

THE ECHO

Hill and Dale District

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THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Fall is looming on the horizon and Summer has given us a few very warm weeks and our gardens are giving all they can. Fruit, flowers and vegetables are filling our homes and a great feeling of accomplishment is our reward.

As your new director, first and foremost my sincere thanks to Linda Maida for her help and support; those are some pretty big shoes to fill and I know she will continue to assist us as we begin our new term. Our new board has some familiar faces. Rachel Jennings is my 1st Assistant Director and has become an asset to me along with a strong friendship. Working together will be a pleasure with hopefully some interesting results. Kathy Johnson is coming into the 2nd Assistant Director position and I could not be happier. Diligent and innovating she brings into our district fresh ideas and interesting new programs. Chris Sherrill will continue as Treasurer and with the last 2 years under her belt we can be assured of accurate accounting. Lisa Libby continues as Secretary and beyond those duties she has been a help in so many ways, I don't know how we managed without her as she has formatted our new yearbook and the Flower Show schedule for September. How to describe the job Doris Yuckert does as Corresponding secretary is to say she sends a little sunshine with every correspondence. Rosie Trujillo has taken on the job of parliamentarian and you know she will keep us in line.

Root & Bloom is cleaning and planting the garden at the Masonic Hall where we hold our district meetings. With the heat we have had it definitely needs some tender care. The miniature garden at the Old Soldiers Home continues to be a big hit, Janit Colva has made a wonderful contribution and continues to maintain and replace plants as needed. Country Gardeners has cleaned and planted the garden at the Midland Community Center where some clubs hold their monthly meetings and where we hold our District board meeting.

The Pierce County Fair is in full swing. Our members painted, cleaned and decorated the floral building last week. We really came together as a district with all the clubs participating as hostesses, clerks, registration and classification. A big thanks to Cathy Pitts and her team for getting all the entries in order.

Minor glitches with the Danish Judging and pre-registering occurred but the system will be much more efficient next year. The entries were beautiful as always, shelves filled with fruit and vegetables and flowers of all descriptions; we had both 4H and youth entries as well. Thanks to all the volunteers for their help. The full results will be posted in the next Echo.

The Fall Board meeting takes place in Wenatchee the 29th and 30th of August. We will be well represented. Attending will be Kathy Touns, Rachel Jennings, Judy Strickland, Sherry Matthews and Mary Bewley. We will be bringing back the new directories and hopefully some new and exciting ideas.

I hope my theme "Gardening: Therapy for the Soul" has resonated with you. My hope is that we take a new vision of our gardens, containers or fields - it does not matter. An afternoon spent outside amid nature's beauty can relax and refresh the soul.

Kathy Touns

CLUB NEWS!

GARDEN HOUR

Summer fun is all but done,
and fall is on the way.
It's time to sit and re-visit
April, June, and May.

In April we held a non judged flower show and used it as a teaching tool to encourage members to participate in the district shows. Experienced members were paired with new members and acted as mentors. It was great to see everyone gathered together in teams working out naming specimens and labeling their entry tags. **No Nonsense Nita Huber** and **Do Bee Dorinda Jenkins** tied for best of show.

Our garden therapy project for the residents of Puyallup Valley Enhanced Residential Care facility took place in May with members helping residents plant a vegetable garden. New member, **Chris Krueger** reported everyone had a good time and that there were many helping hands. Thank you to **Dorothy Bean, Sue Miller, Kay Stokes, Sandy Parr** and **Marty Roper** for getting in there and getting dirty.



As part of our beautification project for the fire hall, **Java Junkie Jan Hurley** had the great idea to purchase a basket ball hoop and backboard to replace the dilapidated one in the parking lot. We appreciate our emergency responders and this was one way we could thank them and help keep them in top physical condition!

