

**VASHON-MAURY ISLAND
GARDEN CLUB**

2022-2023





PLANT SALE 2022



Vashon-Maury Island Garden Club

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VASHON-MAURY ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

History of the Vashon-Maury Island Garden Club

2022 marks our Club's 70th anniversary! Formed in 1952 to foster interest in gardening, our membership has grown to over 100 gardeners! Separating from Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs in 1990, we shifted our focus from flower-arranging workshops and competitions to native plantings for water-wise use. In 1998 we incorporated as a non-profit. Pat Highet, a past president, first introduced the cricket design on the Directory cover. It was updated by Steve Amos and officially adopted as the Garden Club logo in 2017 with the tagline "We dig it!"

Our Mission promotes environmentally sound gardening practices and the preservation of native plants and wildlife. The Garden Club funds horticulture programs in Island schools and awards scholarships to High School seniors. Each year VMIGC recognizes notable non-member private and commercial gardens for their outstanding commitment to gardening. Selected gardeners are recognized for their gardens at an annual dinner. The Garden Club entered into an agreement with Land Trust to share greenhouse space with Matsuda Farm beginning in the fall of 2019 for plant sale propagation. In 2019 and 2022, VMIGC awarded Vashon Land Trust for Matsuda Farm grants for new greenhouse tables and repair of the seeding greenhouse plastic.

Annual membership fees, once 10 cents per meeting, are now \$20 annually. Revenue also comes from the Club's annual plant sale. Beginning as a plant exchange it is now the Island's spring gardening event! The sale of plants grown and donated by Club members typically raises over \$12,000 to support our charitable efforts.

Monthly meetings from September to June are open to the public. Meetings provide an opportunity to share horticulture knowledge and include presentations by guest speakers. Summers are filled with fun visits to members' open gardens and workshops.

We dig it!



Mission Statement

Through its educational programs and charitable projects, the Vashon-Maury Island Garden Club promotes fun and interest in gardening among Islanders while educating club members and the larger community on environmentally sound gardening practices and the preservation of native plants and wildlife.



About the Garden Club



Mailing Address:

PO Box 2113, Vashon, WA 98070

Website:

www.umigc.org

Founded 1952:

Incorporated 1998, 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Nonprofit
Federal Tax ID# 45-5434651

Club Tree:

Higan Cherry (*Prunus subhirtella* "Autumnalis")

Club Flower:

Pacific Dogwood (*Cornus nuttallii*)

Theme:

Gardening with Friends

Fiscal Year:

July 1 – June 30

Dues:

\$20 per year. Due at the April membership meeting for July through June of the following year.



Active members are asked to attend meetings regularly, support the plant sale through propagation (or plant) contributions and event participation, and chair or serve on at least one committee.



Higan Cherry Tree



Pacific Dogwood



Meetings

The Garden Club has monthly programs from September through June. Regular meetings begin at 9:30 am on the second Monday of most months. Meetings are held in the Multi-Purpose Room/Gym at Bethel Church, 14736 Bethel Lane SW on Vashon. Meetings begin with the Garden Club business meeting, including talks by our gardening experts, followed by a guest speaker presentation, starting at 11:00 am. Meetings will conclude before noon.

There is no Garden Club meeting in November when we have the Community Garden Awards Dinner and no meeting in May due to our annual Garden Club Plant Sale. Our meetings are open to the public.



Meeting and Events Calendar

Current Washington guidelines for safely gathering will be followed.

Guest speakers will be announced in advance of meeting dates in a shoutout email.



September 12, 2022

Meeting

October 10, 2022

Meeting

November 7, 2022

Community Awards Dinner

~ No Meeting

December 12, 2022

Meeting/potluck

January 9, 2023

Meeting

February 13, 2023

Meeting

March 13, 2023

Meeting

April 10, 2023

Meeting

May 6, 2023

Plant Sale ~ No meeting

June 12, 2023

Meeting/potluck



Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the first Monday preceding each Club membership meeting unless otherwise directed by the President. Anyone wishing to be on the Board meeting agenda should contact the President one week in advance.

