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NEW YEAR

'THE BRAMBLE'

REDMOND GARDEN CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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It is that time to plan our Plant Sale, prepare the seed planting schedule, and make 2023 garden projects lists. So many new and exciting things to do this year! ~ *Karen Adams and Charles Zandell*

Nature is painting for us day after day, pictures of infinite beauty – John Ruskin



LOOKING AHEAD

Flower of the Month: Snowdrop



LOCATION: Zoom: **Link will be forthcoming from host Stan Giant soon**
DATE: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 **TIME:** 6:30 PM social, 7:00 PM meeting
SPEAKER: DARREN STRENGE, on "When Moss is Not Really a Moss"



Darren Strenge, will provide a timely discussion on "When Moss is Not Really a Moss". As a plant pathologist with a Horticulture BA and Botany MS, he is our moss expert, who has overseen one of the largest public moss gardens in North America at Bloedel. Darren has found his plant world niche and described his fascination as having multiple reasons; "they are particularly interesting because despite being small and delicate, they rival or even exceed drought tolerant desert plants—and moss species grow on every continent, including Antarctica." Darren will cover Bloedel's Moss Garden, moss biology, garden design and propagation. From a scientific basis, he has documented and photographed Bloedel's moss and liverwort species. Darren has found that "the form and variety of mosses rivals that of vascular plants but on a more Lilliputian scale. Exploring that miniature world has been as fascinating as any other botanical foray." As Ciscoe Morris has often spouted forth about moss in lawns...we need to "embrace the moss" and "learn to love it". Moss gardens are set to be the latest trend for solving problems with patchy grass and in our neck of the woods that's easy. For a sneak peek, check out the YouTube interview with Darren, [Planted Shorts Episode 5: Moss Gardens - YouTube](#) Just try not to become a legendary Northwesterner and let it grow between your toes. After Darren's presentation we may just be so inclined to stop fighting moss and morph our shady lawns into our own moss gardens. Drop-kick that moss killer.



RGC UPDATE: January's meeting will include **Angie Grosvenor Hansen's Garden Book Reviews**, instead of **Horticulture** (which requires winter planting anyway). It will be armchair gardening time with those dark, rainy days perfect for motivational garden reading...“So many books, so little time”.

Angie will introduce us to several diverse garden reads that will charm us into thinking about the surrounding natural world, as well as inspirational words, photos and ideas. We're sure these will be valuable narratives for inquiring minds and those curled up with a cuppa tea, slippers and blankie between storms. The books will be awarded via a drawing, so be sure to attend Molbak's February meeting. Speaker, Books and Shopping...it doesn't get any better. Good luck and Happy Reading!

BOARD BUZZ

Plant sale planning will be particularly exciting this year as **Stan Giant**, our Fundraising Chair, begins putting the plant sale tasks in motion starting with our January 2023 meeting. This year's sale will usher in new processes at our new location, if all the great ideas come together. We may be a small group this year, yet we know from last year's efforts on our sale, we can bring forth a great sale and make garden groupies happy with our sale. The one comment we hear every year reflects our superpower and that is that we always have great plants, a good variety of plants to choose from, at reasonable prices. This sale is our chance to fund our fun, share garden tips and tricks, and let local communities know we are here to help and spread gardening passion. Time to get this party started!

Next up is a peek at our new website design that **Alyssa Hagen** has presented to the Board. We expect a presentation at our January Zoom meeting for members to preview, comment, and approve before we publish live. This website is our gateway to advertising and membership growth by informing the public that we are here. A big thank you to Alyssa for using her skills to make us look so good!

The last step this Board is working on is the Board Policy & Procedure document future Board members will use to continue Board practices with consistency and proper procedures. Preparations for presentation to the membership by the June business meeting is underway. Stay tuned.



February's daytime meeting will be held at Molbaks once again. Our speaker, **Greg Giuliani**, will tackle “**Fruit Trees for the Home Landscape**”, a timely topic for spring. With spring awakening on everyone's mind and some classy, bright garden/veggie catalogs and plants already showing up on sidewalks and porches, we get the itch to clean up for spring planting and blooms. But where to start? How about with productive fruit trees? Just check out Greg's apple bounty in that photo destined for apple cider. If you are not a long-time home orchardist and member of Seattle Tree Fruit Society like Greg, he will nevertheless inspire us to include these trees with some tips and pruning tools in hand. Greg will take us through how to choose, plant, prune and maintain these garden backbones for the home landscape. With his many years growing and working with old orchards, he learned to graft fruit varieties no longer available in nurseries. Greg will take some of the

mystery out of the spring planting and inspire our creative juices to flow toward produce. How convenient that a nursery is available to provide just the right tree combinations with the swipe of a credit card. Simple Win.

