

# Olympia Garden Club Centennial

*100 years of friendship and community  
service*



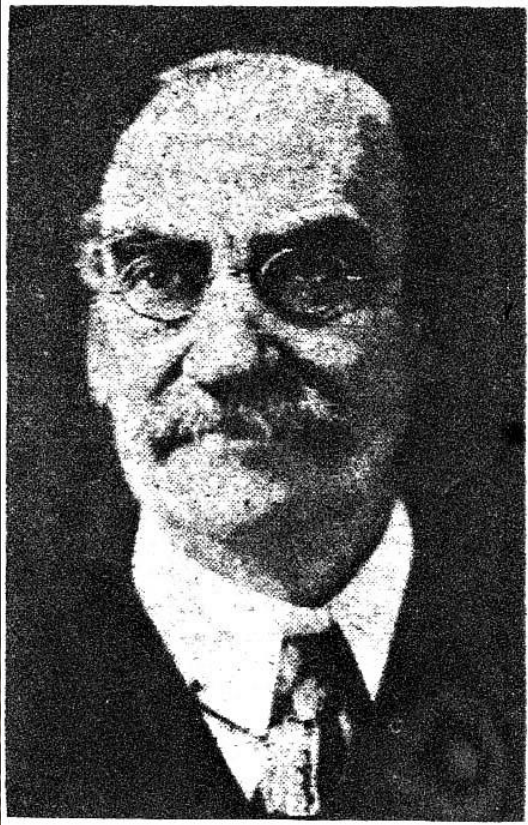




**1920's – 1940's**



# 1924



Jesse Martin Hitt (1852 – 1931)

Mr. Jesse Martin Hitt, was an educator and Washington State Librarian who became the first president of Olympia Flower Society (now the Olympia Garden Club).

Mr. Hitt loved roses.



# 1929 – 1949 OGC Presidents

1924 - 1929 Mr. J. M. Hitt  
1930 Mrs. ML (Ruth) Mower  
1931 Mrs. EE (Edna) Elliot  
1932 Mrs. EV (Ethel) White  
1933 Mrs. C. (Chris) Nommenson  
1934 Mrs. William (Helen) Dietz  
1935 Mrs. EV (Ethel) White  
1936 Mrs. Cora Knox  
1937 Mrs. Guy (Laura) Beckman

1938 Mrs. Carl (Mabel) Amey  
1939 Mrs. Ruth Osborne  
1940 Mrs. Elmer (Opal) Rollins  
1941 -1942 Mrs. Charles (Edna) Maybury  
1943 Mrs. E. C. (Grace) Garrard  
1944 Mrs. Joe (Prudence) Wohleb  
1945 Mrs. George (Bessie) Brandt  
1946 -1947 Mrs. Boyd (Blanche) Andrews  
1947 -1949 Mrs. Hazel McInturf



## Milestones:

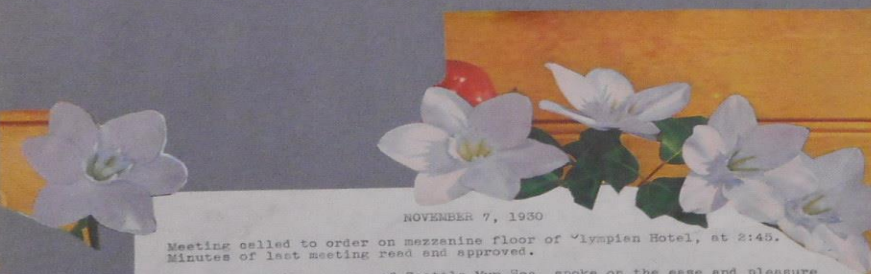
- **1938** – OGC joined Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs.
- **1939** – Involved in “Little House” project (Girl Scouts).
- **1943 – 1944** Active USO and War Time Committee.
- **1945** – Olympia Flower Society becomes Olympia Garden Club.
  - “Hitt Trophy” was donated to State Capital Historical Association Museum.
- **1947** – Two Term presidency began.
- **1949** – Contributed \$300.00 toward seeds for reconstruction of Europe after WWII.







May  
1930



NOVEMBER 7, 1930

Meeting called to order on mezzanine floor of Olympian Hotel, at 2:45. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mrs. Theo Volkey, pres. of Seattle Mum Soc. spoke on the ease and pleasure of growing mums. A rich soil very important, - 6 weeks before time to plant dig soil 1 1/2 ft. deep, - use stable manure well mixed into soil and work with water and spade and time. Do not plant with or near other things. plant at least 2 ft. apart, in rows 3 ft. apart. To each hill use 1 handful of the mixture mixed with the soil. Label at once. 4 or 5 weeks after planting use 1 handful of the mixture mixed into soil around each plant. Do this all thru growing season. As soon as buds begin to form do not feed any more solid fertilizer but feed with liquid fertilizer. This should be done about 3 times, cultivate every 2 weeks.

TO WATERPROOF MULLIN, 1# paraffine, 1 gallon gasoline. Warm gas, put in boiler with shaved paraffine, dip in muslin. Good for 3 or 4 years.

Divide large type every year, garden type every 2 years. Use flour bone meal. Stake. Mrs. Theo Volkey's address, 1044 Summit Ave. N. ph. 1867 Capital.

Mrs. Jessie Chambers spoke of the garden variety, let them grow about 2 ft high then cut back to within 6 inches of ground, makes plant bushy.

FOR COLD FRAMES, use 1 part, 1 sand, for cuttings, stretch muslin over frame

NITRATE SODA MIXTURE, 1 tbs to 1 gallon water, use twice a year. Superphosphate good for blooms- use in July, dry, mixed in soil.

A HALLMARK CARD

5.30 9.50 13.50 17.50 4.00 4.00 25

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September  
1930



December  
1930

Scrapbook "Pockets" for Monthly Programs



## Membership for 1931

Mrs C. B. Knox  
Laurie Beckham  
M. R. Mosser  
Walter Taylor  
J. H. Glunk  
W. R. Watson  
Archie Spencer  
S. H. Coulter  
Joe Weckiser  
Geo Stearns  
C. H. Elliott  
C. W. Monson  
A. B. Fitzhugh  
H. H. Nole  
Isaac Isant  
Tracy Kelsey  
E. V. White  
John Parke  
Tom Taylor  
W. M. Taylor  
C. J. Ford  
Chas Starr  
Minnie Turner  
Nan Cole  
Kate Adair  
J. F. Peters  
Edith Bence

1932 dues. N. G. Wright Nov. 5-31 for

1931  
Membership:  
28

## 1935 Year Book

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## OLYMPIA FLOWER SOCIETY



Olympia Flower: Delphinium

Organized in 1924

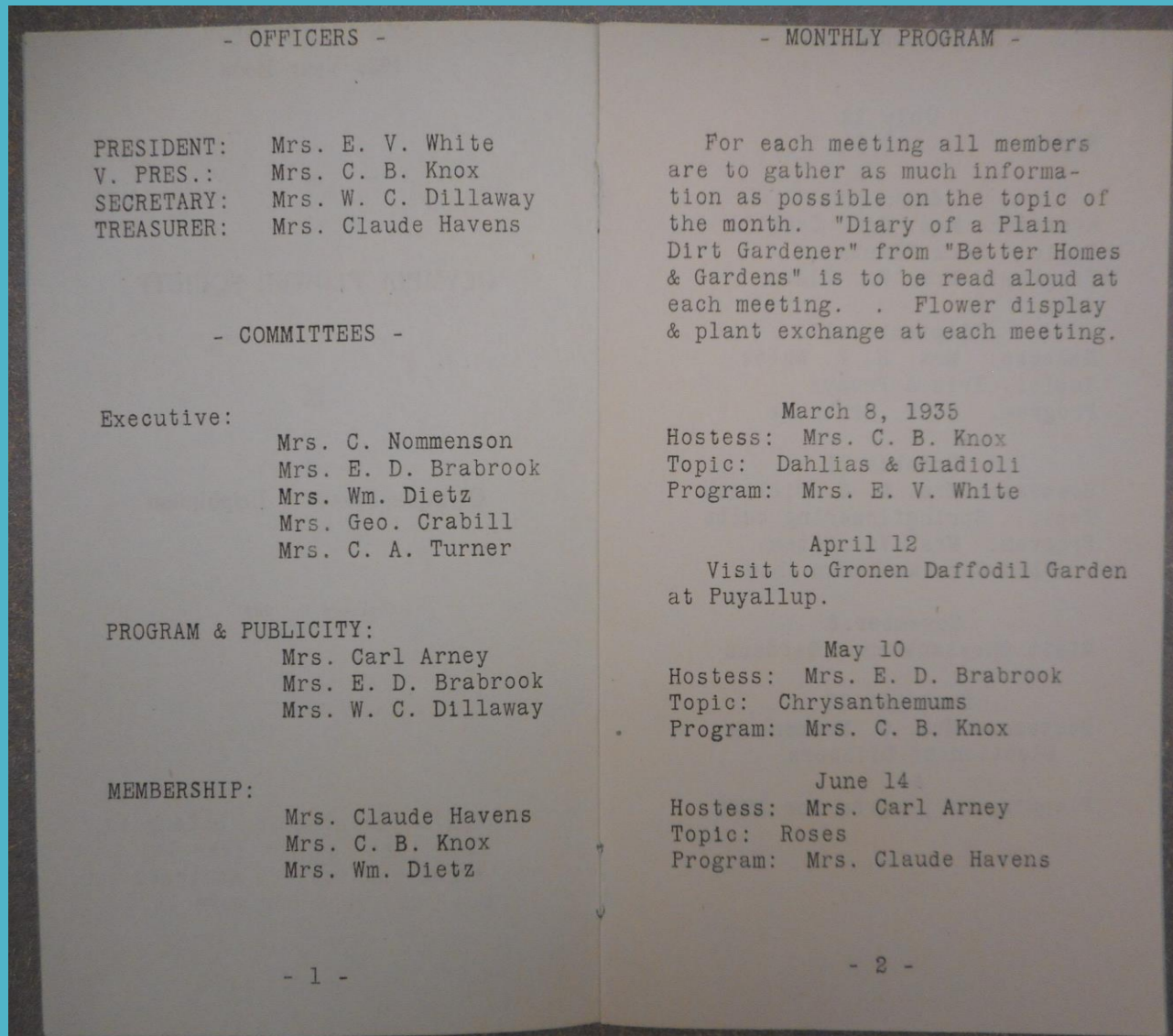
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It isn't the club you belong to,  
It's just how you take it;  
It's not the subject assigned you,  
But just what you make it.

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## Excerpt of a Monthly Program



“For each meeting all members are to gather as much information as possible on the topic of the month. ‘Diary of a Plain Dirt Gardener’ from ‘Better Homes and Gardens’ is to be read aloud at each meeting. Flower display & plant exchange at each meeting.”



# 1938 Year Book

## February 25

Luncheon

Speaker

## March 25

Hotel Governor

Garden Hints and Questions

Flower show discussion

Speaker

## April 29

Hostess.....Mrs. Leo Morf

Garden Hints and Questions

Basic Plantings

Plant Exchange.

## May 27

Hostess.....Mrs. Elmer Rollins

Garden Hints and Questions

Flower Arrangement

Speaker

## June 24

Evening Meeting

Speaker

## July 29

Hostess.....Mrs. C. W. Keeton

Potluck Picnic

## August 26

Potluck Picnic

*Conners  
Ozark Lake.*

## September 30

Hostess.....Mrs. Van Ousterhaute

Garden Hints and Questions

Rhododendron Culture

Plant Exchange

## October 28

Hostess.....Mrs. C. Nommensen

Garden Hints and Questions

Bulb Planting

Chrysanthemums

## November 18

Hostess.....Mr. Guy Myatt

Garden Hints and Questions

Holiday Suggestions

## December 16

Christmas Party

## January 27

Hotel Governor

Garden Hints and Questions

Pruning Demonstration

Speaker

## SHOWS

### Spring Show

Chairman.....Mrs. Fritz Schmidt

### Summer Show

Chairman.....Mrs. R. M. Osborne

### Fall Show

Chairman.....Mrs. C. W. Keeton



OFFICERS 1943-1944

PRESIDENT . . . . . MRS. E. C. GARRARD  
1ST VICE PRES. . . . . MRS. JOSEPH WOHLER  
2ND VICE PRES. . . . . MRS. GEO. FUNK  
SECRETARY . . . . . MRS. SOLON WILLIAMS  
TREASURER . . . . . ~~MRS. MARK EWALD~~

*Mrs. W. P. Conser*

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ROADSIDE

MRS. EMERY BURLEY

TRANSPORTATION

MRS. C. W. KEETON

1943 Year  
Book



# 1950's





# 1950 – 1959 OGC Presidents

1949 - 1951	Mrs. Wallace (Gwen) Hofer
1951 - 1953	Mrs. G. A. (Bernadette) Hong
1953 - 1955	Mrs. Stanley (Alice) Brown
1955 - 1956	Mrs. Joe (Nola) Botts
1956 - 1959	Mrs. Rex (Pearl) Still



## Olympia Garden Club's Annual Luncheon - 1956

### Milestones:

- 1950's – “Merrie Makings” (annual Christmas gatherings) began this decade.
- 1955 – OGC took responsibility for flower shows at the Thurston County fairgrounds.
  - Wreath sale huge success.  
“Treasury swelled in the amount of \$80.55.”
- 1959 – Club began providing weekly flower arrangements to the city library.



