



NORTHWEST FUCHSIA SOCIETY

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President's Message~

Ask Not What NWFS Does For You...

Fifty years since President Kennedy challenged us with the original 'Ask not...' phrase. Good Grief – most of us can still name exactly where we were when we heard about the assassination, but you do need to be “of a certain age” to do so.

But I digress. The real issue today is a “Why Bother?” issue. Why Bother joining a fuchsia club, or why join NWFS? What has the umbrella group done for me lately?

I got a call from a lady this week, asking what their club needs to do to be affiliated with NWFS. That prompted a very interesting discussion at the Northwest Fuchsia Society bi-monthly board meeting on January 15th about why they would bother to do so, and what the benefits would be.

If you don't know at least five reasons why you, as an individual or a club, belong to NWFS, take a look at the information contained in any edition of the Flash.

- Access to sales and growing information.
- Insurance protection at your club events (*including meetings*).
- General information about what fuchsia people around the world are doing.
- Do you have a fuchsia calendar on your wall?
- Did you meet Ric Reilly at the Convention, or delight in the pictures of fuchsias growing in a tiny back yard in New York City?

These are just a few of the benefits for you as a member. Will Gibbs is updating a list of benefits that you get from your membership, and you will be surprised when you see it! **And... belonging to NWFS doesn't cost you one thin dime.**

So what do you do for NWFS? What do you do for your club? Do you sit on your hands when there is a need to volunteer for the plant sale? Do you duck when the President asks for help with your club garden? NWFS is simply here to help and support you and your club. Are you there to support your club and NWFS??

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~2011 Fuchsia Sales and Events~

Jan 29	Potluck at Shoestring Valley Nursery, 208 Justus Road, Cinebar, WA east of Chehalis. 10am coffee; lunch at noon
April 2	NWFS Spring Sale at Center for Urban Horticulture 3501 NE 41 st St Seattle 9-1
April 14-17	Puyallup Plant Sale, Puyallup Fairgrounds 9 th Ave SW & Meridian, Puyallup, 10am-9pm daily
April 16	Tahoma Plant Sale, 1110 N. Stevens, American Vets parking lot, Tacoma 9-2
April 30	Eastside Plant Sale Bellevue Botanical Garden 12001 Main St. Bellevue 9-2
April 30	Fuchsia Fanciers Sale Outlet Mall(west side of I-5, north end)Exit 82, 10-3
May 14	Greater Seattle Plant Sale 12735 1 st Ave NW Seattle 9-1
May 14, 15	Olympia Plant Sale Tumwater Falls Park, C St. and Deschutes Way, Tumwater 10-3
July 30, 31	Greater Seattle Show Hiram Chittenden (Ballard) Locks, Seattle, Sat.10-5. Sun. 10-4
Aug 20, 21 Sept 9-11	Eastside Show and Sale, Bellevue Botanical Garden 12001 Main St. Bellevue 10-4 Lakewold Garden, 12317 Gravelly Lake Drive SW. Lakewood, non- judged show, Hours 10-4.
Oct 22	NWFS Annual Meeting, Centre at Norpoint, 4818 Nassau Ave NE, Tacoma

~Fuchsias Through the Years~

A partnership has formed between Lakewold Gardens and Tahoma Fuchsia Society to raise awareness of fuchsias through a historically-themed public display to be held at Lakewold Gardens September 9-11, 10:00am to 4:00pm daily. Our hope is that all societies of the NW Fuchsia Society will participate by growing and showing fuchsias of various decades for this event. Please contact Florence or myself to see what "decades" are still available.

Society members who have plants displayed will get in free all weekend. In addition, they will receive two free one time passes to give to guests. Admission to the show will be Lakewold's normal entry fees of: Adult \$7.00; Senior, Student & Military \$5.00; or by presentation of an advanced purchased pass.

Advance pass sales: Lakewold will develop an advanced admission pass order form, allowing purchasers to designate from which club they heard about the event. For each advance pass purchased, Lakewold will donate \$1.00 to each club designated.

We will have event activities with a fuchsia seminar each show day; an information table for society information; blossom table and more. I hope members will help us out in this endeavor. More to come later so watch for more information.

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~Speakers Wanted~

Soon your NW reps will have the new SPEAKERS LIST in hand and ready to pass on to each club's program chairman. Please note, this list is shrinking! There are only 12 fuchsia society members who now are listed as speakers. These 12 are asked to speak on different topics at all 14 of our societies and sometimes in Canada and Oregon.

What a great crew they are but...we know that there are many more of you well qualified with great ideas to pass onto other growers. I need all the members of our clubs to think about this.

STEP UP TO THE PLATE !! WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT??

