

# THE ECHO

## Hill and Dale District

### A Member of National Garden Clubs & WA State Federation of Garden Clubs

#209 - Jun 2023 - Aug 2023



I can't believe that it's the end of August. I hope you and your garden are keeping hydrated...it's been much too hot! In spite of the heat our district is working on programs and activities for 2023-2025. I invite you on our journey together of gardening and friendship by participating in the district activities and meetings as well as your club's projects and events.

As your new Director I am very excited about the next two years. I look forward to serving and working with everyone to make this a great garden district term. We have planned some new things and I hope that each and every one of you will learn and grow.

My theme is "Along the Garden Path". There are many things we can do while traveling on this path. Special emphasis will be on NGC Flower Shows, Education, Membership, Community Service, Awards, Backyard Wildlife, and Youth.

Our first stop was on June 20th with our annual bus trip and awards picnic. 43 members of the Hill & Dale District traveled to the Olympia Sunken Gardens at the Capitol, then on to Brewery Park for lunch and our award presentations. The final stop was at Lael's Moon Garden Nursery where we were able to shop until we dropped. Thanks to Chris Sherrill and her committee for a fun day.

Stopping once again "Along the Garden Path" we found our district at camp "Oh Ah Lay Lay" which is a Girl Scout Day Camp where 138 girls were in attendance. Hill & Dale District received a grant from WSFGC and the Girl Scout leaders were very excited when our members attended camp and worked with the girls on garden related projects.

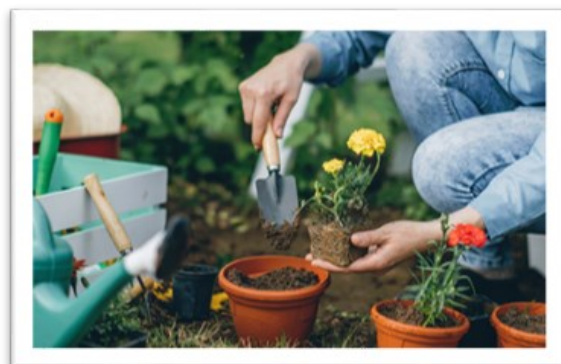
Next was the Pierce County Fair Floral Building, with many members helping clean and decorate. We accepted 88 youth entries and 555 adult entries, making this another great year at the Fair!

I am always eager to hear your ideas and suggestions. Let me know what you are thinking! Again, thank you for the volunteer hours you are sharing with your club, your community, and our Hill & Dale District.

The main reason that people say they join a garden club is to "Learn About Gardening" and believe me we are going to do some learning and gardening together.

Let the gardening begin!

Kathy Johnson  
District Director



## JUNE BUS TOUR

Chris Sherrill and Jeanine Faulkner chaired the annual educational bus tour June 20<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to all those who helped in any way.

We all met at the Bass Pro shop parking lot near I-5. Some of us were a little nervous as we were all here and had NO bus. Finally it came and we loaded up.

The weather was mild, not too hot, not too cold—but NO RAIN. We were fortunate to have Harold again as our driver as he is so nice, helpful, and kept us safe. We cruised down I-5 enjoying Judy Strickland's libations and snacks.

The first stop was the Sunken garden on the state capital grounds where a few of our south sound member joined us. Bruce Chapman, head of the capital grounds and a couple of assistants led us around answering questions and giving us some history of the garden. We found some interesting plants there.

Back on the bus, we headed to Tumwater Park next to the falls by the old Olympia Brewery. We all gathered for a box lunch. Thanks Rosie for all your work getting the lunch boxes to us. While we relaxed and ate, Kathy Johnson passed out awards for last year's participation locally and statewide. Thanks, Kathy, for all your hard work on our awards.

We loaded the bus for one last stop at Lael's Moon Gardens Nursery near Rochester. Owner Larry Lael and his wife worked hard giving some of us a tour of the grounds and checking out all of our purchases. I think everyone bought something. Harold carefully put our purchases in the compartment under the bus.

