



The Chinook Winds

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DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Ponderings from Penny

Welcome Spring! I know you are all so happy to be outside digging in the dirt, discovering a place for that new plant you bought, and just enjoying your gardens. As avid gardeners, I know you enjoyed garden activities even while inside, such as attending Enumclaw's Breakfast for the Birds in February. Congratulations to Marilyn Cooper and her committee for the wonderful time we all had at that function.

I hope many of you will attend the NGC Gardening School to be held in Tacoma April 29 & 30. I know Brynn Tavasci has worked hard to help get that school organized.

Many of Chinook's garden clubs will be having their plant sales in April and May. Be sure to check the dates and visit as many as possible. It's also a great time to visit with club members and enjoy learning something new about your gardening friends.

I enjoyed visiting four garden clubs this year and discovering what they are doing in their communities to promote horticultural activities, floral design, conservation, and the importance of pollinators. A special part of the visitations was getting to know members and taking part in their meetings.

One of my goals as District Director was to celebrate Chinook's 60 years of helping communities by sharing our knowledge of horticulture and design. I am thankful for all the committee chairmen who have helped me achieve this goal as May 1st will be that birthday celebration.

Since another of my goals is to get more youth involved, I was proud that we had 8 applicants for the Chinook Educational Youth Grant this year. We funded four of them, with Marine Hills funding a fifth. Three applications were submitted after the February 1st deadline, so they might apply next year.

WSFGC, is celebrating 90 years in service to our communities. June 10-13th will be another big birthday celebration at the Little Creek Casino in Shelton. I hope to see many Chinook District members at that function.

Thank you to all who have helped me in my endeavors. Have a wonderful spring and keep on digging!

Penny Merriman,
Chinook District Director

NEXT DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING

10:00 a.m. May 1, 2024

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 Welcome & Business Meeting

11-12 Horticulture Program "Roses", Mary Fry

12-1 Lunch and Flower Show

1-2 Design Program "Creating May Day Baskets",
Erin Gregory

Clerks for Flower Show: Auburn, Parkside, O'Brien

Club Presidents: Please provide the names of the clerks from your club to Flower Show Chairman Susan Nash, smnash9@gmail.com.

Table Arrangements: Parkside Garden Club will provide special table centerpieces to be given to past district directors.

Lunch Reservations & Cancellations:

Cost for the meeting and lunch is **\$12**.

Club presidents: call or email to make reservations for lunch by **April 23** to: Dorothy Weaver 253-878-5744 or dotyweaver43@gmail.com.



DISTRICT OFFICERS 2023 - 2025

District Director: Penny Merriman,
Marine Hills Garden Club

1st Assistant District Director: Erin
Gregory, Auburn Garden Club

2nd Assistant District Director: Tory
Bennett, Enumclaw Garden club

Recording Secretary: Maxine Ranta,
Marine Hills Garden Club

Treasurer: Susan Miller, Auburn
Garden Club

Corresponding Secretary: Diane
Goss, Marine Hills Garden Club

Parliamentary Advisor: Debbie
Angel, Marine Hills Garden Club

Immediate Past District Director:
Linda Haas, Parkside Garden Club

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 29-30, 2024 – NGC Gardening
School 1 in Tacoma

May 1, 2024 – Chinook District
General Meeting & Flower Show

June 9-13, 2024 – WSFGC Annual
Meeting & Flower Show, Shelton

June 26, 2024 – Chinook District
Awards Ceremony

BLUE STAR MARKER TAHOMA NATIONAL CEMETERY

Tanya Galat and Matti Munson,
Co-chairmen

The garden has come through the winter
well with the only losses being a few
anemones. One of the Red Twig Dogwood
isn't thriving as well as the other, but we
will monitor and treat as necessary.

We have scheduled a work party for April
23 at 10:00 a.m. The work requires
stepping up into the garden bed, doing
general cleanup and spreading compost in
preparation for planting annuals in May.
We would like two volunteers from Auburn
Garden Club this year. Please email Tanya
and Matti with the names of volunteers.

