



# The Chinook Winds

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## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Now we are in the fall season where we are putting our gardens to bed and browsing through catalogues and garden books for future garden ideas. I hope you have planted bulbs, enjoyed getting out your seasonal decorations, and are getting ready for our December 6 Nutcracker Sweet Luncheon.

I have enjoyed getting to know some garden club members from other clubs, as well as other districts. I attended East Lake Washington's Flower Show at the Bellevue Botanical Garden in September. I enjoyed visiting with Linda White, their District Director, and seeing all the beautiful and creative entries. I encourage you to venture out to meet gardeners from around our state. It's a lot of fun. I also attended the Master Gardener State Convention in Tacoma in September and visited with some WSFGC members there. Many of their goals are the same as those we have for WSFGC as stated by WSFGC President, Susann Stahl: "Concerns about our environment, more sustainable gardening practices, less dependence on chemicals, using water more sparingly, composting & recycling, using more native plants, and providing for pollinators." Being a Master Gardener myself, I wonder why our two groups don't work together more often. I guess that's something to work towards. I will especially enjoy meeting all of you as I visit your garden clubs in the next two years.

Have a wonderful holiday season and be sure to call, text, or email me if you need me for anything. I am here to support each of you and do love visiting with you at our meetings.

**Penny Merriman,**  
Chinook District Director

## NEXT DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING

**10:00 a.m. November 1, 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 "Black and Gold", Sue Miller

12-1 Lunch and Horticulture Flower Show

1-1:45 Design Program "Designing for Fall and Winter Using Foraged Plant Material", Linda Maida

**Clerks for Flower Show:** Enumclaw, Marine Hills, O'Brien, Parkside Club Presidents: Please provide the names of the clerks from your club to Flower Show Chairman Susan Nash, [smnash9@gmail.com](mailto:smnash9@gmail.com).

**Table Arrangements:** Maple Trails, Marine Hills, Parkside

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 **October 24** to: Dorothy Weaver 253-878-5744 or [dotyweaver43@gmail.com](mailto:dotyweaver43@gmail.com).

## CHINOOK DISTRICT NOVEMBER SALE

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

Bring items to add to the sales tables by 9:30 a.m. Examples: houseplants, yard art, gardening books, baked goods, containers, and other garden-related items. You can price them, or Teenie will.

Call, text, or email Teenie Dillinger with questions 253-243-4892 or [teenie.dillinger@gmail.com](mailto:teenie.dillinger@gmail.com)

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

## 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

November 1, 2023 – Chinook District General Meeting & Flower Show  
December 6, 2023 - Chinook District Holiday Luncheon  
January 3, 2024 – Chinook District Board Meeting  
February 7, 2024 - Chinook District General Meeting & Flower Show

## BLUE STAR MARKER TAHOMA NATIONAL CEMETERY

Tanya Galat and Matti Munson, Co-chairmen  
At the end of September, two Golden Dwarf Hinoki Cypress were added to the Blue Star Memorial Marker Garden along with some pansies for winter color. Kent East Hill Nursery graciously offered a 20% discount for the purchase of these plants. We have enough funding for expenses at the garden for the next two years. We ask the clubs to please keep us in their budgets for future needs. Funds received that are not used for the garden will be directed to Wreaths Across America to place wreaths at the graves of service members in December of each year. In 2022, over 2.7 million wreaths were placed. This year's date is December 16.

Wreaths Across America started as a private endeavor by the Worcester Wreath Company in 1992. In 2007, the Worcester family with support from veterans' organizations and other groups and individuals who had participated in the past formed a 501(c)3 organization that raises funds to place wreaths at over 3700 sponsored locations throughout the United States, at sea and abroad. We ask clubs and members to donate in honor of our veterans. Wreaths cost \$17.00 each. Donations can be made directly to Wreaths Across America by way of their website [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)