Then we headed north to our cars where we experienced a short, little downpour near Tumwater. Great timing! We played a game and gave out prizes.

All in all, it was a nice trip and I hope all 33 passengers had fun and learned something.

Thanks, Jeanine for all your help as co-chair. See you on the bus in 2024!

Chris Sherrill





## COUNTRY GARDENERS

Summer is waning, which means fall cannot be far behind. Hope everyone has had a great summer with lots of activities with family, friends and especially in your gardens.

Since our last newsletter Country Gardeners have not been idle. We have taken part in several scheduled activities; Metal Magic, WSFGC Convention, TRS Rose Show, NGC Judge's Council Flower show, a concrete leaf making project hosted by Randie and most recently the Pierce County Fair. We also had a table setup at the Farmhouse Market during the Memorial Day Weekend. I believe this is the club's second year. It has proven to be a fantastic fundraiser for us and I think we may setup a table during Labor Day also.

In June, out-going President Patti Isom passed the gavel to Randie Welcher during our last meeting of our year. It will be exciting to see what our "new" President Randie has in store for us. During that same meeting, we first toured Pat Bergford's Garden in Olympia. What a fantastic experience that was, who knew that 3.5 acres could be setup so peaceful and relaxing in the midst of our Capitol city. She was a gracious host, showing us around the property, introducing us to her "fur family....not all related", telling us stories of how some plants came to be, how she acquired her Koi some 30 years ago and being a witness to a spectacular lily that bloomed for the first time this year...with 5 stems. We recommend our garden friends (and others) to visit, you will NOT be disappointed. We then left to relax, visit and partake in lunch provided by member Debbie Spiller at her home. She also shared her garden with us, which made the day perfect.

In July, some members gathered at the Midland Community Center (where our meetings are held) for a work party. Cleaning up and maintaining the grounds around the center is something that we have long wanted to do, and that day was perfect...cloudy and cool.

Some of our members participated in helping with the cleanup, setup and decorating of the Pierce County Fair in August. Members were also there to help with classification, judging, hosting, kids planting and finally the tear-down after it was over. Shout-out to Roxy Giddings for our entry in "The Bragging Rights" display. Great job, Roxy!! This is NOT the only shout-out that is given, we had several of our members enter their designs, horticulture, veggies and photos this year and come away with awesome awards. Here are a few stand outs:

Margie Knudson---Best in Show-Horticulture, Best Bulb/Corm, and Best in Show-Floral

Randie Welcher---Best Vegetable Basket

Chris Sherrill---Best Annual, Best Interpretation of Theme and Best Overall Design

Plus we had many Blue Ribbons for all the floral and horticulture members entered. Way to go COUNTRY GARDENERS!

Now we are preparing for September, when we will have our first meeting under the "rule of a new president". Randie has been preparing all summer for her first meeting, with all the angst that we all have when taking on a new duty! BUT knowing Randie, she will be just fine and we are excited to hear all that she has planned for us. We know that it will, certainly, be centered around gardening and digging in the dirt! We are also looking forward to and working hard to put on the Flower Show at our first District meeting of the year, September 26, 2023.

Hope everyone has enjoyed a great summer and looking forward to fall. Remember the journey is the reward.

See pictures on the next page





Country Gardeners ~ Pierce County Fair above  
Midland Clean Up to the left and below





Barb Patterson, a 47 year member of Glove & Trowel, took on the challenge of growing an Angel Trumpet from a 6 inch cutting from Linda Pempeck's plant in March. In the picture below she is showing how well she has taken care of it and after having 9 blooms, it is now ready to show 29 more in the coming weeks!!



## GLOVE & TROWEL

Our June meeting began at Barb Patterson's home with a potluck lunch and installation of new officers assisted by Rachel Jennings. They are Linda Pempeck, president; Susy Hunt, vice-president; Sherry Sinclair, secretary; and Raunie Grottolo, treasurer. Each officer was given a plant.