Mrs. Paul Neuffer, right, chairman of arrangements for the Olympia Garden Club's annual luncheon, measures an arrangement of daffodils to see that it doesn't exceed twelve inches, the limit the club has put on entries. Looking on are Mrs. Roy J. Hall, luncheon chairman, left, and Mrs. Joseph Botts, club president. The luncheon, the theme of which is Blossom Time, will start at one o'clock this Wednesday afternoon, in the Olympia Country and Golf Club. (Sunday Olympian photo).

Mrs. Paul Neuffer (right) Arrangements chairman, Mrs. Roy J. Hall, Luncheon chairman (left) and Mrs. Joseph Botts, Club president.



# June 12, 1951 – Garden Club Presents Flower Show

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*Garden Club Presents Flower Show*

**Annual Flower Show Of Garden Club Set June 12, 13, Here**

Through the Garden Gate will be the theme of the annual flower show of the Olympia Garden Club to be held Tuesday and Wednesday, June 12 and 13 in the Olympia Community Center.

Mrs. Joseph Botts, general flower show chairman and her committee have been working for several months to make this event a most outstanding spectacle of colorful charm and beauty.

Working with the general chairman, Mrs. Botts, are Mrs. A. R. Galloway, schedule chairman; Mrs. S. G. Chambers, advertising; Mrs. Carl Bigelow, exhibit chairman; Mrs. W. G. Hartwell, Jr., hospitality chairman; Mrs. Don W. Stuver, publicity; Miss Margaret McKenna, Jr., exhibit and educational chairman; Mrs. Paul Carey, food chairman and Mrs. Paul Hepler, telephone chairman.

Several new classifications of general appeal have been added to this year's schedule. One will be a section for arrangements made for men only.

Also a space will be reserved for the junior division, girls from the Capitol Area Girl Scouts Council, who may enter any type of arrangement.

Another feature will be window boxes. This will be an invitational classification in which garden clubs here may compete.

This show will be open to the public, free of charge, from two o'clock until nine o'clock, June 12 and from ten o'clock to four o'clock June 13. Tea will be served from two to four o'clock each day.



6/12-13/51

More than 700 persons walked through the door of the Community Center last Tuesday and Wednesday when members of the Olympia Garden Club presented one of their most successful flower shows. Mrs. Joseph Botts was the general chairman of the event.

No decoration was really needed at the show, with best in blooms from all over the city competing for sweepstakes prizes, but members of the club adorned every nook and cranny of the center with both lovely and unique decorations.

In charge of the setting, which carried out the theme of the show, Through the Garden Gate, was Mrs. George Martin and her committee.

In charge of the beautifully appointed tea table was Mrs. Harry Craft.

Sweepstakes winners include the following: Mrs. D. M. Merrin, roses; Mrs. E. S. Dean, horticulture, and Mrs. W. E. Hovis, arrangements.

Winner by public vote of the house plants division was Dr. Charles MacArthur.

Girl Scouts of the Capitol Area

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did all arrangements in the junior division. Winner in this section was Peggy Still.

Notable among the non-competitive exhibits at the flower show was the exhibition of the Olympia junior nature study club, Miss Flo De Turk, president. The eight girls of the club showed what they called a Woodland Paradise for birds, moss and ferns surrounding a pool. The birds in the scene were ceramic specimens, made and glazed by the members of the club.

The conservation committee of the Olympia Garden Club showed two miniature scenes called before the picnic and after the picnic. The first showed a woodland park in all its green beauty and the last showed a picnic ground wrecked by careless picnickers. Miss Margaret McKenny is chairman of the conservation committee.

Flower Show judges were Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Hoyt, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Nordland, Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Clark.

Mrs. Mary Conser, who has had many years' experience with Olympia flower shows, did an especially fine job in her advisory capacity, according to Mrs. Botts, general chairman.

Members of the committee helping with the show were: Mrs. Carl Bigelow, exhibit chairman; Mrs. A. R. Galloway, schedule chairman; Mrs. C. W. Keeton, chairman of judges; Mrs. W. G. Hartwell, Jr., hospitality chairman; Mrs. Don W. Stuver, publicity chairman; Mrs. Paul Carey, food chairman; Mrs. Ted MacArthur, chairman of junior exhibits.





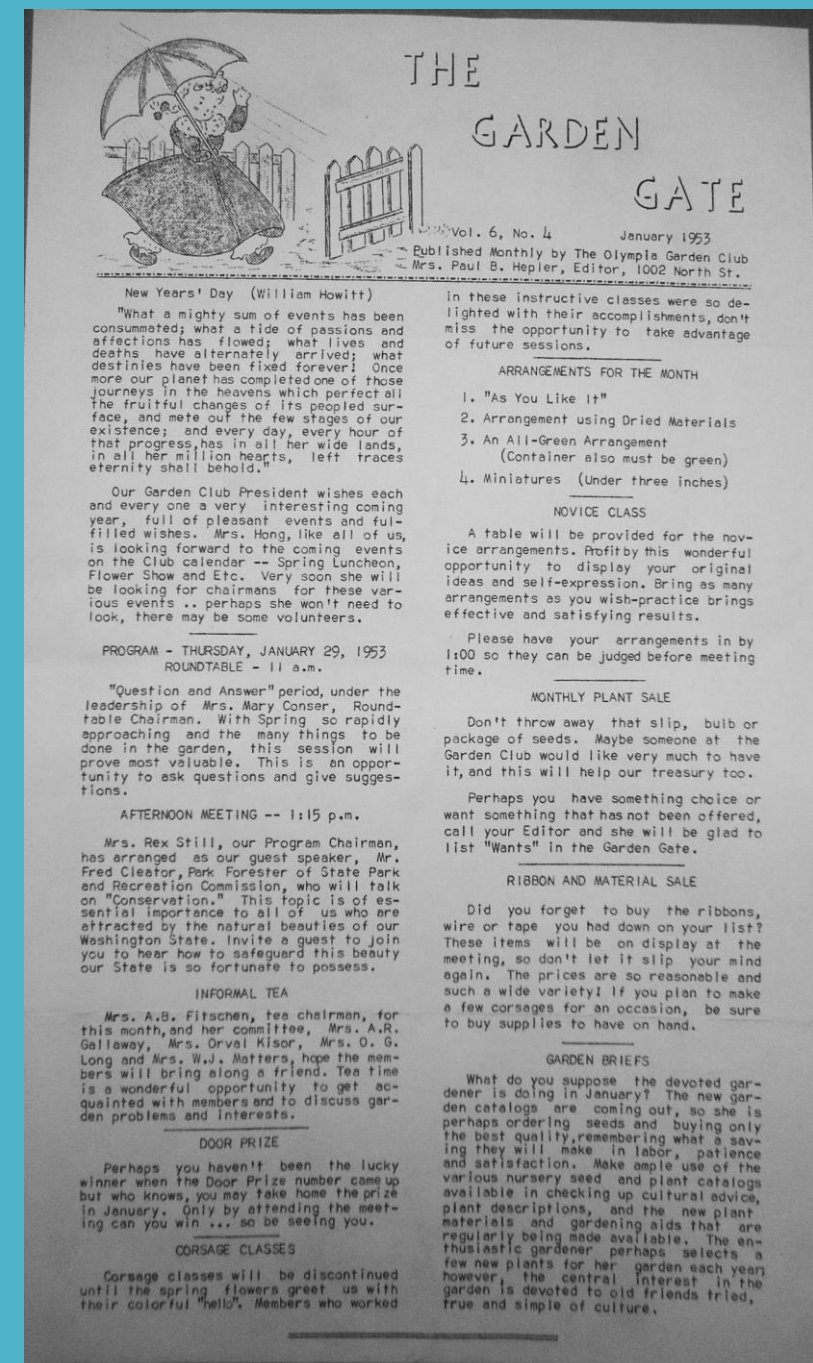
# January, 1953 Edition of The Garden Gate

## Guest Speaker

Mr. Fred Cleator, Park Forester of State Park and Recreation Commission on "Conservation"

## Sections:

- Inspiration
- Message from the President
- Informal Tea
- Door Prize
- Corsage Classes
- Arrangements for the Month
- Novice Class: Arrangements
- Monthly Plant Sale
- Ribbon and Material Sale
- Garden Briefs: What to do in your garden this month.





# Annual Christmas Sales

December, 1952

A HALLMARK CARD

25	50	75	100	ADDITIONAL
5.50	9.50	13.50	17.50	4.00 PER 25

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Dec. 1952



## Garden Club Plans Annual Sale Of Holiday Greenery

If you're shopping for wreaths, swags, corsage-bouquets or Christmas greens, you will find them at the holiday sale of the Olympia Garden Club to be held this Wednesday in both of Ralph's downtown food stores. Garden Club members suggest the holiday wares for home decoration or for unusual gifts.

The regular meeting of the Olympia Garden Club will be held a week early this month because of the holiday season and will be at the Woman's Club House on December 18. There will not be the usual eleven o'clock round table discussion and corsage class. The afternoon meeting will begin at one-fifteen o'clock.

Mrs. Rex Still, program chairman has arranged for Mrs. Routt to give a demonstration on Christmas Wrappings. This program may solve many a disturbing problem on how to wrap those gift packages. The Olympia High School Boys Quartet will also sing a group of numbers.

A Christmas party is planned for members and their guests, so bring a package for the gift exchange both for yourself and your guest. For Tea Time, Mrs. Omdahl is

Holiday wreaths, swags, greenery and corsage-bouquets will be available at the annual Christmas sale of the Olympia Garden Club this Wednesday in both of Ralph's downtown food stores. Mrs. G. A. Hong, president of the Olympia Garden Club, and Mrs. G. H. Ridder fashion wreaths of holly in the above Sunday Olympia photograph.

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## Noel Novelties Theme Set For Garden Club Workshop, Sale Here

Thursday, December 5, the Bigelow will open the workshop, and sale promptly at eleven o'clock. Doors will remain open until five, a wide selection of arrangements, accessories and candles will be found in the booth operated by Mrs. J. C. Danford.

Mrs. G. I. Rowley and Mrs. J. R. Erwin are working together in the novelty and gift booth and promise a wide selection at moderate cost. Mrs. Richard Barber will present an array of ribbons and decoration supplies. Mrs. George Martin will show holiday arrangements, some of which may be purchased.

The event is open to the public without charge.

The Sunday Olympian, Sunday, Dec. 1, 1957



## Christmas Workshop Date Is Set By Garden Club Here

The annual garden club Christmas workshop and sale is set for December 5 by the Olympia Garden Club. Mrs. Gus Hong has been named general chairman.

Mrs. Rex Still, president, has announced her committee chairmen to serve with her for the coming year. They are as follows: program, Mrs. R. L. Ebbott and Mrs. Roy Hall; arrangements, Mrs. George Martin, Mrs. Ted Hough, Mrs. E. S. Dean; ways and means, Mrs. J. R. Erwin, Mrs. G. I. Rowley; round table, Mrs. Chris Bakken; horticulture, Mrs. Fritz Schmidt; editor, Mrs. Florence Bigelow; mailing, Mrs. J. C. Danford; publicity, Mrs. Paul Yeager.

Reservations, Mrs. A. R. Gallaway; magazine, Mrs. Marie Gronemeyer; parliamentary, Mrs. Paul Hepler; historian, Mrs. Mary Conser; ribbons, Mrs. Richard Barber; telephone, Mrs. S. G. Chambers; civic improvements, Mrs. Margaret McKenny; conservation, Mrs. Ralph Brink; tea, Mrs. O. G. Long; hospitality, Mrs. Ray Starrett; sunshine, Mrs. Ted McArthur; special events, Mrs. Hong and bird, Mrs. A. B. Fitchner.

Serving on the tea committee for the meeting were Mrs. Long, Mrs. Danford, Mrs. Dayton Buresh and Mrs. Yeager.

**NOEL NOVELTIES**—Candles, ribbons, arrangements, holiday greens, accessories, gift towels, aprons, pot-holders and knick-knacks—almost everything Capital City residents need for Christmas decorating and entertaining—will be featured at the Olympia Garden Club's Noel Novelties event this Thursday. The workshop and sale will take place in the Woman's Club from eleven o'clock in the morning until five in the afternoon, with a hot luncheon planned for the noon hour. Among the club members working on the event are, from left, Mrs. O. G. Long, Mrs. Richard Barber and Mrs. Rex Still. Noel Novelties will be open to the public with admission complimentary. (Sunday Olympian photo).

December, 1957

"Noel Novelties Theme Set For Garden Club Workshop, Sale Here."



## March, 1958 - Convention



“Representatives of the 155 garden clubs in the Capitol District gathered here last Tuesday for a conclave in the Hotel Olympian... Mrs. Rex Still, second from the left, is president of the Olympian Garden Club...”

“In observance of Arbor Day Wednesday, members of the Olympia Garden club took shovels in hand to plant two pink-flowering cherry trees on the grounds of the Community Center.”



April, 1958 – Arbor Day



A close-up photograph of numerous pink cherry blossoms in various stages of bloom. The flowers are light pink with yellow centers, and some buds are still closed. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white and light pink. The text '1960's' is overlaid in the upper center.

