



NORTHWEST FUCHSIA SOCIETY

# *Fuchsia Flash*

[www.nwfuchsiasociety.com](http://www.nwfuchsiasociety.com)

*Volume 29, No. 6, December 2011*

## President's Message~

### **OF TUNA FISH AND TEENAGERS~**

With our fuchsias safely stored and prepared for winter, my thoughts have turned to the social world we live in. Lunchtime today was routine for me – I went to the cupboard, pulled out a can of tuna, some tomato soup, and a couple of pieces of bread. In less than ten minutes, I had one of my favorite lunches: toasted tuna sandwich with pickles, and hot tomato soup. Not fancy, but warm and satisfying.

Then I opened the mail, and received a nice “thank you” card from the Emergency Food Network director. It was not a big gift given to the EFN a couple weeks ago, but greatly appreciated - they turn every dollar I give them in to \$12 worth of food. Can you imagine what it must be like to go to the cupboard and NOT find tuna or tomato soup? I can't – but I guess I have been luckier than a lot of people.

After lunch, I took five large gift bags of hand-knitted hats to a local church's food bank. I didn't knit all of them, but I was the lucky one to be able to deliver them. The youth director of the church put the bags under the Christmas tree in the entry. She said they just put the tree up, and are collecting hats, gloves and blankets, etc. because the middle school across the street has students from forty (40!!!) homeless families among their student body, and the church is trying to help them all. I can't comprehend what it must be like to live in your car and try to get a teenager to school! And this in my nice “middle-class” neighborhood in north Tacoma!

Then I went on with my day – a few errands, got my hair cut, and ended up at another middle school in town where my Rotary Club was serving ice cream sundaes to students being recognized for doing well in school, young people learning to be good citizens. This was an exceptional day for me, and one that reminded me repeatedly of how fortunate I am to have a warm house, full pantry, a waterproof coat, **and** a good education. Not everyone is so lucky!

What will you be thankful for next week? What gifts will you give during the coming holiday season? Can you write a check to your local food bank? Can you knit or crochet a hat while watching TV to give to someone trying to keep warm? Can you donate something that a teenager would like, such as nail polish, a curling iron or a shaving kit or a basketball? Teens don't get a lot in the Toys for Tots barrel, but they need to be remembered too. Whatever you can do, you will be the lucky one!

My favorite saying: ***“I cannot do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all the good I can do!”***

Have a safe and peaceful holiday season.

*Virginia Ferguson*

253-756-2133

[vferguson@harbournet.com](mailto:vferguson@harbournet.com)

**NORTHWEST FUCHSIA SOCIETY**  
**12735 – 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW, SEATTLE WA 98177-4221**

Board meetings are held bi-monthly. In the spring and summer months we will meet on the **third Thursdays - May 19th, July 21st and September 15th, 7:30pm at Merrill Gardens/Northgate Plaza in Seattle, 11030 – 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE**. In January, March and November they will be held on the third Saturday of the month at 10am at St. Mathews Lutheran Church, 1700 Edmonds Ave NE, Renton.

*~All members are invited to attend these meetings. ~*

**President: Virginia Ferguson**

4702 N Mullen St, Tacoma WA 98407-4423  
253-756-2133; [vrferguson@harbornet.com](mailto:vrferguson@harbornet.com)

**Vice-President: Kevin Jones** 425-345-5393 (cell)

PO Box 1795, 30407 – 68<sup>th</sup> Ave NW  
Stanwood, WA 98292-1795  
360-629-4827; [kevin.jng@usa.com](mailto:kevin.jng@usa.com)

**Recording Secretary: Frances Underwood**

8020 Roosevelt Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115-4226  
206-522-4312; [fajunder@comcast.net](mailto:fajunder@comcast.net)

**Treasurer: Sally Williams**

11822 - 31st Place NE, Seattle WA 98125-5602  
206-365-6887; [sally.williams@comcast.net](mailto:sally.williams@comcast.net)

**Corresponding Secretary/Sunshine: Donna Fellows**

610 - 5th Street, Steilacoom WA 98388-1802  
253-588-4541; [sewfuchsia@gmail.com](mailto:sewfuchsia@gmail.com)

**International Correspondent: Joan Hampton**

12735 1st Avenue NW, Seattle WA 98177-4221  
206-362-3713; [joanfuchsia@comcast.net](mailto:joanfuchsia@comcast.net)

**Traveling Libraries:**

**Historian: Gwen Jensen**

10710 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW, Seattle WA 98177-4808  
206-365-5416; [walternorth@comcast.net](mailto:walternorth@comcast.net)

**Parliamentarian: Sally Williams**

11822 - 31st Place NE, Seattle WA 98125-5602  
206-365-6887; [sally.williams@comcast.net](mailto:sally.williams@comcast.net)

**Club Liaison: Kevin Jones** 425-345-5393 (cell)

30407 – 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW  
PO Box 1795, Stanwood WA 98292-1795  
360-629-4827; [kevin.jng@usa.com](mailto:kevin.jng@usa.com)

**Judges' Chairman: Shirley Rock**

13314 - 34th Ave NW, Marysville WA 98271-7101  
360-652-8908; [samnjerry@frontier.com](mailto:samnjerry@frontier.com)

**Speakers' list: Frankie Dennison**

8007 NE 205th St, Kenmore WA 98028-2139  
425-398-8633; [rdmfd@frontier.com](mailto:rdmfd@frontier.com)

**Growers' List: Frances Underwood**

8020 Roosevelt Way NE, Sea WA 98115-4226  
206-522-4312; [fajunder@comcast.net](mailto:fajunder@comcast.net)

**Hardy list: Salli Dahl**

2130-A Little Hanaford Rd, Centralia WA 98531-8913  
360-736-4595; [dahlhaus@g.com](mailto:dahlhaus@g.com)

**NWFS Roster: Pat Arndt**

5215 NE 187<sup>th</sup> St, Lake Forest Park WA 98155-4345  
206-364-0627; [arndtp@comcast.net](mailto:arndtp@comcast.net)