HORTICULTURE HIGHLIGHTS with Dianne Stime



Greetings Fellow Gardeners,

Horticulture is on January hiatus but returns with a vengeance in February.

See you then... *Dianne*



VOLUNTEER PARK TOUR IS A WEEK-DAY FIELD TRIP

VOLUNTEER PARK CONSERVATORY TOUR



DATE & TIME: TUESDAY, JANUARY 31st 11:00 AM tour with possible docent

LOCATION: SEATTLE'S CAPITOL HILL, 1400 E. Galer St.

COSTS: \$4 ENTRY FEE

January is just when we need warmth the most. It's not necessarily a tropical heatwave time of year, but let's buckle up and get set to envelop ourselves in the warm humidity of Seattle's showpiece Conservatory. The delicate fragrance of rare and beautiful orchids that bloom amidst lush tropical plants, bold foliage and the startling beauty of flowering cacti and fleshy succulents are bound to warm us up. This Seattle landmark, set along the north side of Capitol Hill's Volunteer Park, the Conservatory is a grand reminder of the master plan for Seattle conceived by the famous Olmsted Brothers in 1904. Once again...we can view the Olmsted boys' designs in the grand Victorian style—iron, swamp cypress and glass houses. The lone original ornamental glass peacock has been restored to strut its stuff in splendor. The vestibule holds yet another spectacular piece of public art—"Homage to Man" by stained glass artist Richard Spaulding. A koi pond is ensconced amid the lush company of temperate ferns and a sago palm overstory. And we mustn't miss the wing for the bromeliads and staghorn ferns. This might be a great time to view the delicate blossoms of the large cacti and succulents, as well as the Anna Clise orchid collection. Described as a "botanical United Nations" we will wander through various houses—palm, fern, bromeliads, seasonals, or cacti and never have seen so many worldly specimens altogether or enjoyed such warm beauty. Interested for an early spring (wanna-be) get-away? We MAY have a docent scheduled who will lead a maximum

of 8 masked, vaccinated/boosted tourists (member friends too) through this tropical paradise. If not, we can explore on our own. It's been 5 years since RGC visited this garden landmark, so remember to sign up with **Iben Dransfield** for some magnificent splendor. Arrange your own carpools, but be sure to arrive at 11 AM for the tour's start. Those Olmsted boys knew a thing or two about park and landscape design, so let's take in all that beauty and absorb some warmth.

NEW

WORKSHOP FUN FOR 2023

NEW

Wonderful Watercolors



DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, TIME: 10 AM TO 1 PM

INSTRUCTOR: LOWELL STIME

LOCATION: STIME HOME, 22019 SE 34TH ST., SAMMAMISH (425-881-6955)

SUPPLIES COST: \$30 FOR PAPER, BRUSHES, PAINTS AND HANDOUT FOR ARTISTS TO KEEP

THIS IS AN ALL-NEW WORKSHOP WITH A FLOWERY TWIST! COME CREATE FLORAL WATERCOLOR PAINTINGS WITH INSTRUCTOR **LOWELL STIME**, WHO WILL GUIDE A MAXIMUM NUMBER OF 9 ARTISTS THROUGH A FINISHED ARTWORK PIECE—SUITABLE FOR FRAMING. IF PARTICIPANTS HAVE BRUSHES, PAPER, AND PAINTS, FEEL FREE TO BRING THEM WITHOUT CHARGE. IF ARTISTS HAVE EMPTY JAM-JARS BRING THOSE AS WELL. AND IMPORTANTLY—DRESS FOR THE PAINTING PROCESS. DESPITE A REPUTATION AS THE WET MEDIA “PROBLEM CHILD”, WATERCOLORS ARE A TON OF FUN TO LEARN WITH THE RIGHT RESOURCES AND INSTRUCTOR. WATERCOLOR FOLLOWS DIFFERENT RULES THAN MOST OTHER MEDIUMS. BUT ONCE YOU LEARN THESE AND THE BASICS, YOU’LL QUICKLY FALL IN LOVE WITH THIS MEDIUM. DIFFERENT WATERCOLOR PAINTING TECHNIQUES WITH SMOOTH COVERAGE, USING WATER TO PAINT RATIOS TO VARY YOUR COLOR INTENSITY, AND CONTROLLING YOUR PAINTS SO THEY DON’T RUN EVERYWHERE WILL BE PRESENTED. THIS CLASS WILL FOCUS ON HOW TO CREATE INDIVIDUALIZED COLORS OF SIMILAR FLOWERS WITH ALCOHOL INK AND WATERCOLOR. LOWELL WILL ALSO SHOWCASE THE PLAYFUL, MORE FORGIVING SIDE OF WATERCOLORS, SO YOU CAN LEARN TO LOOSEN UP AND REALLY PLAY WITH THE MEDIUM. ONE MORE NOTE....ONLY COFFEE AND COOKIES WILL BE PROVIDED, SO BRING A SNACK, IF NEEDED.