A report was given on the state convention by those who attended. The event was worth attending. A check for \$68 was sent to the Penny Pines fund. There were lots of horticulture brought to the meeting for our enjoyment and identification.

The members who took the bus trip gave a report and are looking forward to the next trip.

July brought us travelling to Linda Pempeck's home for our meeting, lunch and tour of her impressive garden. Members from other clubs arrived later to enjoy Linda's gardens with many raised beds and her collection (13) of pink angel trumpets that she had grown.

The August meeting was held at Barbara Bias home. Everyone brought their favorite garden recipes along with many samples. We welcomed new member, Paula Olson, who grows many dahlias.

Linda Pempeck and Raunie Grottolo assisted 154 girls at Camp Curran, a Girl Scout camp, with some clever crafts.

Yearbooks were distributed and checked for accuracy and corrections made. Susy Hunt will be the Chairman for the Backyard Wildlife program.

7 members participated at the Pierce County Fair working here, there and everywhere. All had a great time.

Our September meeting will be at Emily Miller's home with a program of saving seeds from vegetables and flowers.

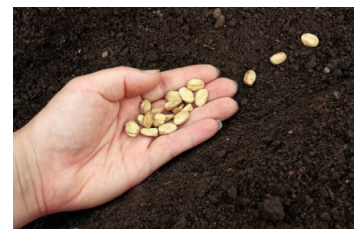
Paula Olson



Raunie Grottolo



Linda Pempeck



## DOGWOOD GARDEN CLUB

Sweet summer greetings fellow gardeners! Here's the news from Dogwood since April.

The May meeting was hosted by Dee Hanson and Rosemary Nordstrom, with speaker Sue Goetz leading us on designing a new garden space. The June meeting was hosted by Beth Runyan, Pam Waring and Chris Whitwell with Lisa Libby showing us how to make wire plant cages.

Nancy Schank shared two bushes that make terrific habitat for birds, butterflies, and bees:

- Fothergilla Major "Mount Airy" shrub. Native to N & S Carolina. Loved by birds, grows to about 4' x 4', honey scented blossoms in spring, will be happy anywhere a Rhododendron does well. No special pruning needed and beautiful fall color lasts a long time.
- Aronia Melanocarpa 'Lo Scape Snowfire'. Also known as a Chokeberry. It grows to 3-4 ft tall and wide. Really doesn't require pruning. It likes full sun to partial shade, has pink buds which turn to white flowers in the spring, then blue/black berries. It blooms on old wood, has Red and orange leaf color in the fall and birds, bees and butterflies like it.

Garden Therapy took place on May 25th at the Silver Creek Facility where members helped residents in planting several planters at the request of the facility.

Rosemary Nordstrom and Pam Waring will be submitting for awards for Helpful Husband (Kerry Harris), Sharing Our Knowledge (Nancy Schank), and Our Annual Plant Sale.

The way each of Eatonville's elementary schools have used our donations is listed below:

- COLUMBIA CREST continues with their CCA garden by planting starts in their greenhouse and were beginning to transplant them. Their goal is to follow a curriculum geared to agribusiness and to bring the garden back to its native state by introducing native plants and creating hoop houses so that they can grow food that the kids can enjoy in their lunches.
- EATONVILLE ELEMENTARY reported their projects in the greenhouse were completed around Mother's Day. They are hoping for funds for a paid supervisor for the coming year to run a garden club.
- WEYERHAEUSER ELEMENTARY said they didn't have staffing for a garden club this year but still plan to use funds we donated to them to beautify the front of the school.