**NWFS Show: No Show In 2011**

**Scholarship: Sally Williams**

11822 - 31st Place NE, Seattle WA 98125-5602  
206-365-6887; [sally.williams@comcast.net](mailto:sally.williams@comcast.net)

The **FUCHSIA FLASH** is published on a bi-monthly basis February through December.  
Deadline for submission of articles or advertising to the FLASH is the **10th of the month** prior to publication.  
**All article contributions are welcome.**

Editor: Claudia Attebery  
5822 – 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW  
Seattle, WA 98107-2117  
206-789-0615 Home  
206-383-7829 Cell  
[gattebery@comcast.net](mailto:gattebery@comcast.net)

**ADVERTISING**

Business Cards	3-1/2" x 2"	\$ 5.00 per month
Quarter Page	3-1/2" x 4"	\$ 16.00 per month

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES**

United States	\$12.00 per year
Canada/International	\$16.00 per year
[US Funds-Air Mail]	

If you have questions or corrections about your mailing label please contact:

Donna Fellows  
610 – 5<sup>th</sup> St,  
Steilacoom WA 98388-1802  
253-588-4541 [sewfuchsia@gmail.com](mailto:sewfuchsia@gmail.com)

***~The views expressed are those of the contributors and are not necessarily those of the Northwest Fuchsia Society~***

## ~2012 Fuchsia Sales and Events~

Jan 21	NWFS Board Meeting, St Matthews Church, 1700 Edmonds Ave NE, Renton 10am-12pm
Jan 28	Shoestring Potluck, 208 Justus Road, Cinebar, Coffee's on at 10, Lunch at noon
Apr 6	Setup NWFS Plant Sale at CUH, 3501 NE 45 <sup>th</sup> Street, Seattle, time TBD
Apr 7	NWFS Plant Sale at CUH 3501 NE 45 <sup>th</sup> Street, Seattle 9am – 1pm
Apr 25	Judges Symposium, Fellowship Hall, St Matthews Church, Renton 10am-2pm
May 5	ESFS Plant Sale, Bellevue Botanical Gardens, 12001 Main St., Bellevue 9am-2pm
Aug 18 & 19	ESFS judged show and plant sale, Bellevue Botanical Gardens, 12001 Main St., Bellevue 10am-4pm daily
Sept 8 & 9	GSFS judged show, Hiram Chittenden Locks, 3015 NW 54 <sup>th</sup> Street, Seattle 9am-4pm daily
Sept 8	Olympia Show and Sale Huntamer Park, Lacey 9am-4pm

[www.nwfuchsiasociety.com](http://www.nwfuchsiasociety.com)

SHOESTRING VALLEY NURSERY  
JANUARY GREENHOUSE POTLUCK  
January 28, 2012, 11 AM

Shoestring Valley Nursery will be hosting its annual GREENHOUSE POTLUCK for members of the NWFS and friends on Jan. 28, 2012. The coffee pot will be on at 10am with potluck lunch at noon. Please bring a food dish and join us for lunch and lots of friendly conversation indoors out of the rain or snow or wind (or whatever).

Take exit 71 off I-5 and turn east on Hwy 508 through Onalaska toward Morton. Keep heading east for approx. 18.5 miles and turn right onto Justus Rd. in Cinebar. Shoestring Valley Nursery is ½ mile on the right. Turn into the gravel driveway and find a spot to park. The potluck will be in the first greenhouse on the right.

Please RSVP to [shoestringvalley@tds.net](mailto:shoestringvalley@tds.net)  
or 360-985-2274. Thank you.

SHOESTRING VALLEY NURSERY  
208 Justus Rd.  
Cinebar, WA 98533

We have over 600 varieties of hardy, upright, and trailing FUCHSIAS available for special order for spring of 2012. Please send us an email to request your copy of our variety list. Special orders will be available in 4 packs, 2", 4", or 6" pots. Orders placed in a timely manner can be purchased at the NWFS annual sale on April 7, 2012. We also grow many varieties of annual and vegetable starts.

360-985-2274 or [shoestringvalley@tds.net](mailto:shoestringvalley@tds.net)

## ~BFS 75th Birthday Celebration~

In 2013 the British Fuchsia Society reaches Seventy Five. The society was formed in 1938 and to celebrate this milestone, we've decided to hold an **International Fuchsia Convention**. A Convention being a social and practical event, where fellow fuchsia lovers from around the world can gather and exchange friendships in the love of the fuchsia.

This event will be held in the picturesque riverside town of Stratford upon Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare, at a local hotel and the headquarters of the **National Farmers Union** which sponsors the BFS.

The convention will be comprised of seminars on various aspects of the fuchsia with the presenters being drawn from both home and abroad. There will be a display of Fuchsia Lore by the BFS Lore Club; displays of fuchsias by both affiliated societies and nurseries and a bus tour of Stratford taking in all of the locations associated with Shakespeare, as well as other places of interest.

The above are at this time suggestions as to the format, so please keep checking all BFS publications, web site and Facebook page for further details.

## ~Sunshine~

– Donna Fellows sent several sympathy cards: to Sally Williams on the death of her mother, Mary Williams; to Dan Wade on his mother's death; the Tyler Family on the deaths of Evelyn and Bill Tyler; the Davidson Family on Glenn Davidson's death; Jim Senko on the death of his wife, Pat; and to Gloria McDonald on the passing of her mother, Dorothy Arvidson (see article below). Get well cards went to Shirley Swenson following knee replacement surgery, as well as Sharon Miller and Mel Kortlever who both had hip replacement surgery.

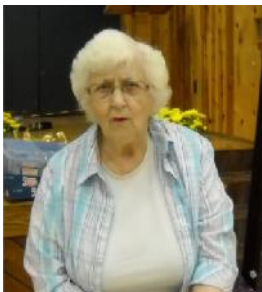
## Remembering~

Dorothy Arvidson, a long-time member of North Cascades Fuchsias Society passed away November 12th. She was a lover of fuchsias and grew them with heart. She served NCFs in so many ways and was the club Representative to Northwest Fuchsia Society's Board Meetings for many years. Dorothy, along with her husband Roland, earned the North Cascades Inspirational Award in 1997 and the NWFS Certificate of Merit in 1996. Dorothy was Gloria McDonald's Mother. We send our sympathies to all of Dorothy's family.

