

Renew, Branch Out & Bloom

My Theme for East Lake Washington District 2021-2023 term is **“Renew, Branch Out & Bloom”**.

We certainly did “BLOOM” at our District Flower Show, **“Festival of Color”**. It was a Small NGC Standard Flower Show at the Arron Education Center in the beautiful Bellevue Botanical Garden on July 31 and August 1. The horticulture, floral designs, photography, and educational exhibits were enjoyed by over 230 people.



*June Ann Hassebroek – Flower Show
Chairman, Lana Finegold – Gardener
of the Year*

Sunny days and lots of color inside and outside said welcome and learn more about garden clubs. The clubs worked hard with all the entries, staging, hospitality, and all the other preparation work, as well as talking with the many guests. A big thank you for all our clubs for their enthusiastic participation.

I know, I was so happy to be with all the little faces I saw on Zoom again and so many I had not met in person, even if we wore masks. Everyone was in such a “Festive” mood.

At the end of the show Sunday, the festivities were still going strong as the Seattle Civic Garden Center members had a lovely reception to present our past District Director and new Pacific Region Director, Lana Finegold, the **WFGC Gardener of the Year**. Guests and both district members were there to cheer Lana on and were treated to cakes provided by our hosts.

Looking back it was an event to make you smile but we are looking forward to more smiles even with the ups and downs of Covid. Plans are in the works for more “Branching Out and Blooming” as we ride the tide back to more Garden Club good works and special days.

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