June was busting out all over...as the song goes when we welcomed new member, **Sue Eidenger** and officially welcomed Chris Krueger to our band of rowdies. (The poor dears have no idea of what they are getting into!) Also, we busted out new officers for the next term: co-presidents **Sandy Parr** and **Dorothy Bean**, vice president: **Marty Roper**; treasurer: **Dorinda Jenkins**; and secretary: **Karla Hiers**.

Our friendship plant exchange followed the installation of officers. This annual event is usually a blast and not a bust. We had quite the selection: from asters to lilacs; and calla lilies to sunflowers. The challenge came when trying to pick from such a variety...right **Chris**?



After the plant exchange we busted out of the fire hall like a swarm of starving locusts, and landed at **Maple Marty Roper's** home for dessert and a tour of her fabulous garden. A sweet treat for the eyes and hips...I mean lips.

Karla Hiers
Secretary

DOGWOOD GARDEN CLUB

SUMMER: HOT, HOT, HOT.....what more can be said? Some plants flourished after the deep rain and the warm weather, others curled up their leaves and waited. Waited for a good drink of water.... but no fruit. Fruit trees didn't always get enough bees at the right time after the deep rains, so fruit production has been down locally, at several homes.

The TRADITIONAL MAY DAY SALE at Eatonville High School was a huge success! Folks look for the plant sale the day of the coronation of the May Day King and Queen. Our plants are a tradition, too.

The ART IN BLOOM celebration in July had Dogwood G.C. helping with garden tours to Kathy and Diane Mettler's to earn money for the food bank in Eatonville. Interesting booths of various Arts and Crafts pertaining to gardening were on display at the Van Eaton's wonderful garden. A live auction took place the night before with gourmet desserts made by Lincoln Mettler (the honey guy) to make us drool and bid a good price.



Bird watching this year has been plentiful. Swallows didn't come back too soon, so there were enough bugs for them to catch and have observed two batches born in the same birdhouse. One right after the other.....? making up for last year's lost time???

During the eclipse the swallows sat on the lines, didn't move about much, were good little children and when it was over started their normal swooping, diving and aerial maneuvers again. Such fun to watch.

Pierce County Graham Fair had an amazing display of flowers considering how hot it was and what flowers would last after cutting. Very nice design work shown, too. Sorry to see less youth participation this year but the heat also cut down on the veggie display, too. Other than that the floral building looked great. Lots of interested people.

With enough water this summer some people's gardens really loved the heat.....while other's fried. How is it that my lawn is toast but the dandelions are 2inches tall and bright green?

Looking forward to our first meeting of the Fall. Always so many things to do.

Sympathy to the Mettler family with the passing of their beloved father and husband, Louie.

Get Well wishes to our worker bee Lisa Libby of a heart attack.

Reporting: Sharon Aguilar
(on my way out to pick and eat black berries.....?with cream??)



ROOT N' BLOOM

Wow!!! - Has time gone by fast since the last time we read our Echo newsletters. Now it's time to catch up on what each club has been doing since June. With this crazy rainy spring and hot summer our gardens should be in full bloom for our enjoyment, and sharing with the bees, bird and butterflies and animals. Our Veggie gardens should be full of your labor of love with lots of watering and weeding. You know this is what us garden ladies do best.



Our club members have been busy doing community service. We went to the Old Soldiers Home in Orting and helped then plant hanging baskets and vegetables for their enjoyment during the summer/fall.

Some club members participated by going out to the Pierce County Fair in helping put on a great event this year. Other

members entered design or flowers or veggies. They also helped in cleaning and decorating the floral building. Kudos to these people!!!

So now comes the most important part of a garden club - planning for the upcoming year! We are set for the year with some great ideas on new and interesting programs in which we will give you a glimpse into the future for our meetings - we will be visiting a local Nursery/Farm, that is doing modern hydroponic farming of lettuce, greens and herbs. This Farm is a step back to our roots of eating locally grown food we can trust. Then what an experience we will have when a Master Beekeeper will bring a live beehive to our meeting where we can observe the hive's inner working. He will also be bringing honey sticks of natural varietals that are available along the west coast for the ladies to experiment with what a flower can do to the taste of honey.