# 1960's



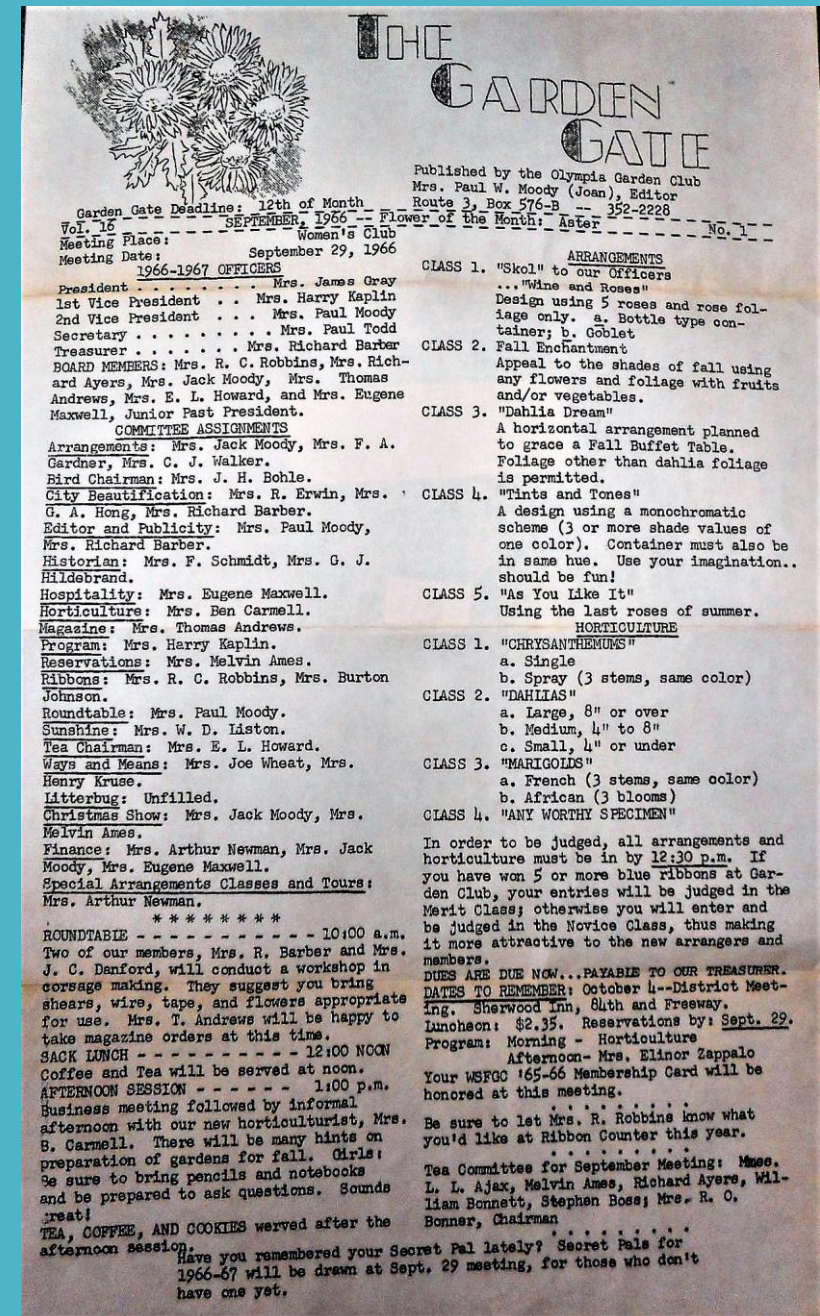
# 1959 – 1969 OGC Presidents

1959 - 1961	Mrs. Ross (Yvonne) Erwin
1961 - 1962	Mrs. J. C. (Madeline) Bridger
1962 - 1963	Mrs. J. C. (Ernestine) Swanson
1963 - 1964	Mrs. Richard (Ana) Watson
1964 - 1965	Mrs. Jack (Eva) Moody
1965 - 1966	Mrs. Eugene (Mary) Maxwell
1966 - 1967	Mrs. James (Helen) Gray
1967 - 1968	Mrs. Harry (Madelyn) Kaplin
1968 - 1969	Mrs. Paul (Joan) Moody

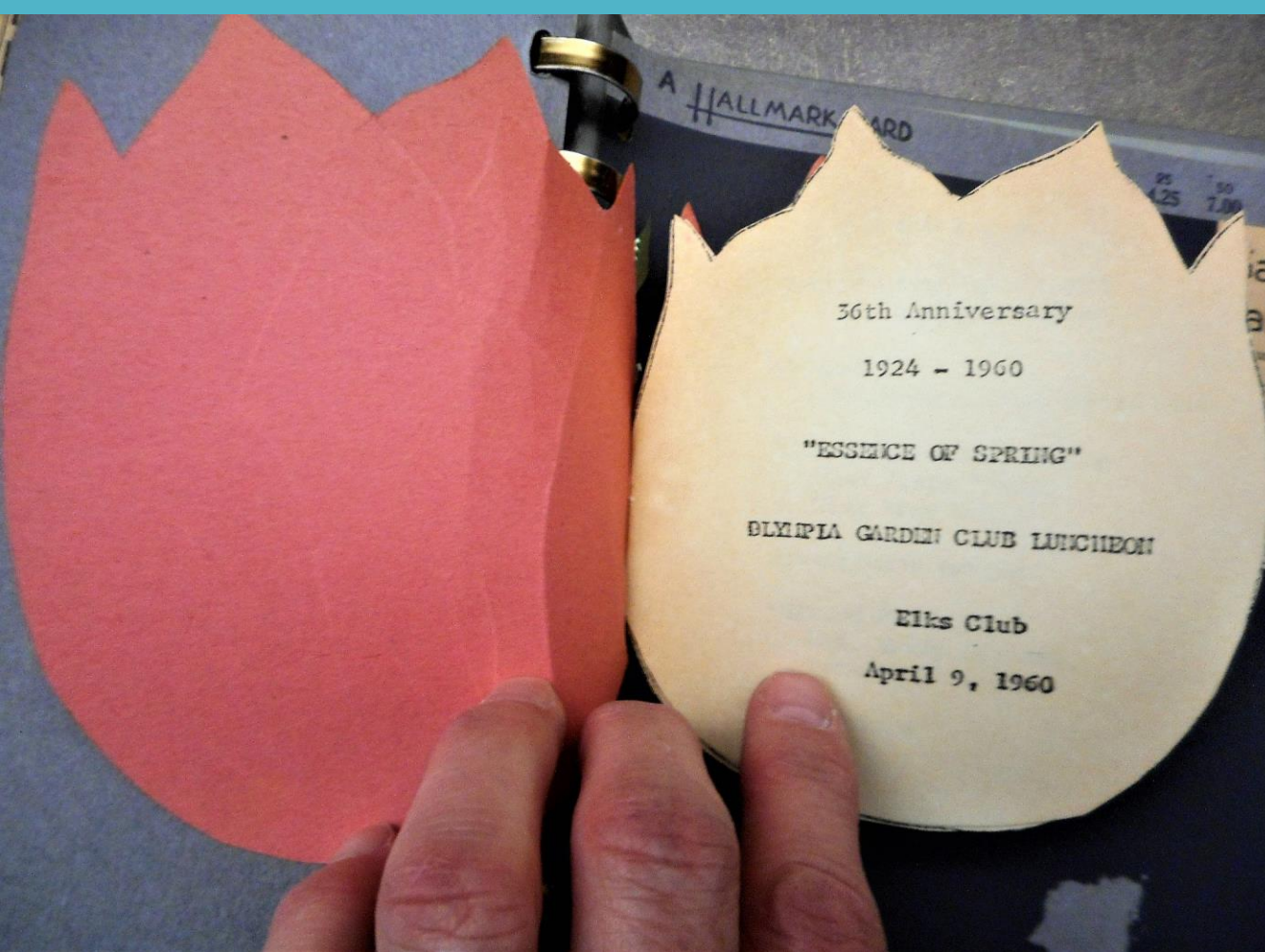


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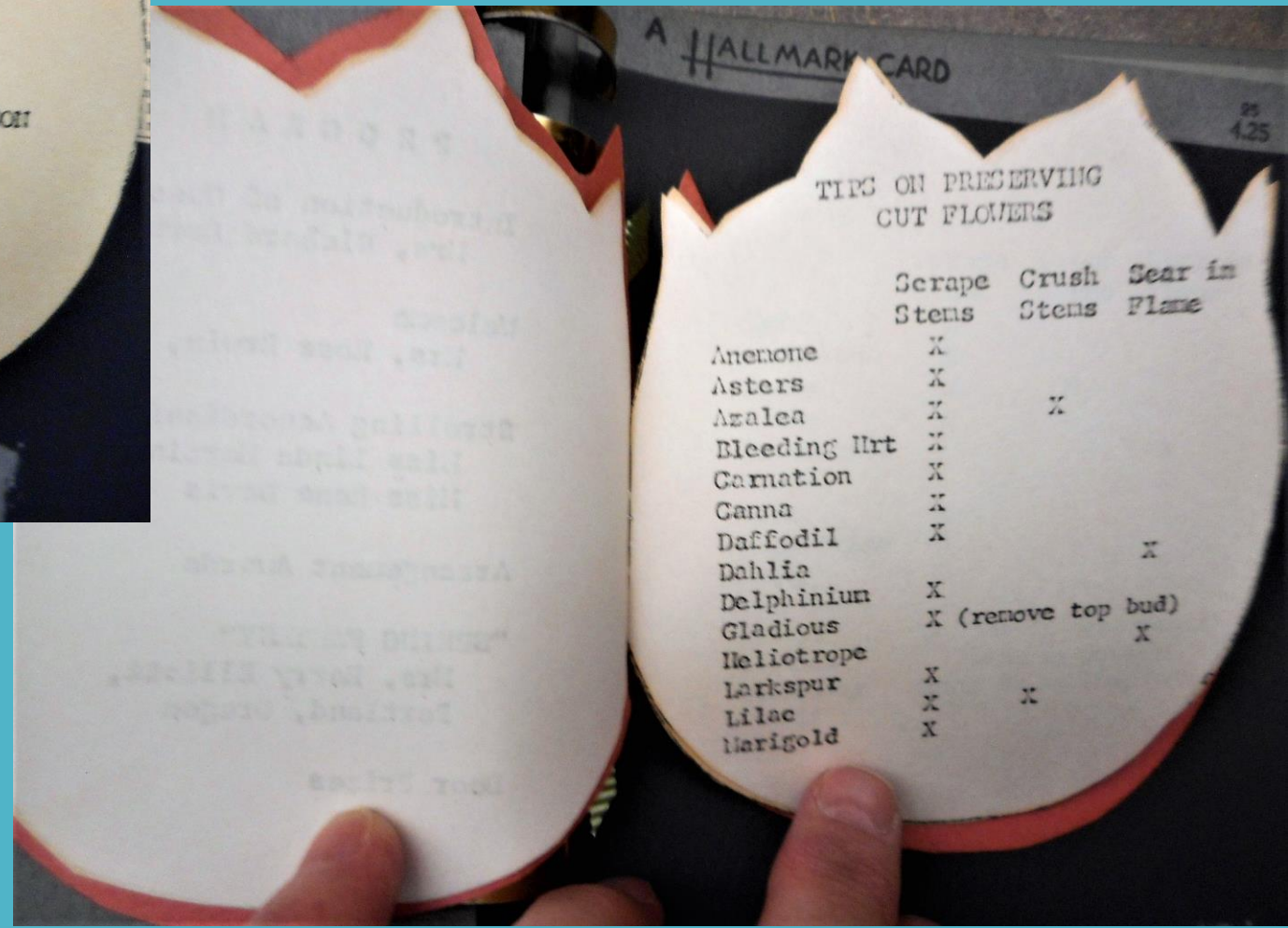
- 1960's – Activities included Hat Parades, Secret Pals, Corsage workshops, Anti-Litter promotion with local school children through poster and essay contests. OGC worked in close association with local 4-H Club.
- 1960 – 36<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Luncheon, “Essence of Spring”.
- 1960 – First mention of OGC's Christmas show being called “Merrie Makings”.
- 1961 – Total profit from “Merrie Makings” was \$397.76.
- 1966 – Scholarship awards issued to two students at \$75.00 each.







36<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration  
Luncheon  
"Essence of Spring"





## Olympia Garden Club Presents Scholarship Awards - 1966



GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS  
Mrs. Maxwell . . . Miss Moulton . . . Miss Steinley . . . Mrs. Gray  
(Sunday Olympian Photo)

### Honored At Tea

Two advanced college scholarships were awarded to a pair of Olympians at a tea hosted Thursday by directors of Olympia Garden Club. The affair took place in the home of Mrs. Jack Moody.

Receiving the grants were Miss Julie Steinley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.S. Steinley, and Miss Rose Mary Moulton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Moulton. Miss

Steinley, a graduate of Olympia High School, will attend Western Washington State College this Fall. She completed her freshman year at Centralia.

A North Thurston High graduate, Miss Moulton is a senior at Washington State University, majoring in home economics. Both she and Julie have been highly active in the Thurston County 4-H program.

Among the guests at the tea were the mothers of the two girls, plus Oliver E. Orr, 4-H coordinator.

On the garden club's scholarship selection committee were Mrs. Richard Barber, Mrs. Ross Erwin and Mrs. Jack Moody. The scholarships were presented by Mrs. James Gray, club president, and Mrs. Eugene Maxwell, immediate past president.