## ~BC Fuchsia and Begonia Society's 50th Birthday Bash~

By Claudia Attebery

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, my friend Debbie Metzger of Eastside Fuchsia Society and I headed north for what was to be a most memorable afternoon and evening. Boy, do those Canadians know how to throw a party and feed a group of hungry people! The theme of the evening was, of course, gold and the feast featured such items as cheese straws, au gratin potatoes and a 1<sup>st</sup> prize winning dessert with flakes of gold leaf (Debbie was tapped to be a desert judge)! There were salads of every type and the main entrees were salmon and barbecued ribs. They had lovely displays of fuchsia lore, pictures from years gone by and cookbooks for those inclined to do so. A fun thing they do is to sell raffle tickets and at the end of the evening the winning ticket gets half the pot! Each table was assigned a country ours being Spain and after dinner the "BC Fuchsia Acting Troupe" entertained us with antics that took them around the world in search of what I supposed to be a "Holy Fuchsia Grail" – it was quite a show! Donna Fellows and Lora Stonefeld of Tahoma Fuchsia Society were also in attendance. Thank you to Jean Hauserman and crew for a fun evening and congratulations on fifty fabulous years.



Jean Hauserman



Bedsread w/shams



Golden Anniversary Cake



Beautiful Collectibles



Lorna Herchenson



The BC Dance Troupe in all their glory!



Donna Fellows & Debbie Metzger



Lora Stonefeld

## ~2011 NWFS Annual Meeting~



This years' event was hosted by the Puyallup Valley Fuchsia Society, it was another one of those afternoons that we here in the Pacific Northwest are used to and famous for – rainy, windy, gray and cold, but the atmosphere inside was festive and fun. I don't have final figures,

but I'd say there were a hundred fuchsia enthusiasts in attendance. Ten vendors were on hand, Sally Williams oversaw a silent auction of fuchsia collectibles from the estate of Irene and Gordon Bergum to benefit the scholarship fund and several members from the Fuchsia Lore Collectors Club displayed their delicate "egg" collections. The salad tables were laden with enough food to feed four hungry football teams and the "centerpiece" of the dessert table was an elegant cake crafted by Gloria Kuhnke. The awards presentations took place after lunch - congratulations and thank you to this years' honorees. We said a deeply heartfelt "thanks for a job well done" to Jackie Lyons, who after countless years passed the secretarial torch to Frances Underwood – I guess Jackie feel she needs a life! Sally Williams presented this years' repeat scholarship winner, Debra Reda. Ann Tanner once again chaired the photo contest and, with the help of the Anacortes Camera Club poured over hundreds of entries before coming to a decision on those photos that most closely attained perfection. Your 2012 NWFS board members were presented and then installed by long time member, Pat Moody (\*pictured above in order): Treasurer, Sally Williams; Vice-president, Kevin Jones; Secretary, Frances Underwood; Corresponding Secretary, Donna Fellows and President, Virginia Ferguson.



Working under tight time constraints, \*President Virginia Ferguson saw to it that the program ran like clockwork and the days' festivities ended with a tribute to "Friends" by Sharon Miller. Thank you Puyallup Valley Fuchsia Society for a fun afternoon among friends.

\*Photos by Joan Hampton



### *Friends~*

By Sharon Miller



Many years ago when I first joined a Fuchsia Society, I witnessed a couple of members greet one another with a warm hug! I don't remember who they were or what the event was, but I was impressed with the genuine warmth of the greeting. I thought to myself, "I definitely want to be a member of a group of such nice people". My opinion has not changed over these many years, but has only been reinforced on many occasions. What brought me to talk about this? The September gathering at Lakewold Gardens, with the beautiful plant displays of 12 societies participating. Upon arrival, one of the first people I saw was Joanne Bellis, of Peninsula FS; then there was NWFS vice-president, Kevin Jones, who is so fun to tease and Sonneva Wood, who I haven't

seen in a long time and it was like was yesterday. I've made friends with a lot of you as Judges Chair, and am a prior president of two fuchsia clubs. You are friends as members of other fuchsia societies, or associate groups of Northwest that have supported me in one way or another. When jumping into becoming president at my second Sno-King meeting and in need of help, I turned to Pat and Norm Arndt. Becoming Judges Chair, I had the support of Will Gibbs and Joan Hampton. A new Judges Manual was written with the help of Susan Bean, who stepped forward to do the lay out with her publishing program. Shirley Rock was enthusiastic over the opportunity to become Judges Chairman and I felt really comfortable handing over the reins. I started Lakebay Fuchsia Society, because I missed all the wonderful friends I had at Sno-King - I was really lonely for that camaraderie. Starting a new fuchsia club, was a hard go, I had moved 90 miles away from my support group but Ken and Selma Crocker, drove down from Mountlake Terrace every month to meetings, plant sales and other Lakebay events to support us! Ted and Roberta Koval brought plants for our sales as well as Dave Calkins and his wife Sherry.

I have added to that original group of friends with new friends. One of my friends from Lakebay, remarked to me the day of set up at Lakewold, you look like you are having a really good time! Watching Bob Anderson, fall off his overturned pot as it collapsed under him and shocked by Betty Peary's, black and blue face, from a disastrous fall, I was having a great time greeting a lot of you!

I have lost some good friends also, Gary Widdifield, Selma Crocker, Irene Bergum and Bill Tyler. It was Bill who encouraged me to start Lakebay and he and Evelyn became members! Evelyn has left us also.

I decided I had to tell you all how special you are to me and how much I appreciate your friendship. When we were waiting for the event at Lakewold to close there was Lynn Carpenter, smiling, telling me she was so happy to see me and gave me a hug. I haven't mentioned all of you, as I promised I wouldn't go beyond five minutes. You have given me many trophies over the years, but your hugs are still the best reward!