## CHINOOK SCHOLARSHIPS

Jill Cooke, Chairman  
Thank you to all garden clubs for funding Chinook District Scholarships. Last year, scholarships were awarded to students at University of Washington (\$2000) and Washington State University (\$2000) in the schools of Horticulture, Forestry and Environmental Sciences. The WSFGC Scholarship Fund received \$200. Your donations help students with rising tuition and other expenses.  
The due date for your club's scholarship donation is November 30, 2023. Please send to:  
Jill Cooke, Chinook Scholarship Chair  
18212 3rd Pl. S.W.  
Normandy Park, WA 98166

## CHINOOK YOUTH GRANTS

Jill Cooke, Chairman  
The Chinook Youth Grant committee is gearing up to award the 2024 youth grants. We can give up to three \$400 grants. The committee has approved the 2024 Chinook Youth Grant Application Form, which was emailed to all club presidents and board members. Please contact your local youth educators, teachers, and horticultural advocates to share the application. The due date for submitting the application is February 1, 2024. Email applications to: Jill Cooke, [jillcooke63@gmail.com](mailto:jillcooke63@gmail.com)

## 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 GALLS

Contact:  
Donna Hall 253-561-1996

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

### 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. Newsletters, Garden Therapy, and several other applications are due to the State Chairmen by December 1. Check the state directory or email me for the dates of interest.

## 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.

## SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTERS

Jill Cooke, Chairman

This year's contest is dedicated to Smokey Bear's 80th Birthday! Students from 1st to 5th grade are invited to enter their posters. Prizes are awarded at all levels. The Grand Prize National poster winner will win free round-trip airmiles and hotel for four to Washington, D.C. Send posters to Jill Cooke by December 15. Club Presidents: you will receive an email with all the details. Please forward to all your members. Contact Jill for questions and assistance with entering: 206-708-4616.

## Nutcracker Sweet



## Chinook District Holiday Luncheon December 6, 2023

Grace Lutheran Church  
22975 24th Ave S.  
Des Moines, WA 98198

*Delicious lunch, unique entertainment,  
raffle baskets, design auction, and sales table.  
Prizes for table designs will be awarded.*

*A table for 8 can be purchased for \$200, or \$25 per ticket with individual seating provided where open seats are available. Hostess Instructions will be sent upon purchase of a table.*

*Tables decorated by your table hostess(es) from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Decorating must be completed by 10:30 a.m. Doors open, and seating begins at 11:00 a.m. Table decor will be judged by people's choice and prizes awarded.*

*Contact Susan Nash for tickets and more information,  
[smnash9@gmail.com](mailto:smnash9@gmail.com)*

## GARDEN CLUB NEWS

### Auburn

President: Peggy Kolowinski 253-939-9178  
[peggy.maxiebrakerelease@gmail.com](mailto:peggy.maxiebrakerelease@gmail.com)

Auburn Garden Club had a great program at our September 12 meeting. Laura Matter gave a program about cover crops and seed saving. At our monthly park cleaning, 10-12 of us worked to dress up Veteran's Memorial Park. It went very well.

On September 28, we attended the Auburn Senior Wellness Fair where we handed out flyers about our club and seed packets. We talked a lot about mason bees and hope we get new members.

**Mason Bee Sale:** On Thursday October 5, Auburn Garden Club's mason bee committee harvested mason bees from the City of Auburn parks and from the nests that our members hosted. We are happy to report that we harvested 4800 bees. This is far more than we anticipated and significantly more than we can use ourselves. We are selling our extra bees as a fundraiser for our club on a first come first served basis to any Chinook District member that would like to start a mason bee operation in their own garden. Bees are \$25 for 30 bees and available through October 15. If you would like to purchase mason bees, please email us at: [auburngardenclub.wa@gmail.com](mailto:auburngardenclub.wa@gmail.com).

### Des Moines

President: Teenie Dillinger  
[teenie.dillinger@gmail.com](mailto:teenie.dillinger@gmail.com)  
206-878-7478 & 253-243-4892

Our year started with two meetings to get us all together. September 11 was an informative program on Dahlias with Roger Walker. He showed us photos of many types while he told of his growing and judging and getting his family totally involved. On October 2 we had a workshop to plant Sedum pots for wintering over to sell at our plant sale in May. We had a great time gabbing and getting our hands dirty. We are saddened to tell that two members have passed, Sue Andre and Dorice Wolfram (the day before she turned 97).