The various garden clubs were asked to each enter a planting tub that went with the theme of "Experience the Magic" which was the Pierce County Fair theme for 2023. Putting together a project just as Dogwood members were scattering for the summer seemed to me to be a giant stressor but it came together. Diane suggested our title and it seemed doable ~ Jack and the Beanstalk. Kathy Mettler approached the Purple Geranium Nursery who turned out to be great supporters with many flower donations and suggestions for plants that would work for a Jack and the Beanstalk tub. Sunflowers, two types of corn and squash were planted. Ginny started scarlet runner beans and donated the ladder. Kathy added vining Black Eyed Susan, a red painted bamboo





bean pole and a jointed Jack. Mary and Chris helped with the designing, Sammie Jo had golden eggs, Chris added clouds and helped load. With the help of a lot of 20-20-20 fertilizer, we were pretty much prepared for the fair. It took a Christmas tree bag, 3 very long tight bungie cords, many feet of bale string, and a lot of slow off-roads to get Jack to the fairgrounds!

My first impression with the fair as we collected to get the flower barn ready was how organized and well managed this event is. This was not our first rodeo but it was a first for Kathy as District Director. Well done, Kathy! The other entries were so very nice and we were surprised but pleased that Jack brought home the PURPLE ribbon!



Ginny Phillips with all the beautiful bouquets

Kathy Mettler will continue on as President of the club for next year, as will Lisa Libby as Treasurer, and the current program committee of Dee Hanson, Fawn Bauer, and Katy Hoffman. Ginny Phillips has stepped down as Secretary, and members gave her a thank you card and flowers from their gardens to say thank you for all her faithful years of service! Donna Rahier and Sylvia Russel will be sharing the position next year. Thank you officers, we couldn't have the club without you!

Here at Dragonfly Gardens, it's been such a busy summer that the weeds and orchard grass are reclaiming some of our large garden, but we are still getting a bountiful harvest of summer squash, cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, and ground cherries plus the ubiquitous blackberries, which my kids just love! See you in the fall, which is just around the corner!

Crystal Dorsey

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### GARDENING TIPS FOR FALL

- Keep up a regular watering schedule through September in your flower beds and lawns.
- Dig up and divide daylilies and iris. Remove the clumps and brush or rinse off dirt so you can see where to divide, then replant. This can be done every 4-5 years or as needed.
- Now through October divide and transplant spring flowering perennials and bulbs.
- Discontinue deadheading as the weather cools.
- Plant bulbs for a colorful spring.
- Shop plant sales for great plants to add to your garden.
- Brighten up your front entry with colorful fall blooms.



## ROOT & BLOOM GARDEN CLUB

Root and Bloom is Thriving!! If you have watched Ted Lasso, there is a saying in there that "Soccer is Life"! Well, "Gardening and Community in Garden Clubs is Life!". Since the last ECHO, the club has been very active with many projects and events.



In May, we toured the Micro Greens Greenhouse in Orting and were amazed by how mighty microgreens are.

There was also much creativity and fun by an enthusiastic group at Metal Magic workshop lead by Jeanine Faulkner. Many works of art were created for our gardens.

In June and July we had several home garden tours. Thanks to Kim Munson, Trisha Tibbits, Tamara Larson, Linda Pempeck and Linda Bones for sharing their gardens with us. We have so much appreciation for the individuality and loveliness of each garden as well as the pleasure of sitting down to some amazing summer lunches!

Other events were a fun filled bus tour with wards on our way to the Capital and nearby nurseries.



We also planted trees for Arbor Day at the Tacoma Sportsman's Club. And we volunteered to help with bug nets and fairy gardens for the Girl Scout camp where fun was had by all.

The Board met to plan the next year's events which will be full of fun and interesting topics and activity. Our garden club roster is growing and we look forward to befriending new members!

Lastly, we prepped for the Pierce County Fair in August so that our community can get to enjoy gardening.

Trisha Tibbits



## “Experience the Magic”

Once again, we had a very successful fair and floral building.

