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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE:

Chinook District Welcomes Spring

The Cove in Normandy Park was the lovely setting for our *Fairy Tales from the Garden* fundraiser, with over 100 attendees. The event was a smashing success thanks to the hard work of many. First, many thanks to the Parkside members who spent the day before setting up and bringing supplies from upstairs to the kitchen. Fairy mistress of ceremonies, Brynn Tavasci, was outstanding as she narrated the entertainment and the “entertainers” regaled us in costumes made by Brynn. Many thanks to Erin Gregory of Auburn Garden Club who arranged for the delicious food. Café Pacific was a wonderful caterer. Susan Nash had the unenviable job of selling tickets remotely: great job, Susan. Penny Merriman scoured the entire district (and then some) for the 28 raffle baskets. Wow, fantastic work, Penny; thank you so much. Also, thanks to Yolanda Nelson and Pam Protto from Enumclaw Garden Club for selling raffle tickets.

The Designers Guild had wonderful arrangements for us to see and bid on. The tables were beautifully decorated, and the participants looked like they were having a lot of fun letting their creative juices flow. Congratulations to Parkside's Betty Binz and Betty Murphy who were creative designers of the winning table.

All in all, it was a wonderful day and I thank all who worked so hard to see the luncheon come to fruition. One of our dignitaries, Lana Finegold, Director of the Pacific Region of Garden Clubs (PRGC) sent the following:

Dear Chinook District members and friends,

Thank you all for the joy of attending your Chinook Fundraiser. My husband and I had a delightful time and loved the food, fun and friendship offered. Loved the imaginative program, the poetry, the light touch, the decorations. Way to go, ladies.

With total appreciation for ALL YOU DO.

Please let your district know that it was delightful to see so many faces and so much fun being celebrated by all of you.

Yours for One Green World,
Lana Finegold, PRGC Director

Linda Haas,
Chinook District Director

NEXT DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING

10:00 a.m. May 4, 2022

The Normandy Park Cove

1500 SW Shorebrook Dr, Normandy Park, WA

We will have an in-person district meeting May 4! We will have a business meeting, horticulture program, lunch, and design program. We will not hold a flower show at this meeting, as it is difficult to arrange with all the uncertainties and having one large room. The schedule for May 4 is:

10:00 a.m. Business Meeting

11:00 a.m. Horticulture Program “Summer Sizzlers: “Clematis of July & August”, Laura Watson

12:00 p.m. Lunch – a buffet of salads

1:00 p.m. Design Program, Chinook Designers Guild

We are asking **each club to bring one salad** to contribute to the lunch salad buffet. In addition, each club is asked to bring **two floral arrangements** for table centerpieces.



Clematis 'Multi-Blue'

CHINOOK DISTRICT WEBSITE

<http://www.chinookgc.org/>

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 4: Chinook District General Meeting
 May 31 – June 1: WSFGC Symposium, Tacoma
 June 13 – 14: WSFGC Annual Meeting, Zoom
 June 22 (tentative): Chinook Awards Ceremony and Lunch

DISTRICT OFFICERS 2021-2023

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CHINOOK DISTRICT AWARDS

Awards Chairman Susan Nash:
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For Chinook award applications, use the Chinook District award form; it is on the Chinook District website along with a list of awards. The deadline for most upcoming Chinook awards is May 1, for January 1 to December 31, 2021. You may submit your award applications at the May 4 district meeting. Turn in to Susan Nash.

Return WSFGC awards (trophies, dishes, etc.) to Susan at the May 4 meeting. The silver awards should be polished. These include:
 Marianne Larson Newsletter Award – Enumclaw GC
 Helen Wolff Club Program Award – Des Moines GC
 Garden Therapy Award – Marine Hills GC

Chinook District awards should be brought to the June district awards ceremony. Silver should be polished. Awards should be returned with flowers or candy, as appropriate for a nice presentation. The date for the ceremony will be announced soon.

TAHOMA BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER

Chair: Tanya Galat

The garden has been weeded and trimmed. The shrubs and perennials planted last year are emerging.

As previously mentioned in the Chinook Winds, the marker is deteriorating at a rapid rate. Recently, I have been in contact with Judy Swortz, currently serving as Chair, Blue Star Memorial Markers, for the Pacific Region Garden Clubs, along with several other Board members. She has been in contact with NGC, and it has agreed to review and approve local qualified restoration services other than the Markers' manufacturer. However, the gentleman who was authorized to restore markers on-site cannot receive a permit from any western state due to environmental regulations. Regardless of the final refurbishment services, it will be expensive so any donations from clubs to offset these additional expenditures will be appreciated.