NORTHWEST FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW



WINTER CURE TIME WITH "SPRING VIBES ONLY"

Winter is Coming....and then it's time to shake off that musty "cabin fever". Throw the windows wide open for much-needed doses of the NW Flower & Garden Show theme "Spring Vibes Only" from February 15-19, 2023. That spark of joy that comes while giving or receiving flowers or frankly, just looking at them, is the moment we've all been anticipating amidst Seattle's endless gray days. With fond speaker memories of a NW Flower Show manager, who described the blood, sweat and tears of "some assembly required" to create this spectacular garden show attraction, we look forward to yet another fabulous garden party featuring the over-the-top garden designs, City Living, Seminars, Marketplace shopping, Container Wars, Blooms & Bubbles, and maybe even a Ciscoe sighting. Get ready for so many "vibes", so small a price.





Congrats to Committee Leader **Kate Maloney** for directing such a delightful RGC party at Union Hill Church. So happy that our small, intimate Winterfest gala actually happened this year. Between wind, snow and tripledemic illnesses swarming around, **Kate's** magnificent setup, decorations, food, cleanup teams including **Karen Adams, April Creasey, Iben Dransfield, Lori Fleuchhaus, Angie Grosvenor Hansen, Leigh Ann Hines, Patrice Rossano, Dianne Stime, Mary Vermeulen, and Cassie Wegner** pulled this together with aplomb. All 14 in this RGC village managed a successful event where fun-loving members enjoyed the warmth, friendships, excellent menu and gift exchanges to end our 2022 garden year. The church's setting, both indoors and out with those beautifully lit donated Christmas trees captured the holiday spirit--pre-snowpacolypse. We simply lucked out.

Tables, tablecloths, serving dishes/utensils all were part of the church's food service package. Our menu included appetizers (cowboy caviar and relish trays), salmon, ham, vegetables, wild rice, potatoes, various fruit and green salads, breads and beverages. Fabulous desserts were the happy ending to cap off yet another December feasting event. This makes for just writing off the entire month and not checking the scale anymore. The gaiety began in earnest with the gift exchange (minus dice), where many lucky members took home some fine garden gifts, suitable for spring-time enjoyment. Samplings from orchids, critter cages, tools, garden books to rock cairn towers were up for grabs. And, of course, those poinsettia centerpieces were part of the take-home bargain as well. A special thanks to Patrice for her arrangements with Union Hill Church. Food donations arrived from party-goers for the church's Food Pantry distribution, as we offered help to the community who need assistance, especially at this time of year. Thanks to all who made this party happen and made a difference in our gardening world.

Some people make the world more special just by being in it....Kelly Ann Rothaus



Karen Adams and **Patrice Rossano** have been kicking around some suggestions on how best to thank Union Hill Church for their hospitality in hosting past RGC meetings/parties. The idea surfaced to help contribute to the development of the Church's Giving Garden. As gardeners with the refrain "sharing is caring" when it comes to plants and abundance, we have this one. Patrice outlined how best we can

help in this cause, especially with any second-hand recycled items or plant starts. Check your site for any of the listed plants, tools/supplies or the future “Dreams”. If you have any of these items to donate, please contact Patrice at patricecarlson@yahoo.com. Let’s pay it forward, as sharing gardeners often do. And now the church’s wish list:

Plants:

- Herb starts (not sage, rosemary, chives, oregano)
- Pawpaw seedling or seeds, any variety
- Male hardy kiwi Ananasnaya (Anna)
- Passion fruit seeds or rhizome of Maypop or Pinkpop (varieties that bear fruit in WA)
- An edible grape variety

Tools/Supplies:



- Hanging garden hose holder
- Pond liner
- Garden wagon
- Kneeling pad
- Hand sprinkler
- U pins to hold down landscape cloth and drip irrigation hoses

Dreams for the Future:



- Pavers and bricks for patio
- Those average landscaping blocks/wall blocks (even your extra one or two helps)
- Garden benches and chairs
- Metal bed headboards and footboards
- Outdoor table and chairs for family picnic area
- Greenhouse (a girl can dream)
- Trellis structures (Patrice built hers using metal carport pipes, pictured). Be creative. Patrice can tear apart and build structures.