Board Members

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| President | Linda Milousoroff | 206-734-0435 |
| Vice President | Inge King | 916-225-4939 |
| Secretary | Carol Butler | 206-463-0380 |
| Treasurer | Marge Loftstrom | 615-946-4614 |
| Programs Chair | Sharon Montoya-Welsh | 206-408-7374 |
| Publicity Chair | Rebecca Rumburg | 206-567-4924 |
| Past President | Cathie Crouse | 206-979-1030 |

Committee Chairs 2022/2023

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| Audit Committee | Kari Ulatoski |
| Budget | Janet Quimby |
| Community Garden Selection | Wendy Aman |
| Community Garden Awards Dinner ... | Marcy Rice |
| Directory | Sarah Watson |
| Greenhouse/Propagation | Linda Stemer & Cathie Crouse |
| Historian | Hunter Davis |
| Horticulture Grants* | Carolina Nurik |
| Membership/Hospitality | Inge King |
| Nominating Committee | Cathie Crouse |
| Off Island Tours & Adventures | Kathy Hostetler and Deborah Teagardin |
| Plant Sale Event | Kari Ulatoski |
| Programs/Workshops | Sharon Montoya-Welsh |
| Publicity/Website | Rebecca Rumburg |
| Refreshments | Nancy Kappelman |
| Scholarship ** | David Husch |
| Summer Open Gardens | Fran Brooks |
| Sunshine & Memorial | Audrey Young |
| Table Arrangements | Charlotte Lubbert |

* Horticulture Grants for schools in the name of Helen Puz

** Scholarship in the name of Kay White



Committees

Committees are the major way for members to participate in the Club's fun, its educational activities and its stimulating events. If you would like to join a committee, contact the committee chair. Appointed by the President, each committee chairperson is responsible for planning the committee's activities for the year and may select the members of her/his committee as needed. Committee chairpersons work within the adopted budget for their committee and submit written annual reports to the President for the June meeting.

Managing Events and Projects

Community Garden Awards

Annually, the committee selects three or four gardens of Islanders who do not belong to the Garden Club for recognition as good examples of outstanding horticulture practices. These gardens must be maintained by the owners, and they may be either private or commercial gardens. The owners are honored at the annual awards dinner held in November. The annual awards dinner is attended by award recipients, Garden Club members, and their guests to view video and poster presentations of each garden. A certificate is awarded for each garden and the gardeners' outstanding efforts are recognized in the local media.

Helen Puz Horticulture Grants for Schools

The Garden Club supports the robust agriculture and horticulture programs within Vashon Island's public and private schools through contributions for structures, planting supplies, and educational materials. This committee solicits proposals from local elementary, middle, and high school teachers and staff for gardening-related educational projects. It reviews the projects and makes funding recommendations to the Board for approval by the membership. In recognition of her many years and tremendous dedication to the Garden Club these awards are given in the name of Helen Puz.



Plant Sale

All members are encouraged to participate in the Club's annual fund raiser. Six months of planning, propagation, and execution culminate in this one-day event. The sale includes a diverse variety of ornamental and edible plants that have been cultivated and donated by Club members.

The Island community enthusiastically supports the sale through attendance and purchases each year. Money raised through the sale helps fund the Club's community work. Responsibilities for the sale are divided into two units: the Greenhouse and Propagation Committee, and Plant Sale Event Committee.

Plant Sale Event

The Event committee arranges for the sale site, organizes setup, and oversees execution of the sale and the clean-up afterward. In addition, the committee coordinates with Publicity for event advertising, and Greenhouse and Propagation committee for inventory preparation and transportation.

Greenhouse and Propagation

This committee coordinates greenhouse use with Vashon Land Trust's Matsuda Farm, selects propagation targets, coordinates propagation training workshops, organizes the propagation and care schedule, plus collection of donated plants from private gardeners in preparation for the plant sale.