## GARDEN CLUB NEWS

### Enumclaw

President: Marilyn Cooper [mcooper201301@gmail.com](mailto:mcooper201301@gmail.com)...  
206-817-5272

The Enumclaw Garden Club met September 27. Our current membership sits at 102. Dee Nash and Joy Johnson reported on planning for our annual "Breakfast for the Birds" to be held in February 2024. Debora Akers shared plans for a member appreciation outing to Heronswood Garden scheduled for May 2024. Connie Keen announced the date of the Christmas party with more details to follow. We have a core group of volunteers to head up our annual plant sale next May. Darlene DeGroot announced the three recipients of our annual scholarships. Shannon Brock was acknowledged as Chinook District of Garden Clubs recipient of the Dottie Wilson award for "Outstanding Club Member". Tory Bennett shared her horticulture expertise. The business meeting was followed by a potluck lunch. Our next general meeting will be October 25 at the VFW hall in Enumclaw.

### Maple Trails

President: Jeanne Buchanan 253-880-6889  
[gandibuchanan@comcast.net](mailto:gandibuchanan@comcast.net)

Maple Trails meets the 4th Wednesday of every month. On September 27 we met at Vassey Nursery in Puyallup for a tour of the nursery. The nursery is a good one and the staff was very friendly. We are really tough: seven members and a guest braved the pouring rain and wind. We mostly stayed in covered areas. We abandoned our original plan to eat lunch in a park and went to the Olive Garden and had a great lunch and held a brief meeting. The restaurant was very accommodating. We are working on community outreach.

### Marine Hills

President: Carrie Asselin 253-332-5847 [jandcasselin@comcast.net](mailto:jandcasselin@comcast.net)

Marine Hills Garden Club met September 19 at Brookdale Foundation House. Debbie Angel led the meeting in Carrie Asselin's absence. Our program was a panel presentation on "How to Prepare Your Garden for Winter" by Debbie Angel, Carol Grimes, and Maxine Ranta. Debbie also talked about how to propagate *Brugmansia* and *Pelargoniums* and gave each member cuttings. Yearbooks were distributed. We approved the 2023-2024 budget with increased donation to the Chinook District Scholarship Fund. We also voted to again support several community projects such as books for Olympic View Elementary School kids and Secret Santa gifts for residents of the Life Care facility in Federal Way. Maxine passed out clear glass bottles and encouraged everyone to bring them to the next meeting filled with horticulture specimens.

Our next meeting will be October 17. Debbie will give a program on basic floral arranging.

### O'Brien

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

O'Brien Garden Club will meet October 20 at 11:00 a.m. at the Kent Senior Center. We have a new email address: [www.obriengc.org](http://www.obriengc.org)

### Parkside

President: Deborah Andrews  
[deb.sealevel@gmail.com](mailto:deb.sealevel@gmail.com) 206-683-4070

Parkside kicked off the first meeting of the year with a lively blend of business and pleasure. Members were able to look through information at a new resource table, have questions answered by board members, and were able to sign up for the upcoming District Holiday Luncheon. The newly redesigned membership brochure was on display alongside Club and District information. Garden fresh flower bouquets, arranged by the beverage and dessert committee, brightened each table. After taking care of club business, we paused for an interactive program – "Equinox Essentials" which was as fun as it was challenging. The quiz tested members' knowledge of horticulture and Autumn activities in small group settings. We finished the meeting with distribution of the new yearbook and a review of the committees and programs for the year. This month, members will enjoy a field trip to Kubota Gardens in Seattle.

### Elle

President: Nora Fisher 253-236-5456  
[norafshr@gmail.com](mailto:norafshr@gmail.com)

Elle Design Group met October 3. Barbara Smith critiqued our Design for October that was a Creative Vertical Line Design. A potluck lunch followed our meeting.