*Sharon*

### **Alice Kennedy Inspirational Award 2011~**

This couple has been active in our fuchsia world for many years. It's just that they both weren't always here in the Puget Sound region. He has always been willing to help out whether it is to set



up shows or other events. In fact, their yard and home seems to be a storage spot for many things 'fuchsia'. She was quite active in her fuchsia life before the Pacific Northwest claimed her attention.

Since arriving here, she jumped right in with both feet and took on various active roles not only in her own society but also for NWFS. One of her favorite activities is scrapbooking and using those talents, in 2006 volunteered to be the Historian for NWFS. Not having enough to do, in 2007 she volunteered to sell off our remaining inventory of cookbooks, and came up with several, innovative ways to use not only the stunning cover, but the contents – just in different ways. And she is always a willing speaker at various clubs.

Together they travel our region to bring the many ways fuchsias can be showcased from the ground up demonstrating how easily worm bins can be made and used, to taking part in the Species group and the Fuchsia Lore Club, to helping plant the demonstration gardens.

We are proud to present the Alice Kennedy Inspirational Trophy to two people who continue to inspire us, Gwen Jensen and Walt North.



### ***Don and Alta Westover Trophy 2011~***



This member has been an astute student of growing fuchsias for several years. He has carefully studied the many fuchsia books for methods to improve the way a fuchsia is developed not only for his own enjoyment but also to present beautiful plants for our Judged Shows enjoyed by the public. And he readily shares the way he grows fuchsias with those who are interested.

He is an inspirational speaker and readily travels to other clubs when invited to share his knowledge of his favorite flower. He has written many culture columns and has taught a culture session for Greater Seattle Fuchsia Society many times. He is a fan of the community pot type of growing and grows fantastic plants for the shows and regularly collects many awards for his efforts. Sometimes you have to move the ribbons to see the plant. He challenges himself with all forms of exhibition showing with fantastic plants.

He rapidly became a Master Grower and has completed all requirements to judge our shows. Who better to judge your show than one who really knows how to grow a worthy plant?

He has been active in our Northwest Spring Plant Sale and has been serving as chairman. Not only does he help to get this great event organized but also brings some of his well grown starts to the sale. He belongs to more than one fuchsia society and helps out at their plant sales also with his well grown plants.

We are proud to award the Don and Alta Westover Trophy for growing excellence to Ron Herzog.

### ***Ivy Rowe Trophy 2011~***

We are proud to honor this long time member of The Northwest Fuchsia Society who joined her local club many years ago. A comment from a fellow member says it all – “She makes sure everything gets done”!!!

This woman has been her clubs' secretary, president and served as their show chairman many times as well. Her creative talents have been displayed at the Tacoma Dome Home and Garden Show where she has spent many hours working their club booth. Her club has been funded by her chairmanship of their annual “potting party” at Windmill Nursery. She has been recognized by her own club and awarded their



trophy for distinguished service for always stepping up to the plate when needed.

As a grower she gives programs to her club and has been instrumental in starting the new demonstration garden in Milton. She grows and knows plants and is a NWFS Senior Judge who is willing to travel to help various other clubs.

For an unlimited number of years she was a Northwest Fuchsia Society rep with her husband and still serves in that capacity. She's held the offices of "Treasurer", "Recording Secretary" and chaired the committee for the NWFS Bylaw revision in 2001.

Congratulations and thank you to Sally Wipf of the Puyallup Valley Fuchsia Society for all you do and share with our fuchsia world.



### **Selma and Ken Crocker Award 2011~**



Back in the early 1980's Ken and Donna Fellows became interested in fuchsias and joined our fuchsia world. And even though they had to spend some time in California courtesy of the Army, their love of fuchsias remained here in the Pacific Northwest. Together they helped to form new clubs such as Grays Harbor, Fuchsia Fanciers, North Olympics, and Olympia Fuchsia Society. Together they presented programs on various things 'fuchsia' at all of our clubs. Together they had been active in fuchsia shows and fuchsia plant sales. Together they traveled far and wide to attend meetings, shows, while maintaining their nursery collection that was filling with plants obtained from their travels and friendships. Together they took on leadership roles in our NWFS Retreats, and they were Chairmen of NWFS Convention '95. With Donna's support Ken was Vice President of NWFS and was elected President in 1997. With his death in December of that year, and with the shift of officers, Donna took on the role of Vice President and became President for 2001 and 2002.

Since that time, Donna continues to be active in our fuchsia world, not only in Tahoma Fuchsia Society, but also in Fuchsia Fanciers as an officer, and in the Olympia Fuchsia Society with their many activities. She has continued to travel to the various fuchsia conventions held around the world and in our own backyard to help represent NWFS, and took an active role in putting on our 2000 and 2005 Fuchsia Conventions. Over these many years she has always been someone that we could count on to help out wherever she is needed and most recently took on the leadership of the fabulous fuchsia display at Lakewold Gardens, encouraging all of our clubs to take on a decade of fuchsia introductions. She worked hard to make sure that everything and everyone was taken care of.

Even with all of her other activities with her expanding family, her sewing projects, and her friends through camping, she doesn't let a moment go by without promoting NWFS.

It is with great pleasure that we give the Selma and Ken Crocker Award to one of our long-time, hardest workers, Donna Fellows.

### **Northwest Fuchsia Society Certificate of Merit Awards – 2011**

### **Renae & Henri Carnay~**



Henri and Renae Carnay have been active participants in the Puyallup Valley Fuchsia Society since 2000. They joined as a result of the PVFS staffing a booth at the Tacoma Dome and giving out information on the club. They have both held various offices, Henri has been President and Renae is currently Treasurer. Henri will chair the Tacoma Dome booth in 2012. They have been Representatives to the NWFS Board Meeting for several years. In addition, you can always count on them to help with the various functions of PVFS.

NWFS extends its heartfelt thanks to both of you for all that you do for our fuchsia world.



**Robin Wilkson~**



Robin Wilkson has been an active member of Puyallup Valley Fuchsia Society since 2005. She was President for two years, and has worked on all committees. She can always be counted on to staff a booth, help with potting and selling of fuchsias. Robin was instrumental in helping to start the PVFS demonstration garden in Milton. She can also be seen watering the garden. She has helped with the T-shirt ordering for the 2010 Convention. This year she is chairperson of the NWFS Annual Meeting hosted by Puyallup Valley Fuchsia Society.

