

THE ECHO

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THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Spring and Summer have gone; Fall is on the horizon again. My thanks for all the support for the last year and I am looking forward to new adventures in the future.

You all know my vision is to create an atmosphere of enjoyment and hope I can use this year to insert more fun in the mix.

The beginning of Summer left many of us with gardens that were done much earlier than normal. Mix in the smoke from wildfires, high temperatures and no rain and Fall is a welcome relief!

The announcement of the winter competition will be given (still a secret). I think it will be fabulous with fun for all. A secondary competition will also be included.

The Pierce County fair has concluded and the results will be shared at both the board meeting and the District Meeting.

I know I have asked time and again but we really need input for programs. Look to your own homes for things you would like help with or ideas that you already have along with interests in other areas. The programs only need to be garden related and design included; there are many design ideas we have yet to explore.

The fairs are an area that gives some great ideas. Our own Rosie will be manning the information booth at the Washington State Fair and she and the other workers can send you to the areas you are interested in.

I know some of you were hesitant about the change I instituted asking a representative from each club give a recap on their club's activities. I was very pleased with the results as just the exchange of speaker ideas has been more than I hoped for. This will be in the plans again this year, maybe some others as well. I hope attendance remains high this year.

My best wishes for the coming year.

Kathy Touns



CLUB NEWS!

DOGWOOD

WHERE DID WE LEAVE OFF? It has been such a busy summer.

Oh, ya.....last yearly meeting in the Spring had great attendance at Kathleen Owen's home, new members, pink Rhodies in full bloom over whelming us as we came to the front door, and prayed we didn't get rained on.....the heavens opened up just as we were all leaving.



The fantastic speaker from Gordon's nursery was loaded with knowledge, plants and a great sense of humor.

Then the rain did come and we could stand and watch the grass grow tall before our eyes. Ironically, when the sun did come out this summer, and fry everything, the dandelions got taller and taller and taller.....do they go down to China for water?? In general, we noticed more bees and butterflies this year.

THANK YOU gardening friends who share your veggies with friendslike snow peas and swiss chard and those wonderful fresh garden cucumbers that even taste good for breakfast. I had forgotten how good "Transparent apple" sauce and pie tasted. Yum!!!!

Dogwood ladies who painted murals and signs for the Graham Fair out did themselves. The entrance mural at the Flower Bldg. was a real attraction to the bldg. New paint inside really pepped up the atmosphere. Excellent arrangement of space, kid friendly, too. Making butterfly nets was highly popular, too.

Bumble bee painted rocks found hidden around the Fair grounds and returned for a prize was ingenious .

Still hard to keep some plants alive in the hot weather. Marianne Benetti said "we sometimes can't fight Mother Nature." Let the lawn " go golden" and wait for the green at the season change.

Even the birds felt the hot weather. No flying high doing barrel rolls and catching flying bugs. Bugs were hiding, too, but the Swallows are getting together on the power line like a convention getting ready to fly South again..... but with California fires their exit may be delayed???



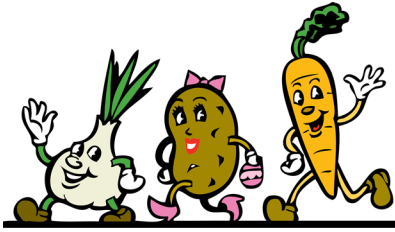
Summer is a lot of work but so yummy!! Can't wait to get started again for Fall.....never a dull moment.

Hasta Pronto,

Sharon Aguilar
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GARDEN HOUR

After taking two months off to tend our gardens, the rowdies down at the fire hall are ready to get at it again in September as we welcome four new members to our ranks: Sherry Meyer, Linda Senger, Sandra Williams, and Dawn Larsen. I wonder if they know it's the newbies that get volunteered for stuff first?!



And here's an opportunity for new volunteers: our ongoing garden therapy project at Puyallup Valley Enhanced Residential Care. In May we helped the residents plant a vegetable garden. This has become an annual event. The residents enjoy the fresh veggies and we enjoy helping out. It's a win, win all around. Thank you Sue Miller for your dedication to the folks at PVERC. I know they appreciate it and we appreciate you!

Also in May we had a flower design program by national flower show judge, Judy Schwartz. She had many ideas and taught us different ways to look at specimens. She even brought oasis to share and to encourage us to get designing. One lucky member was given the lovely design Judy made during our program.

Following the design program, we held a silent auction fund raiser. It was a huge success with everything from hand painted antique glassware, to candles, a wreath making peg board, and all kinds of plants and planters. Thanks Sandy Parr for this great idea and for bringing it all together. And thanks Kay Stokes for being a major contributor to our coffers!