As you read this article, we are ready for a very interesting and fun year ahead. Look for more interesting things happening in this club!!!!

Submitted by Rosie Trujillo

COUNTRY GARDENERS

Country Gardeners had a busy spring. Our members worked on a landscape project at the Midland Community Center where we meet monthly. We worked on cleaning out the beds and designing a low maintenance hard scape garden at the entry to the building. This is a work in progress with plantings and hard scape to be finished this fall.



Some of our club members had a rewarding experience at the Orting Veteran's Home. We helped with a farm themed raised miniature garden. This project was challenging, along with hard work but very much enjoyed by the residents.

Inspired by the Mini/Fairy garden program which was presented at the winter district workshop our ladies are creating individual gardens. These gardens will be displayed at our September Country Gardeners meeting and again in the spring. This is our fun project and rewarding to see the creativity of our talented members.

Our members enjoyed a wonderful day on the June bus trip to Heronswood Gardens and Brown's. At Brown's we gained lots of good ideas for our Fairy/Mini Gardens with some members adding to their collections.

August brought the Pierce County Fair and all the excitement that goes along with a Fair. The Country Gardeners participated in the clean-up, decorating and volunteering in the Floral Zoo as hostesses and instructors at the Kid's Event Tables. Our members were excited to enter both in the floral and design categories for judging.

The board has been busy planning exciting programs for the upcoming year and we look forward to a fun filled year of garden experience with our garden friends!

Happy Gardening from Country Gardeners!!!

District Meeting, May 23, 2017

The flower show was hosted by Country Gardeners, bake sale hosted by Root and Bloom and the centerpieces provided by Garden Hour.

The new District Officers were installed for the 2017-2019. years. Congratulations and a big thank you to:

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| • Kalthy Touns | District Director |
| • Rachel Jennings | 1st Assistant Director |
| • Kathy Johnson | 2nd Assistant Director |
| • Chris Sherril | Treasurer |
| • Lisa Libby | Secretary |
| • Doris Yuckert | Correspondence Secretary |

Everyone commented on the wonderful fragrance wafting in from the garden show. The awards are as follows:

| | Horticulture | | Design | |
|-------------------|--------------|-------|--------|-------|
| | May | Y-T-D | May | Y-T-D |
| Country Gardeners | 149 | 346 | 38 | 88 |
| Dogwood | 45 | 116 | 5 | 20 |
| Garden Hour | 32 | 123 | 9 | 11 |
| Glove & Trowel | 56 | 79 | 27 | 46 |
| Happy Thymes | | 9 | | 0 |
| Root & Bloom | 298 | 655 | 44 | 129 |

Horticulture Awards

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|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Best in Show | Eileen Smiley | Glove & Trowel |
| Best Flowering Branch | Phyllis Brabec | Root & Bloom |
| Award of merit | Eileen Smiley | Glove & Trowel |
| | Chris Sherrill | Country Gardeners |
| | Phyllis Brabec | Root & Bloom |

Design Awards

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|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Best in Show | Eileen Smiley | Glove & Trowel |
| Best all frsh | Sherry Matthews | Glove & Trowel |
| Best Small Design | Chris Sherrill | Country Gardeners |
| Best Photo | Carol DeMott | Root & Bloom |

Winners for the Year

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1st for Horticulture | Root & Bloom |
| 2nd | Country Gardeners |
| 1st for Design | Country Gardeners |
| 2nd | Root & Bloom |

We also celebrated some milestones. Emily Miller is celebrating 35 years as a garden club member and Sherry Matthews is celebrating 45 years. Root n Bloom Garden Club is celebrating 70 years. We all enjoyed a tea party and a celebratory cake.



Thank You for all your work and support for the Pierce County Fair!!.