NWFS extends its heartfelt thanks to you for all that you do for our fuchsia world.



**Newly Certified NWFS Judges~**



Congratulations to Dorothy and John McMann for completing their Certification as Northwest Fuchsia Society Judges. This process has taken several years for the McMann's because of those unexpected family crisis interruptions that crop up from time to time.

In order to become a certified NWFS Judge, they had to be an active member of a NWFS club, compete in club shows, win five blue ribbons each (not all at the same show), participate in at least two judged shows as clerk, show chairman, or judges chairman, serve as a head clerk once, attend a NWFS Judges training class and pass the exam, participate as an Observer Judge in one judged show, participate in two judged shows as an Apprentice Judge, **and** attend one NWFS Judges

symposium or workshop. That is just to become a Certified NWFS Judge.

Welcome, Dorothy and John, to the ranks of Northwest Fuchsia Society Judges, you've earned it!  
Shirley Rock, NWFS Judges Chair

*\*Photo by Ralph Underwood*

***2011 Northwest Fuchsia Society Photo Contest***

Thank you so much to everyone who entered this year's contest. We had fewer entries than last year but the quality was amazing and the judges had a tough time choosing the winners. Judges were members of the Anacortes Camera Club – a very dedicated and serious group of photographers. Again we had entries from Mr. Dan Matheson of Scotland – we do enjoy hearing from our far away members as well as those more familiar names. Many of you were able to see all the photographs at the Annual Meeting, but for those unable to attend I'm sorry you missed the display.

And the winners were~

**Class 1, Double**



- |                 |                    |                             |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | <b>Dark Purple</b> | <b>Eva Fisher, Sno-King</b> |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Breevis Karma      | Eva Fisher, Sno-King        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Delta's Parade     | Betty Peary, North Cascades |

**Class 2, Single**



- |                 |                     |                                    |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | <b>Mrs. Popple,</b> | <b>Betty Peary, North Cascades</b> |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Windchime	Betty Peary, North Cascades
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carmine Bell	Dave Fisher, Sno-King

**Class 3, Tri's. & Encli's.**



1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Gart. Bonstadt</b>	<b>Betty Peary, North Cascades</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thalia	Dianna Wilson, Olympia
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ben de Jong	Dan Matheson, Scotland

**Class 4, Fuchsia Garden**

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Black Diamond</b>	<b>Katie Wiley</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Falklands	Betty Peary, North Cascades
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alison Ewart, etc.	Betty Peary, North Cascades

**Class 5, Miscellaneous**



1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Winston Churchill</b>	<b>Dave Fisher, Sno-King</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Blue Boy	Eva Fisher, Sno-King
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Falklands	Dianna Wilson, Olympia

**Best of Show**

<b>Deep Purple</b>	<b>Eva Fisher, Sno-King</b>
--------------------	-----------------------------

**People's Choice**



<b>Cardinal in Snow</b>	<b>Virginia Ferguson, Tahoma</b>
-------------------------	----------------------------------

You had to be there to appreciate Virginia's reaction to the "People's Choice announcement.

Congratulations to everyone – there were winners but no losers – we thoroughly enjoyed all the photographs, you all did a great job. Don't forget next year!!

Thank you,  
Ann Tanner

### *Around the Sound~*

Our clubs are ending the season with horticulture tips on putting their fuchsias to bed for the winter trying to beat Jack Frost. Some clubs are planning parties for December instead of their regular meetings. And most are wrapping up collecting dues for the coming year along with changing officers. Be sure to check the back page for current information on Presidents and addresses and changes in Representatives to NWFS.

Sno-King Fuchsia Society's member, Dorena Ortega, has set up pictures on Flickr. On these dark days of winter, check out the photos at [www.flickr.com/photos/27824281@N02/collections/72157627222865283/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/27824281@N02/collections/72157627222865283/)

### *And Beyond our Borders~*

**BC Fuchsia and Begonia Society's "The Eardrop"** (Nov. 2011) has an article by member, Dianne Vernon, on their trip to Ireland recently and her descriptions of the road 'lined on both sides with fuchsia hedges that are maybe 10-12 feet high . . . stunning, glorious, and gorgeous. . . . This image was repeated throughout Ireland, Red blooms appeared everywhere. . . . One of the highlights is a lovely garden located next to a golf course in tiny Lisselan, near Clonakilty in County Cork. This lovely garden has a section that is devoted to growing about 30 species of fuchsias. . . . The attendant told me that the harsh weather of the past winter was not kind to fuchsias. . . . A list of the species can be found at [www.lisselan.com](http://www.lisselan.com) [www.bcfuchsiasociety.com](http://www.bcfuchsiasociety.com)

The **Valley Fuchsia and Geranium Club's "The Valley Cascade"** has interesting articles on both Pelargoniums and fuchsias as well as an article on How Frost is Formed "At night when the humidity is high and the air temperature equals dew point, moisture condenses and forms dew. If the air temperature dips below freezing, but still equals the dew point, a visible 'white frost' occurs. If the air temperature is above dew point, but below freezing, no visible frost forms, but vegetation can still be damaged by the cold, called a 'black frost' because injured crops turn very dark." [www.icangarden.com/clubs](http://www.icangarden.com/clubs)

Ontario, Canada's **Geranium, Pelargonium, & Fuchsia Society** November 2011 newsletter has overwintering tips for Pelargoniums and fuchsia triphyllas as well as listing all the winners in their August Show of Pelargoniums of all kinds, cut flowers, fuchsias, and a list of their Special Rewards.

The October-December 2011 **Bulletin from the American Fuchsia Society** always has interesting articles. There is an article by Kristopher Harper "The challenge to track down James Lye's Fuchsias" He started his hunt in 2009 to rediscover the fuchsias of this legendary 19<sup>th</sup>-century gardener. He goes on "Much of James Lye's life story can be traced in the names he gave to his fuchsias. He had twelve children, ten were daughters. Their names are dotted among their father's hybrids: Amy Lye, Ellen Lye, Emily Lye, Harriet Lye, Jane Lye, Letty Lye. What gives them added poignancy is that six of the children died in infancy. For James Lye, those names may well have been a way of commemorating their lives. . . ." Check out [www.jameslyefuchsias.co.uk](http://www.jameslyefuchsias.co.uk)

Also I want to call your attention to the websites of New Zealand and Australian fuchsia societies. They are having their summer, so watch for sunshine in their pictures!