Thanks to all the members of our Hill & Dale District who were hostesses, helped with the kid’s planting activity, helped clean, decorate, accepted entries and brought lovely horticulture to enter also. All of this contributed to our success and thanks for supporting our building. A very special thanks to Julie Wells, Randie Welcher, Kathleen Muckian, and Bridget Pilgrim, who worked their “Magic” in helping to plan and decorate

To follow this year’s theme we had a vegetable garden planted out front showing how “Experiencing the Magic” works. You can plant a seed and several weeks later enjoy eating that vegetable you grew. Inside the building we had a section devoted to educating everyone about what flowers are edible and even had cut flowers as examples and for taste testing.

We had lots of “Magic” and traffic inside the building. Our hostesses greeted all the visitors plus handed out 706 treats to the kids for constantly bringing in one of our 300 hidden rocks on the fairgrounds. We have now continued this tradition for several years, but the faces of the kids are still filled with excitement. 659 “Magical Wands” were made by the youth, yes 659 is correct - in just 4 days. Wow, what a hit those were and just think of the traffic it brought into our building.

Our entries were up from other years and the building was nice and full with a total of 643 entries. This year to increase our youth entries Country Gardeners Club did a special project with a day care and the kids made wizards out of vegetables to follow the fair theme increasing our youth entries by 24 for a total of 88 youth entries. Thanks for your “Magical Support”.



Our class of largest zucchini by weight and “What’s in Your Yard” photos continued to grow with 115 total vegetables entered and 46 photos. We donated all the vegetables that were not picked up to the Graham Food Bank which was 89.5 pounds.

Oh, let’s not forget about the clubs each bringing a “Magical Planter”. Thanks to the clubs who did participate. Dogwood won the bragging rights with their Jack in the Bean Stalk in a very large pot, photo to the left does not do it justice because Jack is even in there on a ladder. Please support the businesses that helped to sponsor our building this year: Purple Geranium Nursery donated 18 hanging baskets, 10 large planters and 60+ annual plants. Portland Ave Nursery again sponsored the kids’ planting and provided us with 12 flats of sedums, and Randles Sand & Gravel gave us 300 river rocks to paint.

More pictures on next page





Thank you for your  
"Magical Support"

## Just for Fun

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### Find These Words

- Pruning
- Planting
- Weeding
- Harvesting
- Trimming
- Thinning
- Transplanting
- Tools
- Bulbs
- Mulch
- Thankfulness



# DISTRICT AWARDS 2022

The following awards were presented at the WSFGC June Convention and June Bus Trip and Luncheon



## National Awards Received

Certificate of Commendation, Runners-up	
Container Gardening	Garden Hour
Horticulture Education Youth/Pierce County Fair	District
Certificate of Appreciation, other submissions	
Website	District
Publication of Echo	District

## Regional Awards Received

Youth Event, youth education Pierce County Fair	1st Place, District
Flower Show Schedule, Playing in the Garden	1st Place, District
Website	1st Place, District
Membership Campaign	2nd Place, Garden Hour
Yearbook	2nd Place, Root & Bloom
Website	1st Place, Root & Bloom
Youth Activities, 4-H Super Saturday	1st Place, Root & Bloom

## State Awards Received by District

Community Enhancement & Service, Pierce Cty Fair	1st Place
Website	1st Place
Newsletter, ECHO	1st Place
Youth Involvement, Pierce Cty Fair	1st Place
NGC Standard Flower Show, Playing in the Garden	1st Place
Flower Show Schedule, Playing in the Garden	1st Place
Flower Show Schedule, Marching Band	2nd Place

## State Awards Received by Clubs

Community Enhancement & Service, Pot Party	1st Place, Garden Hour
Community Enhancement, Container Gardening	1st Place, Garden Hour
Growing Project	3rd Place, Country Gardeners
Growing Project	Honorable Mention, Garden Hour
Honor Clubs	Honorable Mention, Root & Bloom
Honor Clubs	Honorable Mention, Glove & Trowel
Therapy Gardens	3rd Place, Garden Hour
Yearbook for clubs of 1-20 members	2nd Place, Garden Hour
Yearbook for clubs of 20-29 members	1st Place, Root & Bloom
Website	1st Place, Root & Bloom