Hill & Dale District once again worked together to insure the Pierce County Fair was a success. All six clubs participated from the set up to the cleanup, 54 club members spent 350 hours to make our floral building shine. Our members worked 189 hours just on Wednesday taking entries.

It was a "Zoo" at times but with Giraffes, Elephants, Monkeys" and even Dandy-lions, we all survived the 90+ heat. "Your View Of A Zoo", was filled with Marigolds, Dahlias, Hardy Fuchsia, Hydrangeas, Vegetables & Designs from Adults, Youth and even this year 4-H Youth was included in our building. We had 508 Adult entries and 151 Youth.



Our free Kids activity daily from 2 - 4pm was planting succulents in a container that they decorated. Krissy Kreations donated all the plants and the kid's creativity was good.

A Huge thank you to everyone that helped

Everyone had a great time on the bus tour to Herron-wood in June.

Awards were also presented.

Thanks to all who made this a great trip!!



UPCOMING EVENTS for 2017-2018

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 26, 2017
- November 28, 2017
- March 27, 2018
- May 22, 2018
- September 25, 2017
- November 27, 2018

District Board Meetings

Midland Community Centre
1619 E 99th St, Tacoma

- September 5, 2017
- October 24, 2017
- February 27, 2018
- April 24, 2018
- August 28, 2018
- October 23, 2018

Bus Tour

- TBD 2018

District Workshop

- May 30, 2018

Pierce County Fair

- August 9-12, 2018

ECHO Deadlines

- October 25, 2017
- January 25, 2018
- April 25, 2018
- August 15, 2018
- October 25, 2018

DRYER MASCONIC CENTER

306 134th St. S. Tacoma 537-9928

September 26, 2017

ENTRIES 8:30 to 9:30 AM

GENERAL RULES

Show Theme: "DECADES OF DANCE"

Show Colors: *Reds and Oranges*

Eligibility: Any member of Hill & Dale District and any Student Judge needing exhibiting credits may enter Division I, Horticulture or Division II, Design

Advanced Entries: Advanced entries are **required** in Division II Design, contact Sherry Matthews Advance Entry chairman by September 5 by email at sherrytom41@comcast.net or 253-845-2555. Entry tags are available from Sherry Matthews 253-845-2555 or Linda Maida 253-389-2114. Exhibitors in both divisions are required to bring a list of all entries with the required entry tag information on the day of the show.

Entry Time: Enter all divisions between 8:30 and 9:30 AM Monday September 26, 2017 Masonic Hall 306-134th St S Tacoma WA

Exhibits will be removed at 3:00 on the 26th.

Judging will begin at 10:00 A.M.

Classification Chairman for each division check exhibits for conformity to the schedule prior to judging. Final determination for conformance is the judges' responsibility.

The General Chairman and the Classification chairmen for each division are available during judging for possible consultations. They along with the judges and clerks' are the only personnel allowed on the floor during judging. The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.

There must be an emphasis on **FRESH** plant material. No artificial plant material is permitted in any exhibit in any divisions.

Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per class in the design division.

The Hill & Dale District will strive to assure the safety of all items after arrival and placement, but is not responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.

Plants on the state conservation list must have been grown by the exhibitor or obtained in a legal manner and so stated.

NGC Standard System of Awarding is used in all divisions.

