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Welcome to your new *Garden Gazette*!

We need your help to make this a newsletter that we all enjoy and learn from. Feel free to send comments. Be kind; no yelling or epithets. Guidelines:

1. Submit photos, recipes, program ideas, or?
2. Send to the editor in WORD or JPEG.
3. Any member may submit.
4. Please send club-related info/pix only.
5. Items will be proofread.
6. Editor decides final content of *Garden Gazette*.

Let's have some fun!

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Editor's Note: This first Garden Gazette has no fancy formatting because while I usually work in Publisher, it does not convert easily to a format that all of you can open. Be patient while I explore creative options! Thanks.

District Directors' Letter

Your District Director Mary Lou Paulson recently returned from the WSFGC Board Meeting in Wenatchee. She attended these meeting to gather information to help make our District Garden Clubs run more smoothly, to help District members grow in gardening, design, civic areas, helping others, and more. We are excited to share information about Leadership Training; opportunities to participate in the State Holiday Show; helpful ideas to create a healing Garden Therapy; and more. Due to health issues Mary Lou Waitz was unable to attend.

In the Leadership Training the attendees learned the importance of a positive 'Can Do' attitude; how to take meeting minutes, as they are legal documents and should be kept forever; the importance of Bylaws; how to motivate by using assistants or Co-Chairs; recognition of new members by getting them involved; and more. Some of these were new to many. The Workshop by Robin Pokorski was definitely worthy. If any of you had an opportunity to hear her message please let us know.

We are encouraged by WSFGC to use new technology for reference information log on to the following sites:

National Garden Clubs website <https://www.wagardenclubs.com/>

Pacific Region website <http://www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org/>

Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs website
<http://www.gardenclub.org/> (password: peony)

Throughout the next few years we will learn interesting gardening and design ideas; how to help others; and beautify our world.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the October 17th District Meeting.
Mary Lou Waitz and Mary Lou Paulson, Co-Directors

COMING SOON!

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District/State dates to remember:

October 3, 1:00 p.m. OPD Board Meeting, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church P.A.

[\(Note time change.\)](#)

October 17th, 10:00 a.m. OPD Meeting & Luncheon, Flower Show, Presbyterian Church, Port Angeles, 8th St.

Oct. 31-Nov. 2, Flower Show School Course III, Port Angeles

November 6-7, Holiday Show, Red Lion, Olympia Tickets presale \$8.00.

This is the spot where any member of any of the five clubs may add relevant pictures, recipes, or other wonderful things. Think of garden-related quotes or cartoons or? This is your newsletter, right? A gardencentric anecdote? An interesting tidbit about your club? A distinguished member who should be receiving our recognition? Think about it... you have until the next deadline.

Tri-Area Garden Club

Our Garden Club's Plant Sale was again held in May in conjunction with Chimacum High School Horticulture students at the Commons. It was a huge success thanks to the leadership of Jan Zenger, Diane Holmes and Sylvia Bowman. It will go far to fund scholarships this year. The committee has already met to plan for May 2018!

Our June program was installation of the board of 2017-2018 consisting of Co-Presidents: AJ Laverty & Jacque McInvale, Vice-President: Michelle Nyman, Treasurer: Kathleen Taylor & Co-Secretaries: Diane Holmes and Peggy Adkins.

Our last tour until September was of Windcliff Gardens where owner Dan Hinkley led us through acres of unique varieties of plants with the opportunity to purchase some of his interesting plants. Lunch at White Horse Golf Club and Grill followed.

My Co-President, Jacque McInvale, and I enjoyed attending the OPD Installation/Awards luncheon in June, meeting with other officers in the District and learning about their clubs.

We volunteered at Jefferson County Fair's Floral/Horticulture Department under the leadership of our own Michelle Nyman and her committee. Club members spent countless hours with set up and decorating, entry days, serving in a variety of capacities during the fair, and cleaning up afterward.

After a summer of weeding we look forward to seeing Garden Club friends as we start off our September program "Gardening Gladly" with Mary Robson, then a tour to the Mystery Bay Goat Farm later in the month. Lots of good programs and tours planned. It's going to be a great year!

