



The Chinook Winds

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to you all for another couple years with new officers, and to many who have been in Chinook District working to promote the Washington State Federation of Garden Club goals as well as National Garden Club goals. It was such a pleasure for me having the new presidents and Executive Committee at my house for the Presidents' Luncheon July 12. I know everyone enjoyed meeting together and hearing each other's goals.

My theme and goals for Chinook District will be to educate and nurture the youth in our community and help them learn more about horticulture, conservation, and pollinators. Our individual seven garden clubs as well as Chinook District have awarded scholarships and a variety of grants to many individuals and schools, but we need to reach out to more young people.

Another goal will be to celebrate Chinook District's 60th birthday in 2024, so I hope to have a birthday party sometime that year. As the Girl Scout song goes, "Make new friends, but keep the old; one is silver and the other gold."

I am happy I discovered that Chinook District already has a logo and thank Debbie Angel for bringing it to my attention. I would like to develop a tri-fold brochure describing Chinook District so our members can distribute it in their communities.

Another goal is to have a Christmas/Holiday Luncheon since we haven't had one for a couple years. These are a few goals I have; thank you for helping me accomplish them. I know we will have fun working together on these activities.

Penny Merriman,
Chinook District Director

NEXT DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING

10:00 a.m. September 6, 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 "Bulbs" (tentative)

12-1 Lunch and Horticulture Flower Show

1-1:45 Design Program "Designs for the Home",
Debbie Spiller

Clerks for Flower Show: Des Moines, Enumclaw, Parkside,
Maple Trails

Club Presidents: Please provide the names of the clerks from your club to clerk co-chairman Donna Hall
BDonnaHall@comcast.net or Laura Curnan
jlcuran@msn.com

Table Arrangements: Auburn, Enumclaw, O'Brien

Each club brings four arrangements for table centerpieces. After the meeting, a member of Auburn Garden Club will take the arrangements to a local adult care facility.

Lunch Reservations & Cancellations:

Cost for the meeting and lunch is \$10.

Club presidents: call or email to make reservations for lunch by **August 29** to: Dorothy Weaver 253-878-5744 or
dotyweaver43@gmail.com.

Note: The lunch cost will increase to \$12 beginning in November.



DISTRICT OFFICERS 2021 - 2023

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

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

September 6 - General Meeting &
Flower Show

October 4 - Board Meeting

November 1 - General Meeting &
Flower Show

December 6 - Christmas Luncheon

BLUE STAR MARKER TAHOMA NATIONAL CEMETERY

Tanya Galat and Matti Munson,
Co-chairmen

Finally, everything is finished! The marker is restored, and the surrounding flower bed is refurbished. We finalized plans for a rededication ceremony at the cemetery on Saturday, August 12 at 11:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served, compliments of Chinook District. We invited several members from the veterans' groups and community organizations that contributed to the restoration fund. Jill Cooke, past President of Parkside Garden Club will give the Inspiration. Additionally, the Assistant Director of the cemetery, Jeremy Meade, will briefly enlighten all of us about the history of the cemetery and provide other pertinent details. For example, did you know the cemetery serves over 650,000 veterans in the State of Washington and more than 3,000 burials are conducted each year. Chinook District is proud that the Blue Star Memorial Marker is one of the first tributes to our military that visitors experience upon arriving at the cemetery.

PLANT A TREE

Jeanette Pruin, Chairman

The Plant-A-Tree Award is now on the calendar year so start counting trees planted between January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

The cooler, wetter days of fall are perfect for tree planting. Get started now thinking about what to plant.

CHINOOK DISTRICT AWARDS

Susan Nash, Awards Chairman

The awards year is the calendar year, so the next applications are for activities from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

Yearbook applications with three copies of your yearbook and yearbook cover applications with one copy of your yearbook cover are due to me or Penny at the October 4 Board meeting. If you have them done, you can bring them to the September meeting.

Newsletters and Garden Therapy are due to the State Chairmen by December 1. These are the ones applied for most often but there are many others with early dates. Check the state directory or email me for the dates of interest.

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl posters are usually due December 15.

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.



Pacific Region Garden Clubs Convention Recap

“Going Green Together,” the 79th Annual Convention of Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc., was held April 17 - 20, 2023 at the Lynnwood Embassy Suites by Hilton. The convention team members, Brynn Tavasci, Diane Franchini, Dorrie Carr, Terry Critchlow, and Jeanette Pruin, worked together to provide an educational, creative, and fun gathering that everyone could enjoy. Our own Lana Finegold, PRGC Director 2021 – 2023, cheered us on.