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June, 1967

"4-Her's Offered Flower Workshop"

"Four-H members enrolled in projects on foods, home improvement and home grounds will have the opportunity Wednesday and Thursday, June 14 and 15, to learn how to arrange and condition flowers suitable for table decoration.

A workshop on flower arrangements will be held in the Community Center from 9:30 in the morning until noon each day, with Mrs. Ross Erwin directing. She will be assisted by Mrs. Richard Barber."





OLYMPIA GARDEN CLUB  
Olympia  
Washington

Sept. 1966 to Sept. 1967



Meets:  
Last Thursday of each month  
at  
OLYMPIA WOMAN'S CLUB  
10th & Washington  
Olympia, Wash.

OLYMPIA GARDEN CLUB  
Olympia  
Washington

Sept. 1967 to Sept. 1968



Meets:  
Last Thursday of each Month  
at  
OLYMPIA WOMAN'S CLUB  
10th & Washington  
Olympia, Wash.

Yearbook Covers



December, 1967





## “Helping Keep America Beautiful”

“Armed with a plan and good intentions the women of Olympia Garden Club are about to declare war on litter.

This will be the fifth year that the club has waged its anti-litter campaign.

Working with the sixth grade classes in the Olympia public schools, with the inclusion of St. Michael's and the Seventh Day Adventist Academy, posters and essays do a great deal toward making adults and students aware of the problem of litter.”

1969



Mrs. Paul Moody, (left) Olympia Garden Club President, joins the support of Mrs. Daniel J. Evans in the Anti-Litter Campaign being launched soon by Olympia Garden Club. Mrs. Bert Eldred, (right) is 1969

Anti-Litter Campaign Chairman. Eager to help are Pamela Moody, Mark Evans and David Moody, in the foreground.

(Sunday Olympian Photo by Del O'Brien)

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making adults and students aware of the problem of litter.

Each sixth grader is given the opportunity to submit both an Anti-Litter Poster and Essay. The posters and essays are then judged by a team of prominent people of the city and state.

The winners are given cash awards and the winning posters and essays are displayed all over the area during the week

designated as Anti-Litter Week.

In 1965 and 1966, Mrs. Paul Moody was the first chairman of the Garden Club's Campaign. In 1967 and 1968, Mrs. R. C. Robbins was chairman, and in 1969 Mrs. Bert Eldred is chairman of the effort.

The last week in May will be Anti-Litter Week. The winners of the poster-essay competition will be listed about May 18.



A photograph of a vast lavender field under a bright sky, with several lavender spikes in sharp focus in the foreground and a soft-focus background of more flowers.

# 1970's



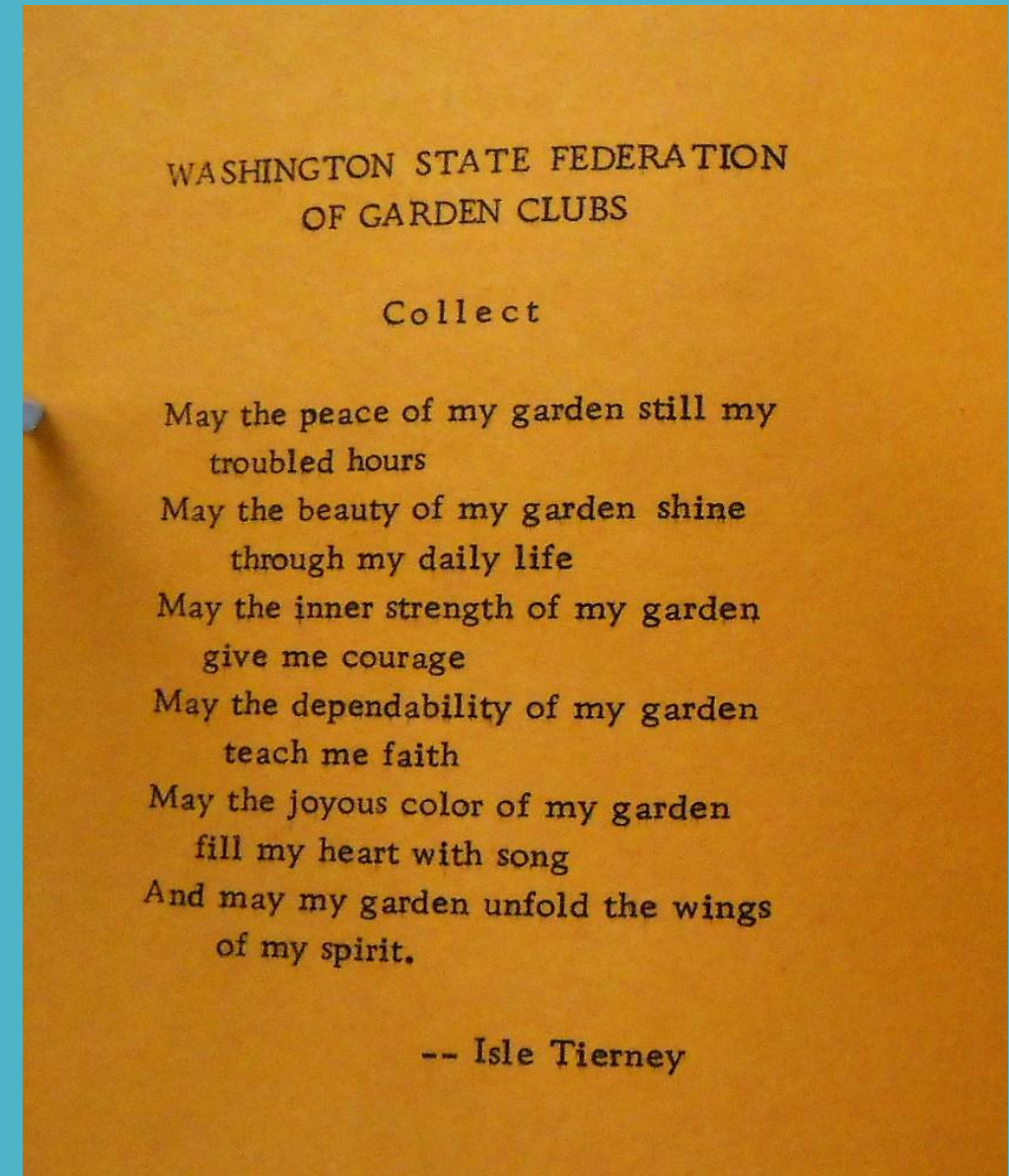
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1969 - 1970	Mrs. Joe (Kay) Wheat
1970 - 1971	Mrs. H. E. (Mildred) Bukowsky
1971 - 1972	Mrs. R. C. (Faye) Robbins
1972 - 1973	Mrs. M. S. (Patti) James
1973 - 1974	Mrs. Maurice (Delma) Wood
1974 - 1975	Mrs. Ralph (Jean) Knutzen
1975 - 1976	Mrs. Richard (Carol) Ayers
1976 - 1977	Mrs. L. C. (Margaret) Ajax
1977 - 1979	Mrs. Roy (Louise) Adams



## Milestones:

- **1970's** – Merrie Makings takes off and OGC expands environmental action to recycling aluminum cans.
- **1971** – Steve Boedigheimer and Samuel McReynolds each receive \$200 academic scholarships.
- **1971** – Ed Hume speaks to the Olympia Garden Club.
- **1973** – Washington Memorial Gardens at Priest Point Park drawn by Glen Turner and Associates.
- **1977** – Priest Point Park Memorial Garden is dedicated with the planting of a Dogwood tree.



Inside 1977 – 1978 Yearbook cover




April, 1971

*Apr. 1971*  
**Olympia Garden Club**

The Olympia Garden Club's Advanced College Scholarships for this year were recently awarded to Steve Boedigheimer and Samuel McReynolds.


Each received a \$200 scholarship based on fulfillment of requirements set up by the club; completing at least one year at



**S. BOEDIGHIEMER**

biology and a state teaching certificate this year. McReynolds is a sophomore at Centralia Community College, majoring in zoology.

These annual scholarship awards are funded from the proceeds of Olympia Garden Club's



**S. McREYNOLDS**

a college or university; taking two courses in fields of horticulture, gardening, floriculture, landscaping soils, entomology, biology or natural resources; and preferably, residing in Thurston County.

Boedigheimer is a senior at St. Martin's College. He will be graduated with a major in

annual Christmas show and sale, Merrie Makings. Since 1965, when the scholarship project was started, ten Thurston County students have been awarded scholarships. Mrs. Ross Erwin and Mrs. Richard Barber serve on the scholarship committee.

Olympia Garden Club Scholarship winners – Steve Boedigheimer and Samuel McReynolds. Each received \$200.00.

*Mar. 1971*  
**Gardener Ed Hume**  
**To Speak In Olympia**

Ed Hume, garden director of King Radio and Television and garden consultant for the Friday Seattle - Post Intelligencer, will be the featured speaker at the March meeting of the Olympia Garden Club on Thursday, March 25, starting at 10 p.m. The meeting will be held at the First United Methodist Church at 1224 East Legion Way.

Hume will speak on two subjects, Vegetables in Your garden and Herbs. At the conclusion of the program he will devote ten or 15 minutes to answering garden questions from the audience.

Hume is well known in the Pacific Northwest as a garden commentator, writer and lecturer. He has devoted most of his time over the past two decades to endeavors in the gardening field and he speaks from practical experience.

He will begin his speech promptly at 10 a.m. The members of other garden clubs of Olympia and Thurston County have been invited.

Members of the Olympia Garden Club are reminded to bring their sack lunch, their cans, washed, de-labeled flattened and also their glass jars.

During the afternoon session there will be a business meeting followed by an evaluation of the flower arrangements of the monthly show and the beginners class in arranging.

**Garden Club Tea**  
**Scheduled Thursday,**  
**Guest Speaker Set**

Mrs. Franz Nehammer of Mercer Island will present ideas on holiday arrangements at the membership tea of Olympia Garden Club this Thursday afternoon, starting at one-fifteen o'clock, in the Woman's Club. The business meeting will



# OGC Members recycling aluminum cans 1971



**HEAVE HO THOSE CANS!** Actively demonstrating the "in" thing for cans are Olympia Garden Club members, from left, Mrs. Melvin Ames, Mrs. C. W. Gray, Mrs. Lloyd Ajax, Mrs. Loyd Bransford and Mrs. Gordon Johnson. The gals are loading up for a trip to 1202 Fones Road where the cans will be put into Continental Can Company's collection bin for recycling. The club is supporting the company's re-use project as a conservation and environmental improvement measure. There is also a receiving facility at 3939 Cleveland

Avenue in Tumwater. All metal cans are accepted, needing only to be rinsed clean and the paper removed. Can disposal for recycling is to be a continuing project of Olympia Garden Club with anti-litter education and participation being currently prime objectives of the group. Members of the anti-litter committee are: Mrs. Gordon Johnson, Mrs. C. J. Walker, Mrs. F.G. Kearns, Mrs. C.W. Gray, Mrs. Floyd Taber, Mrs. Melvin Ames, Mrs. Loyd Bransford and co-chairmen Mrs. Ernest Ager and Mrs. Lloyd Ajax.

Official Newspaper For Thurston County

## the Olympia News

VOLUME 46, NUMBER 38 OLYMPIA NEWS OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON MARCH 18, 1971

**Open Campaign**

The Olympia Garden Club opened their anti-litter campaign this week by starting a drive to collect cans for recycling. Pictured (L-R) Tom Cook,

Dept. of Ecology; Mrs. Floyd Tabor; Sen. Harry Lewis; Mrs. Loyd Ajax, Co-Chairman; Mrs. Joe Wheat, and Rep. Hal Wolf.

—Photo by Ron Allen



# December, 1972



**MERRIE MAKINGS**—Olympia Garden Club will hold its annual Christmas show and sale this Friday starting at 11:30 a.m. in the Community Center. Title of the show this year will be Merrie Makings. Among items for Christmas decorating will be swags, driftwood, wreaths, candles, dried material and greens galore! A luncheon will be served throughout the sale. In the above photo, Mrs. Maurice Wood, Mrs. Roy J. Adams, Mrs. John Unis, Jr. and Mrs. Irving Lassen discuss the centerpieces and swags which are displayed. Mrs. Lassen is general chairman for the event, assisted by Mrs. Unis, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Pat Davis, Mrs. Helen Eldred, Mrs. Lillian Gray, Mrs. Madlyn Kaplin, Mrs. Agnes Jones, Mrs. J. C. Danford, Mrs. Lee Schaller, Mrs. Dora Newman, Mrs. Joan Moody and Mrs. Ella Mae Waters.

