roots Friendship"

3rd Place: Brynn Tavasci, Parkside GC, Chinook District, Category A Education

NEWSLETTER OR OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

2nd Place: Olympia GC, Black Hills District, Category A Club Publication for Extra Large Club "Garden Gate"

3rd Place: Chinook District, Category B District/Council/Guild Publication

YEARBOOK

1st Place: Hill & Dale District, District

2nd Place: Rosalia GC, Club 20-29 Members, Central District

2nd Place: Queens of Spades GC, Club 30-44 Members, Central District

3rd Place: Port Angeles GC, Club 70-99 Members, Olympic Peninsula District

ANY OTHER PUBLICATION

1st Place: Enumclaw GC, Category A Club of Extra-Large Club Size, Chinook District

STATE NEWSLETTER & DESIGN MAGAZINE

1st Place: WG&D, Medium State Size, Veronika Dunnam, Black Hills District

CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT

1st Place: Bogachiel GC, Small Club Size, Olympic Peninsula District

2nd Place: Marine Hills GC, Medium Size, Chinook District

1st Place: Port Angeles GC, Large Size, Olympic Peninsula District

1st Place: Hill & Dale, District

FUNDRAISING PROJECT OR EVENT

1st Place: Chinook District

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

1st Place: Enumclaw GC, Chinook District

FLOWER SHOW

1st Place: Olympia GC, Club, Black Hills District

2nd Place: Friendly Flower GC, Club Black Hills District

1st Place: Hill & Dale District, District

2nd Place: Chinook District, District

3rd Place: Black Hills District, District Fair



EVENTS

- Oct 12-14** **Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.** 2026 Convention, Palm Garden Hotel, Thousand Oaks, CA. Hosted by the California Garden Clubs, Inc. Contact: Robin Pokorski
Email: *cgcirobin@gmail.com*
- Oct 21** **Traditional vs. Creative Designs**, 10-12 noon, William Warren Bldg, 405 E St NE, Auburn, Contact Jeanette Pruin, 206-212-6077, \$10 donation. Presented by Chinook District Judges Council and Designers Guild
- Nov 4** **Chinook District General Meeting**
- Nov. 12** **WSFGC Winter Board Meeting via Zoom**
- Dec 2** **Hill & Dale District Meeting**
- Mar 8-12** **WSFGC Spring Board Meeting**, 7 Cedars Casino and Resort, Sequim, WA
- Jun 7-9** **WSFGC 2027 Convention**, Clearwater Casino Resort, Suquamish, WA
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FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

1st Place: Friendly Flower GC, Club, Black Hills District

1st Place: Chinook District, District

NATIVE FLORA EDUCATION

1st Place: Root & Bloom GC, Medium Club Size, Hill & Dale District

2nd Place: Marine Hills GC, Medium Club Size, Chinook District

WEBSITE

1st Place: Root & Bloom GC, Medium Club Size, Hill & Dale District

1st Place: Hill & Dale District, Extra-Large District Size

ARBOR DAY PROGRAM

1st Place: Port Angeles GC, Large Club Size, Olympic Peninsula District

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

Flower Show Achievement Award

Chinook District, Standard Flower Show "Garden Party"
Friendly Flower GC, Black Hills Dis-

trict, Standard Flower Show "Journey Through Wine Country"

Hill & Dale District, Horticulture Specialty Show "Tribute to Eliza Jane Meeker"

CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION Runner Ups

Bogachiel GC

Chinook District Judges Council

Hill & Dale District

Hill & Dale District

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Hill & Dale District

Port Angeles GC

Root & Bloom GC

YOUTH

Recyclable Sculpture Contest

Certificate of Appreciation

Patton Hale, Rosalia School, Rosalia GC, Central District

Rhett Larson, Rosalia School, Rosalia GC, Central District

Christopher Taylor, Rosalia School, Rosalia GC, Central District

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FROM THE MANAGING EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Garden Club Members!

Fall slipped in quietly, with an occasional night in the 40s. Soon, those cool nights became more frequent, and the days grew shorter—suddenly, the sun was setting at 6:30 p.m. Driving through town, you notice the leaves turning yellow, then red. There's no doubt now: summer is over for the year, and fall is here.

This is the time when I watch night time temperatures, when it drops below 40 degrees F, I know it's time to move our *Brugmansia* (Trumpet Flower) to the garage where it will overwinter until spring. It still has some unopened buds; with luck they will open and perfume the garage with its lovely vanilla scent.

I keep cleanup to a minimum so birds can find seeds and shelter during the colder months. Still, a few tasks remain: planting the spring bulbs I ordered in the next few weeks and decorating the porch with pumpkins, mums, and other fall touches. Then I'll look forward to cozy mornings and some winter snow. Our westside hasn't had much snow in recent years.

Happy fall! Hope you have planned many fun indoor activities. However, a walk through a park with fall colors also sounds enjoyable.

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BOARD MEETING



WSFGC 2026/2027 Board Meeting Schedule

Status as of 9/27/2026 - More details will be announced

Mark your Calendar and plan to join in the FUN!

<u>2026</u>			
Nov 12	Winter Board Meeting	Zoom	
<u>2027</u>			
Mar 8-12	Spring Board Meeting	7 Cedars Casino and Resort, Sequim, WA	
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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.

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September 1	Fall, #2	Oct-Nov-Dec
December 1	Winter, #3	Jan-Feb-Mar
March 1	Spring, #4	Apr-May-June