AJ Laverty, Co-President, Tri-Area Garden Club

Bogachiel Garden Club

Welcome to fall 2017. We are still wrapping up our summer with three days of garden tours at six locations throughout the Forks area with chair, Nora Alwarth coordinating the tours. In addition, we participated in the Potlach Canoe dedication at the University of Washington Olympic Natural Resource Center located in Forks. Thanks to Priscilla Hudson, Sequim Prairie GC for spearheading the collaboration efforts of the garden clubs.

Cookies for the ceremony were provided by Bonnie Rogers, Judi McClanahan, Tina Adams, Candice Bettelyoun, Linda Wells, Gladys Allen, and Kris Ayers.

BGC volunteered at the Clallam County Fair Floral Barn working with the other Olympic Peninsula district members. We served as entry and placements clerks for horticulture intake day and as hostesses with help from Barb Scott, Sue Alexander, Linda Martin, Linda Wells, Katie Kruger, Janis Schroeder, Kris Ayers, and Ken Ayers (spouse).

We are starting our fall meetings off with our Dessert Kick-Off Party on Wednesday, September 6 at 1:00 at the home of Kris Ayers. We will enjoy desserts made by Judi McClanahan and of course, wonderful conversation. We will also view the highly anticipated slideshow of our past activities and events from 2016-2017.

"Growing Your Buffet" is our club theme this year. The BGC buffet refers to the feast our club members are growing for our minds, eyes, and taste buds. Our minds will engage in the learning experiences through monthly programs, our eyes will soak in the beautiful flowers and colorful fruits and vegetables that we grow in our gardens and our taste buds will savor the flavors of the garden harvest.

We invite the Olympic Peninsula District to participate in two upcoming events:

- **Bogachiel Garden Club's 75th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, September 23 from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the Rainforest Arts Center, 35 N. Forks Avenue in downtown Forks. Please come and visit and enjoy cookies and punch, and view the history of our club.**
- Please mark your calendars for our high annual tea scheduled on Saturday, February 3rd from 1:00 -3:00 PM at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Forks. Our theme is "Under the Sea Tea".

We look forward to a stimulating year as we are growing buffets in our gardens. This year brings a feast for the mind, eyes, and taste buds.

Bon appétit!

Kris Ayers, Bogachiel Garden Club Co-President



Canoe Dedication Photo taken at University of Washington Olympic Natural Resource Center:

Back row Left to Right: Barbara Fitzgerald, Bev Keller(my guest), Priscilla Hudson, Fred Sawyer, Arlene Sawyer, Kris Ayers, Tina Adams, Vina Winters and husband Larry Hudson

Front Row: Candy Bettelyoun, honored tribe member, aqua blouse Charlotte Frazier, Linda Wells, pink blouse Patty Delmore, white sweater Karen McNerney

Port Angeles

WOW! Summer's here and almost gone already, and may be by the time you read this. I'm writing this on a very warm 80 degree evening! It's been a fabulous summer with the flowers and veggies loving this sunshine and warmth.

Clallam County Fair has ridden off into the sunset for another year. All the clubs worked hard this year and the Floral Barn was spectacular! The 4-H Barn won "Best Barn" this year but look out next year! The Floral Barn will be BACK. PAGC had many entries and won our fair share of ribbons. Our Summer picnic was held at Anne Smokler's home; attended by about 40 members and guests. Gertie Rohrbach was able to join us and brought her fun "Gertie Bingo" and plenty of her great plant starts.

Our Summer Green Thumb Award was given to a local non-member gardener for their hard work and efforts to beautify their garden and neighborhood. A Team gives out this Award 3 times per year; Spring, Summer and Fall.

Now, with Fall knocking on our greenhouse door, it's back to business.

Our Club has already received 3 orders for Holiday Wreaths so the 2017 Club Year is starting off with a bang right out the gate. (We take wreath orders all year!) We've welcomed 22 new members to our Club and are always up for more.

Our Yearbook has been sent to the Printer and will be ready for our first General Meeting come September 18th. And I have my Jury Summons in hand for September 5-15th! Hoping I don't get sat on a Jury! We have some exciting Speakers planned and welcome guests to any of our Meetings.

