# Pine Lake Garden Club

# **Upcoming PLGC Activities**

10/14 11 am Virtual October
Meeting

Our 2020/2021 member booklets are ready. Nan Gordon has them at the Sammamish John L Scott real estate office for pick up. Contact her at ngordon@johnlscott.com. Delivery can be arranged.

10/31 Rare Halloween Blue Moon (2 full moons in a month). Next Halloween Full Moon is not until 2039!



### **October Checklist**

- Plant trees and shrubs.
- Dig up and split your perennials.
- Clean up the summer garden. Many pests and diseases over-winter in old plant debris.
- Good time for mulch to protect plants from winter weather and minimize weed growth. Free arbor chips at <a href="https://www.getchipdrop.com">www.getchipdrop.com</a> or check out <a href="https://www.pacifictopsoils.com">www.pacifictopsoils.com</a>
- Bring vacationing houseplants back inside.
- Shut off water and drain systems. Put hoses away.
- Buy your pumpkins. Box stores have a lot but <u>the</u> place to go is Gordon Skagit Farm in Mt. Vernon. They have an amazing selection of pumpkins, ornamental squash and gourds <u>www.gordonskagitfarms.com</u>

#### **Upcoming Webinars**

(may require fee)

Northwest Horticultural Society www.northwesthort.org

10/1-30 Gardening with Ferns 10/1-30 Gardening with Rare Natives 10/8 Virtual Symposium 10/29 Planting for the Seasons

Bellevue Botanical Garden www.bellevuebotanical.org

10/3 Let's Paint Birds
 10/14 Botanically inspired zentangle art
 10/21 Year round color in shade garden

### Member Update

Sarah Cheng is offering seed packets for those of you who are saving seeds. Contact her at <a href="mailto:sarahcheng@comcast.net">sarahcheng@comcast.net</a>

# Virtual Meeting.

Our virtual meeting will be **Wednesday, October 14th at 11:00 am.** Marianne Wilkins will send out an email invite with the details of how to connect onto Zoom. The topic will be "How to Propagate Plants from Cuttings". We will see a demonstration showing clear and easy ways to do this. Learn to make a minigreenhouse to support your cuttings from a recycled container

# Freezing Temperatures

Farmers Almanac climate stations

	2020	2021
	<u>first</u>	<u>last</u>
Snoqualmie Falls	Oct. 26	April 14
Renton	Nov. 7	March 24
Monroe	Oct. 21.	April 17

www.almanac.com/gardening/frostdates

## Mushrooms

With cool temperatures it appears most things in nature are taking a winter break. But the fungi underground is at its best. Here are a few sites to explore.

**Movie** - Fantastic Fungi, The Magic Beneath Us. A film by Louie Schwartzburg streaming on You Tube and Apple TV. www.fantasticfungi.com

Puget Sound Mycological Society - www.psms.org

**Book** - Mushroom Hunters, Langdon Cook. <u>Book</u>

**Local Source** - Scratch cultivated mushrooms and grow kits in

Duvall. www.snovalleymushrooms.com

**Tour** - Foraging trips. www.fieldtripsociety.com



truffles

### Plant of the Month



Cafe au Lait Dahlia

This beauty is growing in Phyllis Woodward's garden.

It is an informal decorative dinner-plate dahlia.

Flowers are an unusual blend of creamy blush. They are very popular with brides and wedding designers. Height 4-5', Sun, Spacing 12-18". Dahlias are planted when the soil warms in spring and bloom to frost.

### Member Favorites

Here are some of Elaine Keehn's Favorites

- Mulch (no fertilizer) every year in February, about 2-4" around the whole garden.
- Nursery Wells Medina Nursery in Bellevue, <u>www.wellsmedinanursery.com</u> And garden supplies at Steuber Distributing in Snohomish <u>www.steuberdistributing.org</u>
- Tool She has several favorite Bulldog tools 2 shovels and a pitchfork. They were likely purchased at Sammamish Ace Hardware (which is no longer there). The tools are made at <a href="https://www.claringtonforge.com">www.claringtonforge.com</a>
- Vegetable Seeds Territorial Seed Company, www.territorialseed.com
- Current Favorite Plant Wisteria "you need your head examined to grow it because it gets so big" but she is looking out of her kitchen window, and it is beautiful.



Sammamish Botanical Society - They have begun planning for a future planting at the Heritage Garden. If interested contact <a href="https://www.sammamishbotanical.org">www.sammamishbotanical.org</a>

Salmon Days & Issaquah Farmers Market is partnering on Saturday, October 3rd between 9a-2p. Stop by the booth to take a picture with Sammy and get a goodie bag while you're there. Located at Pickering Place (across from Costco) drop by to get fresh fruits & vegetables as well as a myriad of home, garden and other vendors



Please send information for next month's newsletter to Sandra deMers at <a href="mailto:buckeydog@msn.com">buckeydog@msn.com</a>

#### Pine Lake Garden Club Mission Statement

To foster our interest in gardening through sharing, education and fellowship Within our club and community.