Speakers included James Gagliardi from Bellevue Botanical Garden, the always entertaining Marianne Binetti, and our favorite designer, Tory Bennett. Workshops included making collages, creating corsages, and ideas for youth activities. Thanks to all from Chinook District who attended and helped in so many ways. The enthusiastic support was appreciated and helped make the convention a success. Special thanks to Linda Haas for providing an educational display and manning the registration table and to Connie Keen and Yolanda Nelson for selling raffle tickets. Many thanks to all who attended.

Brynn Tavasci



Connie Keen, Laura Curnan, Yolanda Nelson, Rhonda Barnklau - AK, Judy Stebbins - NV, and Chris Wood - AK. Photo provided by Rhonda Barnklau.



“Fairy Tales from the Garden,” Linda Haas as Tinkerbell and Robin Pokorski - CA, as Bell Pepper. Photo by Rhonda Barnklau.

CHINOOK DISTRICT NOVEMBER SALE

At our November 1 General Meeting, Chinook District will have a big sale to help raise money for the district.

Bring Garden-related items to add to the sales tables by 9:30 a.m. November 1.

You can price them, or Teenie can do it.

Examples of items to bring are houseplants, yard art, gardening books, baked goods, pots and containers. Bring money and plan to BUY BUY BUY!

Call, text, or email Teenie with questions

Teenie Dillinger

253-243-4892

teenie.dillinger@gmail.com

If what you bring does not sell, you **must** take it home.



GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Auburn

President: Peggy Kolowinski

peggy.maxiebrakerelease@gmail.com

Auburn Garden Club has a very exciting year ahead. We have some outstanding speakers and field trips planned. This is our 100-year anniversary and we are working hard to make it very special with a Tea in April. This will be a busy year, but also a very fun one.

Des Moines

President: Teenie Dillinger teenie.dillinger@gmail.com

206-878-7478 & 253-243-4892

This summer, Des Moines Garden Club is having member garden tours while we wait for our new year to start. It's fun to keep in touch with our group members, and their yards were beautiful. Our board met to get our schedule ideas put on paper and plan the calls to be made. Our first meeting is September 11.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Enumclaw

President: Marilyn Cooper
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On May 24, Enumclaw Garden Club celebrated its 100th anniversary with a "1923 Garden Party Luncheon" at the Lake Wilderness Lodge in Maple Valley. Club members showed their creative flair by dressing up in stylish period attire. After a delicious lunch catered by Griffin and Wells, a vintage fashion show was hosted by Lynn Gough of Supercalifragilistic Hats and Fashion.

On July 26 the club had their annual Garden Tea and Tour where five members shared their beautiful yards and gardens. It was a glorious day to appreciate the work and talent of these club members. The tour also included a scavenger hunt which highlighted even more of their creativity. A potluck lunch and beverages were enjoyed at the last stop.

Our next general meeting will be held on September 27 at the VFW hall in Enumclaw.

Maple Trails

President: Jeanne Buchanan 253-880-6889
gandjbuchanan@comcast.net

In May, we installed our new officers:

Parliamentarian	Esther Banholzer
President	Jeanne Buchanan
Vice President	Matti Munson
Secretary	Valerie George
Treasurer	Sharon Yeaman

In June, we held a meeting to review the plans for next year's activities as proposed by the planning committee. In August, we'll tour Soos Creek Botanical Gardens.

Marine Hills

President: Carrie Asselin 253-332-5847
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Marine Hills Garden Club members put their umbrellas to work on June 10 to tour Bellevue Botanical Garden, followed by lunch at Gilbert's on Main.

We had a successful meeting to plan our programs. Five are confirmed and we have our budget set for the coming year. Our first meeting will be September 19 with a program about fall gardening activities.

O'Brien

Co-presidents: Lisa Adsero ladsero@ymail.com
253-508-0780
Susan Nash smnash9@gmail.com 425-281-0450

O'Brien Garden Club will start up meetings September 15 at 11:00 a.m. at the Kent Senior Center. We have a new email address: www.obriengc.org

We toured the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden in June as our club field trip.

Parkside

President: Deborah Andrews deb.sealevel@gmail.com
206-683-4070

Parkside's June Tea and Garden Tours was a well-attended event featuring a scrumptious luncheon and the beautiful and diverse gardens of three Parkside members. Members and guests were greeted by the sight of beautiful table arrangements created by the luncheon committee. Being the last meeting until September, the outgoing officers were thanked for their tireless work on the Club's behalf and the new officers were inducted. Emeritus status was awarded to Barb Purdey, for her long service to the Club. An active member since 1998, she is a former president and stellar volunteer in all aspects of the Club's activities. She has donated countless hours to design, plant, and maintain the flower baskets and front entrance to the Cove and freely opens her garden for others' enjoyment. The planning committee was pleased to announce that the chair has been named and planning has begun for Parkside's annual plant sale, May 11, 2024, at the Cove.

Elle

President: Nora Fisher 253-236-5456
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The Elle Design group will begin our new term in October.