Then, as if we didn't have enough stuff from the silent auction purchases, we held our friendship plant exchange and collected even more goodies at our June meeting. It's always a big hit and it is amazing the variety of specimens that come in. Afterwards, we reconvened at Dorinda Jenkins home for lunch on her deck with a spectacular Mt. Rainier view. Too bad the mountain "wasn't out", but her garden was absolutely beautiful and the food yummy. Thank you Dorinda for opening your home to the marauding hoards, aka Rowdies.

And now we look forward to a new season with new friends, new ideas, and new adventures in gardening. Enjoy!

Summer's gone or nearly done,
I hate to see it end.
But now it's fall, let's enjoy it all
With our garden friends!

Karla Hiers
Secretary

COUNTRY GARDENERS

Wow! Another long HOT summer! Are we getting tired of watering yet? June was a busy month for all of us starting with State Convention here in Tacoma where Linda Maida gave a wonderful talk and displayed designs depicting Puget Sound Landmarks. We had our last meeting of the 2017-2018 year at the home of Chris Sherrill with a potluck and lots of horticulture to share.

In the picture on the next page Marilyn Goddard is showing us her roses and other cuttings from her garden. Marilyn has been ill in recent weeks and has spent many days in the hospital. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers.



ROOT 'N BLOOM

Uh-oh, can it be true??? Autumn is upon us. The calendar page has now flipped to September. There's no denying it. Fall is just a few weeks away as summer is fading. Whether you are a lover of hot humid summer days or ready for cooler temps and leaf-raking, this is a good time to regroup. We need to be assessing our gardens to see what makes us happy, and what plants were less than stellar performers. If you think you can fix a problem, give it a second chance or contact a fellow garden club member for help. It could be something simple; give it a try.

Although the gardening season will soon be coming to a close, there is still one planting activity remaining; planting bulbs for spring flowers. Always remember; "Gardening is Therapy for the Soul".

As we look forward to this new season, each club should have their Yearbooks full of activities for the upcoming year 2018-2019. Root N' Bloom had their "brain storming" session, working for hours on how to make it an interesting year for our club members. Here is a glimpse of our plans for the upcoming months. September, will bring an expert on how to grow our own ferns and how to care for them. In October; we'll work on a project for Garden Therapy. In November, we decorate a room at Meeker Mansion. As you can see, we plan to stay busy these next few months.

Here are a few of our club's community projects; Arbor days; Maintenance of Masonic Center Garden in Parkland; Collection of food for our local Food Bank; Monthly visits to Soldier's Home in Orting; Pierce County Fair, which entails clean-up & take-down, hosting, entries & designs, decorating, and children planting projects.

We all enjoyed the Awards Luncheon at Frontier Park on June 27th where we walked away with several awards.

In July Debbie Spiller, Linda Maida, and Chris Sherrill went to Patti Isom's home to begin making centerpieces for our next district meeting. The center pieces are unique and were a lot more work than planned—thanks Patti for taking this on!

In early August, member Randi Welcher invited us to her home for a few hours of relaxation and fun in her gardens. Her fig tree was loaded with fruit and we enjoyed looking at her plants, rustic sheds and yard art. Thanks Randi!

The Pierce County Fair was a huge success despite the hot weather. The number of horticulture entries was down but that didn't spoil anything. Country Gardeners had several winners in design and horticulture. Our own Gail Harte was chairman of a very successful children program where the kids made miniature gardens with donated succulents and accessories. In fact, Gail ran out of dirt and plants hours before the close of the fair.

The Country Gardeners are looking forward to a fun and busy year ahead. See you all at the September 25th District Meeting!



May District Meeting

The morning program was all about lavender - different kinds of lavender, why some kinds won't grow here and why some thrive. Entertaining and oh, so fragrant!

The afternoon program was from the Black Hills Designers on displaying and collecting horticulture.

The presidents of each club did a presentation on the programs they have had since the last District Meeting sparking off ideas for program presenters for the coming year.

A big thanks to all who participated in this year's Fair event which was a huge success, with Floral winning the Presidents Award. Also, a special thanks to Lisa Libby for her hard work on all her decorations, which were a major contributing factor to winning this award. Also, thanks to all of you that came out and gave a helping hand from our club.



Congratulations to each club gaining new members, resulting in this District reaching the assigned quota on membership. Way to go!!!!

As I close, I think about autumn. It is difficult to narrow down my list of fall favorites. There is simply so much about this season to celebrate; from weather that brings ankle boots and sweaters out of hiding, to colorful painted landscapes, and the sweet smell of baked goods, using crops harvested from our gardens, so Happy fall season to all!!!!!!

Rosie Trujillo



Mary Bewley, Dogwood, with some of the youth displays of succulents.

"I mind me in the days departed,

How often underneath the sun

With childish bounds I used to run

To a garden long deserted..."

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

AWARDS, AWARDS, AWARDS!!!!

Look what you all achieved!!