YWCA FAMILY VILLAGE COLLECTIONS DRIVE



Thanks to all our generous RGC elves and Master Elf **Kate Maloney** for enrichment of our selected families with all those wonderful gifts pictured. There is no doubt that these wish list gifts have provided smiles and happiness to our family with four children. Our total donations included: \$656.78, as well as \$200 generously donated from November speaker, Patrick Spence.

Snow snafus on several items were no problem for Kate, who simply resubmitted these

RGC Amazon Smile orders. But bottom line, those roller skates made their way to one happy little lady. Our kids included 2 girls (ages 12 and 6) and 2 boys (ages 10 and 8) with typical requests. The girls requested earbuds and jewelry kit for the eldest, as well as LED light sign for her room, roller skates for both girls, a purse, a roller-skate doll and pet veterinary kit, along with a glow in the dark blanket for the youngest girl. The boys requested LED signs for their bedroom, as well as string lights, a couple electronic games including a mini drone, a robot, shirts and hoodie. For the entire group, we were able to add a \$100 Fred Meyers gift certificate, wrapping paper, bows, tape and gift tags. With our lower member numbers, we had participation from about 14 members. In addition, member emeritus **Natalie Stien** made six winter scarves for the family and dropped them off at the YWCA for those cold winter months ahead. The YWCA Family Village works every day to deliver the tools and resources women and families need to survive and thrive. As a community partner, we can take special satisfaction knowing that some dreams were fulfilled for those extras at this time of year. The YWCA also reminded us that they take donations for women's gently used clothing all year long. Thanks to all our donors and elves who helped empower women and families, including all those beaming smiles.



SHOP TALK



Welcome RGC Plant Sale enthusiasts and Happy New Year! Spring should be knocking on the door soon and plans are happening. I will be taking over updating last year's plant list, started by **April Creasy**. The list will be able to serve two purposes: 1) it will keep an accounting of who will be

providing plants by type and quantity. This will help us keep a running inventory. And 2) we can then use the information of each plant listed to fabricate and print tags for each of the potted plants. As before, the earlier we have the list of each members plants, the better. My drop-dead date for the detailed plant info for each member is April 1st, but would like it earlier, if possible. That will give me time to add as I get them, rather than a mad rush at the end.

If members can provide me the list of plants that they plan on providing for the plant sale by April 1st, we will have plant tags printed and available to them by May 1st to stick in pots. As an alternative, if you're unable to provide the information to me by April 1st, then each member will be responsible for doing their own tags by hand. I will send out April's existing list to all members, so you can see what is already on the list.

Our Spring Dig Coordinator, **Tamara Bell**, is ready to connect sites with diggers. Tamara is hoping everyone has their plants off to a good start for the Plant Sale and they've survived snow/ice conditions. Contact her at tamarabell@msn.com with any dig information for the plant sale—i.e., digs to schedule, plants to provide, or plants you need. *Happy New Year, Stan Giant*



TREASURER'S REPORT

Current Balance: \$15,990.41



MEMBER BULLETIN BOARD



With a virtual clink of a glass, a toss of black gold compost and a gardener's yelp, we extend congratulations to some of our new 2020 Decade Anniversary members listed below! You newcomers have joined us through the pandemic upheaval garden years, and we'd like to thank you for being part of our club's success. If we can maintain our ties through those struggles, we can remain joined at the proverbial garden apron strings through better times to come. We greatly appreciate

and value your friendships, hard work and volunteerism that have strengthened RGC. Congrats! And here's to more years of digging in the dirt!