Our next meeting on November 7 will focus on wreath designs, made with fresh or dried material or a combination of both.

## 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](mailto: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

November 1, 2023

### DIVISION I HORTICULTURE "Singing in the Rain"

SECTION A. Evergreen Needled or Scaled Trees or Shrubs.

Must be ornamental. Maximum 30" (no forest type trees)

Class 1. Needled

Class 2. Scaled

SECTION B. Broadleaf Evergreens (without berries). *With berries, see section D.*

Class 3. One Color

Class 4. Variegated

SECTION C. Landscape Miniatures and Dwarf Evergreens.

Class 5. Dwarf Needled

Class 6. Dwarf Scaled

Class 7. Dwarf Broadleaf

SECTION D. Tree or shrub branches with fruit, berries, or blooms.

Class 8. With fruit

Class 9. With berries

Class 10. With blooms includes but not limited to Camellias, Heathers and Roses

SECTION E. Deciduous trees/shrubs which add interest to the winter landscape (30" maximum).

Class 11. With interesting bark

Class 12. With interesting buds

Class 13. With interesting line

SECTION F. Evergreens that change color in winter.

Class 14. Needled

Class 15. Scaled

Class 16. Broadleaf

SECTION G. Grasses.

Class 17. Any grass with tassels (3 each)

SECTION H. Perennial.

Class 18. Blooming perennial grown outdoors, includes, but not limited to, chrysanthemums and pansies

a. Small bloom (up to 2"), 1 spray or 3 single stems depending on growth (examples: Chrysanthemums spray, pansies single stems)

b. Large (over 2") One bloom. Chrysanthemums should be disbudded.

SECTION I. Collections (see horticulture rules).

Class 19. Collection of at least five cut specimens

a. Blooming

b. Foliage

Class 20. Collection of at least five potted specimens

a. Blooming

b. Foliage

SECTION J. Container grown plants (container must be 10 inches or less in diameter)

(Please note if grown in greenhouse)

SECTION K. Other Treasures.

Class 21. Any other worthy specimen not listed above. May be subdivided by the Horticulture show committee as necessary.

**Chinook District  
NGC Small-Standard Flower Show  
November 1, 2023**

*All Designs must be pre-registered with Tory Bennett, 253-880-6553, [TVBennett@aol.com](mailto:TVBennett@aol.com)*

**DIVISION II DESIGN  
“Raindrops Keep Fallin’ on My Head”**

All designs staged in a space 24” wide x 30” deep on a rectangular table. All classes are the designer’s choice of plant material unless otherwise stated. See additional notes below. \*

**SECTION A. “Rain drops”**

Class 1. “Liquid Sunshine”

A Design using bare branches.

Class 2. “Misty Showers”

Illuminary Design: “A Creative Design incorporating light/s of special effect and as an integral part of the design”. Use battery pack lights. Flower show handbook page 74

Class 3 “Pelting Rain”

Creative Line Design: “A Creative Design where line is dominant with a minimum of plant material and other optional components. The line may be straight, curved or a combination. There may be one or more points of emergence and a focal area.” Flower show handbook page 74

**DIVISION III ARTISTIC CRAFTS  
“Mizzling” (between mist and drizzle)**

Entries must include fresh and/or dried plant material, no artificial plant material allowed. See additional notes below. \*

Class 1 “Raining Cats and Dogs”

“Decorated Rainboot(s)” Designer to provide their own staging. Space allowed 15” x 15”

Class 2. “It’s Raining Buckets”

“Decorated Bucket”. Designer to provide their own staging. Space allowed 15” x 15”

**\*All designs must be registered with Tory Bennett, [TVBennett@aol.com](mailto:TVBennett@aol.com), 253-880-6553**

**\*Each Design and Craft exhibit must have a 3X5-inch card listing plant material included. Botanical or common names are acceptable.**

The current **Handbook for Flower Shows** is available at

<https://gardenclub.org/sites/default/files/2023-06/fss-handbook-2017-secure-july-2023.pdf>

**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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