1. General Rule for Horticulture

- The NGC Exhibit Policies are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 6, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division
- The rules for a single species cut or container-grown specimen are listed in the Handbook for Flower Shows or its supplement Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging.
- In order to receive an NGC Top Exhibitor Award, the exhibitor must identify her/his entry by its binomial name or currently acceptable scientific designation. (Consult *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Exhibiting in the Horticulture Division, Chapter 6.)
- Entry cards are to be filled out in advance if possible.” Entry cards to be filled out using waterproof ink. “Refer to the *Handbook for Flower Shows*”, chapter 6 for correctly filled out entry tag
- Cut specimens should not have foliage below the water line, except for *Gladiolus*.
- If a plant is considered a flowering plant, it should be exhibited as a flowering specimen. Foliage plants may flower, but should be exhibited as foliage plant if they are grown for their leaves.
- Specimens with a class designation in the schedule may not be entered in the ‘Any Other Worthy’ class.
- The Horticulture Classification Committee Chairman and/or General Show Chairman are free to subdivide classes by color, form, size, cultivar, variety or other distinguishing characteristics.
- The Scales of Points for Horticulture are located in Chapter 14 of the Handbook for Flower Shows.

2. Additional Rules.

- Exhibitor to provide own clean, transparent container of suitable size.
- Exhibitor may use unobtrusive wedging, plastic wrap is suggested.

Division I Horticulture

"Swing Time in the Garden"

Eligible for NGC Award of Horticulture Excellence

WSFGC Betty Belcher Horticulture Award

Sections A-E Eligible for NGC Award of Merit

SECTION A "Let's Lindy Hop"

Annuals/Biennials Under 2"-3" like specimens required

Class 1. Asters

Class 2. Cosmos

Class 3. Zinnias

Class 4. Helianthus (sunflowers)

Class 5. Any other worthy named flowering annual or biennial

SECTION B. "Just Jitterbug"

Flowering Perennials Under 2" 3 alike specimens required

Class 6. Chrysanthemum

Class 7. Rubeckia

Class 8. Crassula (Perennial succulents) Class 9. Any other named worthy, flowering perennial

SECTION C. "West Coast Swinging"

BULBS, CORMS AND TUBERS Must be disbudded with 1 set on leaves

Class 10. Liatris

Class 11. Crocosmia-3 stems

Class 12. Dahlia

Class 13. Any other worthy named bulb, corm or tuber

a. Giants (over 10")

b. Large (8"-10")

c. Medium (6"-8")

d. Small (4"-6")

SECTION D. "Big Apple Swing" Eligible for Hill & Dale district Harvest Award

Fruit and Vegetables Table ready for consumption, 1 if large, 2 medium or 2 small size fruit or vegetable

Class 14. Fruit

Class 15. Vegetable

Class 16. Cucurbita (pumpkins, gourds and squash)

Class 17. Root Vegetables

Class 18. Any other table ready fruit or vegetable not listed above (NO BERRIES)

SECTION E "Not A Cake Walk"

Rosa Sprays at least three (3) open blooms with more showing color

Class 19. Floribunda (1 spray)

Class 20. Grandiflora (1 spray)

Class 21. Hybrid tea (1 bloom)

Class 22. Any other worthy named, blooming rose

SECTION F "Can You Dance the Shag"

Trees/Shrubs Eligible for the NGC Arboreal Award Must have been grown by exhibitor for a minimum of 6 months. Specimen 24" maximum length

Class 23. Acer (Maple)

Class 24. Berberis thunbergii (barberry)

Class 25. Cotinus coggygria (smoke bush)

Class 26. Physocarpus (ninebark)

SECTION G "Rock & Roll"

Container Grown Outdoor Plantings Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

Container-grown at least six weeks by exhibitor

Class 27. Single flowering specimen type

Class 28. Single foliage specimen type

Class 29. Succulent planting

SECTION H "Let's do the Jive"

Class 30. Any other worthy named blooming specimen not listed elsewhere in this schedule

A. Design Rules

General Rules

- The NGC Exhibit Policies are printed in the Handbook for flower Shows, Chapter 7, Exhibiting in the design division, NGC Policies and Guidelines.
- Advance registration with the Design Entries Chairman/Consultant is required by September 5, 2017.
- Plant material and non-plant material permitted and not permitted in the Design division are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 7.
- All plant material used in the design must be identified on a card, provided by the show committee.
- The exhibitor is required to conform to the stated description and limitations of the Design Type if named in the class.
- Rules for Design Types, Advanced design Types, Table Designs and Table Appointments are printed in the Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 7.
- The Scale of Points for Design is listed in the Handbook for Flower Shows, Chapter 14.