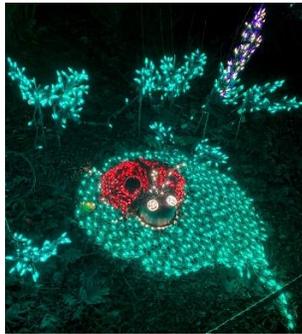
April Creasey (2021), Lori Fleuchhaus (2021), Alyssa Hagen (2022), Leigh Ann Hines (2021), Cassie and James Wegner (2022), Tamara Bell (2022), Nicole Wilson (2022)



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BELLEVUE BOTANICAL GARDEN HOLIDAY LIGHTS FIELD TRIP



With a rescheduled date due to snow, our “getting the season started” RGC walk at this year’s annual Bellevue Botanical Garden d’Lights display had fewer participants, but just as much amazement and fun. With more than a half-million sparkling lights in the shapes of plants, animals, picturesque nature landscapes and more (including a slug trail), this is a beautiful setting that captures the magic of the holidays and the season of lights. This event started 28 years ago, to get people to visit in winter and we can safely say it grew into a huge fundraiser that supports yearly botanical garden activities. With thousands of hours spent to build, install and remove the lights, an army of volunteers begin their work in nearly a year-long effort with new light installations added every year. We’re grateful we had the experience once and unanimously limited it to that one workshop. Our RGC duo (**Iben Dransfield** and **Leigh Ann Hines**) plus family members and guests began the tour after 11-plus introductions and strolled about an hour through the lights fantastic in the cold, crisp weather. Such enticing critters like chickens, peacocks, Snap d’dragon, bees, spiders, frogs, slugs and even blue herons were found. The real fun was trying to guess whether the lit-up flower is an iris, hollyhock, day lily, sunflower or maybe an allium. There was no mistaking the poinsettia tree, and an all-time favorite the scary alligator. I’m thinking that charming ladybug might be a new addition this year? Gift shopping and coffee warm-ups followed to top off our traditional winter field trip with warm wishes as we march toward our Winterfest gathering. Let there be lights!



BLOGGING AROUND



The middle-sized garden

if your garden is bigger than a courtyard, but smaller than an acre

Check out this hop across the pond to the award-winning UK blogger and YouTube channel host ([The Middle-Sized Garden - YouTube](#)), **Alexandra Campbell**. Located in Kent, England, Alexandra’s weekly blog is full of tips, ideas and garden inspirations and a glimpse into the exalted British gardeners in a Zone 9 US equivalent. It’s easy to see why this blog has millions of followers and consistently remains in the top blog sites. Alexandra converted her journalistic skills from her newspaper/magazine days and applied them to the blog site, Middle-sized English Garden. She talked with top gardeners, read the best books, and attended many workshops to filter information and extract elements that passed the

mid-sized garden test—how easy is it, how long does it take, will it make gardens look good, affordable, and does it fit into a family or busy life. Many of her menu topics include “shopping, a multitude of garden categories and her garden video Links. So many garden rabbit holes in which to escape. The recent story about the best garden books and the year’s best garden advice from experts simply wrapped up 2022 with ideas about spring reading and projects (rock garden design) into a neat bow. There is so much to unpack on this blogging site, that it’s worth signing up for the weekly email deliveries at www.themiddlesizedgarden.co.uk for informative and varied expert advice. And then there’s that ‘every garden needs a pond advice. Still working on Santa for that water feature idea. Alexandra has created a wonderful site to explore during our garden downtime and if you crave a hit of British accents, check out her garden videos.



Garden Trends for 2023

Looking ahead in the new year, garden forecasters have provided a glimpse into their crystal balls. Garden Design Magazine’s list will lay the groundwork for the season ahead with ideas for the trendy. Many of us are already onboard with these designs, except maybe the lawn-swapping, but given our January moss gardens topic, perhaps we can be inspired to make that a reality. The major philosophy is creating a respite from everything else going on in the world that makes gardeners happy. On that note, the top 9 “happy trends” listed below include first and foremost, Let’s get happy!

1. Grow Your Own Bouquets
2. Create Cottage Gardens
3. Design Mediterranean-Style Gardens
4. Swap Lawns for Meadows
5. Expand Houseplant Collections with Rare & Unusual Varieties
6. Add Texture with Foliage Plants
7. Go Vertical
8. Make Outdoor Spaces Cheery & Bright
9. Use Natural Materials



Hosta '**Neptune**' is the 2023 Hosta of the Year. This unique blue Hosta is popular among collectors and makes a very nice specimen in the home garden. In spring, the narrow wedge-shaped leaves are bright glaucous blue, and they hold their color well. As the season progresses, they turn more blue green. All you Hosta-heads out there, get ready to find this blue beauty.



