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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

It hardly seems possible that almost two years have passed since I became director of the Chinook District of Garden Clubs. I am so thankful we were finally able to meet in person. One of the joys of this position is meeting many of you and getting to know those folks I already knew better. I appreciated all the help I received in filling positions, doing the spring luncheon in 2022, and the spring flower show last month. Kudos to Brynn Tavasci who was the creative force behind these latter two endeavors. They were a lot of fun, and we were able to replenish Chinook's Covid-depleted funds. I was impressed with people who stepped up to the plate when they were needed to keep their clubs afloat. I was also impressed with how so many of our clubs help their communities and are a credit to the district, the state, region and national. I am so proud of your good works, as at the same time you were educating your members, attracting new members, and contributing to scholarships.

I hope many of you have a chance to go by the Blue Star Memorial Marker at Tahoma National Cemetery. The marker will be refurbished by Memorial Day, with a new garden. All this thanks to the Herculean efforts of Tanya Galat, who not only got national rules changed, but raised much of the money for the garden and refurbishment from local Veterans' Organizations. Thank you so much Tanya! I am also thankful to my hard-working Executive Committee, especially Penny Merriman. She was my right hand and so incredibly helpful and giving. I am confident that your new officers will guide you and your clubs along the way to continue the spirit, fun and contributions you make to your communities, district, state and national. Thank you all.

Linda Haas,
Chinook District Director

NEXT DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING

10:00 a.m. May 3, 2023

First United Methodist Church in Auburn
100 N St SE, Auburn, WA 98002

Entry times for Horticulture: 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.

Be prompt – no entries after 9:45 a.m.

To save time, fill out entry cards before arriving.

10-11 Business Meeting

11-12 Horticulture Program "Drought Tolerant Plants",
Deb Brolin, Pierce County Master Gardener.

12-1 Lunch and Horticulture Flower Show

1-1:45 Installation of Officers, designs by Designers
Guild

Clerks for Flower Show: Auburn, Enumclaw, Parkside,
Des Moines

Club Presidents: Please provide the names of the clerks
from your club to: Tanya Galat, 206-612-0021 or
tgalat@msn.com.

Table Arrangements: Parkside, Des Moines, Maple
Trails

Each club brings four arrangements for the table
centerpieces. After the meeting, arrangements are
taken to a local nursing home by Penny Merriman,
Marine Hills Garden Club.

Lunch Reservations & Cancellations:

Cost for the meeting and lunch is \$10. Club presidents,
call or email to make reservations for lunch by **April 25**
to:

Dorothy Weaver 253-878-5744 or
dotyweaver43@gmail.com.

DISTRICT OFFICERS 2021 - 2023

District Director: Linda Haas, Parkside Garden Club

1st Assistant District Director: Penny Merriman, Marine Hills

2nd Assistant District Director: Connie Keen, Enumclaw

Recording Secretary: Maxine Ranta, Marine Hills

Treasurer: Susan Petitclerc, Enumclaw

Corresponding Secretary: Jeanne Buchanan, Maple Trails

Parliamentary Advisor: Debbie Angel, Marine Hills

Immediate Past District Director: Susan Nash, O'Brien

DATES TO REMEMBER

4/17-20/2023 Pacific Region of Garden Clubs Convention, Lynnwood

5/3/2023 Chinook District General Meeting and Flower Show, Auburn

6/5-8/2023 WSFGC Convention and Annual Meeting, Olympia Hotel

6/TBA/2023 Chinook District Awards Ceremony

CHINOOK DISTRICT AWARDS

Susan Nash, Awards Chairman

Chinook awards have a May 3 deadline and are for 2022. Use the Chinook District award form; it is on the Chinook District website along with a list of awards. Stay tuned for information about the Chinook District Awards Ceremony.