B Design Styles

- **Abstract Design** – A creative design whose dominant components are chosen for their non-naturalistic characteristics and organized in a non-realistic manner.
- **Multi-Rhythmic Design** – A creative design with emphasis on two (2) or more rhythm in the design with one (1) rhythm dominating.
- **Exhibition Table** – not meant to be functional. Created artistically to suggest the service of food with no requirements as to the type or number of table appointments. Plant material must be used as needed for the overall design.
- **Functional Table** – table planned and set for the actual service of food. For two or more persons as determined by schedule. Schedule calls for Informal-casual dining for two.
- **Tray** – setting for one, the decorative Unit should be in proportion to the (1) place setting. The tray requires an appropriate-sized Decorative Unit with the stability of the decorative unit given importance.
- All other design types can be found in the Handbook for Flower Shows starting on page 73.

Division II Design

All Classes in Section A & B eligible for NGC Award of Design Excellence
& WSFGC Ellen B. Swenson Flower Arrangement Award

Section A –“ Spanish Dancing”

Eligible for NGC Table Artistry & WSFGC Phyllis Danielson Table Setting Award

- Class 1. “Do the Macarena” Breakfast Tray, tray not to exceed 12”x18” staged on a 32”x72” section of table
- Class 2. “Double Step the Paso Doble” Luncheon for two, staged on a card table, exhibitor to provide tablecloth.
- Class 3. “Fandango to Castanets” Exhibition table, staged in a 26”x30” of a 8 foot table space draped in white.

Section B –“In the Ballroom”

Eligible for NGC Designer Choice Award, Carolyn Erickson All Fresh Design Award

- Class 4. “Let’s Tango” Multi-Rhythmic staged on a 26”x30” section of a table with a white back ground on white
- Class 5. “Waltz With Me” Designer’s choice of design type, staged on a 26”x30” section of a table with a white background on white
- Class 6. “Rumba Is Sassy” Abstract Design staged on a 22” round pedestal, draped in red seen from all sides.

Judy Strickland-consultant 253-845-3946

Scale of Points for All Designs

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Conformance | |
| To Type | 7 |
| To Schedule Requirements | 7 |
| Design Principles | 48 |
| Selection of Components | 8 |
| Organization of Components | 8 |
| Expression | 8 |
| Distinction | <u>14</u> |
| | 100 |

Horticulture Scale of Points

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|----------------------|----------|
| Conformance | 5 |
| Plant Identification | 5 |
| Peak of Perfection | |
| Form | 20 |
| Color | 20 |
| Maturity/size | 20 |
| Condition /Blemishes | 15 |
| Grooming/Staging | |
| Grooming | 10 |
| Staging | <u>5</u> |
| | 100 |

Combination Plantings

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|----------------------|----------|
| Conformance | 5 |
| Plant Identification | 5 |
| Labeling | 5 |
| Peak of Perfection | |
| Form | 10 |
| Color | 10 |
| Condition | 10 |
| Show-worthy size | 5 |
| Overall Effect | 30 |
| Creative/Distinctive | 5 |
| Grooming | 10 |
| Staging | <u>5</u> |
| | 100 |

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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.

dyuckert@centurylink.net or
253.845.8720

MISSION STATEMENT

***National Garden Clubs, Inc.** provides education, resources and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility.*

District Meeting, Tuesday, September 26th.

Peggy Morgan, a Therapist, will speak in the morning on “Therapeutic Gardening”. How does gardening benefit the soul and well-being of those who do it, and those who are in the garden that you have created? She will speak about what your weeds tell you, the symbolism of gardening and many other topics.

Lunch: club sandwich with a salad

Flower Show Root & Bloom

Table Decorations Dogwood