(Olympian Photo By Del Ogden)

\*\*\*Olympia Garden Club\*\*\*

# Christmas

## MERRIE- MAKINGS

### FRIDAY DEC. 10<sup>th</sup>.

•AT THE **COMMUNITY CENTER**

•**SALE STARTS AT 11:30 A.M.**

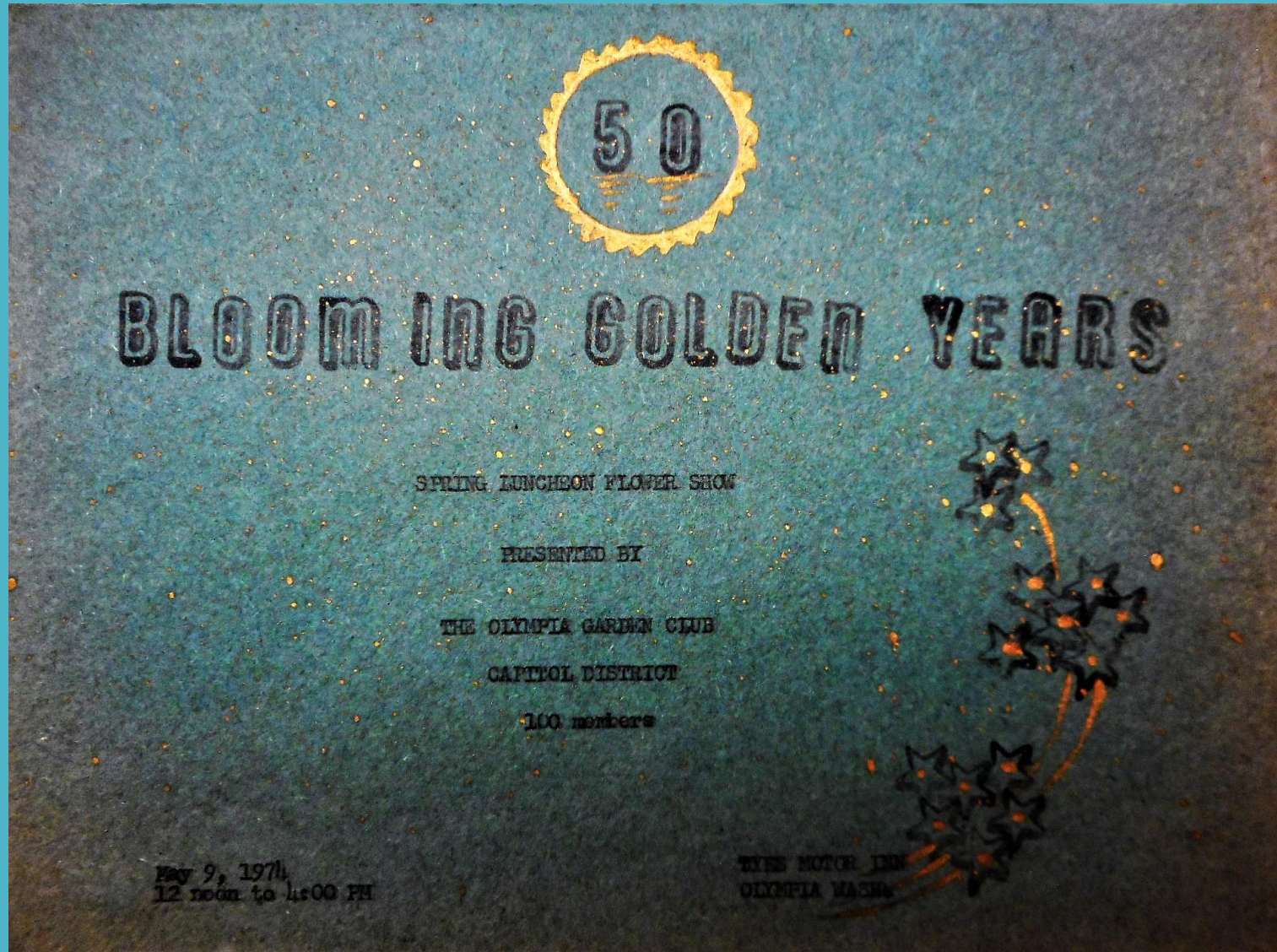
★ Everything you will need to decorate for the holidays—BEAUTIFUL SWAGS, DRIFTWOOD, WREATHS, CANDLES, GREENS, DRIED MATERIAL, AND OTHER GOODIES TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION.

★ **AND**

**LUNCHEON WILL BE SERVED THROUGHOUT SALE**



# Olympia Garden Club 50 Year Anniversary Celebration – May 9, 1974





May, 1978

AWAKEN  TO SUMMER

 A STANDARD FLOWER  SHOW ON 

*Thursday*  
JUNE FIRST, NINETEEN SEVENTY EIGHT

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
1224 EAST LEGION WAY, ● OLYMPIA, ● WASHINGTON

*the organized woman*

May 7, 1972.

May, 1972



OLYMPIA GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS PREPARE FOR SPRING LUNCHEON

Mrs. Grace Hoskins, Mrs. Maurice Woods and Mrs. E. F. Schaller

(Olympian Photo By Del Ogden)

## *A Lovely Legacy Of Spring Flowers*

Our Legacy Is Beauty is the theme of Olympia Garden Club's Spring Luncheon. The annual event will be held in the Tyee Motor Inn, this Thursday, May 11, starting at noon.

Mrs. Adrian Mabry, president of Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs will be honored. Regional district and state officers have been invited to attend.

A highlight of the meeting will be the presentation of the Caroline McCaughan Trophy for best arrangement at the luncheon. Members have been asked to bring arrangements to be used as table decorations. Qualified judges will make the final decision.

Mrs. McCaughan, a member of the club, is the trophy's donor. Past winners of the award are Mrs. A. R.

Galloway, Mrs. Ross Erwin, Mrs. Robert C. Robbins, Mrs. Richard Barber and Mrs. J.C. Danford.

The competition is open to both novice arrangers and those who have achieved the merit rating, having won at least five blue ribbons.

Chairmaning the event is Mrs. E. F. Schaller. Her co-chairmen are Mrs. J. M. Hoskins and Mrs. Maurice Woods.

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In acknowledgement of  
outstanding contributions  
to the furthering of  
community improvement  
and civic beautification.

*Olympia Garden Club*  
is hereby awarded the  
**ARCO Conservation of  
Civic Beauty Award**



**Atlantic Richfield Company**

*J. M. Linder*

Vice President, Governmental and Public Affairs Division

## District Award

*presented to*

*Olympia Garden Club*

CAPITOL  
District

WASHINGTON  
State Federation

*for*

Dedicated Leadership and Creative Civic Action in  
**The Environmental Improvement Program**

*Sponsored by*

National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

*and*

Sears, Roebuck and Co.

*May B. Willard*

National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

*Wm. McCurdy*

Sears, Roebuck and Co.

District Director



## Washington Memorial Gardens Project Summary

- Washington Memorial Gardens project discussion began February, 1970.
- Full cooperation of City of Olympia officials secured, 1973.
- Landscape design plan completed June 1973 at a cost of \$1900.00 by David Lofgren, UW student.
- Clearing of site began 1974.
- Paths and sprinklers installed 1975.
- Plantings begin 1977.
- Money spent by Olympia Garden Club to date - \$3,841.97.
- Amount earned by Olympia Garden Club was \$1,614.97.
- Donations - \$2,227.00 (Donors – 123).





Memorial  
Park  
before the  
clearing  
in 1974.





# Bicentennial Flower Show – May 27, 1976





## April, 1977 – Priest Point Park Memorial Garden Dedication



Members in picture: Bernadette Hong, L.  
Delma Wood and Catherine Beck

“On Monday, a dogwood tree was planted at Priest Point Park by members of the Olympia Garden Club to symbolize dedication of the Washington Memorial Garden of the park... Olympia Garden Club members felt that the planting of the dogwood as the first permanent planting in the memorial garden would be especially appropriate to commemorate Arbor Day, celebrated this year ... on Wednesday.”







April, 1979

“Tomorrow at 2 p.m. Arbor Day ceremonies in Priest Point Park, a nine-year dream of the Olympia Garden Club will come true with the dedication of a Memorial Garden.

The area will be maintained by the Parks Department but memorial plants will be purchased by the Garden Club from donations given to them.”





A close-up photograph of several pink dandelion seed heads. The seed heads are covered in numerous small, clear dew drops that catch the light. The background is a solid, vibrant teal color. The overall mood is fresh and serene.

# 1980's



# 1979 – 1990 OGC Presidents

1979 - 1980	Mrs. John (Lillian) Ishii
1980 - 1982	Mrs. Lewis (Mary) McQuady
1982 - 1984	Mrs. Dorothy Howard
1984 - 1985	Mrs. W. C. (Elsie) Thomson
1985 - 1987	Mrs. John (Marge) Milligan
1987 - 1988	Mrs. Tom (Polly) Adams
1988 - 1990	Mrs. Loren (Edith) Tucker



## Milestones:

- 1980's – Merrie Makings becomes a major fundraiser for the Olympia Garden Club.
- May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1980 – Mount St. Helens erupts.





## “They Nurture A Bright Garden In The Grayness”

“Ash from Mt. St. Helens has brought much greyness to our community. But the members of the Olympia Garden Club aren’t letting the ash essence get them down. Just the other day they awarded two \$600 scholarships to students in this area and they’re ready to step up their involvement in their Washington Memorial Park Project at Priest Point Park...

As I said earlier, in their bright way, the Olympia Garden Club members seek to preserve a colorful spot in our park and at the same time lend a financial hand to students who opt to study the sort of subjects that make for beauty in our gardens and parks.”

Mike Contris – The Daily Olympian, June 10, 1980



an, Sunday, April 17,

TODAY'S WOMAN

## Peace Is Precious To Mrs. Ishii

The eyes of Lillian Ishii, as the saying goes, are mirrors of her soul. Brown and bright, expressive and peaceful, they speak volumes about the woman behind them. Peaceful is a key word when speaking of Lillian because she

has spent a lifetime furthering the causes of peace and tranquility, beginning in her own home.

"I was brought up with the philosophy that a woman should be a good wife, a complement to her husband in every way possible. I am always seeking ways to sustain pleasant, tranquil relationships with my husband and family," she said, in a voice as soothing as a cool, blue pool. "I feel John (her husband) has appreciated that."

"Now don't get me wrong," she laughed, her eyes reflecting the lighthearted side of her personality. "We've had our ups and downs like everyone else, but we have worked on our relationship day by day."

Her love of Ikebana has contributed much to the serenity of the Ishii home. Ikebana is the ancient Japanese art of flower arranging. In Japanese, she said,

Ikebana means "living flowers." The idea is to make cut flowers seem to come to life again by the way you arrange them. "The Japanese created Ikebana to bring them closer to nature," she noted. "The flowers you work with don't have to be expensive. You can take a few flowers and grasses outside of the door and create something really beautiful."

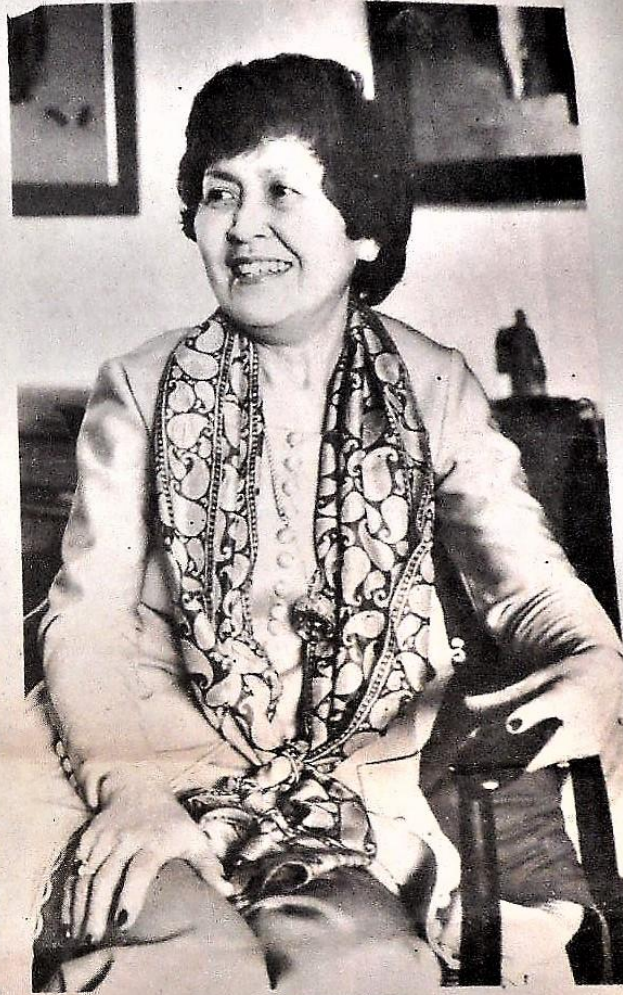
Ikebana is more than arranging flowers," Mrs. Ishii continued, "it's a type of Zen. It is a very quieting and therapeutic to spend an hour or two a week meditating on the flowers and closing out the world for a while. It comes in handy! I've raised five children!"

Mrs. Ishii learned Ikebana during the years they lived in Japan when John worked for the State Department. She became so interested in it that she earned a teaching certificate in Ikebana at the Koryu School of Ikebana in Tokyo. While she lived in Japan, Ikebana International was organized and she became a charter member.

"It's a wonderful organization," she enthused. "There are chapters all over the world and I have sisters wherever I go. The theme of the group is 'friendship through flowers.' It is a positive way to work toward peace because people of all nationalities come together with a common interest in Ikebana."

When John accepted the position of advisor to the prime minister of Malaysia, and the family moved to that country, Ikebana provided, she said, a "magic door" through which they traveled, to meet and become friends with all sorts of interesting people.

"In Ikebana," she said, "you meet people of a special kind. They seem to be larger minded,



LILLIAN ISHII

(Olympia Photo by Dick Milligan)

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OGC President (1979 – 1980) - Mrs. John (Lillian) Ishii



### CONSERVATION PLEDGE

I give my pledge as an American to save and  
faithfully defend from waste the natural re-  
sources of my country - its soil and minerals,  
its forests, waters, and wildlife.

