

## **East Lake Washington District ECHO EXTRA March 5, 2022**

Hi Pine Lake Garden Club,

This Echo Extra contains a thank you from our Director, Linda White for NWF&G Festival volunteers; I hope her comments will encourage new volunteers when ELWD takes on a project. Sorry I missed it this year as I've always enjoyed seeing the show, hearing the speakers, and taking a turn in the booth. I'm also including information on the flower show Terra Tillers Garden Club is sponsoring at the Bellevue Botanical Garden (schedule is attached - don't miss looking at it, here or on the ELWD website), a message from JuneAnn Hassebroek, our liason to the BBG and Arbor Day chairman, and an item about a Pine Lake Garden Club undertaking. The minutes of the General Meeting are included at the end of this Echo Extra. I'll be sending reminders about events closer to their date.

Spring is Coming, Enjoy,

Joyce Voldal, ELWD Mailout Chairman

PS - The photo of Tory Bennett, the Design speaker at the GMM - I received it from Linda just before I was about to hit send.

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### **District Director's Message - Linda White**

**A BIG "THANK YOU" to the following GREAT VOLUNTEERS for the 2022 NW Flower and Garden Festival at the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle.**

**The February 9 – 13, 2022, far reaching event netted 57 lead cards for new members throughout WA and one for California as well. So many people were interested in a garden club. Many people stopped at our very beautifully decorated booth to talk to members and take information. They seemed genuinely interested in learning about garden club and hopefully will join a club. It would not have been a success without all of the planners, designers, brochure makers, our scheduler, mailout people, club support and the helpful, friendly club members at our booth. Feedback tells that those who did work had fun and enjoyed seeing the entire show which was a breath of Springtime and an assurance in wintery February that the sun will shine again. Visitors loved the show. It was like a mini vacation in a beautiful garden. We cannot thank everyone enough for all they did, thanks.**

**The Planning Committee – Much time was spent by these folks making our booth beautiful.**

**East Lake Washington District**

Linda White – ELWD Director

Mandy Carter- Hilltoppers

Lana Finegold- Sherwood Forest

Melissa Firuz – Willowmoor

Cathy Williams – Our Scheduler for Both Districts- Issaquah (ELWD)

**Greater Seattle District**

Mitch Grospe - GSD Director

Amanda Bennett- North End

Evie Marwood – North End

Chris Matsen – North End

**The Set Up and Take Down Crew**

**ELWD**

John White- Hilltoppers

Linda White -Hilltoppers

**GSD**

Sean Gaddis - Seattle Civic

Mitch Grospe – Seattle Civic

**The Booth Workers**

**ELWD**

Mandy Carter – Hilltoppers

Tamra Chinn – Hill & Dale

Jamie Diaz – Hilltoppers

Marie Diaz – Hilltoppers

Mary Deviny – Terra Tillers

Lana Finegold – Sherwood Forest

June Ann Hassebroek – Issaquah

Janie Matsumoto – Hilltoppers

**GSD**

Eileen Baker- West Seattle

Jean Birkland – Carlton Park

Kathy Carr – Carlton Park

Sean Gaddis – Seattle Civic

Mitch Grospe – Seattle Civic

Gale Kroll – West Seattle

Carol Kyle – Carlton Park

Evie Marwood – North End

Barbara Miller – Terra Tillers

Suzie Stillman – Seattle Civic

Alice Park – Terra Tillers  
Park

Gretchen Taylor- Gretchen Taylor – Carleton

Marie Perdue - Hilltoppers

Jan Westfall – Hilltoppers

John White - Hilltoppers

Linda White – Hilltoppers

Bruce Williams - Issaquah

Cathy Williams- Issaquah

**ELWD Brochure and Website** - Marianne Wilkens - Pine Lake

**ELWD Mailout** – Joyce Voldal – Willowmoor

**GOOD JOB ALL.** We certainly have branched out and are Blooming!  
Think Spring,

Linda White, ELWD Director and Mitch Grospe, GSD Director  
**NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN!**

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to the WSFGC Project Grants Committee,  
Diane Franchini, Ann Sullivan and Debbie Angel for the \$1,000 Grant.

**MESSAGE RE: May 21: TERRA TILLERS "All Shook Up", an NGC Standard Flower Show at the Bellevue Botanical Garden**

Our ELWD Terra Tillers Garden Club has been sponsoring flower shows for the ELWD and the Public every couple of years for many years.

It's quite an undertaking for a small club with only 11 members. They rely on entries from throughout our District to fill the number of

entries required to be a NGC Standard Show. This year their show titled "All Shook Up", remembering Elvis includes Horticulture, Design,

Educationals, Youth Entries (ages 6-10). The show schedule is attached and contains so much information. Besides the information about

the entries needed, it has Elvis bio & illustrations, list of their show chairmen, rules of the show, and a glossary. If you've never entered

or attended a flower show, I think you'll enjoy looking at the schedule and will appreciate the work Terra Tillers does to put this show on for

everyone. There is no charge to attend the show. The schedule is also on our ELWD website: <https://elwd.org>

## **OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BELLEVUE BOTANICAL GARDEN - JuneAnn Hassebroek**

"As a **Partner** to BBG we will have a Volunteer work day **Friday April 15** (change from our normal date) check in at The Gathering Place by 9:45 and help until noon. Sign up by sending June Ann Hassebroek an email: [juneannhas@aol.com](mailto:juneannhas@aol.com) (Note from Joyce: **Thanks to those that signed up at the GMM; as of this mailing, JuneAnn still needed a couple more volunteers**).