Come join us anytime!

Sally Shunn, PAGC President

Nordland Garden Club

This is the 80th anniversary of the Nordland Garden Club. September 8, 1937, the club was formed by 10 Marrowstone Island women who had a common interest in gardening. They joined the Washington Federation of Garden Clubs that fall. As most of you know, our membership is still limited to Marrowstone Island residents. I think that living together in this small community strengthens our bonds of friendship.

Our theme this year is "80 Years of Friendship and Gardening". We have been busy this dry summer trying to keep our clubhouse grounds watered enough to keep the plants alive.

This summer we had our annual July salad potluck in the pavillion. Several of our members helped with the floral judging at the Jefferson County Fair. Thank you to Tri Area who has taken on that part of our county fair.

Our club is hoping to host a district meeting this year but we haven't heard the district's plans. It's always fun meeting with all of our OPD friends. We will be hosting a Flower Show School session in May and are busy planning a flower show at our club for June 2nd.

Onward into the 2017-2018 garden club year!

Sue Stockunas, Nordland Garden Club President

Sequim Prairie Garden Club

We are 43 members strong in our small community. We have had a marvelous summer with lots of emphasis on our historical past relating to our home in Pioneer Memorial Park. On July 8th, we traveled to Forks to see the "Viola", a large canoe hand carved by a member of the Hoh Tribe, installed at the University of Washington's Olympic National Resources Center. The canoe was housed in Pioneer Memorial Park since the 1960's until our historian, Priscilla Hudson, located the rightful owner. We joined with members of the Hoh, Quileute and S'Klallam Tribes as well as the Bogachiel Garden Club in the ceremony.

A Gig Harbor family found that their family member, Moore G. Waldron, a Civil War veteran, had been buried at the Sequim Prairie Cemetery in 1908. Pioneer Memorial Park was once owned by the Sequim Cemetery Association

but was abandoned and closed in 1920 due to constant flooding. The Sequim Prairie Garden Club took on the site as a project to create Sequim's first park in 1951. Attempts were made to contact all family members to move the graves and headstones. Those that remained were relocated to a corner of the park. Although the original headstone was in pieces, it was returned to the family at their request and a replacement stone was installed by the Department of Veterans Affairs' Memorial Programs Service.

Fundraisers: We held our second annual Pie Social, on Father's Day with slices of homemade pie, ice cream and a beverage. We doubled our revenue from last year with increased advertising, word of mouth and the addition of music. We held our first garage sale on Aug 26th at member Joan Whiting's house. We were thrilled with the revenue and a chance to clean out our closets, storerooms and garages. Members of the community donated items too as all revenue goes to support maintenance of Pioneer Memorial Park and our clubhouse. Club members were even asked if we had any pie at the garage sale. (We didn't.)

Community: We participated in the Clallam County Fair as placement clerks, staffing the floral building and cleanup. Members had a good time with the "Poultry in Motion" exhibit. The Sequim-Dungeness Valley Chamber Commerce held their summer "Music in the Park" picnic at Pioneer Memorial Park where our Historian, Priscilla Hudson, gave a presentation on the history of the park followed by a tour of the on site 1893 hand-hewn log cabin and cemetery.

For fun: In July, members took a field trip to Chimacum Woods, a nursery that specializes in rare and unusual rhododendron species. We were bowled over by the distinctive and unique foliage and growth habits of their plants, many of which are giant specimens. In August, we held our annual potluck with fabulous food and desserts.

Vina Winters, Sequim Prairie Garden Club President

**“Scenes of Autumn” Flower Show
Olympic Peninsula District Meeting, October 17, 2017**

GENERAL SHOW RULES

1. All entries must be placed between 9:00 AM and 9:50 AM, Tuesday October 17, 2017.
2. Entry cards to be used will be provided to each club via District Board Meeting.
3. Address labels may be used for names.
4. Judging will begin at 10:00 AM by NGC accredited judges.
5. All entries (Horticulture and Design) will be placed by exhibitors in the appropriate class.
6. The schedule is the Law of the Show. Judges and exhibitors must follow the rules given.
7. Questions to Billie Fitch (johnfitch90@msn.com, 360-379-9242) Show Chairman.