### State Awards Received by Individuals

Betty Belcher Horticulture Award  
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Berta Deming Blue Ribbon Award  
Flower Show Recycling Award  
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Horticulture Essay  
Terry Critchlow Photography Award  
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Carolyn Erickson All Fresh Floral Design  
Carolyn Erickson All Fresh Floral Design  
Carolyn Erickson All Fresh Floral Design  
Carol Klingberg Educational Award  
Carol Klingberg Educational Award  
Marva Lee Peterschuick Flowering Shrub/Tree  
Ellen Swenson Design Excellence  
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Brynn Tavasci Recycling Award  
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2nd Place Chris Sherrill, Country Gardeners  
Honorable Mention] Karen Silveus Country Gardeners  
Honorable Mention, Kim Munson, Root & Bloom  
1st Place, Cindy Swanberg, Root & Bloom  
1st Place, Francine Minor, Aster Nots  
2nd Place, Debbie Spiller, Country Gardeners  
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2nd Place, Cincy Swanberg, Root & Bloom  
1st Place, Debbie Spiller, Country Gardeners  
2nd Place, Patti Isom, Country Gardeners  
3rd Place, Jeanine Faulkner, Root & Bloom  
1st Place, Kathy Johnson, Root & Bloom  
3rd Place, Madeline West, Aster Nots  
2nd P/ace, Kathy Johnson, Root & Bloom  
3rd Place, Debbie Spiller, Country Gardeners  
Honorable Mention, Debbie Spiller, Country Gardeners  
Honorable Mention, Jeanine Faulkner, Root & Bloom  
1st Place, Tamara Larson, Root & Bloom  
2nd Place, Karla Stove, Root & Bloom

### District Awards Received

Honor Club  
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Most Horticulture Points  
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Most Design Points  
Most Design Points

1st Place, Root & Bloom  
2nd Place, Glove & Trowel  
3rd Place, Dogwood  
4th Place, Garden Hour  
1st Place, Root & Bloom  
2nd Place, Country Gardeners  
1st Place, Root & Bloom  
2nd Place, Country Gardeners

### Past District Directors Awards

Applies most Awards, Fran Cissel Award  
Most Helpful Husband, Mary Bewley Award  
Best Attendance, Marvel Hood Award  
Best Design in March, Sherry Matthews Award  
Civic Development, Judy Strickland Award  
Most Design Entries, Linda Maida Award  
Most Horticulture Entries, Rosie Trujillo Award  
Most Botanical Arts Entries, Linda Maida Award  
Share Our Knowledge, Rachel Jennings award

Root & Bloom  
Kerry Harris, Dogwood  
Root & Bloom  
Karen Hanson, Interlaaken  
Root & Bloom  
Country Gardeners  
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Root & Bloom  
Nancy Schank, Dogwood

### 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.*

### SPREAD A LITTLE SUNSHINE!

Do you know a member who could use a cheerful note or card? Let **Chris Sherrill** know and she will send out a card. [smittywalt@centurylink.net](mailto:smittywalt@centurylink.net) or 253.820.5907



## GARDEN THERAPY

Hello Garden Club Friends!

Please join me in the next Garden Therapy event at Silver Creek Retirement and Assisted living, **17607 91st Ave E, Puyallup, WA 98375**, on Thursday, October 26th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

We are going to decorate bases to look like stained glass and will fill them with fresh cut fall flowers. The residents will have a beautiful accent for their living spaces and they can reuse the vase!

I'd appreciate it if 1-2 members from each club could be there to help. No need to bring anything - just come for the fellowship with other garden club members and interactions with the residents.