ARBOR DAY & PLANT A TREE

Jeanette Pruin, Chairman

Plant-A-Tree award year ended December 31 so count the trees planted since April 1. Submit the numbers using the revised form by May 3. You can download the form from the Chinook District website <http://www.chinookgc.org/>

The 2023 Arbor Day Award will go to Auburn Garden Club. They will receive the \$75 matching funds for planting a Northern Red Oak in Auburn's Fulmer Park on April 12.

BLUE STAR MARKER TAHOMA NATIONAL CEMETERY

Tanya Galat, Co-chairman

The Marker is under renovation and the cemetery garden bed is being refurbished and a new flower design is in the works. Hopefully, everything will be completed by Memorial Day weekend.

CHINOOK YOUTH GRANTS

Jill Cooke, Chairman

The 2023 Chinook District Youth Grant has been awarded to Stephanie Nichols, teacher at Beverly Park Elementary School. She will be awarded \$400 for her after-school project to create a new Native Plants Garden in the school's courtyard. She has been planning this project for a few years. Now that the pandemic is over, she will finally begin an after-school student program thanks to Chinook District of Garden Clubs.

Thank you to the Chinook District Youth Grant committee, Penny Merriman, Teeny Dillinger, Maxine Ranta, Barbara Smith, Linda Haas, and Jill Cooke for their efforts.

CHINOOK SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Jill Cooke, Chairman

We received acknowledgment for Chinook District's scholarship donations from:

University of Washington, College of the Environment (\$2,000) and Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs Scholarship Fund (\$200).

PENNY PINES

Kathy Linnell, Chairman

Thank you to all who contributed to Penny Pines at the winter board and general meetings and the March 15 "Sing a Song of Spring" event. We were able to send \$272.00. Each \$68 funds the planting of 200 trees, so you helped plant 800 trees! Due to wildfires last year, reforestation of WA state was requested. We chose to honor three of our hardworking and longtime members. They will be announced with a certificate soon.

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

Contact:
Donna Hall 253-561-1996

The group is currently inactive. Contact Donna with ideas for resuming activities.

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.

GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALES

April 29, 10 – 2, Marine Hills Garden Club

At 29030 8th Ave. S., Federal Way

Perennials, annuals, shrubs, trees, native plants & more

May 13, 9 – 4, Des Moines Garden Club

At Normandy Park Town Center, 19803 1st Ave. S., Normandy Park

Perennials, tomatoes, grasses, flower starts, raspberries, houseplants & more

May 13, 9 – 2, Enumclaw Garden Club

At the corner of Cole & Initial in downtown Enumclaw

May 13, 9 – 3, Parkside Garden Club, at Normandy Park Community Club (The Cove), 1500 SW Shorebrook Dr., Normandy Park

Perennials, succulents, ground covers, grasses, trees, shrubs, edibles, houseplants, yard art & more

May 19-20, 9 – 4, O'Brien Garden Club

At 19007 120th Ave. SE, Renton

Tomatoes, annuals, perennials, baskets & more

June 3, 9 – 4, Auburn Garden Club

At Les Gove Park (Crow with Fires area), 910 9th St. SE, Auburn

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Auburn

President: Erin Gregory 206-824-1868 rngrgry@gmail.com

The Auburn Garden Club held its general membership meeting March 14. We welcomed one new member. Our program was given by Master Gardener Bruce Bennett on the topic of Rain Gardens. Our design was done by Dorothy Weaver and was taken to the Customer Service Desk at Auburn City Hall. Our February Community Service project, which was to make plant prizes to hand out to deserving students on a weekly basis by the administration of Ilako Elementary School, was met with appreciation and enthusiasm by the staff when they were delivered. Pictures of students receiving the award will be forthcoming. Mason bee project Committee Chairperson Barbara Smith passed out mason bee cocoons to the nine club members who will host them in their gardens this year, and mason bee cocoons are being placed in Auburn City Parks, including three new locations this year. Planning commences for the Spring Plant Sale which will be June 3 at Les Gove Park.