National Awards received

Publication ---- Karla Stover, Root & Bloom
Website ---- Hill & Dale District

Region Awards received

Yearbook ----- Honorable Mention Dogwood

State Awards received by District

Civic Development ----- 1st place
Flower Shows Decade of Dance ----- 2nd place
Flower Show Schedule Decade of Dance ----- 2nd place
Garden Therapy ----- 1st place
Margaret Titlow Flower Show Staging ----- 1st place
National Disasters ----- Certificate
Newsletters ----- 2nd place
Websites ----- 2nd place
Yearbooks ----- 3rd place

State Awards received by Clubs

Civic Development ----- 3rd place Dogwood
Honor Clubs ----- 8th place Root & Bloom
Honor Clubs ----- Honorable Mention Glove & Trowel
Growing Project ----- Honorable Mention Root & Bloom
Garden Therapy Active ----- 1st place Garden Hour
Garden Therapy Passive ----- 1st place Root & Bloom
National Disasters ----- Certificate Dogwood
Yearbooks
under 20 members
 Honorable Mention Garden Hour
 Honorable Mention Glove & Trowel
20 - 29 members ----- 1st place Dogwood
30 - 44 members ----- 1st place Root & Bloom
Washington Garden & Design ----- Certificate Glove & Trowel
Youth, Sponsoring a club ----- Dogwood
Youth, Conservation/recycling ----- Dogwood
Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl ----- 1st, 2nd 3rd & Honorable Mention by grades Dogwood

State Awards received by individuals

Birds ----- 2nd place Sharon Aguilar, Dogwood
Horticulture Essay ----- Karla Stover, Root & Bloom
Betty Belcher Horticulture ----- 2nd place Phyllis Bra-bee, Root & Bloom
Honorable Mention Roxy Giddings, Country Garden-ers
Phyllis Danielson Table Setting ----- 2nd place Linda Maida, Country Gardeners
Berting Deming Blue Ribbon ----- 2nd place Eddie Joe Fueston, Root & Bloom
Carolyn Erickson all Fresh Design ----- 3rd place
Kathy Touns, Root & Bloom
Marva Lee Peterschick Arboreal ----- 1st place Kathy Johnson, Root & Bloom
2nd place Roxy Giddings, Country Gardeners
Ellen Swanson Flower Arrangement ----- Honorable Mention Linda Maida, Country Gardeners
Publications books ----- 1st place Karla Stover, Root & Bloom
Brochures ----- 3rd place Kathy Johnson, Root & Bloom

District Awards received

Honor Club ----- 1st place Root & Bloom
 2nd place Dogwood
 3rd place Glove & Trowel
 4th place Country Gardeners
Most Design Entries ----- 1st place Country Gardeners
 2nd place Root & Bloom
Most Horticulture Entries ----- 1st place Root & Bloom
 2nd place Country Gardeners
Applies Most Awards ----- Root & Bloom
Most Helpful Husband ----- Craig Touns, Root & Bloom
Best Attendance ----- Country Gardeners
Best Design ----- Linda Maida, Country Gardeners
Civic Development ----- Country Gardeners
Most Photographs Entries ----- Root & Bloom

UPCOMING EVENTS for 2018

District Meetings

Dryer Masonic Temple
306 134th St S, Tacoma
8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for
entries
10:00 a.m. for meeting

- September 25, 2017
Morning speaker will be
Virginia Ferguson, a
Master Gardener, who will
share her slide show and
speak about year round
colour in your garden

- November 27, 2018

District Board Meetings

Midland Community
Centre
1619 E 99th St, Tacoma

- October 23, 2018

ECHO Deadlines

- October 25, 2018



It all started with 14 ladies that came out with cleaning supplies in hand to clean before the painting. After 46 more hours and several ladies setting up and putting up the decorations, it was time to except entries. Although entries were down a little this year we all managed to survive the 189 hours that were used on Wednesday alone, did I tell you that it was only 95 degrees the day of entries.

The highlights of the floral barn this year were all of the kid's activities. 50 rocks painted as bees, when found on the fair grounds were returned and traded in for a honey stick (we ended up giving out 300 sticks). Coloring and activity pages of our hero's were available in the back of the room, and how about those 135 butterfly nets that were made by the kids. We also

We also helped the kid's plant around 125 miniature gardens. All of this plus voting for the people's choice awards for adult & youth designs daily made for a very busy and fun floral barn.

PIERCE COUNTY FAIR

The Birds, Bees & Butterflies were honored in the floral barn starting with the wonderful hand draw decorations from Lisa Libby and the ladies that helped her paint them. Everyone throughout the fair commented on how nice our tree was. The fair board president awarded all of us with the Presidents Rosette Ribbon for an outstanding building.



Please help support the business's that supported our activities at the Fair - **Timmons Honey House, Krissy's Kreations** and the **Home Depot**.

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SPREAD A LITTLE SUNSHINE!

Do you know a member who could use a cheerful note or card? Let **Doris Yuckert** know and she will send out a card.

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