Scholarships in the name of Kay White

To honor her many contributions to the Club and to Vashon gardens, VMIGC awards the Kay White Scholarship(s) based on students' commitment to the study of horticulture, botany, environmental sciences, landscape architecture, or forestry. Funds for scholarship(s) goes through the Vashon Community Scholarship Foundation. The committee works with a Vashon High School counselor in identifying candidates, reviews each candidate's qualifications and determines the number of scholarships and the amount of each. A progress report is presented to the Board at the June meeting.



Off-Island Garden Tour and Adventures

Club members take an off-island tour each spring, traveling by bus to professional gardens and growing centers off the Island. The committee identifies and selects sites, and also organizes this popular trip. This committee also arranges spring and fall smaller “adventures” related to gardening either on Island or off depending on current interest.

Summer Open Gardens

Many members invite the Club to visit their gardens during the summer months of May to September. In addition to showcasing members’ lovely gardens these visits offer an opportunity to seek advice, ask questions and find new ways to improve what gardeners are doing. Recommendations can highlight plant choices and also environmentally friendly ideas for overall landscape, watering, and soil improvement. In addition to enjoying and learning about gardens, members value the relaxed environment for sharing knowledge and friendship. The committee encourages participation and coordinates a calendar of visits.



Committees with Year-Round Responsibilities

Historian

The chair of the committee keeps a record of newspaper clippings, photos, and other memorabilia concerning the Club's activities.

Sunshine and Memorial

This committee sends appropriate cards of cheer and condolence to members and their families and contacts members in need of assistance and club support.

Table Arrangements

This committee chair recruits members to bring flower arrangements for each table and sends reminders for providers a few days before the garden club meeting. These arrangements, ideally from the member's own garden, should be simple and not too high, in order to allow visibility across the table.

Experts

Club Experts are called upon to contribute at Club meetings and on the website in their area of expertise.

2022-2023 Experts are:

- ☼ Cindy Stockett, Horticulture
- ☼ Diane Emerson, Organic Gardening
- ☼ Becky Bumgarner, Tool Talk
- ☼ Julia Lakey, Native Plants



Standing Committees

Chairs for these committees are appointed by the President for a two year term except the Membership/Hospitality Chair who also serves as Vice President and is elected by the membership. Chairs marked by an asterisk (*) also serve on the Board.

Audit

This committee audits the Club's books at the end of the fiscal year and submits a report at the September Board meeting. It consists of three club members, appointed by the President.

Budget

The committee plans the year's expenses for the fiscal year period beginning July 1st and ending June 30th. The budget includes all expenses of the Club and allows for an emergency fund. The proposed budget is submitted to the Board for its recommendation and approval prior to the membership's approval at the June meeting. The committee includes the Treasurer, the Budget chairperson, and one member from the general membership.

Membership/Hospitality *

This committee chair contacts prospective new Club members, maintains membership records and photos, makes and manages nametags, collects annual dues, provides new member information for the Club's Directory, and is responsible for distribution of the Directory. The chair also welcomes members and guests, distributes nametags and reminds members to sign-in at meetings. The chair is Club Vice President.

Directory

This sub-committee of the Membership Committee prepares the Garden Club's Directory for distribution during the September meeting. The Directory includes club information, the schedule of the upcoming year's programs, and a current membership roster.



Nominating*

This committee secures a slate of officers for the coming year to be presented at the April meeting. The Immediate Past President chairs this committee, along with two Board members and two persons from the general membership appointed in February by the President.