We would like to thank Radhika Kumar for
generously donating a 1/2 flat of bronze
leaf red begonias and a 1/2 flat of white
begonias for the garden.

CHINOOK YOUTH GRANTS

Jill Cooke, Chairman

The Chinook Youth Grant committee has
awarded \$400 to each of four school
projects. All the projects involved school
gardens in Highline and Federal Way School
Districts. A fifth project will be funded with
a donation from Marine Hills Garden Club.

GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALES

April 27, 10 – 2, Marine Hills GC
29829 8th Ave. SW, Federal Way
*Annuals, perennials, shrubs, and
trees. Native, ornamental, and
edible plants*

May 11, 9 – 4, Des Moines GC
Normandy Park Town Center,
19803 1st Ave. S., Normandy Park
*Perennials, tomatoes, grasses,
flower starts, raspberries,
houseplants & more*

May 11, 9 – 2, Enumclaw GC
At the corner of Cole & Initial in
downtown Enumclaw
Plants and garden art

May 11, 9 – 3, Parkside GC
Normandy Park Cove, 1500 SW
Shorebrook Dr., Normandy Park
*Perennials, houseplants, garden
art & more*

May 17-18, 9 – 4, O'Brien GC
19007 120th Ave. SE, Renton
*Tomatoes, annuals, perennials, &
more*

June 1, 9 – 4, Auburn GC
Les Gove Park, 910 9th St. SE,
Auburn

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.

DESIGNERS GUILD

President: Debbie Angel
253-486-2326

This group of Advanced Amateur Arrangers
meets to further their interest and skill 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 NGC Flower Show Handbook.



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CHINOOK DISTRICT AWARDS

Susan Nash, Awards Chairman

Chinook awards have a May 1 deadline and are for 2023. Use the Chinook District award form; it is on the Chinook District website <http://www.chinookgc.org/> along with a description of awards. The Past District Director Awards due May 1 are:

- Susan Nash Award (community project)
- Sara Jane Rants Honor Club Award
- Sally Priebe Award (design)
- Lona Carter Award (member contribution to district)
- Jeanette Prion Award (most new members)
- Dianne Green Award (horticulture exhibit)
- Dottie Wilson Award (member contribution to club)
- Ann Kronenwetter Award (birds)
- Betty Burkhart Award (table-setting)
- Anne Kinsley Award (flower show schedule)
- Marion Nancarrow Award (craft)
- Shirley Lins Award (novice design)
- Brynn Tavasci Award (recycled garden art)
- Mary Ireland Award (flower show staging)
- Kay McDonald Award (petite design)
- Debbie Angel Award (pollinator)
- Barbara Smith Award (Arbor Day)

The Chinook District Awards Ceremony will be 10:00 a.m. on June 26 at First United Methodist Church, 100 N St SE, Auburn.

PLANT A TREE

Jeanette Pruin, Chairman

The Plant-A-Tree Award is now on the calendar year so please count the trees planted in 2023 by clubs and individual members. Award applications are on the district website <http://www.chinookgc.org/> and are due May 1.

ARBOR DAY

Jeanette Pruin, Chairman

I received one request for the \$75 Chinook District Arbor Day matching funds. Auburn Garden Club plans to plant a Deodar Cedar in Game Farm Park in Auburn. Chinook District will contribute \$75 to the cost of the tree.