[www.nzfuchsia.co.nz](http://www.nzfuchsia.co.nz) and, oops, I see the Australian site is still under construction.

Use your search engines to see what you come up with during these darker days of winter!

*If we had no winter the spring would not be so pleasant.*

~Anne Bradstreet



By Salli Dahl

## Update the NW Hardy List and Club Garden List!

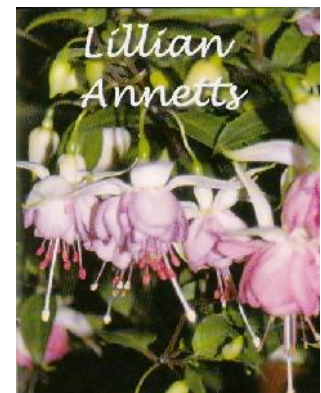
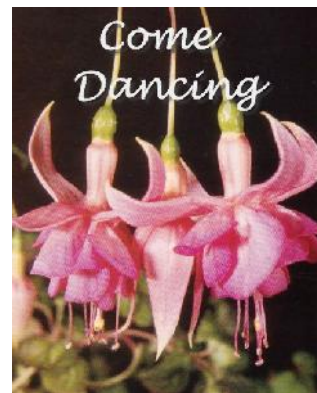
Club Garden Chairs and individual growers, have you turned in the names of any hardies with **3 years** or more successful winters in the ground that are **not now** listed on the NW Hardy List? **Our nursery growers need this information now to prepare for next spring.**

Needed info:

- -average height,
- -sepal/corolla color, (Needed in case there's more than one by this name or to find any misnamed)
- -growth habit- T, Lax, U
- -when it begins to bloom (June or July) **VH or H** (Average over the 3 years)
- -and a blossom photo. ( I can find some photos if they don't have one. Let me know.)

Reminder- this is for the Hardy List that the public sees. We don't include those that begin to bloom after July. (When they don't bloom, novice gardeners get MAD and decide to not grow them again. They are unaware of the variety of fuchsias available.) Those in the warmer climes can have their own additional club list- an "In our area we can also grow..."

For 2012 I now have four beautiful hybrids: 'Delta's Sara', 'DebRon's Black Cherry', 'Come Dancing', 'Lillian Annetts'. 'Delta's Sara' is VH/ in bloom in June; the rest are H/ in bloom by July.



Out in the club gardens there are several being tested, and there will be more to add to this list! I have sent club presidents a list of plants not on the list that hopefully should be, but individuals should jump right in on this too!

**APOLOGIES:** In the last Flash, I wrote about the NW display at Lakewold and was impressed by the work "done by Donna Fellows, Florence Bond and the enthusiastic **Puyallup** group"! Uh huh. It was the **TAHOMA** group! Puyallup did the Annual Meeting, and several members belong to both groups, and I had just been talking to Donna and the Stickney's when I realized I was late with the Flash, so when I got home, I started typing like a flash (pun intended)...and Well, you get it, I'm sure. Both groups are enthusiastic and did a terrific job with our last events of the season!

Margie Brubaker sent in these three hardies from her club garden and took some extra time to photograph them from various distances. It's a great way to show the plant blossom and growth habit.

### THREE OF THE HARDY FUCHSIAS IN THE MILTON GARDEN (PVFS)

#### 'PALOMA'

**Sepals:** Light pink (green tips) . **Corolla:** Lt. bluish color.

**Single.** Blooms by July. **Height:** About 2 – 2-1/2'



#### 'PAULA JANE'

**Sepals:** Light pink.

**Corolla:** Dk. Pink – ruby rose.

**Height:** About 3' In bloom  
in June.

Semi-dbl- Prolific bloomer;  
nice full bush.



#### 'CELTIC NIGHTS'

**Sepals:** Dk. Aubergine. **Corolla:** Dk purple/aubergine.

**Single-** In bloom by July. **Height:** 2 – 2-1/2'



By Ron Herzog

Just a few reminders as you take your fuchsias into winter. These are things that many are aware of, but perhaps need to be kept alerted to lest they be forgotten. It is very easy to forget our fuchsias after they have been put away.

Most important is that your fuchsias that you have cut back for the winter are not allowed to dry out. If they do, it is sure death. So check them periodically. I recommend that you use a water meter. It is very common for the soil to look dry on top when in reality it is wet underneath the soil surface. A meter will help to prevent over watering.

Next I have learned that misting your plants helps to keep the branches from dying back. Different reasons for die back have been suggested, but I believe the basic reason is that the branches dry up, especially the smaller branches. By keeping them moist throughout the winter, they will break out in new growth more readily in later winter and early spring.

During the fall, eggs of pests will have been laid on your plants to reside there during the winter. When it starts to warm up in the spring, these eggs will hatch and start feeding on the new growth. To get rid of these eggs it is wise to spray your plants with a dormant oil spray now.\* If, in the spring you see the new growth all curled, you know that aphids have already been at work so by spraying now, you can prevent this from happening.

To have nice plants come spring, I would suggest that you give your plants some fresh potting soil now rather than waiting until spring. This will give the plant an opportunity to send new roots into that fresh soil, and so will have a better start for spring. This process requires the removing of as much as possible of the old compost and dead fibrous roots that were the feeding roots during the previous season. Try not to damage the perennial roots from which the new feeder roots will grow. These perennial roots are the larger, thicker roots. There are several reasons for doing this. First, the old compost will be extremely acid from the constant watering and feeding during the previous season. Second, the old decaying dead feeder roots will deplete the nitrogen from any new compost through the process of decomposition. Decomposition requires nitrogen to feed the bacteria that break down dead material. Third, the plant when pruned back becomes too small for its present container. Lastly, you will be able to remove any unwanted guests that may be making their home in the old soil.