### OLYMPIA GARDEN CLUB Olympia, Washington

1981 - 1982

94 Members

Organized 1924 - Federated 1938

### AFFILIATIONS

National Council  
of State Garden Clubs

Pacific Region of National Council  
of State Garden Clubs

Washington State Federation  
of Garden Clubs

Black Hills District

State Bird - Yellow Goldfinch  
State Flower - Rhododendron  
State Tree - Western Hemlock

Club Flower - Delphinium



## April, 1986 Arbor Day – Excerpt from “The Garden Gate”

“April 9th's Arbor Day celebration by Olympia Garden Club had ten hardy souls braving the cold, and they planted a lovely Camino-red rhododendron (in bloom), honoring La Von Gonyaw and Georgia Schmidt.

President Marge Milligan gave a little talk while all joined hands in remembering these fine members.

Present were: Emily Kramer, Ory McArthur, Mary Maxwell, Bernadette Hong, Orah McDonald, Dora Newman, Mary McQuady, Jean Knutzen, Dorothy Howard and Marge Milligan.”



# 1990's





# 1988 – 1999 OGC Presidents

1988 - 1990	Mrs. Loren (Edith) Tucker
1990 - 1991	Mrs. Ken (Ernestine) Hagerty
1991 - 1992	Mrs. R. J. (Doris) White
1992 - 1993	Dr. Mary Leahy
1993 - 1994	Mrs. Loren (Edith) Tucker
	Mrs. Joe (Kay) Wheat
	Mrs. Roy (Louise) Adams
1994 - 1996	Marion Sowell
1996 - 1998	Irene Anderson
1998 - 1999	Ferne Noggles
1999 - 2001	Wanda VanderWiele



## Milestones:

- Expansion of Priest Point Park
- August 2, 1993 - Black Hills District/WSFGC  
Blue Star Marker installed in  
Tumwater.

*A Real Friend is one  
who overlooks the broken gate  
and admires the flowers  
in your window.*

*- Anonymous -*





## 1992 – 1993 OGC Officers

### OLYMPIA GARDEN CLUB 1992---CLUB OFFICERS---1993

PRESIDENT'S THEME: FUN WITH FLOWERS  
FOLIAGE AND FRIENDS

#### PRESIDENT

Mrs. Robert H. Leahy (Dr. Mary F.)  
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Olympia, WA 98502-3739

#### 1st VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. William B. Judah (Dorothy)  
9215 Hunter Point Road N. W. 866-8857  
Olympia, WA 98502-9622

#### 2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. John E. McCarthy (Jean)  
977 Hunter Point Road N.W. 866-2241  
Olympia, 98502-9708

#### SECRETARY

Mrs. Harry Kaplin (Madlyn)  
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Olympia, WA 98506-1137

#### TREASURER

Mrs. Ralph R. Fields (Margie)  
2937 Lybarger Street 943-3825  
Olympia, WA 98501

### BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. R. J. White	Mrs. Dorothy Howard
Mrs. John Darst	Mrs. A. Jessiman
Mrs. Edward Anderson	

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

ARBOR DAY - - - - -	Grace Jessiman
AUDIO - - - - -	Jean Knutzen
AWARDS - - - - -	Doris White
	Margaret Ajax
	Pat Apperson
CALENDARS - - - - -	Irene Anderson
	Tammy Chavarria
CORSAGES - - - - -	Alice Brown
	Ernestine Haggerty
	Trudy Colburn
GARDEN GATE EDITOR - - - - -	Grace Jessiman
Mailer - - - - -	Irene Anderson
HISTORIAN - - - - -	Lillian Ishii
	Polly Adams
	Jennifer Lyman
HORTICULTURE - - - - -	Frances Millam
	Edith Tucker
	Alice Sowary
HOSPITALITY - - - - -	Irene Anderson
	Maxine Berntsen
PLANT SALES - - - - -	Ann Ames



1994 - "Flower beds replanted with roses.  
(Not mentioned on Memorial Gardens Plan)."



## Priest Point Park – 1990's



"City of Olympia Parks  
Department selected this tree  
for Arbor Day planting in  
Memorial Gardens. Tree not on  
planting list."



1994 – More site preparation for Rose Garden (within Memorial Garden allotted space).



1994  
More site preparation for Rose Garden.  
(within Memorial Gardens Allotted space)





# Olympia Garden Club

## ❖ Diamond Jubilee ❖

### Spring Luncheon & Flower Show

May 6, 1999



Robyn Torg



Erna Haggerty



Cheryl Wiseman



"DIAMOND JUBILEE"  
 SPRING LUNCHEON  
 FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE  
 Thursday, May 6th, 1999  
 Elks Lodge 1818 4th Street,  
 Olympia, Washington.  
 Entries: 8:30 To 10:00 AM

Ninety nine years ago a new century was born. Seventy five years ago Olympia Garden Club made its debut. These two major events have been combined to create this years flower show schedule.



CLASS 1. 1900-1920: "Garnets Are For Girls"  
 A mass arrangement.



CLASS 2. 1920-1940: "Swing Time With Emeralds"  
 A predominately green arrangement.  
 (1924 Olympia Garden Club Debut)



CLASS 3. 1940-1960: "Dancing With Pearls"  
 A line arrangement

The Spring Luncheon was a big success. A program "Garden Fragrances, Scents and Smells in the Garden" was given by Peggy Campbell from Moiback's Nursery. She brought with her many fragrant plants and suggested ways and places to use them. There were many beautiful arrangements in the flower show. Winners were:

- |           |                                 |                   |
|-----------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Class 1 - | Mass Arrangement                | Ethel Petty       |
| Class 2 - | Predominantly Green Arrangement | Wanda Vande Wiele |
| Class 4 - | Using 3 to 5 flowers            | Ethel Petty       |
| Class 5 - | Using Contrived Container       | Wanda Vande Wiele |

There was no first place award in Class 3

The garden cart used at the last few luncheons as a "centerpiece" was a gorgeous floral display arranged by Lillian Ishii and Frances Millam. Members brought enough blossoms and flowering branches to fill the cart and have some left over for members and guests to take home at the end.



Ch. tree peonies grown by Alice Sorrae



Beautiful Chinese tree peonies  
 Pink dogwood  
 Lavender lilacs  
 Bridal wreath



# Garden Club Picnic Pot Luck

Hosted by: Jean Papiez

MAY 27TH  
1999



11:00 AM

Message from President Wanda:  
Our annual fun-day picnic at Jean Papiez' lovely home on May 27 was  
unforgettable - perfect weather (the sun actually shone on us all day) wonderful  
hostess with the mostest (Jean), the entertaining white elephant sale with  
auctioneer Louise Adams and coordinator Kay Wheat (the bidding got pretty  
competitive at one or two points), and all the food you could possibly eat and  
want (salads and desserts of every kind and description). Several of you asked  
for my recipe for Rhubarb Rolls so here it is:

**AT THE STOP SIGN**  
**8TH HOUSE ON THE LEFT**  
**DRIVEWAY LINED WITH NOBLE FIRS**  
\* **ADDRESS: 2734 GULL HARBOR NE**  
\* **BALLOONS ON THE MAILBOX**

Hope to see you there!



Luncheon Table -  
Buffet



Desserts

May 27, 1999



Installation of Officers



Auction - Louise Adams



# Olympia Garden Club



## HOLIDAY MERRIE MAKINGS

Fresh Wreaths~~Centerpieces~~  
Swags~~Arrangements~~Gifts~~Greens

**FRI. DEC. 3** 1999 10:00AM ~ 3:00PM  
**SAT. DEC. 4** 8:30AM ~ NOON

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
1224 LEGION WAY SE

Welcome to "Merrie Makings"



Entrance to Show Sale  
Madelyn Kaplan  
Raffle tickets + prizes



Co-Chair  
person

# Club

L. to R.  
Carol Davis  
Louise Adams  
Dee Anderson



ex-President  
Liane Anderson

# INGS

Greens



10:00AM ~ 3:00PM  
8:30AM ~ NOON

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
1224 LEGION WAY SE

Louise Adams & customers



**2000's**





# 2001 – Present OGC Presidents

2001 - 2003	Ethel Petty
2003 - 2005	Cherie Wiseman
2005 - 2007	Helen Tafejian
2007 - 2011	Dorrie Carr
2011 - 2015	JoAnne Sandell
2015 - 2016 (Apr)	Gail Martinolich
2016 (May) - 2017	Debbie Spiller
2017 - 2019	Ellen Caywood
2019 - 2021	Vicki Kammerer
2021 – (July)	Marlene Lopp
2021 (Aug) - Present	Dorrie Carr



## Milestones:

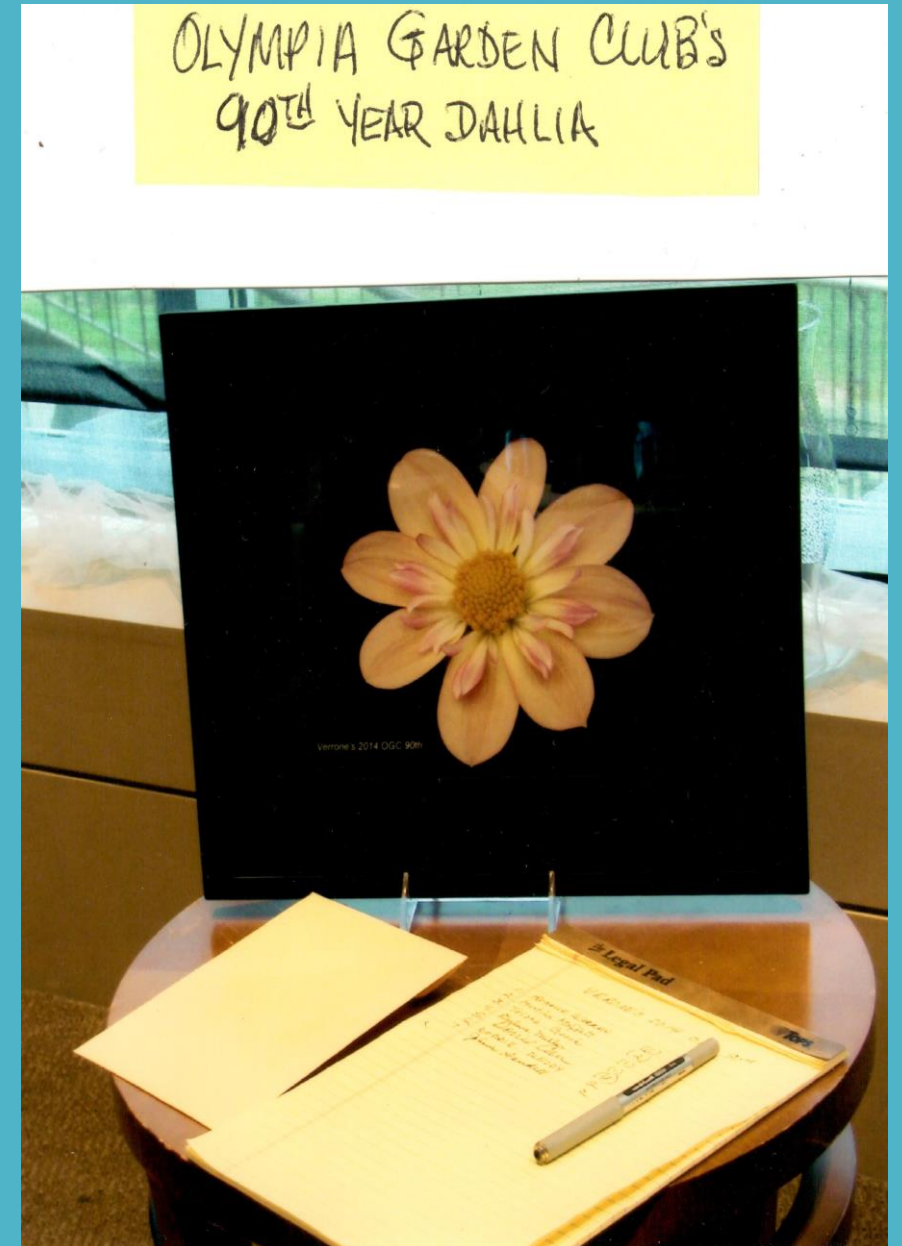
- 2001 – Past Presidents' Teas begin.
- 2006 – April 12 - Dedication of OGC Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker.
- 2009 – Olympia Garden Club Cookbook issued.
- 2011 – Scholarship committee initiates change from individual student scholarships to school grants.
- 2014 – 90<sup>th</sup> Olympia Garden Club celebration.
- 2014 – Olympic View Elementary School's Garden Club becomes an affiliate of OGC.





## Milestones (Con't)

- **2014** – Don Tapio donated his trees and cuttings to the Olympia Garden Club for their annual holiday wreath sales.
- **2015 – May** First Secret Garden Tour.
- **2017** – Ellen Caywood (OGC Board member) organizes first Summer Garden Tours of members' gardens.
- **2020 – 2022** COVID Pandemic ☹️
- **2020 – February** – Vicki Kammerer (OGC Board member) reaches out to the Plum Street Tiny Home Village.