CHINOOK SCHOLARSHIPS

Jill Cooke, Chairman

Chinook District awarded 2024 scholarship donations to:
University of Washington College of the Environment \$1500
Washington State University Horticultural Development Fund \$1500
WSFGC Scholarship Fund \$200

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Auburn

President: Erin Gregory rnrgrgy@gmail.com
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Our members are busy with a variety of opportunities to benefit the community. General membership meetings were February 13 and March 12. Our February meeting included a program on Seed Starting delivered by club member and master gardener Matt Jennings. The membership re-elected Erin Gregory as President. At our March meeting, Barbara Smith gave a program on centerpiece designs. On March 3, 12 club members gathered at the City of Auburn greenhouse to plant 1400 + plugs that will be transplanted into Auburn Parks on Clean Sweep Saturday in April. The planting took less than 45 minutes. On March 19, club members did general clean-up at the Backyard Idea Garden and the Blue Star Memorial Garden.

April projects include the Centennial Tea, Arbor Day tree dedication, Clean Sweep Saturday and three garden work parties. The Mason Bee Project will deploy our little pollinator army into nine City of Auburn Parks, an expansion of three locations at Soos Creek Botanical Garden, and nesting sites at 15 of our own members' homes. We continue to prepare for our plant sale which will be June 1 in Les Gove Park.

Our next General Membership meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. April 9 at the William C. Warren Building in Veterans Memorial Park. Jason Billingsly of Kent East Hill nursery will speak on Pruning Best Practices.

Des Moines

President: Teenie Dillinger teenie.dillinger@gmail.com
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We always have fun at our meetings and March was Teenie presenting the on-line field trip to Saltwater State Park. This was presented at the NGC environmental class and you can see it again at the WSFGC Annual Meeting on June 11.

Our next meeting is Tuesday April 9 for a docent-led tour of the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden. Afterwards we will have lunch in a nearby restaurant. We are getting ready for our Plant Sale May 11 at the Normandy Park Towne Center.

We have sad news: Rose Jackson, a member of 30+ years, passed away at age 101. Her memorial is April 13 at 11 a.m. at the Kent Marlatt funeral home.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Enumclaw

President: Marilyn Cooper mcooper201301@gmail.com...
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The Enumclaw Garden Club met March 27 at the VFW hall in Enumclaw. The spring weather brought everyone out and we were fortunate to welcome four new members. Checks were presented to both the City of Enumclaw Cemetery Board and the Enumclaw Parks Department. These donations were funded by proceeds from Breakfast for the Birds. Again, many thanks to all of you who helped make it such a huge success.

Work continues on the upcoming plant sale to be held on Mother's Day weekend. A member appreciation tour of Heronswood Garden is scheduled for the end of May. For our program, Brynn Tavasci entertained us and stirred our creative juices with her 'recycled' treasures. It was great fun and we look forward to having her visit again.

Maple Trails

President: Jeanne Buchanan 253-880-6889
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Maple Trails Garden Club met March 27 at Mountain View Fire Station #96. Master Gardener Bruce Bennett spoke to the club. His presentation was titled Herbs for the Pacific Northwest. He gave many tips and ideas for growing herbs indoors and outdoors and for using herbs in cooking. One interesting idea is to save stems from your rosemary shrub. After removing the leaves, freeze the stems and use them as skewers for cooking meats and vegetables. He said the stems impart a nice flavor.

We were joined at the meeting by our District Director, Penny Merriman, and by two members visiting from other garden clubs. After the speaker's presentation we enjoyed a salad potluck followed by our monthly business meeting.

Marine Hills

President: Carrie Asselin 253-332-5847 jandcasselin@comcast.net

We've had a busy two months. Six members met twice to work on our poster for the May 1 Chinook 60th celebration. Our February 20 club meeting included a great presentation by Laura Matter on Environmentally Friendly Gardening. Our table at Enumclaw GC's Breakfast for the Birds had an amazing time. We had a table at Federal Way School District's STEM night, with a display and handouts about starting seeds. Our March 19 club meeting featured an informative and hilarious program "Slugology" by Cori Carlton. Our next meeting will include a program by Amanda Miller about Herbs and the South King County Too Library. Our plant sale is April 26-27.