PANTONE'S 2023 COLOR OF THE YEAR: VIVA MAGENTA! Bold, lush, and fearless, Pantone's Color of the Year signifies a shift toward optimism and unbridled creativity. While the calming hues chosen for 2021 and 2022 reflected the pandemic mood, [Viva Magenta 18-750](#) is all about vim and vigor, capturing what The Pantone Color Institute believes will be the zeitgeist of the new year. This shade is anything but shy. It's an animated, saturated pinkish-red that projects strength, joy, and celebration, "encouraging experimentation and self-expression without restraint." Seems like this vibrant color captures those from the Web Space Telescope photos that revealed the birth of a star.



And finally, not to be outdone in the plant winner announcements, the title for **2023 Perennial Plant Association** pick of the Year belongs to ***Rudbeckia 'American Gold Rush'***. American Gold Rush' is a stunning addition to gardens. At the height of summer, it turns up the volume for a long season of dazzling color right up to autumnal frosts. The bright golden-yellow flowers feature arching rays and a reddish halo surrounding dark chocolate cones. Three-inch flowers blanket the small plant, which is only 22-27 in. tall with a broader width to 40 in. if given room.

The green leaves and stems are covered in hairs, which gives them a silvery cast—on sunny days, peeking through the blooms to the leaves is a luminous silver-and-gold treat. More than just boosting the ornamental show, the hairy foliage is resistant to Septoria leaf spot—a debilitating fungal disease that causes unsightly black spotting and premature seasonal decline on some Black-eyed Susans. 'American Gold Rush' is a reliable hardy perennial and a great substitute for popular, brassier 'Goldsturm', which is highly susceptible to leaf spotting.

Bellevue Botanical Gardens January Classes & Lectures

HYBRID LECTURE: IN-PERSON & WEBINAR

Rhododendron Introductions in the Second Golden Age of Plant Hunting

Wednesday, Jan 18, 7-8:30pm

BBGS Members \$10.50/ Nonmembers \$15



THIS IS A HYBRID LECTURE AND WILL BE PRESENTED IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Presented by Steve Hootman, Executive Director and curator of Federal Way's Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden. Steve will show most of the interesting new species that have been introduced over the past forty years and discuss their use in the garden, cultivation tips, and more. Many will be shown growing in their native habitats.



WEBINAR

Sensibility: A Garden for the Senses

Thursday, Jan 19, 7-8:30pm

BBGS Members \$10.50/ Nonmembers \$15

Presented by Sue Goetz. Make music with your garden through the rustle of ornamental grasses, the hum of bees, and the trill of birdsong. Sue will show you how to grow gardens that delight all the senses – sound, sight, touch, taste, and

smell. She will share garden plans and design tips for planting and placement of fragrant, textural, and flavorful plants to create sensory gardens.

WEBINAR

The Wonder of Wildside

Saturday, Jan 28, 9am-11am

BBGS Members \$10.50/ Nonmembers \$15

Presented by Jon Evans. Wildside, the garden of pioneering plantsman Keith Wiley, is the most exciting and innovative garden in Britain today. Jon first visited Wildside in 2013 and has visited the garden every time it has been open to the public since then. He has documented the entire garden throughout the years with a focus on the change in seasons. Watch in awe as Jon takes us on a photographic tour of this amazing and inspiring garden. He insists on a 90-minute presentation because anything less would not do this garden justice. Read more about Wildside [HERE](#). **NOTE: WEBINAR WILL NOT BE RECORDED.**



IN-PERSON

Floral Still Life: Beginning Acrylic Painting

Saturday, Jan 28, 10am-2pm

BBGS Members \$87.50/ Nonmembers \$125

Taught by Terry MacDonald. In this class you will get an overview of acrylic painting from materials to techniques. Learn about brushes, surfaces, and paints, and explore principles of value, shape, color, and shadows with a simple pear painting. You will incorporate these lessons

into a floral still life and learn about composition and color theory. Everything will be provided; you only need to bring a desire to learn and have fun!

New Year...new classes. In the mood for more learning experiences/workshops? Bellevue Demonstration Gardens offers the following for January/February. **Bellevue Demonstration Garden Saturday Workshops**, hosted by Master Gardener Foundation of King County. Online. Begins on Sat., Jan. 21 and continues on selected Saturdays until October. **MORE INFO** Registration begins the first week in January.

January 21 – Creating Beautiful Landscapes for Wildlife

Habitat. Speaker: **James Gagliardi**, Director, Bellevue Botanical Garden. Join James for inspiring stories on how to create pollinator-friendly habitats and healthy ecosystems that support native wildlife.