CHINOOK DISTRICT AFFILIATED GROUPS

JUDGES COUNCIL

President: Brynn Tavasci
 253-813-9678

The Judges Council studies the responsibilities and duties involved in judging flower shows. They discuss rules, procedures, changes, and other information from state meetings.

THE FLOWER GALS

President: Donna Hall
 253-561-1996

This group of Garden Club members meets on the third Tuesday of each month (at 10 a.m.) to discuss horticulture or to tour nurseries or gardens. Flower Gals is on hold until Spring.

DESIGNERS GUILD

President: Tory Bennett
 360-825-2096

This group of Advanced Amateur Arrangers meets to further their interest in floral design.

ELLE DESIGNERS

President: Nora Fisher
 253-236-5456

This group of Intermediate Amateur Arrangers meets to make and study creative designs from the handbook.



DISTRICT NEWS

GARDEN CLUB SPRING PLANT SALES

Here is the information available at press time about club spring plant sales:

Marine Hill Garden Club: April 23, 10:00 - 1:00

29829 8th Ave SW, Federal Way

Plants: perennials, shrubs, trees, native plants, annuals

Contact: Maxine Ranta 253-946-3733

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Auburn Garden Club: May 7, 9:00 – 4:00

Les Gove Park, 1138 Auburn Way S. at 12th Street, Auburn

Des Moines Garden Club: May 7, 9:00 - 4:00

Normandy Park Towne Center, 19803 1st Ave S.

Plants: perennials, tomatoes, grasses, flower starts, raspberries, house plants, and more

Contact: Kris Ripley 235-226-4094 kris72ripley@gmail.com

Parkside Garden Club: May 14, 9:00 - 4:00

The Cove (Normandy Park Community Center),
1500 SW Shorebrook Drive, Normandy Park.

Plants: perennials (hosta, heuchera, lilies, hellebore), succulent baskets, and more.

Contact: Alisa Ralph 253-797-6481 aralph2011@gmail.com

Enumclaw Garden Club: May 14, 9:00 a.m.

City Parking Lot on corner of Cole & Initial

Contact Shannon Brock 202-914-4181

O'Brien Garden Club: May 20 & 21, 9:00 – 4:00

19007 120th Ave SE, Renton

Plants: wide variety of hard-to-find tomatoes plus many different plant varieties.

Contact: Sandy Haines 951-823-9193 skhaines@gmail.com



Zinnia with bumblebee



Native Flowering Currant - *Ribes sanguineum*

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Auburn

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March of this year saw our club and members return to our customary activities. After replacing our January General membership meeting with a zoom board meeting and conducting the February General meeting via zoom, we happily gathered at the William C Warren Building on March 8 for our first in-person meeting of the new year. Club member Maggie Lindsey gave a program on the Japanese art of Kokedama. The hands-on design demonstration was rather messy but quite fun. Much of the business of the meeting centered around the preparations for the Chinook District Fundraiser and our Plant Sale which will be May 7.

On March 10, club members gathered at the Auburn Parks greenhouses to assist in the annual plug planting. Those starts were then transplanted again with an assist from our members on April 1. On Tuesday March 15, we participated in a work party at the Backyard Idea Garden, and Barbara Smith with her husband placed our harvested mason bees back into several Auburn parks. Many of our members are hosting mason bees in their own gardens this year. On April 1, Barbara gave the last of the harvested mason bees new homes. Two new nests were placed in Frank Fulmer Park and one in Dorothy Bothel Park.

On March 16, our club was well represented at the Chinook District Fundraiser. It was a lively event and great fun. We were happy to help the district meet their fundraising goal. Our time and attention are now turned to preparations for our plant sale fundraiser and to our Arbor Day celebrations. Our next general membership meeting is on April 12.

Des Moines

President: Teenie Dillinger teenie.dillinger@gmail.com
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Our garden club has had a busy March and April, with lots of our members attending in person. Our March meeting had a very informative discussion on mason bees by Barbara Smith. They are such fantastic pollinators. We also had our biannual Horticulture Flower Show on March 26. It was a beautiful room full of flowers, a fairy garden, and educational; it smelled so wonderful. Our April 4 meeting had the program by Grace Stiller from the King County Noxious Weed Board. She was very enthusiastic to help many people as she shares how to remove these bullies. Our club is readying for our Garden Plant sale on May 7 at Normandy Park Towne Center.