O'Brien

Co-presidents: Lisa Adsero
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Susan Nash smnash9@gmail.com
425-281-0450

Our March meeting featured a program about carnivorous plants. Our next meeting is April 19. Jason Billingsley, from Kent East Hill Nursery, will speak about plant diseases.

Parkside

President: Deborah Andrews
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Springtime brings an increase in activity for the club, with planning and preparation for several upcoming events. Members were greeted with a "pop-up" plant sale at the March meeting, featuring early bloomers and a lovely garden bench donated by a former member. The plant sale committee reports that preparations for the May 11 sale are progressing well. Parkside will participate again in the Normandy Park Arbor Day celebration with a booth and a sampling of plants for sale. Other members are preparing for Chinook District birthday celebration, gathering supplies for the table decorations and elements for the display board. While searching for pictures and memorabilia for the display board, a great deal of work is being done on the club's archives, sorting and digitizing pictures and scrapbooks. The resulting files will benefit the club for years to come. Parkside Garden Club donated enough to the Penny Pines program to purchase 1,400 trees in 2023. Six hundred of the trees were purchased as gifts by member Amy Johnson, honoring family members.

Elle

President: Nora Fisher 253-236-5456
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The Elle Design group met April 2 and did Creative Horizontal Line Designs. The March 5 meeting focused on Hogarth Curve Designs.

CHINOOK DISTRICT MEETING FLOWER SHOW

GENERAL RULES

1. Competition is open to all Chinook District members. See General Rule #2, Horticulture Rule #1, and Design and Artistic Crafts Rule #1.
2. Student judges (or anyone needing exhibiting credits) from any District may enter any Flower Show to obtain credits.
3. This Standard Flower Show is judged by Accredited judges, whose decisions are final. No one will be permitted in the judging area except judges' chairman, judges, clerks and classification chairmen.
4. Entries will be received from 8:30 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. Late entries cannot be judged but will be shown for "Exhibit Only". Entries may not be removed until the afternoon program starts (preferably not until after the program).
5. Entrants must register with the Classification Committee. Entries must conform to schedule.
6. Horticulture will be placed by the committee.
7. Designers and Crafters will be assisted with placement.
8. Flower Show Chairman is Susan Nash 425-281-0450.

HORTICULTURE RULES

1. All clubs may enter exhibits in the Horticulture Division of each Flower Show. **Each individual member is limited to twelve entries per show.**
2. **Entrants must supply their own clean, clear glass containers.** Containers should be in scale to the specimens.
3. Horticulture entries will be limited to 30" in length for the arboreal section, or optimum growth for any other section.
4. Unobtrusive wedging and double potting are permitted.
5. Exhibitor may make more than one entry per class or subclass if each is of a different variety/cultivar, type or color.
6. Classification Chairman may add or divide classes or subclasses as deemed necessary on the day of the show.
7. Horticulture entries must be grown by the exhibitor and correctly named.
8. Potted plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession 90 days prior to entry.
9. The same cut specimen may not be shown again, if it has already been shown in a Standard Flower Show.
10. Horticulture Collections and Horticulture Displays must include at least five similar specimens. See page 60 in the Handbook for staging information for collections and displays.