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 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). All design entries are advance entries 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 MEETING FLOWER SHOW - September 6, 2023

DIVISION I HORTICULTURE "PLAYING WITH PINWHEELS"

For cut specimens: one stem unless bloom size under 1.5 inches, then 3 stems. One stem for spray.

SECTION A. "SIDEWALK CHALK" Annuals, cut specimens

- Class 1. *Antirrhinum* (Snapdragon)
- Class 2. *Cosmos*
- Class 3. *Fuchsias*
- Class 4. *Helianthus* (Sunflower)
- Class 5. *Petunias*
- Class 6. *Tagetes* (Marigolds)
- Class 7. *Zinnias*
- Class 8. Any other worthy annuals

SECTION B. "BADMINTON" Biennials or Perennials, cut specimens

- Class 9. *Anemone japonica*
- Class 10. *Aster*
- Class 11. *Coreopsis*
- Class 12. *Chrysanthemums*
- Class 13. *Hosta*
- Class 14. Any other worthy perennials or biennials

SECTION C. "WINDCHIMES" Tree or Shrub branches

- Class 15. *Hydrangeas*
 - a. *H. macrophylla* (big leaf) b. *H. paniculata* c. *H. petiolaris* (lace cap) d. Any other type Hydrangea
- Class 16. *Rosa* (Rose)
 - a. Hybrid Rose or *grandiflora*, one bloom per stem b. *floribunda*, one spray
 - c. Miniature Rose, one bloom per stem d. Miniature Rose, one spray e. Any other rose, one stem
- Class 17. Any tree or shrub
 - a. with berries b. with bloom c. showing beauty of foliage

SECTION D. "FRISBEE GOLF" Bulbs, corms or tubers

- Class 18. *Dahlias* – a. under 4" b. 4" to under 8" c. 8" and over
- Class 19. *Gladiolus*- a. under 3" b. 3" to under 4" c. 4" and over
- Class 20. *Lilium* (Lily)
- Class 21. Any other worthy bulb, corm or tuber

SECTION E. "PICNICS" Fruits and vegetables

- small – 6 ea. medium – 3 ea. large – 1; Washed but not scrubbed. Displayed on a white paper plate provided by entrant. Leave a stem or a part of a stem whenever possible. Average: Pumpkin 2"; leafy stems of carrots 1" etc.
- Class 22. *Cucumis sativus* (cucumber)
 - Class 23. *Cucurbita* (pumpkin)
 - Class 24. *Cucurbita* (squash)
 - Class 25. *Lycopersicon esculentus* (tomato)
 - Class 26. *Malus* (apple)
 - Class 27. Any other worthy fruit or vegetable

SECTION F. "SKIPPING STONES" – POTTED OR CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS – ONE PLANT PER CONTAINER

- Container no smaller than 6" and no larger than 10". No provisions for hanging plants
- Class 28. Flowering
 - a. grown indoors b. grown outdoors
 - Class 29. Foliage
 - a. grown indoors b. grown outdoors

SECTION G. "SEASHELL SEARCH"- COLLECTIONS –SPECIMENS **MUST** be related. See Handbook page 60

- Class 30. Five cut flowering specimens
- Class 31. Five cut foliage specimens
- Class 32. Five potted specimens Each container not over 6"

SECTION H. "MARBLES" – Any other worthy NAMED specimen NOT listed elsewhere in the schedule.

Chinook District
NGC Small-Standard Flower Show
September 6, 2023

DIVISION II DESIGN “Game Night”

All designs staged in a space 24” wide x 30” deep tabletop draped in white. Self-supporting staging panel is recommended but not required. If staging panel has wings, they must be pulled to the back securely.

All classes are designers’ choice of plant material unless otherwise stated. Designs may be traditional or creative unless otherwise stated in the schedule.

SECTION A “Throw the Dice”

Class 1. “Apples to Apples” – A design using some fruit.

Class 2. “Labyrinth” – A Creative Design.

Class 3. “Jenga” – An Angular Design. (see glossary below)

DIVISION III BOTANICAL ARTS “Let’s Play”

SECTION A “You Win”

ARTISTIC CRAFTS

All crafts are designers’ choice of plant material. Fresh plant material cannot be treated. Dried plant material can be treated with paint or glitter.

Class 1. “Pin the Tail on the Donkey” – A brooch incorporating some plant material. Creatively staged by exhibitor in a 12” x 12” space on table.

Class 2. “Name that Tune” – A decorated place card. Creatively staged by exhibitor in a 10” x 10” space on a table.

Glossary

Angular Design: A Creative Design emphasizing strong angles that may be acute, obtuse, reflex, right angles, or combination angles.

Corrections to the Chinook District Directory:

Page 85, spelling of Kolowinski

Please provide other corrections to Susan Nash. If you would like a digital copy, request it from Susan.

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