Several of our members participated in the Sing a Song of Spring Flower Show which was held by the District on March 15 at the Cove in Normandy Park. Top awards were given for the Educational Exhibition and Botanical Arts Categories, with all members who participated receiving awards for their designs in other divisions.

The club picked up its customary work parties for the season with seven members plug planting on March 8, four members working the memorial garden in Les Gove Park on March 9, 10 members working the Backyard Idea Garden on March 21, and six members cleaning out the Blue Star Memorial Garden on March 23. A total of 47 volunteer hours were reported to the Administration for Auburn Parks for March.

At our April 11 meeting, the design program is being given by Tori Bennett on Wearable Designs. We will elect Executive Officers for the next term. Members will be working in the backyard idea garden April 18 and at Auburn's Clean Sweep Project on April 22. In March, the Auburn Garden Club made three separate donations to Penny Pines in memory of Julie Mehl, our colleague from the City of Auburn Parks Arts and Recreation Department, and in memory of the husbands of Club Members Jean Gilbertson and Dorothy Weaver, Norman Gilbertson and Jerry Weaver.

Des Moines

President: Teenie Dillinger
teenie.dillinger@gmail.com
206-878-7478 & 253-243-4892

Des Moines Garden Club has been having fun. February had us making small therapy designs in coffee cups with carnations and greens. We made 40 of them and gave them as Valentine presents to a senior housing, a rehab center, and seven adult family homes. They were enjoyed by our members making them and recipients. In March, our meeting was to make St. Pat's designs for our own homes. Once again, very fun and a learning experience. Extra designs were made for our members who have not been able to attend. Our April meeting was a luncheon at Panera Bread, then over to Watson's Nursery in Federal Way to look and buy plants for our gardens.

Please come or tell others about our upcoming Garden Plant Sale May 13.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Enumclaw

Co-presidents: Lanette Knapp lanette53@skynetbb.com
360-802-0268

Marilyn Cooper mcooper201301@gmail.com
206-817-5272

This past month, we have started to gear up for our annual plant sale to be held on May 13 in Enumclaw at the corner of Cole and Initial from 9 a.m. – 3.p.m.

Our nominating committee is busy making their phone calls and working on filling a slate for next year's officers. Because our last meeting of the year is going to be our 100th anniversary celebration, the incoming officers will be initiated at our September meeting.

We have been talking a lot about the Pacific Region convention coming up later this month in Lynnwood. We have several members interested in attending.

The 100th anniversary committee has been working VERY hard to make our celebration super special. We are all getting very excited about the event. We will be treated to a fashion show of '20's fashion. It will be in Maple Valley at Lake Wilderness Arboretum on May 24, 2023.

Maple Trails

President: Esther Banholzer 425-228-6330
alandesther@iname.com

Maple Trails Garden Club does not meet in the winter and had no news to report.

Marine Hills

President: Debbie Angel 253-486-2326
debbielangel@gmail.com

Marine Hills Garden Club received a WSFGC endowment grant of \$1000 to add to our support of a new garden at Meredith Hill Elementary School.

We created more than 30 Valentine floral arrangements for residents of Brookdale Foundation House and Life Care Center (Federal Way). We learned a lot about compost at our February meeting from speaker Laura Matter. We created Our March meeting was messy fun, with Maggie Lindsey helping us create kokedamas.

We look forward to a program at our April meeting "Spring and Summer Vegetables Gardens for the PNW". The May program will be "What's New in Dahlias".

O'Brien

Co-presidents: Lisa Adsero ladsero@ymail.com
253-508-0780

Susan Nash smnash9@gmail.com 425-281-0450

At our meeting on March 17, the speaker Jamie gave a program about garden bugs, good and bad. She works for Windmill Nursery and has a PhD in bugs.

We are busy preparing for our plant sale which will be May 19-20, 9-4 at 19007 120th Ave SE, Renton.