## Milestones (Con't)

- 2022 – April 25 – the Olympia City Council unanimously approves the name change from Priest Point Park to Squaxin Park.
  - June – OGC begins NexTrex Plastic Recycling Challenge.







## Spring Luncheon Committee

*Ethel Petty, Marion Sowell, & Dorothy Howard*

## Flower Show Committee

*Cherie Wiseman, Ferne Noggles, & Carol Klingberg*

## Rites of Spring Flower Show Awards

*Novice Award*

*Past President's Award*

*2000 Spring Luncheon Award*

*Memorial Award*

*Olympia Garden Club Award*

## Judges

*National Council of State Garden Clubs Accredited Judges  
using the Standard system of Judging and Awarding*

## Program

*Welcome - Wanda Vande Wiele*

*Master of Ceremonies - Marion Sowell*

*Thought for the Day - Madlyn Kaplin*

## Lunch

*"Take a Walk 2000"*  
*Speaker - Patti McDougall*

*Introduction of Judges - Wanda Vande Wiele*

*Introduction of Flower Show Committee*

*Comments by Arrangement Winners*

*Door Prize Drawing*

## Door Prize Donors

*Dorothy Howard*

*Caryl Darst*

*Irene Anderson*

*Frances Millam*

*Marion Sowell*

*Lillian Ishii*

*Cherie Wiseman*

*Ferne Noggles*

*Ethel Petty*

*Acknowledgements*



# Acknowledgments

Background Music - Margaret Machlan  
 Reservations - Marion Sowell, Ardath Eichler & Roberta Hamby  
 Hostesses - Jean Papiez, Lee Stephens & Emily Kramer  
 Garden Cart Arranger - Lillian Ishii & Frances Millam  
 Favors - Marion Sowell, Ethel Petty, Wanda Vande Wiele & Robyn Tsuji  
 Corsages - Marion Sowell & Ethel Petty  
 Photography - Marie Hodul  
 Programs & Tickets - Robyn Tsuji  
 Ticket Sales - Ferne Noggles  
 Door Prizes - Caryl Darst & Ethel Petty

## Flower Show

Advanced Entries - Caryl Darst & Cherie Wiseman  
 Entries Committee - Ferne Noggles, Cherie Wiseman & Robyn Tsuji  
 Clerks - Carole Smith, Deanna Murdaugh & Mary Layton  
 Flower Show Schedule - Ferne Noggles & Cherie Wiseman  
 Judges Committee - Carol Klingberg  
 Awards Committee - Cherie Wiseman & Ferne Noggles



### Millennium May Flowers

Olympia Garden Club  
 Spring Luncheon & Flower Show  
 May 11, 2000 12:00 Noon  
 Olympia Golf and Country Club  
 3636 Country Club Drive NW  
 Olympia Washington

\$10.50



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Class 3. First of May  
 Basket Arrangement  
 2000 Spring Luncheon AWARD



MARION SOWELL



Class 5. Spring Breeze  
 Design and Interpretation  
 Olympia Garden Club AWARD

MICHELLE GRIEGO





OCTOBER 2001



(Sing to the Tune)  
"Take Me Out To The Ballgame"

We're the ladies of Garden Club  
Here to honor our chiefs  
Madylyn, Marion, Lillian  
Francis, Polly and Ernestine  
and there's Ferne, Irene and Wanda  
Elsie, Kay and Louise  
So we'll Cheer! Cheer! Cheer!  
for the presidents  
Thru the years !

MADAM PRESIDENT

## Olympia Garden Club



Past President's Tea



*You are cordially invited to the  
Olympia Garden Club's  
Past Presidents' Tea*

*Thursday, October 26, 2006  
At  
Gull Harbor Lutheran Church*

*10:00 to 11:00 Social Hour  
11:00 to 12:00 Business Meeting  
12:00 to 1:00 Luncheon and Tea  
1:00 to 2:00 "Miniature Arrangements for  
Nursing Home Residents"  
With Elsie Thomson*

*Please RSVP by October 20  
At 459-2280*



***Please come!***

***Olympia Garden Club  
Past Presidents' Tea***

***Thursday  
March 26, 2009***

***Gull Harbor  
Lutheran Church***

***10:00-11:00 Social***

***11:00-12:00 Business***

***12:00-1:00 Lunch and  
Tea***

***1:00-2:00 Speaker***

***Joe Blue of Botanical  
Blu Garden Center is  
also the Chair of the  
Shrub Committee for  
Great Plant Picks.***



Cards Handmade by:



jo anne







## Past Presidents' Tea – 2008

KAY WHEAT  
(1993 – 1994)

PATTI JAMES  
(1972 – 1973)

LOUISE ADAMS  
(1993 – 1994)

ELSIE THOMSON  
(1984 – 1985)

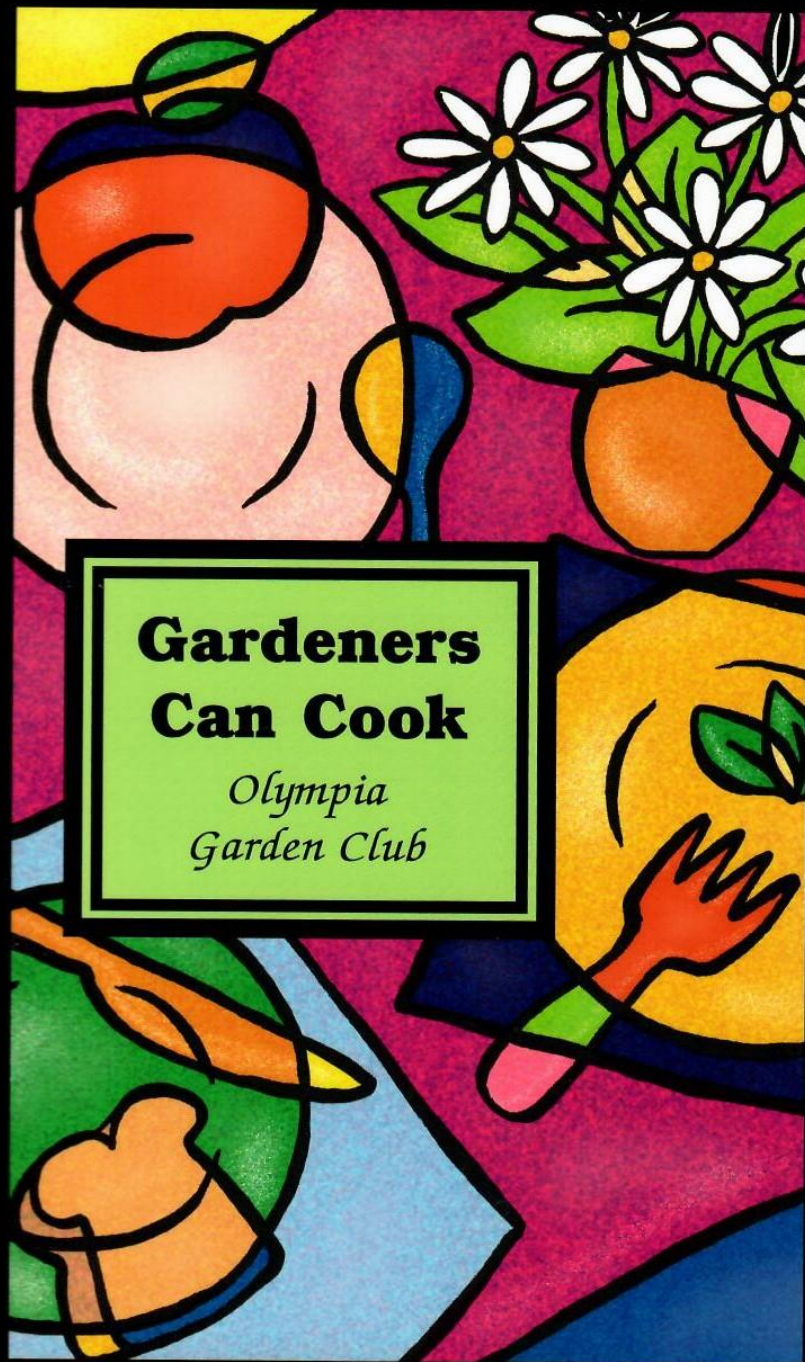
IRENE ANDERSON  
(1996 – 1998)

WANDA VANDERWIELE  
(1999 – 2001)

CHERI WISEMAN  
(2003 – 2005)

HELEN TAFEJIAN  
(2005 – 2007)





## Acknowledgement & Appreciation

### Cookbook Committee

Dorrie Carr  
Marion Sowell  
Ethel Petty  
Rosalie Warren  
Pat Weber  
Heather Birchman  
JoAnne Sandell  
Robyn Tsuji

Thanks to all our members for sharing these treasured recipes with the rest of us. We have tried to use all the recipes received and to retain the writing style of each contributor. We regret any errors or omissions.

We thank all of you who purchase this keepsake cookbook and for supporting our Olympia Garden Club projects.

A big thank you to Gull Harbor Lutheran Church. We have been holding our meetings in this church on the last Thursday of the month September through April for many years.

## Special Thanks

to Robyn Tsuji for her hard work in organizing this project.







OCT. '08  
GARDENING  
AT THE

YWCA



Our BIRD LADY  
ALICE ADAMS





*National Garden Clubs, Inc.*

**Olympia Garden Club**

Has Made A Contribution To The

***Running Water  
Haiti***

*Kare D. Blaschke*

National Garden Clubs, Inc. President

June 2010



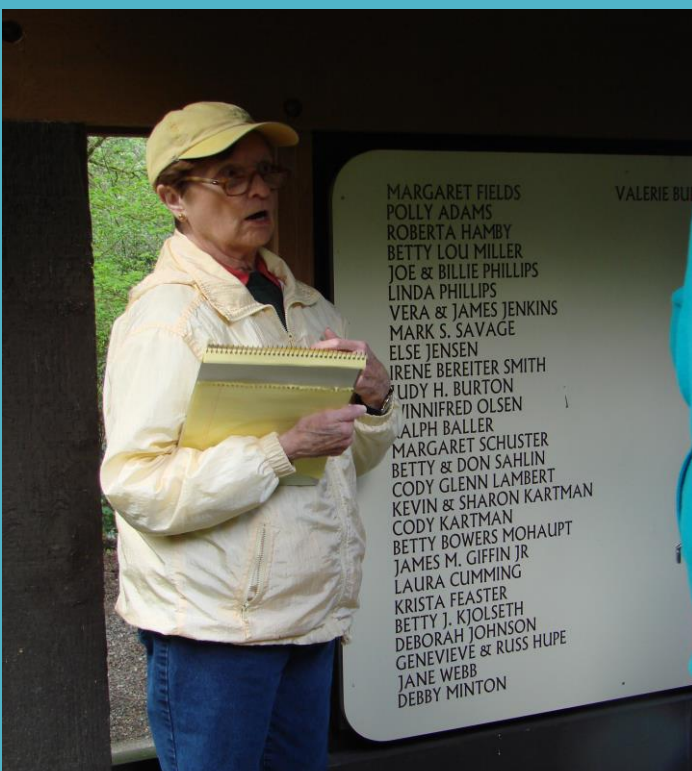
## Student Scholarships Become Schools Grants

“In 2014, OGC members voted to donate \$500 each year to the Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs (WFSGC) scholarship fund with the remaining funds going to Thurston County schools. The majority of the funds for OGC grants programs come from Merry Makings sales of wreaths, centerpieces and Christmas mugs in December.

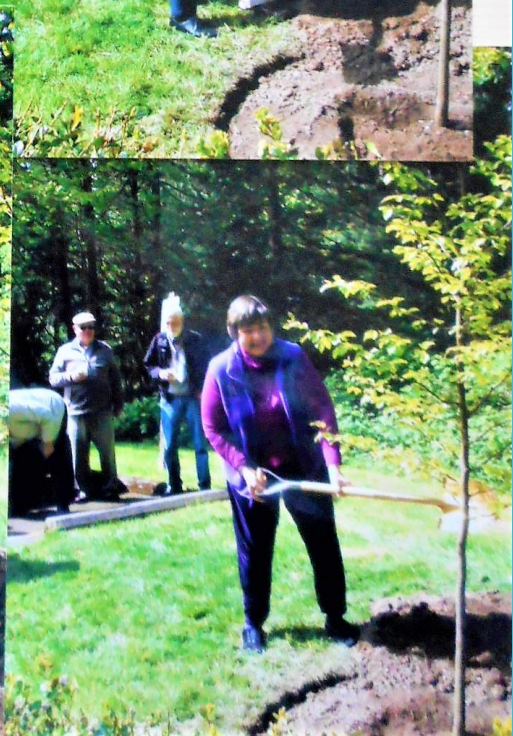
Since 2011, we have provided 80 grants to schools totaling \$38,064.”

Ellen Caywood, Former President, 2017 - 2019





Arbor Day  
April 25, 2014





# “Nifty Needlers” Preparing for the Gay 90’s Celebration!





Olympia Garden Club  
Spring Luncheon and Flower Show  
***The Roaring 20s***

Indian Summer Golf and Country Club  
5900 Troon Lane SE, Olympia, WA 98501

May 1, 2014



***Schedule of Events***

Flower Show Entries: 8:30 – 9:30 AM

Judging: 10:00 AM

Social Hour: 11:00 AM

Lunch: 12 NOON

Program: 1:00 PM (to be announced)

***Plated Lunch Menu***

Entrée Choice

**Chicken Marabella**

(Marinated breast of chicken baked with olives, apricots, thin-sliced garlic with wild rice pilaf and fresh vegetables.)