When you repot your plant using at least a one size smaller pot, start by sprinkling a small amount of soil in the bottom. You want most of the compost you add to go on top, allowing you to place the root ball somewhat lower in the pot than previously by about 1 to 2 inches. That portion of the stems that are now covered with compost will develop roots and thus provide an even better root system for the coming year that will result in a healthier plant.

Finally, do some reading of fuchsia books during the winter to prepare yourself for the things you will need to do come spring.

\*Gary Melenzyer uses "All Season Horticultural Spray Oil" found at nurseries.

*When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.*

~Author Unknown

As I said at the close of volume 1, the plants had all started to bloom and as such once in flowering mode, no more vegetative growth is possible so I was faced with no alternative but to withdraw the watering and let the plants dry out.

As I write this at 4<sup>th</sup> November, the plants have each been pruned back to a basic framework of woody growth and I am beginning to bring each plant back into growth with the aim of continuing with fresh growth from that frame.

Although disappointed in not being able to keep them in green growth as intended, it is perhaps a good thing that I have resorted to a woody frame, because the weight of *Swingtime* blooms is known to break the plant on green growth.

*From this in August/September~*



Plant 1 cut back in November



Plant 2 cut back in November

**NORTHWEST FUCHSIA SOCIETY BOARD MEETING  
November 12, 2011**

President Virginia Ferguson called the meeting to order at the Renton Highlands Library at 10:10 AM. She welcomed 28 members. The minutes of the September 15 meeting were approved as written.

**Sunshine Report** – Donna Fellows sent several sympathy cards: To Sally Williams on the death of her mother; to Dan Wade on his mother’s death; the Tyler Family on the deaths of Evelyn and Bill Tyler; the Davidson Family on Glenn

Davidson's death and Jim Senko on the death of his wife, Pat. Get well cards went to Shirley Swenson following knee replacement surgery, and Mel Kortlever following hip replacement surgery.

**Treasurer's Report** - Sally Williams distributed her report.

#### **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FLASH** – Editor Claudia Attebery reported that all is well.

**JUDGES**- Shirley Rock reported on the Judges Symposium held Nov. 5. Ann Tanner and Suzie Bean will be retiring as judges. Another Judges Symposium is being planned next spring.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** – Joan Hampton reported that most Flash copies are being sent via e-mail.

**SPRING PLANT SALE**- Bob Anderson reported that next year's sale is April 7, 2012 at CUH with set-up the day before. What plants do you want to replace or obtain. Let the growers know. There will also be a book sale at CUH that weekend. Will Gibbs reported that he is growing 8 new fuchsias from England and hopes they will be ready by later in 2012.

**GROWER'S LIST** - Frances Underwood reported that the updated Grower's List will be sent to NW Reps via e-mail.

**SPEAKER'S LIST** – Frankie Dennison requested that any additions or updates be sent to her. Please consider what "experts" you have within your clubs. Discussion was held about Speaker's Fees.

**NWFS ROSTER** – Send updates to Pat Arndt. Please consider ways to decrease printing costs. Perhaps we can just send revised pages via e-mail.

**HARDY LIST**- Salli Dahl requested that we send her information about any hardies not presently listed.

#### **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**2012 Calendar** – Ralph Underwood reported on printing a calendar and indicated that pictures with a higher resolution may be necessary. He will work with Ann Tanner.

**ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY/COMMENTS** – Well done. Good facility, great food. Please remember food sensitivities like dairy, peanuts, wheat, etc., and label food accordingly.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**NWFS SHOW** -- Discussion was held on the possibility of a NWFS Judged Show this summer, where, when, etc. Some clubs are combining shows.

**Lake Wilderness Support** – Lake Wilderness requested our expertise in establishing and maintaining their fuchsia collection. Frankie Dennison, Debbie Metzger and Shirley Rock agreed to serve as consultants.

**HOLIDAY MESSAGE** – Virginia asked that our clubs consider making a monetary donation to one of the many needy, deserving charities in our area. The need is great, and our contributions are much appreciated. **Happy Thanksgiving and Holiday Season to you all.**

**Next meeting: Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Matthews Church in Renton. Puyallup, Tahoma and Olympia will provide refreshments.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frances Underwood, Recording Secretary

#### **NORTHWEST FUCHSIA SOCIETY ~ MEMBER SOCIETIES**

##### **EASTSIDE FUCHSIA SOCIETY**

Evergreen Court  
900 – 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Bellevue, WA 98005-2584  
*Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7pm*  
Reps: Jackie & George Lyons,  
Debbie Metzger

Luanna Martin, President  
3728 Park Ave North  
Renton, WA 98056-1522  
425-255-1300  
[lutmartin@comcast.net](mailto:lutmartin@comcast.net)

##### **FUCHSIA FANCIERS**

Borst Park, Centralia  
West of I-5 off @ exit 82  
Centralia, WA 98531  
*Meets 2nd Monday, 7pm*  
Reps: Salli Dahl, Ken Gronert

Salli Dahl, President  
2130-A Little Hanaford Road  
Centralia, WA 98531-8913  
360-736-4595  
[dahlhaus@g.com](mailto:dahlhaus@g.com)

##### **GREATER SEATTLE FUCHSIA SOCIETY**

St Paul's United Church of Christ  
6512 – 12<sup>th</sup> Ave NW  
Seattle, WA 98117-5246  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7pm  
Reps: Claudia Attebery, Frances &  
Ralph Underwood, Alt- Ron Herzog

Gwen Jensen, President  
10710 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW  
Seattle, WA 98177-4808  
206-365-5416  
[walternorth@comcast.net](mailto:walternorth@comcast.net)

#### LAKEBAY FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Key Center Library  
8905 Key Peninsula Hwy N  
Lakebay, WA 98349-9326  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7pm  
Reps: Ken Crocker, Betty Foster  
& Sharon Miller

Ginnie Aardal, President  
PO Box 917  
8716 – 177<sup>th</sup> Ave Ct KP N  
Vaughn, WA 98394-0917  
253-884-9744  
[gindickaardal@yahoo.com](mailto:gindickaardal@yahoo.com)