Enumclaw

President: Karen Arris
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Enumclaw Garden Club held a very successful Breakfast for the Birds February 23, with Marianne Binetti as the featured speaker, plus the fun hat parade and auction.

We are planning and preparing for our club plant sale. It will be held on May 14 at 9:00 a.m. at the City Parking Lot on corner of Cole & Initial. For more information, please contact Shannon Brock at 202-914-4181.

Maple Trails

President: Arlene Brenner 253-852-5904
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Our March meeting was at Jeanne Buchanan's house. Jason from Kent East Hill Nursery demonstrated pruning techniques. Jeanne has a wide variety of plantings in her yard for Jason to work on, and he provided lots of pruning tips. Our Horticulture Chair, Sharon Yeaman, is supplying us with roll call topics. Our topic for April is: What is your "Little Black Dress" of a plant. The plant that goes with everything, in any place. The trusty stand-by plant that you grab every time you go to the nursery. Will report answers next month.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Marine Hills

President: Debbie Angel 253-486-2326
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Our meeting March 15 was at Zenith Holland Nursery, where we had a program about Heucheras. Our April 19 meeting will be at 4:30 at Kent East Hill Nursery, with a program about interesting plants for spring and summer. We are getting ready for our plant sale April 22-23.

In May, we will plant containers for the patio areas at Brookdale Foundation House. We hope we can resume meeting there in the fall. We will also plant annuals at the Federal Way Historical Society. We are excited about the May 10 installation of a free little library at the Panther Lake Trailhead in Federal Way in memory of Caroline Liddell. We are in planning stages of a new community garden in Federal Way at a school (the Norman Center) that helps transition special education students to employment. To support this project, we applied for and received a WSFGC grant and Espoma product grant, as well as donations from our club.

O'Brien

President: Sandy Haines 951-823-9193
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Last month the charming Jane Gardner shared her wonderful presentation on "Gardening with Blue Flowers Year-Round". Her slides were worth drooling over and her commitment to "going blue" left us all tickled pink. None of us felt blue after her talk - that's for sure! Our next meeting will be April 15, at the Kent Senior Center, where we finalize details for our upcoming plant sale. It will be May 20 and 21, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. We are growing our "hard to find" tomatoes plus many different offerings.

Parkside

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Parkside's March 17 meeting was the day after the Chinook event, and we were able to enjoy the delicious leftovers. Many thanks to Chinook for sharing! Caroline Zeberoski from Eastside Fuchsia Society, presented "All About Fuchsias". She covered a wealth of information and suggested additional info can be found at:
<http://www.nwfuchsiasociety.com/>

Amanda Leon (City of Normandy Park and Highline Botanical Garden) presented videos of the Lins family demonstrating peony cultivation. She also discussed the history of the Lins' garden in Normandy Park and updated us on the status of the Lins Peony Garden at the Highline Botanical Garden.

We encourage all members to participate in our May 14 plant sale. We've had several digging and planting parties and prepared succulent baskets.

Elle

President: Nora Fisher 253-236-5456
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Elle Design Group met April 3 at the home of Nora Fisher with 100% attendance. Our April design was a Parallel Design. Our designs were critiqued by Barb Smith and Susan Nash, with improvement suggestions to fit design requirements. An Easter potluck followed with a celebration of Donna Hall's birthday. Our five designs for next year are Tapestry Design, Angular Design, Underwater Design, Framed Special Design and Cascade Design. We will meet at Nora Fisher's home through 2023.

Flower Gals

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Flower Gals is currently inactive and hopes to resume meetings and tours soon.

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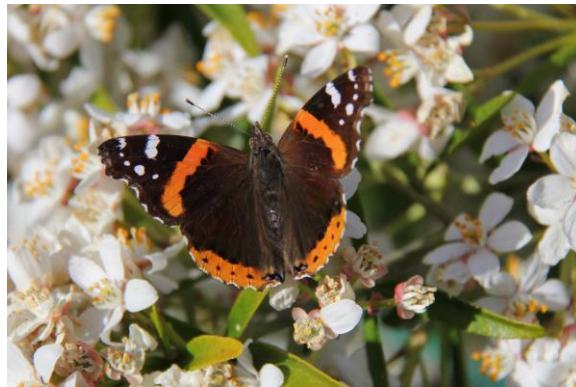
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Red Admiral butterfly on *Choisya ternata* 'Aztec Pearl'

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