DIVISION I – HORTICULTURE

Horticulture Rules

1. All horticulture entries must be fresh, grown by the exhibitor, and in exhibitor’s possession 90 days, except for Arboreal (trees and shrubs) which must be in possession 6 months.
2. Horticulture entries should be identified by their binomial name or currently accepted scientific identification, plus common name for educational purposes.
3. When more than one stem is required, all should be identical in size, age, color, stem length.
4. More than one entry per horticulture class or subclass may be made by an exhibitor provided each is a different cultivar, type or color.
5. Entries should be well groomed and conditioned.
6. Exhibitors must provide their own containers. All containers should be appropriately sized, clear, without color and clean. Inconspicuous wedging permitted to hold specimen upright.
7. Leaves must not be in water in container.
8. Evergreen (conifer) branches do not need to be placed in a container.

Class 1. Annuals—Any worthy specimen: One stem large flower (over 2" diam.), 3 stems small flowers.

1A. Round Form 1B. Spray Form 1C. Stalk Form

Class 2. *Dahlia*—must be disbudded with two leaves present on flower stem.

2A. Large (> 4" diam.) one stem

2B. Small (< 4" diam.) 3 stems

All are subclassed by color.

Class 3. Other Perennials/Bulbs—Any worthy specimen: One stem large (> 2" diam.), 3 stems small

3A. Round Form 3B. Spray Form 3C. Stalk Form

Class 4. Arboreal Flowers (Shrubs and Trees)

4A. *Hydrangea*

4B. Any other Flowering Shrub or Tree

Class 5. Arboreal Foliage (Shrubs and Trees) Branches 12" to 30" in length

5A. Evergreen Shrub

5B. Evergreen Conifer Tree

5C. Berried Shrub or Tree

5D. Deciduous shrub/tree showing fall leaf color

Class 6. Edible Produce

6A. Fruits (large 3 per plate, small 5 per plate, ½ C. berries)

6B. Vegetables (large single, medium (like corn) 3 per plate, small 10 per plate)

6C. Herbs – 3 foliage stems per appropriate sized container

DIVISION 11—DESIGN

DESIGN RULES

1. Artificial flowers, fruit or foliage (silk, plastic etc.) are not permitted
2. Plant materials used in design do not have to be grown by the exhibitor.

3. **NEW:** Include a 3 x 5 card with all plant material named (scientific or common name) listed.
4. All designs must use some **FRESH** plant material, which cannot be treated with paint, spray, shine, etc. It can be clipped, braided, twisted, etc.
5. Dried plant material can be embellished with sprays, paint, etc.
6. A single flower or a container grown plant used alone is not a "floral design"
7. All designs must be the work of only one exhibitor.
8. Accessories and/or underlays may be used in all designs.
9. Space allotted is 18" width on tables/risers therefore backgrounds are **not** to be used.
10. An exhibitor may enter only one design per class, but enter as many classes as desired.
- 11 Designer's Choice means freedom to choose design type (style) and materials—except that each design must contain some **FRESH** plant material for this show.

Class 1. Color(s) of Autumn—Designer's Choice of design type and materials

Class 2. Trails Through the Forest—A design using **only foliage**, no flowers. Designer's choice of design type.

Class 3. Halloween Fantasy—Designers Choice of design type and materials

Class 4. Harvest Moon—A Reflective Design with designer's choice of materials

Class 5. Mini-Magic—A Petite Design no larger than 6" in any direction. Designer's choice of materials.

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All members please note: I did not mean to leave out information on the upcoming **Flower Show School**, which is timely and important to many of us.

This is from Billie Fitch: “Olympic Peninsula District Sponsored Flower Show School Course III to be held October 31-Nov. 2 at the Presbyterian church in Port Angeles, since it did not get put into the first edition of your new newsletter as I (as Course III chairman) had requested. Please share it with all yo members via email. It will be way too late to pass ou the district meeting, though there will be some at th board meeting. I'm sending it in Word, but can also make it PD if you would prefer it that way.” Billie Fitch