#### NORTH CASCADES FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Creekside Retirement Community  
400 Gilkey Road  
Burlington, WA 98233-2907  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7pm  
Reps: Kevin Jones, Gloria McDonald  
& Betty Peary

Kevin Jones, President  
PO Box 1795  
30407 – 68<sup>th</sup> Ave NW  
Stanwood, WA 98292-1795  
360-629-4827 Home  
[kevin.jng@usa.com](mailto:kevin.jng@usa.com)

#### NORTH OLYMPIC FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Paradise Restaurant  
703 N Sequim Avenue  
Sequim, WA 98382-3165  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 1pm  
Reps: Salli Dahl

Joe Bruneau, President  
114 Howard Heights Road  
Sequim, WA 98382-8654  
360-681-8684  
[joeanddonna\\_54@msn.com](mailto:joeanddonna_54@msn.com)

#### OLYMPIA FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Schmidt Mansion  
330 Schmidt Place  
Tumwater, WA 98501-3338  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7pm  
Reps: Dorothy & John McMann

Tammy Brown, President  
8015 Treasure River Trl  
Olympia, WA 98512-9219  
360-742-3155  
[olyfsnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:olyfsnewsletter@yahoo.com)

#### PENINSULA FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Clearbrook Inn  
12295 Schold Rd Place NW  
Silverdale, WA 98383-9506  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7pm  
Reps: Pam Cohen

Donna Gearns, Contact  
14883 Seaview Drive NW  
Seabeck, WA 98380-9747  
360-830-5856  
[finsandflowers@netzero.net](mailto:finsandflowers@netzero.net)

#### PILCHUCK FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Red Barn @ Jennings Park  
6915 Armar Rd (51<sup>st</sup>)  
Marysville, WA 98270-4414  
Meets Last Monday, 6:30pm  
Reps: Frankie Dennison

Julie Simmons, President  
1710 Colby Avenue  
Everett, WA 98201-2032  
425-760-3061  
[julie@orcalsi.com](mailto:julie@orcalsi.com)

#### PUGET SOUND FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Seaview United Methodist Church  
4620 SW Graham Street  
WA 98136-1455  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 10am  
Reps: Dan Winchester

Janet Dillow, President  
4743 – 51<sup>st</sup> Place SW Seattle,  
Seattle, WA 98116-4331  
206-938-2284  
[dillowjanet@hotmail.com](mailto:dillowjanet@hotmail.com)

#### PUYALLUP VALLEY FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Puyallup Valley Library  
324 South Meridian  
Puyallup, WA 98371-5914  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7pm  
Reps: Renae & Henri Carnay  
Sally Wipf

Kathy & Ken Stickney, Co- Pres  
PO Box 1033/ 807 15<sup>th</sup> Ave SW  
Puyallup, WA 98371-0255  
253-896-0700 Home  
[mlb2347@aol.com](mailto:mlb2347@aol.com)

#### SNO-KING FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Good Shepherd Church  
6915 – 196<sup>th</sup> St SW  
Lynnwood, WA 98036-5043  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7pm  
Reps: Dorothy & Ray Anderson,  
Angela Hoard

Pax Ortega, President  
17035 – 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Shoreline, WA 98155-4919  
206-368-0641  
[cinvesta@yahoo.com](mailto:cinvesta@yahoo.com)

#### TAHOMA FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Lakewood Presbyterian Church  
8601 – 104<sup>th</sup> St SW

Virginia Ferguson, President  
4702 North Mullen Street

Lakewood, WA 98498-4473  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 7pm  
Reps: Mary Best & Virginia Ferguson

Tacoma, WA 98407-4423  
253-756-2133 Home  
[vrferguson@harboret.com](mailto:vrferguson@harboret.com)

#### ~Affiliated Societies~

##### CRESCENT CITY BRANCH AFS

Crescent City Branch AFS  
PO Box 432  
Crescent City, CA 95531-0432  
Email Contact: Don Hesel

Marialyce Sanger, President  
5824 Kings Valley Road  
Crescent City, CA 95531-9663  
707-464-1953  
[donhesel@charter.net](mailto:donhesel@charter.net)

##### EUGENE FUCHSIA & BEGONIA SOCIETIES

Garden Club  
1645 High Street  
Eugene, OR 97401-4113

Sandi Jensen, President  
20419 Highway 126  
Noti, OR 97461-9706  
541-935-2482  
[sfuchsia@gmail.com](mailto:sfuchsia@gmail.com)

##### SOUTHWEST PORTLAND FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Edgewood Down Retirement Center  
7799 SW Scholls Ferry Road  
Beaverton, OR 97008-6584  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

Clarence Berger, President  
7325 SW Scholls Ferry Road  
Beaverton, OR 97008-6055  
503-644-1966  
[chergie@comcast.net](mailto:chergie@comcast.net)

##### NORTHWEST FUCHSIA HYBRIDIZERS' SOCIETY

Contact: Salli Dahl 360-736-4595  
2130-A Little Hanaford Road, Centralia, WA 98531-8913

[dahlhaus@q.com](mailto:dahlhaus@q.com)

##### NW FUCHSIA LORE COLLECTORS CLUB

Betty Peary, President 360-387-9727  
Contact: Joan Hampton, Secretary  
12735 – 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW  
Seattle, WA 98177-4221

[bpeary@wavecable.com](mailto:bpeary@wavecable.com)  
[joanfuchsia@comcast.net](mailto:joanfuchsia@comcast.net)  
206-362-3713

Debbie Metzger, President



WESTERN  
FUCHSIA  
SPECIES  
SOCIETY

9016 – 381<sup>st</sup> Ave SE  
Snoqualmie, WA  
98065-9212  
425-888-3639  
[debbiemetzger@comcast.net](mailto:debbiemetzger@comcast.net)

Interested in those magnificent fuchsia species?

WFSS meets four times a year  
in Washington and Oregon.

Dues are \$10 a yr/ per household.

WFSS- 10710-2<sup>nd</sup> AVE NW,  
Seattle, WA 98177  
(Include names, address, phone, e-mail)