DESIGN & ARTISTIC CRAFTS RULES

1. The Design Division is open to members from all clubs listed in the Chinook District Directory and those listed in General Rule #2. Except for the club providing lunch for the general meeting, all clubs are expected to have at least three design entries, but no more than five, and at least one artistic craft entry.
2. **ADVANCE ENTRY ONLY FOR DESIGN (Division II) and BOTANICAL ARTS (Division III). All advance entries should be registered with Tory Bennett, TVBennett@aol.com or 253-880-6553**
3. "Novice Only" classes are to be entered only by those who have won no more than three blue ribbons in a Standard Show. Novices may enter other classes but will be judged in open competition.
4. There shall be only one entry per entrant in each class or subclass.
5. Artistic exhibits may be moved by the placement committee and for critique. All care will be exercised by the show committee, but they cannot be responsible for loss or damage.
6. Maximum space allowed for a design is 24" wide and 30" deep on a table, unless otherwise stated.
7. See information on page 80 in the Handbook regarding use of fantasy flowers.
8. Accessories and featured items are permitted unless otherwise stated.
9. Some fresh plant material must be used unless otherwise stated. Dyed, painted or otherwise embellished fresh plant material is not allowed. **Artificial plant material is not permitted.**
10. No Design or Artistic Craft is to be entered if it has been shown previously in a Standard Flower Show.
11. **Each Design and Craft exhibit must have a 3x5-inch card listing plant material included.** Botanical or common names are accepted.
12. Careful study of the Flower Show Rules and the Flower Show Schedule will eliminate points being deducted for nonconformance. Remember, the schedule is the "**Law of the Show**" and is binding on the judge as well as the exhibitor.

CHINOOK DISTRICT FLOWER SHOW AWARDS

Standard System of Awarding: Blue for first place; Red for second; Yellow for third, and White for Honorable Mention. Only blue-ribbon winners are eligible for top design awards.

Best Horticulture Exhibit Award (*Green and White Rosette*) may be given to the named exhibit judged as the finest in the entire Horticulture Division.

Show Chairman's Award (*Yellow Rosette*) for the **Best Design in the show.**

District Director's Award (*Burgundy and Mauve Rosette*) for **Best Novice Design.**

Crafters Award (*Lavender Rosette*) for the **Best Artistic Craft.**

Collection or Display Award (*Light Blue and Dark Blue Rosette*) for the **Best Collection or Display.**

An annual **Horticulture Sweepstakes Award** will be presented to the club winning the most blue ribbons in Horticulture (Division I) in a district flower show. In case of a tie, red ribbons will be counted. This monetary award of \$50 will be awarded at the annual district awards ceremony.

Chinook District
NGC Small-Standard Flower Show “Flower Power”
May 1, 2024

DIVISION I HORTICULTURE

DIVISION I “Flower Child”

SECTION A. “Can You Dig It?” - 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. “Catch Some Rays” 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. “Cherry-Pick” Trees and Shrubs

Class 13. *Daphne*

Class 14. *Rhododendron* (including azaleas) a. one truss b. spray

Class 15. *Syringa* (Lilac)

Class 16. *Viburnum*

Class 17. Any other named tree or shrub branch not named above

SECTION D. “A Go-Go” Potted or Container Grown Plants (note if grown in greenhouse)

Class 18. Flowering - must be in bloom.

Class 19. Foliage

Class 20. Mixed foliage and flowering.

SECTION E. “Sock it to Me” Collections and Displays: Must consist of at least five specimens with like characteristics.

Class 21. Collection of cut specimens a. blooming b. foliage.

Class 22. Collection of potted specimens a. blooming b. foliage.

Class 23. Display (Creatively staged collection)

SECTION F. “The Love Bug”

Class 24. Any other named specimen not listed above in any class.

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.

**Chinook District
NGC Small-Standard Flower Show “Flower Power”
May 1, 2024**

*All designs and crafts must be pre-registered with Tory Bennett
253-880-6553, TVBennett@aol.com*

DIVISION II DESIGN

Designs staged in a space 24” wide x 30” deep, on a rectangle table draped in white unless otherwise stated. All classes are designer’s choice of plant material.

SECTION A.

Class 1. “Outta Sight” – a Transparency Design.

Class 2. “Yellow Submarine” – a Creative Design using bold colors.

Class 3. “Feeling Groovy” – a design showing curving lines.

DIVISION III BOTANICAL ARTS

All exhibits must have some plant material, fresh and/or dried. No artificial plant material allowed. Exhibits staged in 20” x 20” space.

SECTION A. Artistic Crafts

Class 1. “Summer of Love” – hair wreath to be staged on a foam wig head provided by show committee.

All designs and crafts must have a 3” x 5” card with common or scientific names of all plant material used.



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