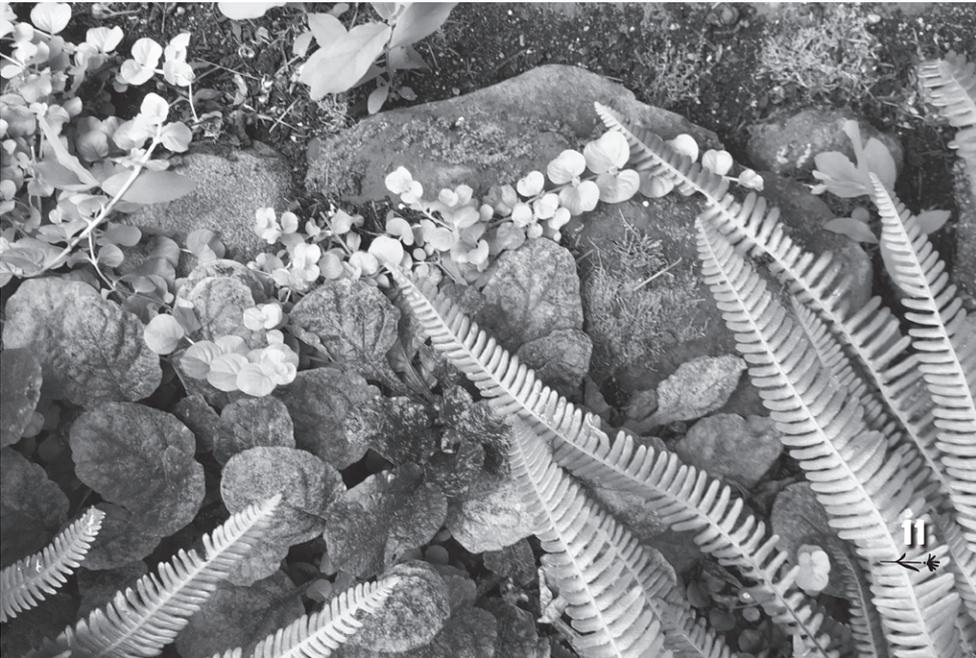
Programs and Workshops*

This Committee secures guest speakers for general meeting programs in the coming year. These programs cover aspects of horticulture, conservation, and garden design of interest to members. The Programs Chair also coordinates interest targeted, hands-on workshops throughout the year.

Publicity and Website *

This committee serves as media liaison between the Club and the Vashon Maury Island community. The committee submits announcements of each regular Club meeting and its program topic, as well as occasional articles about Club activities, to the local media. A sub-committee maintains the Club's website.

** Also serve on the Board*



Life Members

A Life Member is any active member who has been a member for ten years, lives on the Island, and has made significant contributions to the Club.

Becky Bumgarner
Lynn Buscaglia
Edna Dam
Marlyce Dixson
Carol Eckman

Anna Martinsen
Pat Nesland
Jane Rosen
Cindy Stockett
Marilyn VanDevanter

PAST PRESIDENTS

1952-1952 Inez Gordon*
1953-1954 Rachel Benson*
1954-1955 Janice Lee*
1955-1957 Fern Downer*
1957-1959 Frances Phelan*
1959-1960 Charlotte Allen*
1960-1961 Genevieve White*
1961-1962 Irene Bennet*
1962-1963 Grace Winningham*
1963-1964 Charlotte Dille*
1964-1965 Kay Putnam*
1965-1966 Maude VanDevanter*
1966-1968 Elaine Scott*
1968-1969 Fern Downer*
1969-1970 Caroline Russel*
1970-1971 Polly Helzer*
1971-1972 Mary Longhead
1972-1974 Kay Werner
1974-1976 Gladys Cooper

1976-1978 Mildred Calcutt
1978-1981 Bea Garrison*
1981-1984 Dorothy Rouse*
1984-1985 Linda Swanson
1985-1988 Woody Woods
1988-1990 Dorothy Johnson*
1990-1992 Betty Ruth Haynes
1992-1994 Kay White*
1994-1996 Marilyn VanDevanter
1996-1998 Margaret Rojecki*
1998-2000 Ellen Vallance*
2000-2002 Carol Eckman
2002-2004 Edna Dam
2004-2006 Pat Hight
2006-2008 Pat Nesland
2008-2010 Sally Fox
2010-2013 JR Crawford
2013-2015 Deborah Teagardin
2015-2017 Lynn Buscaglia
2017-2019 Linda Stemer
2019-2021 Cathie Crouse

* Deceased