East Lake Washington District is one of the official organizations that **PARTNER** with Bellevue Botanical Garden. Historically we are working to preserve and encourage using native plants in both community and personal gardens.

### **BENEFITS of BBG TO ELWD:**

1. Contact information regarding ELWD is on BBG web site.
2. Our representatives attend meetings where each of the nine Partner representatives share projects and offer support.
3. ELWD is allowed two large meetings and 10 small ones each year - free of charge if within normal hours of operation. Use of facility must be arranged by ELWD/BBG Coordinator ( June Ann)
4. Frequent mention of ELWD by BBGS - such as the colorful wooden signs including our District at entrance to Native Discovery Garden. BBG Manager includes mention of our organization when she is doing group meetings for all garden members.
5. Articles in BBGS magazine reviewing all the years of ELWD volunteer work from very beginning 30 years ago.
6. Helping by advertising our flower shows...such as the Terra Tiller G.C. plans for next May.

### **IN EXCHANGE:**

ELWD should urge every club to learn more about BBGS by becoming members. Seeing the names of our garden clubs listed in BBGS magazine is good publicity and good way to show our support of the education and friendship we gain by association. and PARTNER status.

### **SAMMAMISH HERITAGE GARDEN**

Our ELWD Pine Lake Garden Club has partnered with the Sammamish Botanical Garden Society (SBGS) to support the creation of the new Heritage Garden

in Sammamish; the SBGS hopes to establish a Botanical Garden on the plateau. "Big Rock Park Central (Parcel B) opened of last June at 1516 220th Ave. SE. Over three miles of meadow and woodland trails connect Big Rock Park North and Central. Enjoy a walk and

the ongoing discoveries in our beautiful Sammamish parks system. The garden demonstrates heritage plants which might have been found in early gardens in our area. You'll find an heirloom Yellow Bellflower apple tree which was a popular orchard tree in the 1800's and eight different Old Garden Roses which are known prior to 1867. The past growing season the garden provided over 200 pounds of garden produce donations to the Issaquah Food Bank. Plan a visit during the upcoming growing season and enjoy this new treasure. Parking is available close to the garden.

**JUST FOR THOUGHT:** I found this saying that fits the times and has a gardening twist, no author was cited: **"Lettuce Peas take Thyme to Beet Indifference; Squash Anger; Weed out Prejudice; and Cultivate enough wisdom to Turnip for each other"**

### **General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**The East Lake Washington District General Membership Meeting, February 28, 2022, was held at St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Bellevue, WA, at 10:00 am.**

Since the district had enough money in the treasury and this was the first, in person meeting since Covid, it was declared free for the attendees. ELWD paid for the church rental, 2 programs, dessert and coffee and tea.

**In attendance:** Tory Bennett (Guest Speaker); Emilie Castle (Guest Speaker); Gale Baullinger; Susanne Bertrand; Billie Cairns; Denice Cronin-Hanson; Mary Deviny; Nancy Ellis; Lana Finegold; Elaine Fowler; Melissa Firuz; Carol Galea; Nan Gordon; Joan Harris; June Ann Hassebroek; Lois Helbert; Judy Herron, Joy Jackson; Marilyn Knapp; Dorothy Krawczyk; Renee Kroese; Georgann Lennon; Jean Pass; Elaine Pinkerton; Sandra Roberts; Dianne Tanner; Charlene Trent-Lewis; Joyce Voldal; Joan Waldeck; Shadi Wang; Linda White; Cathy Williams, Ann Woodling; Mitch Grospe.  
Everyone in the room introduced themselves and their club.

Jean Pass, WSFGC Flower Show Chair, announced there will be a new series of four classes of the Nation Garden Club's Flower Show School, starting in Portland on Oct 1 for School 1.

June Ann talked about Bellevue Botanical Garden and passed around the signup sheet for an ELWD Work Day, at the garden, April 15, 2022.

Mary Deviny reported the Terra Tiller Flower show "All Shook Up" , Remembering Elvis, on May 21-22, at Bellevue Botanical Garden is listed on the ELWD website. Entries should be submitted soon; the schedules will be emailed.

The Northwest Flower and Garden Festival, in Seattle Feb. 9-13 recap: Show booth sponsored by ELWD and Greater Seattle District: There were 33 people involved in planning, designing and working the booth. We received 57 cards of interest.. ELWD and GSD applied for an endowment grant and each district received \$500.00 towards their expenses.

The ELWD logo has been colorized by Mitch Grospe and a friend of his, a graphic designer. It was done as a gift from GSD to ELWD.

Lana Finegold, our Pacific Region Director, mentioned that the PR Convention will be in Las Vegas, April 25-27, 2022. The 2023 PR Convention will be at the Embassy Suites, Lynnwood, WA, on April 17-20, 2023.

NGC Plant America is celebrated in April..

Raffle prizes were donated by Issaquah, Sherwood Forest and West Sammamish Garden Clubs. All three raffle prizes were won by members of Issaquah Garden Club. Additional center piece plants and plants left over from the Flower and Garden Festival brought by GSD were raffled off too.

Everyone was to provide their own lunch, and ELWD provided fancy cupcakes for dessert.

Before the business meeting, Emily Castle did a powerpoint presentation about herbs—how to grow them and what you can do with them. After lunch, Tory Bennett displayed , arranged and discussed the designs she brought and designed in person.

Next GMM will be on May 16, 22033 at St. Andrews Lutheran Church again.

submitted by Joy Jackson, ELWD Recording Secretary

### WEBSITES

ELWD website: <https://elwd.org>

NGC website has been revised: <https://gardenclub.org>

Pacific Region website also has a wealth of information: [pacificregiongardenclubs.org](https://pacificregiongardenclubs.org)