OR

**Vegetable Lasagna**

(Layers of vegetables, mushrooms, pasta and cheese with marinara sauce, baked and served with garlic bread.)

**Champagne Cake OR Raspberry Sorbet**









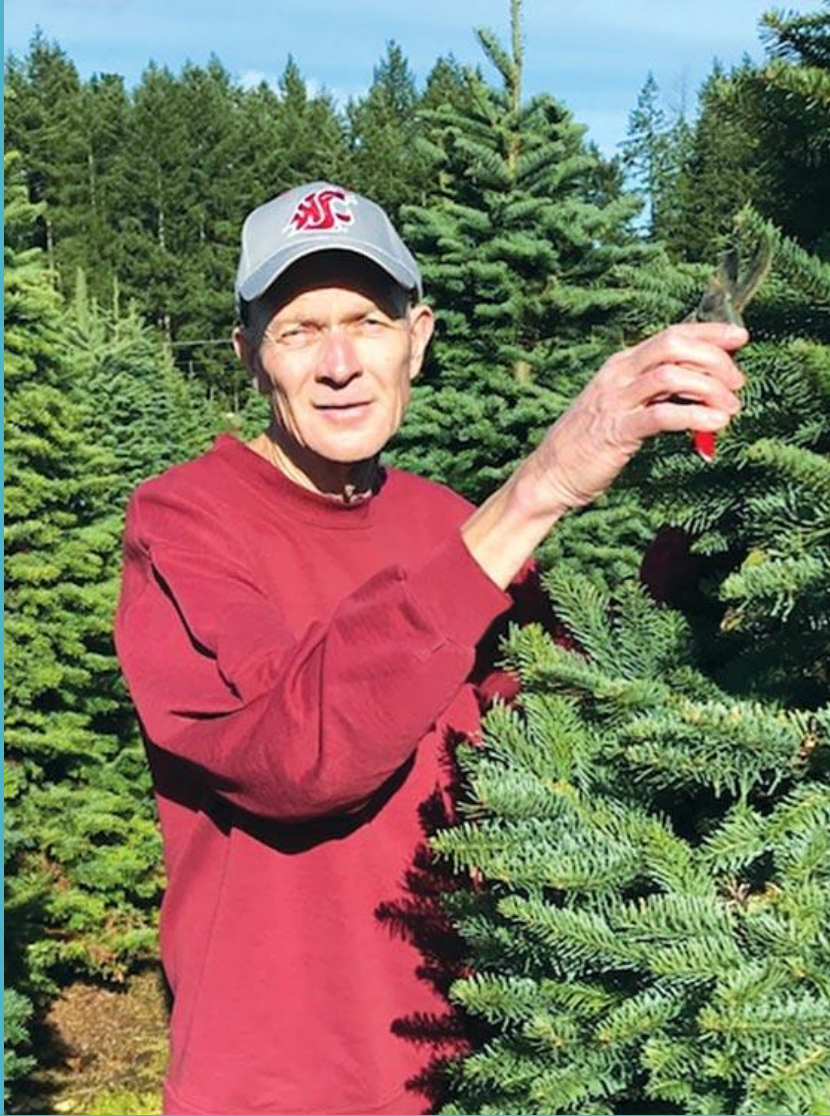












Retired WSU Extension agent Don Tapio tends future Christmas trees on his Rochester family farm.

Don Tapio, a retired WSU extension agent, once found himself without funds to continue his sophomore year at WSU. Thanks to a family friend, Elwood Walter Kalin Sr., a horticulture professor, Don received a scholarship from the Washington Federation of Garden Clubs. This allowed Don to continue his education.

Over the years, his Extension work often brought him in touch with gardening clubs and the nascent WSU Master Gardener program. However, Don never forgot the help Garden clubs provided him and he provides them support as a way of paying back.

Beginning in 2014, Don donated his trees and cuttings to the Olympia Garden Club for their annual holiday wreath sales. In the past, sales provided nearly \$5,000 in grants to elementary, middle, and high school gardening programs in Thurston County communities like Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, and Tenino.

The sales also help fund the Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs scholarships for students.

Don's donations have made a huge difference, said Darlene Miller, Olympia Garden Club's grant chairwoman.

**"Don is the epitome of 'paying it forward,'" she said.**







# First Secret Garden Tour

## May 9, 2015

### 6 Private Gardens:

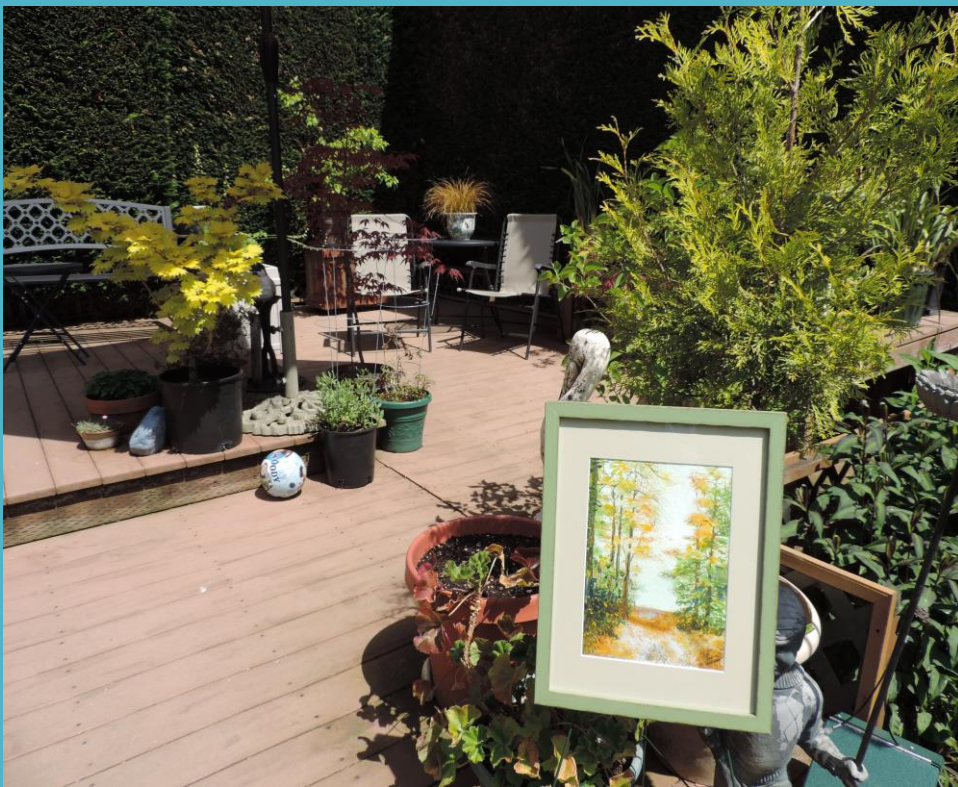
- Arlene Baller
- Helen Tafejian
- Bowen Estate
- Judy Montoure/Dorian Sanchez
- Joyce Hawkins/Ken Ness
- David/Katie Pethia

### **Committee Members:**

Bobbie Thomson Schoss  
Dorrie Carr  
Darlene Miller  
Heather Birchman  
JoAnne Sandell  
Velta George  
Mary Beth Riggs  
Silke Jesse

“Self guided tours to discover and explore six secret gardens (not generally open to the public) in and around the Olympia area.

There will be unique quilts, live music, and art from local artisans at each of these gardens (weather permitting).”





































"MERRY  
MAKINS"  
2018







Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs  
June, 2019 - Olympia  
OGC Member Dorrie Carr's Investiture as  
WSFGC President





2021 – Slow return  
from COVID







2022





## Former Presidents' Tea – March, 2022



Left to Right:

**Dorrie Carr**  
2007 - 2011  
2021 (Aug) - Present

**Vicki Kammerer**  
2019 – 2021

**Debbie Spiller**  
2016 (May) - 2017

**Louise Adams**  
1993 - 1994

**JoAnne Sandell**  
2011 - 2015

**Helen Tafejian**  
(2005 – 2007)

**Ellen Caywood**  
2017 - 2019





OGC providing  
planters and plants  
to the Plum Street  
Tiny House Village  
(transitional  
housing location).





# 2023 NexTREN Plastic Recycling Project







Bench donated to  
Olympic View  
Elementary School

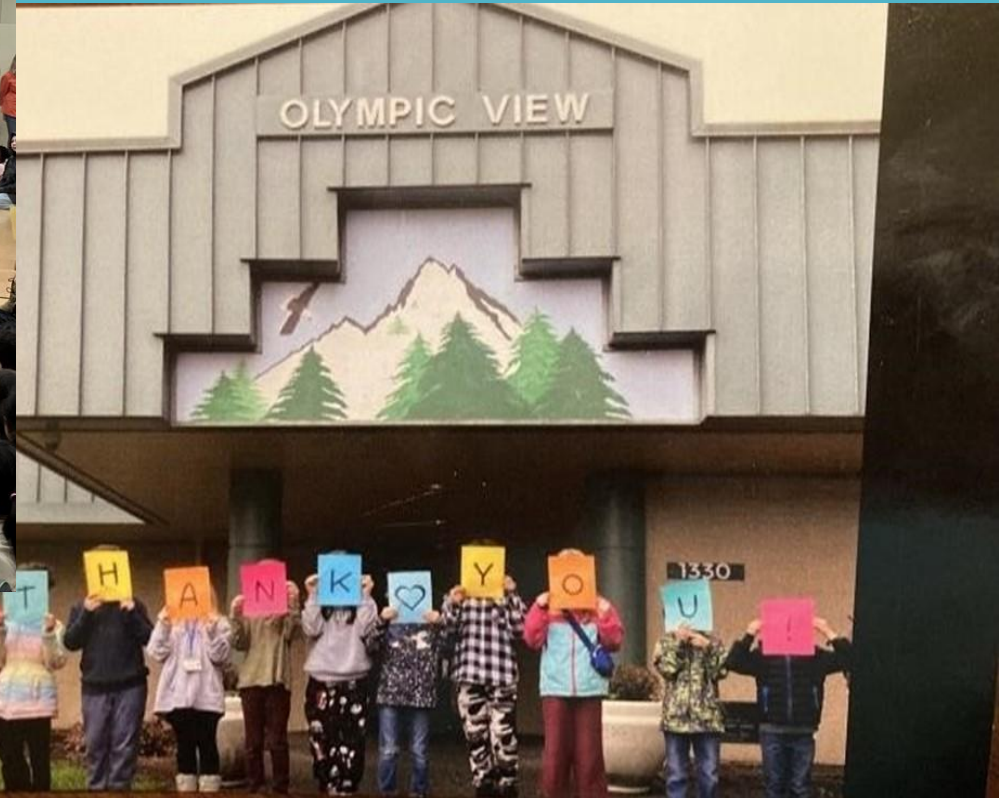
600 pounds of clean, dry Plastic film,  
sorted, weighed and repacked into  
larger, clear plastic bags by OGC  
volunteers



Within 6 months



OGC's first Bench!









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WSFGC President





# Centennial Garage Sale



July, 2023

Organized by Helen Simmonds



## Member Garden Tours – Summer, 2023

Joyce Lobe's  
Garden







Julia Sweeney's  
Garden





## Horticulture with Tara Keen – September Meeting





# 2023 Plum Street Christmas Stocking Giveaway

*OGC handmade stockings and  
“elves” stuffing them!*





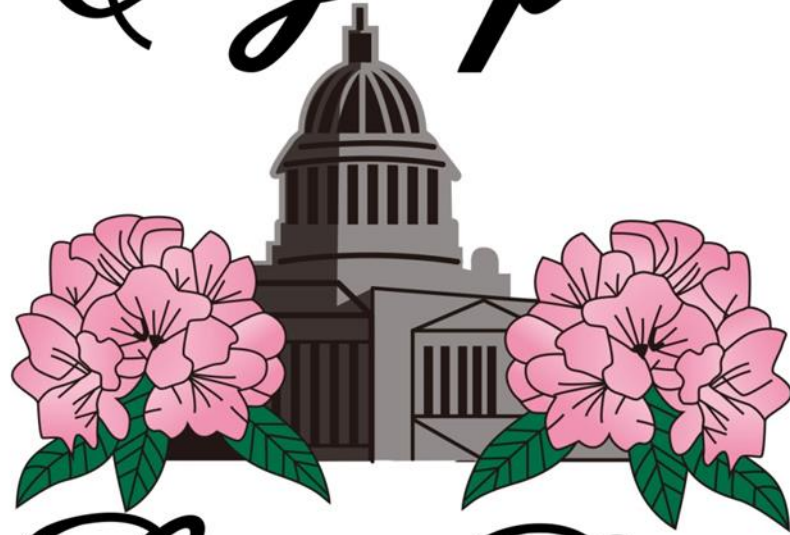


Stockings  
stuffed &  
delivered  
by OGC  
members!





*Olympia*



*Garden Club*  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



# Acknowledgements

## **Centennial Committee:**

**Chairman:** Debbie Spiller

**Members:** Dorrie Carr, Carolyn O'Connor, Ellen Daly, Vicki Kammerer, Carol Tuttle, Norma Martin and Jackie McCoy

**Olympia Garden Club Historian:** Laura Little

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