



The Chinook Winds

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DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Ponderings from Penny

Welcome to 2024! What a wonderful year we've had with our District General Meetings, Garage Sale, and the Holiday Luncheon to top it all. I want to thank all the hard working and creative District members who worked tirelessly since June to make the luncheon a huge success. It was magical to look at all the beautifully decorated tables and smiling faces. So many people contributed that it would take my whole message to name them. People even called me the day before the Luncheon to see if they could help somewhere. Several people emailed me afterwards saying what fun they had.

Now we are looking ahead to new experiences, such as the Chinook District 60th Birthday Celebration, WSFGC's 90th Birthday Celebration, and more special times together where we make more life-long friendships. We can plan to accomplish meaningful community service projects and celebrate the youth in our communities through the Youth Grant, the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest, and other projects yet to be discovered.

At every board and general Meeting, I am surrounded by such a committed team, and I am honored to be working with that team. We are all still growing and learning, and what a wonderful journey this has been for me.

Thank you for your energy, your cooperation, and your creativity.

Happy New Year!

Penny Merriman,
Chinook District Director

NEXT DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING

10:00 a.m. February 7, 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 Business Meeting

11-12 Horticulture Program "Grow the Heck Up",
Laura Watson

12-1 Lunch and Flower Show

1-1:45 Design Program "Elements of Line Design",
Barbara Smith

Clerks for Flower Show: Auburn, Des Moines, Maple Trails, Marine Hills

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

Table Arrangements: Auburn, Enumclaw, Marine Hills

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 **\$12**.

Club presidents: call or email to make reservations for lunch by **January 30** 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

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

February 7, 2024 – Chinook District General Meeting & Flower Show

February 21, 2024 – Enumclaw Garden Club Breakfast for the Birds

April 3, 2024 – Chinook District Board Meeting

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

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

BLUE STAR MARKER TAHOMA NATIONAL CEMETERY

Tanya Galat and Matti Munson, Co-chairmen

The BSMM garden is in winter mode now. The leaves have fallen, and the evergreens are prominent. The blue and orange pansies planted in the fall continue to bloom and add color to the garden.

On December 15, we placed a wreath at the front of the garden. On December 16, volunteers with Wreaths Across America placed wreaths in front of veterans' graves at Tahoma National Cemetery and at other locations throughout the US, at sea and abroad. We wish to thank the clubs from our district for purchasing 74 wreaths this year. According to the WAA website over 3 million wreaths were placed. Tahoma National Cemetery received 335 wreaths.

We also thank our clubs for their support and donations for the continued care and maintenance of the BSMM garden. Please continue to donate to the garden in the coming year.



CHINOOK SCHOLARSHIPS

Jill Cooke, Chairman

Thank you to all garden clubs for funding Chinook District Scholarships. All Chinook district garden clubs donated to the scholarship fund. We will vote on the proposal for fund allocation at the February 7 district meeting.

CHINOOK YOUTH GRANTS

Jill Cooke, Chairman

The Chinook Youth Grant committee has received two applications for the 2024 youth grants. The due date for submitting the application is February 1, 2024. Email applications to: Jill Cooke, jillcooke63@gmail.com

DISTRICT DESIGN CLASSES

Barbara Smith

Two Design classes for the Chinook District were held in November 2023. Fourteen Chinook members signed up for the classes which were held at the William Warren Building in Auburn. The designs studied were the crescent shape, triangle, vertical and mass design. Ways and Means materials were brought in for students who needed to purchase supplies for their designs. Also, Barbara purchased interesting plant material in case students wanted to try something different. It was two fun-packed days, and everyone was able to take home holiday arrangements.

Thank you to Kris Ripley and Faye Lewis for helping with the set-up of the refreshments and Ways and Means and the classroom. Kris also helped Barbara help students with their designs and helped critique the designs.

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.