I look forward to partnering with you in crafting, conversation and community building.

If you have questions please shoot me a text or give me a call at 702.528.9418.

Thanks!!

SammieJo Thirtyacre

## HAPPY FALL!



To plant a garden is to believe  
In tomorrow.  
*Audrey Hepburn*

## HILL & DALE DISTRICT MEETING SEPT. 26, 2023 ~ 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

*Flower entries no later than 9:30 a.m.*

Dryer Masonic Center  
306 134th St S  
Tacoma, WA 98444

'Tis the season to gather amongst our gardening friends and learn, laugh and nurture lasting relationships. All members are invited to join in on the enjoyment of attending the District Meeting in September.

Although it is titled a 'meeting' it is so much more than that. We receive education and entertainment with our excellent guest speakers. Plan to arrive on time and spend the day together.



I will have the pleasure of introducing our morning speaker Tammy Brown, who will be sharing her knowledge about hardy fuchsias for our gardens.

She operates Earthworks Fuchsia Nursery located in Covington which has been growing and propagating fuchsias for over 35 years.

After lunch we are celebrating a Botanical Arts Extravaganza. A team of our talented local designers will educate us with the ins and outs of design. The possibilities of creating entries at future flower shows are tremendous. We will see some ideas that will spark our creativity and be encouraged to produce our own stunning horticultural arts.

Be sure and check out the entries in the flower show while you are at the meeting.

Come celebrate the wonderful talent in our midst!

Lisa Libby

## “OH AH LAY LAY” DAY CAMP

At camp “Oh H Lay Lay” on July 25th, we watched 138 Girl Scouts marching in their separate units and chanting as they approached our station. In the morning Linda P. taught 54 Daisies and Brownies (5 to 8 years old) the differences between bugs and which ones were beneficial bugs. She held 3 class that were 45 minutes each. With the help of volunteers the girls made bug nets out of fabric nettings, wire and pvc pipes and then went on a scavenger hunt to catch bugs.



After a quick lunch break 84 Juniors and Cadets marched up (9 to 14 years old). Cindy taught 4 sessions about sedum growth and care. The girls created fairy gardens using 3 different types of sedums and added cut fairy figurines, wandering sand paths, rivers and lakes. You name it, it was incorporated into the containers.



Thanks to our volunteers that helped with a session and some even stayed all day long: Randie, Sue, Kathy, Tamara, Jann, Linda P., Cindy, Karla, Lynne and Raunie.





# HILL & DALE DATES TO REMEMBER

## Board Meetings

Sept 5, 2023  
Oct 24, 2023

Feb 27, 2024  
Apr 23, 2024

Sept 3, 2024  
Oct 22, 2024

Feb 25, 2025  
Apr 22, 2025

## District Garden Therapy

Oct 26, 2023  
Feb 22, 2024  
May 23, 2024  
Oct 24, 2024  
Feb 27, 2025  
May 22, 2025

## Girl Scouts

Oct 22, 2023

## Flower Show School

Oct 17 - 19, 2023 Course #3  
Mar 12 - 14, 2024 Course #4

## Hill & Dale Scholarship Due

Feb 10, 2024  
Feb 10, 2025

## District Meetings

Sept 26, 2023  
Nov 28, 2023

Mar 26, 2024  
May 28, 2024

Sept 24, 2024  
Dec 3, 2024

Mar 25, 2025  
May 27, 2025

## Educational Bus Trip

June 18, 2024  
June 24, 2025

## Pierce Cty Fair

Aug 8 - 11, 2024  
Aug 7 - 10, 2025

## District Plant Sale

Apr 27, 2024  
Apr 26, 2025

## Mini Convention

June 11 - 12, 2024

## Installation Convention

June 2 - 5, 2025

## WSFGC Grants Due

Mar 15, 2024  
Mar 15, 2025

## WSFGC Awards Due

Dec 1, 2023  
Feb 1, 2024