Parkside

Co-presidents:

Carolyn Keneipp 206-250-7590 cbkeneipp@earthlink.net
Nancy Reidel 206-972-8298 nancyriedel@comcast.net

Parkside members and guests traveled to Farm 12 in Puyallup on March 16 (a gorgeous sunny day.) We were given a great demonstration by greenhouse staff showing how they create their beautiful hanging baskets. The hanging baskets honor the tradition of the former Edgewood Flower Farm and contain over 20 different annuals in various colors. We also enjoyed a wonderful lunch at the restaurant; all profits benefit the non-profit organization that supports the well-being of young families.

Parkside members are also busy digging and potting plants in preparation for our annual plant sale on May 13 at the Cove.

Elle

President: Nora Fisher 253-236-5456
norafshr@gmail.com

The Elle Design group met at the home of President Nora Fisher with 10 members in attendance. The slate of officers for the upcoming year was elected: President - Nora Fisher, Vice-President - Fay Lewis, Secretary - Erin Gregory, and Treasurer - Maggie Lindsey and Dorothy Weaver. They will be installed at the May meeting. Our Next meeting will be May 2, a cascade design. A lovely potluck lunch followed our meeting.

Flower Gals

Contact: Donna Hall 253-561-1996
bdonnahall@comcast.net

The group is currently inactive. Contact Donna with ideas for resuming activities.

Chinook District Meeting May 3, 2023 NGC Horticulture Specialty Show

DIVISION I "Ready for May"

SECTION A. "Spring Bloom" - Bulbous Plants (includes bulbs, corms, tubers, rhizomes)
(1 stem unless otherwise noted)

Class 1. *Allium*

Class 2. *Convallaria* (Lily of the Valley)

Class 3. *Iris*

a. *Iris x douglasiana* (Pacific Coast)

b. *Iris x germanica* (Bearded)

c. *Iris x hollandica*

d. *Iris x siberica*

e. Any other *Iris* not listed above

Class 4. *Narcissus*

Class 5. *Tulipa*

Class 6. *Zantedeschia* (Calla Lily)

Class 7. Any other named blooming bulbous plant not listed above

SECTION B. "Garden Time" Herbaceous Perennials (1 stem unless otherwise noted)

Class 8. *Aquilegia* (Columbine)

Class 9. *Dianthus* (Carnations, Pinks, Sweet William)

Class 10. *Dicentra* (Bleeding Heart)

Class 11. *Viola* - 3 stems a. pansy b. viola c. violet

Class 12. Any other herbaceous perennials not listed above

SECTION C. "Blooming Branches" Trees and Shrubs

Class 12. *Daphne*

Class 13. *Rhododendron* (including azaleas) a. one truss b. spray

Class 14. *Syringa* (Lilac)

Class 15. *Viburnum*

Class 16. Any other named flowering tree or shrub branch not named above

SECTION D. "Joy" Potted or Container Grown Plants (note if grown in greenhouse)

Class 17. Flowering - must be in bloom.

Class 18. Foliage

Class 19. Mixed

SECTION E. "Together" Collections and Displays: Must consist of at least five specimens with like characteristics.

Class 19. Collection of cut specimens a. blooming b. foliage.

Class 20. Collection of potted specimens a. blooming b. foliage.

Class 21. Display (Creatively staged collection)

Horticulture Additional Rules

Grooming of plant material is essential. It may mean the difference between a blue ribbon and no ribbon. Use botanical names. An exhibit without a botanical name may cost an exhibitor a top award.

Club members are now allowed to bring up to **twelve** horticulture entries to Chinook District Flower Shows.

Earth Day Celebration at Saltwater State Park – Saturday April 22, 2023

Sponsored by Friends of Saltwater State Park

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Educational Activities

12:30 p.m.: Scuba Dive

12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.: Beach Walks with Naturalist

10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.: Forest Hikes

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