Registration will open here in January

January 28 – Starting Seeds for Flowers and Vegetables. Speaker: **Colleen Donahue**, Master Gardener. This workshop will teach everything you need to know about growing plants, vegetables, and flowers directly from seed. Colleen will cover seed selection, home nursery tips, and seedling care, with practical knowledge that new and experienced gardeners alike will appreciate.

Registration will open here in January

February 4 – Peonies in the Pacific Northwest. Speaker: **Kit Haesloop**, Former President NW Perennial Alliance. Peonies are popular for a reason. Not only are their blooms big and beautiful, but they are also prized for easy upkeep, low maintenance, and long lives. Kit will provide an overview of how to care for peonies, maximize their blooms, prevent disease, and how to plant and divide them successfully. *No recording of this talk will be available.*

Registration will open here in January

February 11 – Soft Fruits and Berries. Speaker: **Krista Fay**, MG, Board Member NW Perennial Alliance. The NW is one of the premier berry-growing regions – favorites like raspberries, blackberries, blueberries, and strawberries. We'll introduce you to berry cultivation and care, bare-root planting techniques, hardy PNW varieties, pest management strategies, trellising, and harvesting.

Registration will open here in January



ANGELA "ANGIE" GROSVENOR HANSEN



From the east coast to the west.... New member Angie Grosvenor Hansen has exhibited her gardener side and abilities early on in her RGC membership journey. It seems we have a Rose Society “rambler rose ringer” in our midst, as many of our rose aficionados will be excited over. I can feel the questions burbling up already. Add to that Angie’s love of books and cottage gardens and we’re one happy group to snag her expertise and volunteerism. In fact, Angie immediately agreed to cover January’s Book Review for us. Books, roses, and now those delicious Winterfest cream puffs can be added. We’re so delighted that Angie found her way to us through that particular friendship. Her special accomplishments like being a good friend will be much appreciated at RGC, as we return the favor. And do we have a fun book club for you.... just sayin’. Welcome, Angie.

Get to Know You Questions...

Where were you born? **Cleveland Heights, Ohio August 14, 1955, 5th of 6 kids. Then we moved to Connecticut when I was 18 months old.**

Tell us about your family? Children/Grandchildren ages...**My husband and I have been together since we were 17..seniors in high school in Paradise Valley, AZ. We never had any children but have lots of nieces, nephews, and godchildren.**

Bio background & Birthday (year optional) **I grew up North Stamford, CT. Was active in lots of outdoor activities and was a stage actress as a child in summer stock until we moved twice in high school to Illinois and Arizona. Went to the UW to study Theatre ending up with degrees in Theater, Speech Communication and got a teaching certificate in Early Childhood Education.**

Where did/do you work? Volunteer work? **In college I worked at a preschool, an advertising agency and managed a ski shop. After school I ended up in the buying office at Frederick and Nelson department store where I worked for the next 9 years. I then became a manufacturer's rep in the specialty toy business ending up owning my own rep company, selling European and American toys and eco-friendly products in the Pacific NW. I volunteered with several groups to help the homeless, again focusing on children. I retired in January 2019.**

What gave you your first interest in gardening? **My father was an avid gardener, and we all grew up with a bed in his garden to plant whatever we wanted each year, as well as helping him in the yard. He always had a lovely garden. Even in AZ. he could grow almost anything that interested him.**

What are some of your other interests/hobbies? **Pre-COVID, I was in several book clubs, now only one still exists. I am a potter and have been making and selling pottery for the last 20 plus years. I have always been interested in a variety of arts and design both interior and garden.**

A garden book you'd recommend? Or other favorite read? **It's a long list of garden books, but probably the most useful were the Roger Phillips/Martyn Rix books on perennials and roses.**

An accomplishment you are proud of? **Being a good friend.**

An interesting place you've traveled or visited? Love to travel..especially in rural France On my first trip I was able to go to Rosarie de L'Hay in Val de Marne where I was able to see their amazing collection of ramblers and the beautiful structures covered in plants. My husband had started our collection of Wichuriana rose ramblers and used what he saw in photos to build the lovely structures in our garden.

Your favorite dessert or food? I enjoy cooking more than eating, but probably my mother's apple pie and Leg of Lamb...and blueberries.

Something you keep postponing? Future plans? I don't intentionally postpone much...COVID caused me to cancel a number of post-retirement trips and construction projects around the house. Am hoping that I might be able to get that started up soon.