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. The next award deadlines are February 1 and include:

- Arbor Day.....Dorrie Carr
- Corsages.....Tory Bennett
- Honor Club.....Kathy Johnson
- Landscape Design.....Diane Franchini
- President's Awards (unless otherwise stated)...Billie Fitch
- Recycling (award nominees from flower shows).Brynn Tavasci
- Youth Pollinator Power poster.....Mary Lou Paulson

PLANT A TREE

Jeanette Pruin, Chairman

The Plant-A-Tree Award is now on the calendar year so please count the trees planted between January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. Award applications are on the district website <http://www.chinookgc.org/> and are due May 1.

WSFGC REPORT

Linda Haas

Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs (WSFGC) met by Zoom December 28, 2023. President Suzann Stahl encouraged all club presidents to attend Get Connected Presidents' Zoom on January 29 at 10 A.M.

The hotel where WSFGC planned to have the June 2024 Annual Meeting and Flower Show has closed. Other venues are being investigated using the same time frame. Based on the wonderful Chinook Holiday Luncheon (stand up and bow), WSFGC decided to have decorated tables at the Annual Meeting, which is WSFGC's 90th anniversary. Tables will be decorated by decade. Chinook has the 60s.

From now on, ads in Washington Garden & Design, up to ½ page, will be free to clubs and districts.

National Garden Club (NGC) is requesting donations to construct a path from NGC headquarters to the botanical gardens next door. Suzann Stahl is sending information to District Directors for their districts to donate if they wish.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Auburn

President: Peggy Kolowinski 253-939-9178
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On December 12, Auburn Garden Club enjoyed a holiday potluck and gift exchange. A special raffle was held to benefit the Auburn Food Bank in addition to our usual collection of food, toiletries, and cold weather accessories. Donations of cash and proceeds from the raffle provided \$385 for the food bank, along with groceries and supplies. We celebrated the win of one of our tables at the December 6 Chinook district luncheon.

Auburn Garden Club is celebrating its Centennial with a Tea on Saturday, April 13, 2024. Marianne Binetti will deliver a program on English Cottage Gardens and how to incorporate that aesthetic to our gardens. Tickets may be purchased from Centennial Tea Co-Chair Linda Yantzer for \$25 each or a table of eight for \$200. Please inquire at auburngardenclub.wa@gmail.com

Our next general meeting is January 9, 2024, at the William C. Warren Building in Veterans Memorial Park in Auburn. The program by Ed Simmons will be about carnivorous plants.

We are planning to expand the Mason Bee project in 2024. Our bumper crop of bees in 2023 will allow us to purchase many more bee houses and nesting materials to replace derelict houses at Mary Olsen Farm and to install new houses at Soos Creek Botanical Garden.

Des Moines

President: Teenie Dillinger teenie.dillinger@gmail.com
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Des Moines Garden club had a community event creating wreaths and swags on November 18. A group of neighbors and friends came to make themselves a wreath or swag to take home with them to decorate their home. It was a great success.

Our club used the Chinook District Holiday Luncheon as our December meeting with two tables decorated. We all had a fabulous time and enjoyed the entertainment.

We have to announce another long-time member has passed away - Audrey Plummer. We are hoping for a time together to celebrate her life; please stay tuned.

We are looking forward to our January 8 meeting with Rita Moore of the Washington Native Plant Society.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Enumclaw

President: Marilyn Cooper mcooper201301@gmail.com...
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The Enumclaw Garden Club gathered on December 13 at the VFW hall to celebrate the upcoming holidays. The event was organized by Connie Keen who did a fantastic job providing entertainment, games, and door prizes. A wonderful potluck lunch was followed by a cookie exchange and 'white elephant gifting'. Food and monetary donations were collected for the Enumclaw food bank.

February is going to be an exciting and busy month for our club as we host our annual Breakfast for the Birds. Our speaker this year is Cisco Morris. We are looking forward to this event and other activities planned for the upcoming months.

Maple Trails

President: Jeanne Buchanan 253-880-6889
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Maple Trails Garden Club November 15 meeting included arranging table centerpieces for Thanksgiving, having a potluck lunch and our business meeting.

For our Christmas meeting, we met at the Black Diamond Bakery. We exchanged gifts, ordered lunch and had a brief business meeting.

