

Pine Lake Garden Club

Upcoming PLGC Activities

3/10 11 am Virtual
March Meeting.

Marianne Wilkins will send out an email invite with the details of how to connect onto Zoom. The topic will be "Covid-19 Today, Separating Fact From Fiction" by Paulette Roe.

3/14 Daylight Savings
sunrise 7:20 am
sunset 7:14 pm
www.sunrise-sunset.org

3/20 Spring Equinox
"First Day of Spring"

Plant Sale

May 8th. Contact Julie Reed.
JulieEReed@aol.com
to help out. Soil is available.
Pots are also available.



March Checklist

- Enjoy daffodils, hyacinths, crocus, chionodoxa and other early blooming spring bulbs
- Continue planting seeds
- Prune Roses, Hydrangeas, Clematis
- Clean up leftover fall and remaining perennial debris.
- Slug and snail patrol !!
- Order/buy compost to add to garden beds

Upcoming Webinars

(may require fee)

Heronswood

www.heronswoodgarden.org

Terrific videos and classes

Northwest Horticultural Society

www.northwesthort.org

3/10 Earth in Her Hands

3/17 Epimediums

3/24 Growing Species

Rhododendrons

Bellevue Botanical Garden

www.bellevuebotanical.org

3/3 Hydrangea How-to

3/4 Container Vegetable
Gardening

3/10 Hydrangea Pruning

3/11 Gardening for Life

3/17 21st Century Botanic Garden.

3/21 Build a Terrarium

Northwest Perennial Alliance

www.northwestperennialalliance.org

3/1 March Mania Plant Sale

3/6 Adam Frost, Chelsea Gardens.

3/21 Christina Shand, Lecture

5/2 NPA Spring Plant Sale

East Lake Washington District

Garden Clubs

www.elwd.org

Wednesday workshops (signup
required)

Whidbey Garden Workshop

www.whidbeygardening.org

3/6 Lots of interesting classes

Pruning Roses

- Prune Early March (or when forsythias are blooming)
- Cut down by two-thirds to an outward facing bud
- Remove old woody canes and those that are crossing
- Once they start growing, fertilize every 6 weeks.



Mason Bees

Mason bees are terrific pollinators and gardeners can help by hosting bees in their backyard.

www.crownbees.com

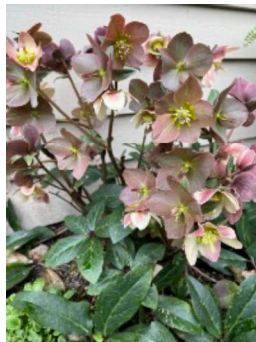
www.rentmasonbees.com

Mason bees are industrious and can visit over 2,000 flowers a day. They are non-aggressive. There is no queen bee to protect or reason to be defensive. These friendly pollinators co-exist with honeybees.

Plant of the Month

Hellebores

Evergreen plants that bloom early winter - early spring. They provide exquisite blooms at a time when flowers are scarce. Hellebores like well drained soil, sun/partial shade and grow 18"-24". Prune off flowering stems to the base after bloom cycle is finished.



Organic Garden Solutions from Ilse Burch's 2/10 PLGC presentation

Aphids: 1) squish them, 2) allow beneficials to consume them, 3) wash off with a hard spray of water, 4) insecticidal soap, 5) neem oil, 6) red pepper wax

Mites, scales, spider mites: 1) pressure wash gently to remove them, 2) oil spray with horticultural oil. Do Not Apply On A Hot Day! Be sure to read the label. 3) red pepper wax

Mealybugs: 1) consider chucking the plant, especially if they get into the roots, 2) use a swab with oil or alcohol to remove them

Vine weevils: 1) find and squish the little buggars at night, 2) use beetlejus, a brand new bacillus thuringiensis product

Damping off of seedlings: 1) do not overwater, and provide good ventilation. 2) sprinkle with cinnamon (I buy it at Costco but ethnic stores might also be a good source)

Moss, just about everywhere, but especially on slippery driveways etc, 1) baking soda sprinkled (may need to repeat)

Weeds in walks 1) vinegar. You may spray with full strength vinegar, or you may apply half strength with a *plastic* watering can. Costco sells white vinegar for about \$5 for 2 gallons

*Vinegar will also kill the plants you like so don't use it where it will contact your good plants.

Fungi:

Black spot on roses. Pull off all dead leaves in February, collect and put in yard waste. Then mulch. Apparently, the spots that form on stems are also fungi. These can probably be controlled with peroxide, "the green cure", or another benign fungicide. The "green cure" is potassium bicarbonate. It is used in commercial baking but you can buy it as a fungicide

Hellebores: limestone chips around plants in spring (be sure to remove icky foliage). Limestone chips can be bought at the Grange, in 44 pound bags.

Tomato leaf diseases. Only works on fungal diseases....spray with hydrogen peroxide.

Critters in bulbs, etc, sprinkle dried red pepper flakes. Costco, or an ethnic store can supply.

Some plants from Ilse's garden



Algerian Iris

Not fussy but needs careful attention to site selection



Daphne bholua "Gurka"

Not super hardy but smells better than anything. Seriously!



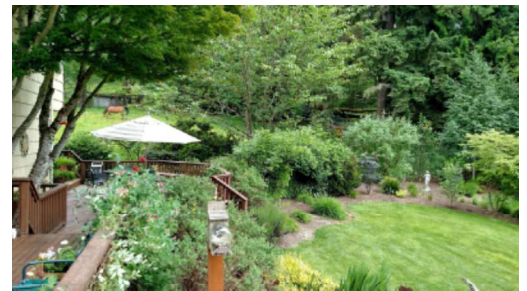
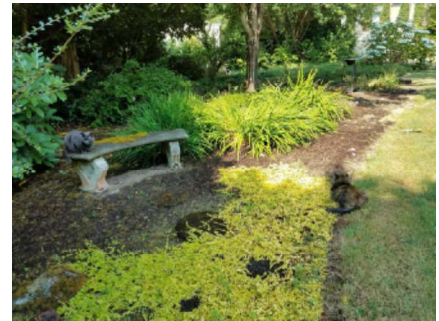
Eranthis hyemalis, "winter aconite"

Super hardy, reliable bloomers and poisonous, making them bunny and deer resistant. Looking to find homes for some of these if wanted.

Member Favorites

Here are some of Susan Richardson's Favorites

- Anything that makes you think of a garden area as another room
 - gates
 - arbors
 - leading pathways
 - benches
- Whimsical statues, orbs, bulbs
- Shade Plants
 - Used to be a sun lover but moving towards the amazing shade foliages. Ferns.
- Plants with Fragrance.
 - Repeat blooming roses or a big pot of Stargazer Lillies.
- Bird Feeders (once bird salmonella passes)
 - Suet in a high pulley system to refill and discourage pests, also puts cut rose stems underneath to keep the cats away.
 - Hummingbird Feeder - Use ski hand warmers with adhesive to prevent freezing during the cold snaps.
- Susan will soon be moving to the Philadelphia area to be close to family (including a new granddaughter). She will miss the areas tall stately Evergreens, mountain topography and her summer vegetable garden. But she is moving to an area steeped in history and new garden adventures.



Buttercup Farm