Garden Questions:

Earliest gardening memory? Just for me? the first time I grew gourds in the plot my dad gave me in the garden. I grew so many it seemed, and we used them in the house all fall...I felt like I really knew what I was doing. I think I was nine at the time.

Garden tip ~ **plant small**...leave room for the plant to grow into the space. Maybe because I am not a big grower of annuals...they are just filler plants for the most part until the perennials and shrubs grow up

If you could only plant in a 3'x3' plot of ground, what would you include? It would be a sort of a mini cottage garden overflowing with bloom (delphinium, campanula, rose campion, phlox, geranium magnificum, Barrett Browning daffodils, Menton tulips, Muscari latifolium, and armenaicum, allium bulgaricum, pink ranunculus, icelandic or shirley poppies, verbena bonariensis, echinacea purpurea and rudbeckia goldsturm. It's a long list but they bloom over the months so it might work//clearly I would have to give some away but as I would grow them from seed I would have time to edit.

What is the best piece of gardening advice you have ever received? Did you follow it? Learning the best time to prune lilacs so that they would grow well and not send up endless shoots. I did. It worked well except after I was ill, when my husband took over the pruning..they are still recovering now.

Reason you joined the Redmond Garden Club and what do you expect to get/learn as a member? Originally, a good friend wanted to join and wanted a buddy to go along, but after that didn't pan out, I am honoring the friendship that we made at the Seattle Rose Society with Anne Belovich and her husband when we were a couple of the few members who were not fans of hybrid teas...but huge fans of old roses and ramblers. She passed away a year ago and is missed. You never know when you will find someone that you share visions with.

Education you have that relates to gardening? Lots of self-education on gardening enabling me to help teach others how to properly prune various species of roses and tips at Cottage Creek nursery (gone now, sadly).

Type of gardening you **have** or like to pursue? Cottage gardening. I like things a bit overblown. Mostly perennials and shrubs!. A planned garden but not a very tidy one.

What is your favorite veggie to grow? Tomatoes and pea pods

Favorite flower and why? Hard to pick one...maybe delphiniums. I do love how magnificent they are in bloom!

What is your favorite garden plant of all? Old roses, maybe Belle de Crecy and lilacs, Also, Russian ones like Nadezda and Krasavitsa Moskvyy.

What is your most troublesome garden plant of all? I would have to say English Ivy. We planted a wire mesh fence covered it when we first moved in 29 years ago. It kept the dogs in the yard and after a couple years it was almost as if we didn't live in a cul de sac....but more like we had acreage After I got sick, I became allergic to it and can't even be near the yard waste bin or any tools that touched it. After more than 10 years my husband is finally almost finished with removing it all for me.

What is your worst garden problem? My damaged leg muscles which keep me away from it too often.

What is your most troublesome weed or garden pest? A wildly spreading geranium that was given to me on my 40th birthday. It is almost impossible to eradicate. I have planted many species of geranium, favorites Magnificum and Ann Folkard..those are not a problem at all.

What tool couldn't you live without? Felco pruners!

What is your favorite garden element and why? The arches and tuteur trellises that my husband built in our yard...either the gray cedar one that was a birthday gift or first small rock wall with copper gate in the backyard.



NO DECEMBER 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Garden geeks failed to unite, but chose to party

GARDEN RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 2023 NEW YEAR

From the Impatient Gardener Files

In my search for garden resolutions this year...not mind you, those never-kept, easily-broken resolutions for myself, I turned to the **Impatient Gardener** humor for a chuckle. Her favorites are the humorous ones that keep it real in the garden spaces of our heads. As she explains it, "Traditional new year's resolutions are for the birds, as far as I'm concerned. I gave up making them ages ago. Basically, I try to be a better person than I was the year before. But I thought it might be fun to make a few resolutions for gardeners. These are specific to me, but I suspect they translate well to most other gardeners." Amen to that.

- 1) I WILL NOT TAKE ON MORE GARDENING THAN I CAN REASONABLY HANDLE. (I totally will, it cannot be helped)
- 2) I WILL NOT BEAT MYSELF UP WHEN I TAKE ON MORE GARDENING THAN I SHOULD HAVE.
- 3) I WILL ACCEPT THAT GARDENS ARE EVER CHANGING AND WILL NEVER BE FINISHED OR PERFECT.
- 4) I WILL CLEAN MY TOOLS WHEN I'M FINISHED WITH THEM.
- 5) I WILL SEEK INSPIRATION IN OTHER GARDENS. (Definitely).