For our January 24 meeting, we will meet at the Mountain View Fire Station. Barbara Smith will demonstrate flower designs for us. After the design portion of the meeting, we will have our business meeting where I will pass out the tickets for the Breakfast for the Birds. We are looking forward to that event at Enumclaw. We have attended every year.

Marine Hills

President: Carrie Asselin 253-332-5847
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Marine Hills Garden Club's November 21 meeting featured Maxine Ranta showing us how to create glass flowers. We had a wonderful time at the Nutcracker Sweet luncheon (two tables).

We created many flower arrangements for the Brookdale Foundation House and the Life Care Center in Federal Way. We also provided Secret Santa gifts for four residents at Life Care Center, along with 10 additional gift bags for other residents.

We donated 184 books to students at Olympic View Elementary.

Our January 16 meeting will be via Zoom. Alison Johnson will give a program "Pruning in the Home Garden".

O'Brien

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

O'Brien Garden Club had a great holiday party at a member's house (thanks Brenda) December 15. We were able to meet our new members and chat with old friends. Our next meeting is January 19 at 11:00 a.m. at the Kent Senior Center.

Parkside

President: Deborah Andrews
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Parkside Garden Club, in partnership with the City of Normandy Park, held an open house the day before Veteran's Day, at the Blue Star Marker and By-Way Memorial Marker located at City Hall Park. The Memorial and adjoining garden were conceived of and funded by Parkside Garden Club. Members who maintain the site ensured it was looking its best for the visitors, who were welcomed by both Parkside members and Parks and Recreation Department staff.

The November program titled "Foam Free Flower Designs" was presented by designers Laura Rankin and Brynn Tavasci. Attendees learned how to create their own "frog" and quickly began building their own creations using supplies from home, a wide variety of collected foliage, and purchased flowers for a pop of color. The presentation ended with members taking their seasonal arrangements home.

Members enthusiastically participated in the December 6 Chinook District Holiday luncheon by hosting three tables and donating three gift baskets and desserts. Parkside attendees were the delighted recipients of two design awards that day: the "People's Choice" and "Nuttiest Design" Awards.

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

FEBRUARY 7, 2024

DIVISION I HORTICULTURE “Hearts and Flowers”

Section A. Needled Evergreens, needled or scaled, must be ornamental

Class 1. *Cedrus* (Cedar)

Class 2. *Picea* (Spruce)

Class 3. *Pinus* (Pine)

Class 4. Any other named needled or scaled cut ornamental evergreen

Section B. Broadleaf Evergreens

Class 5. *Acuba*

Class 6. *Euonymus*

Class 7. *Ilex* (Holly) a) with berries b) without berries

Class 8. *Viburnum*

Class 9. Any other named cut ornamental broadleaf evergreen

Section C. Flowering Tree or Shrub Branches – may be forced

Class 10. *Camellia*

Class 11. *Forsythia*

Class 12. *Prunus*

Class 13. Any other named flowering tree or shrub branch

Section D. Flowering Plants – cut specimens

Class 14. Bulbs

Class 15. Perennials

Class 16. Any other named flowering specimen

Section E. Potted or Container Grown Plants – note if grown in a greenhouse

Class 17. Flowering – must be in bloom

Class 18. Foliage

Class 19. Forced bulbs in flower

Section F. Any Other Worthy Named Specimen not listed above

Section G. Collections

Class 20. Five cut flowering specimens

Class 21. Five cut foliage specimens

Class 22. Five potted specimens each container not over 6 inches

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 “Hearts and Flowers”
February 7, 2024**

All Designs 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. “Snow Showers” – Creative Design

Class 2. “Romantic Showers” – Exhibition Table Design

Class 3. “It’s Raining” – Creative Line Design

DIVISION III: BOTANICAL ARTS

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

SECTION A. Crafts. (Designers choice of plant material.)

Class 1. “Here Come the showers” – a decorated rain hat not to exceed 18” in any direction. Designer to provide staging.

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

The current **Handbook for Flower Shows** is available at
<https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2023-06/fss-handbook-2017-secure-july-2023.pdf>

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