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New Abbreviations for Hardy List

To clarify the meaning of the designations on the Hardy List, some changes have been made:

- * The star will change to "**VH- very hardy; in bloom in May or June.**"
- No mark will be "**H- hardy; in bloom by the end of July. Needs mulch** in most areas."
- The **plus sign +** will be dropped on the lists that go out to the public. (Fuchsia members easily learn that their micro-climate may allow them to grow fuchsias that need more heat and. The public however may be very disappointed if some fuchsias listed as hardies do not live through a winter or don't bloom until fall.)

At sales, clarify that "Hardy" means Winter Hardy for plants grown **in the ground** all year with a **reasonably early bloom time** in most of the Pacific Northwest. New gardeners sometimes think that "Hardy" includes plants grown in containers outdoors all year. If the containers are huge, like a whiskey barrel, yes in most cases. Otherwise, probably not.

Add to the Hardy List



Howard Hebden- H S U

This attractive plant grows to about 2'.

It was hybridized in 2004 by Bielby & Oxtoby of the U. K.

(Thank you, Ron.)

EVEN MORE Color Photos of American Cultivars

You know how I said that I would continue to collect photos of American cultivars that are still in cultivation somewhere--anywhere? Well, I meant it. Since STILL Wildly Seeking Fuchsias came out, I have collected another 17. (It takes 16 to fill one page, so I'm working on the back side now.)

Here's what I have now on a new page, plus 1: 'Blush Fandant', 'Baby Jingles', 'Bon-Bon', 'Coos Bay', 'Curtsy', 'Carmel Grey'(American? Normally we spell it "gray"), 'Golden Swingtime', 'Groovy', 'Miniature Jewels', 'Major Heaphy', 'Nancy', 'Pink Cardinal', 'Seneca', 'Tammy', 'Trailing King', 'White Fairy', 'Yankee Clipper'.

Before the convention when the book was to be ready, I waited and waited until the last possible moment for some to bloom so I could include the photo. In the San Francisco area, Joan Lambert waited and waited for some to bloom. They were given "bloom goop" until they almost exploded. In fact, some did explode, poor things. EVENTUALLY at my house, 'Seneca', which I had for 3-4 months, bloomed, but that was in mid- September---too late! (It is a lovely double red/purple with a red streak like a feather in the corolla. Maybe it wants to be free and roaming the prairie.)

There is an index in STILL Wildly Seeking Fuchsia's of all 800+ photos in both books so that I can try to keep track and so that you can find particular photos. Most of ones still needed are listed on page 38 and repeated below. (Except one--I did get 'Nancy' although it isn't a very good photo.) I also need more of Peter Baye's cultivars. Some are not common around the PNW. Needed:

Baby Two Step	Lavender and Old Lace	Psychedelic
Casey	Like Magic	Ray Weaver
Coral Shells	Little Jingle	Red Devil
El Matador	Mendocino Mini	Red Formal
Ellen Susan	Orange Cascade	Rita Sklar
Golden West	Pacific Sunset	Sacramento Pink
Joanne Lynn	Partner	Sahara
Jump for Joy	Pinata	Stubby
Kay Radford	Pink Popcorn	Violacea
Lady Lilian Cash	Pretty Baby	Waltz Time

There are, no doubt, American cultivars in cultivation that I don't know about! Arghhh. And then there are the ones like 'Carmel Grey' whose origins are unknown. I do enjoy looking at the photos of fuchsias I've read about but never seen and others that I've never even heard of. I always look to see if the name fits the blossom. Some like 'Seneca' really do. When they don't seem to, I look up the description and often find mis-named fuchsias. We all know about those.

The other goal is to find better photos for some. If you have a better one, send it in!

When I have as many as I think I can find, or when I just get tired of waiting, I'll email new pages or get it somehow to those of you who have purchased books.

Last, some of the people who ordered books (Wildly Seeking Fuchsias and STILL WSF's) have not responded to emails. There are a couple of books available.

Upshot of it all is that Wildly Seeking sold over 280 books. However, STILL WSF's, with over 650 photos of the total 800+, sold only about 150. I thought it would be the opposite!

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Next month I'll have the list of new American cultivars. Some are by purposeful hybridization and some are "Oh! Would you look at this?" You'll like them!

*(Correction: 'Nicki's Findling' in the last Flash is apparently spelled 'Nici's Findling'.)

Looks Can Deceive~

If you have a fuchsia that looks like this and it is labeled U.B.C., its real name is Pat's Dream:



Round the Sound~

By Joan Hampton

Our clubs, too, have been enjoying a respite from gardening and most have had their holiday parties. Many also do a gift exchange, some do potluck dinners, some go to a restaurant for a prepared dinner. Some of our clubs have their holiday get-together in January. Most all are getting back into the swing of things now. ***I'm anxious to begin a new fuchsia season! So bring on the warmer temperatures and the sunshine! Joan***

Eastside had an interesting January meeting – they asked their members to bring a few items that represented themselves. I wish I'd been at the meeting to see what the members brought. I heard that Claudia Attebery was bringing pink and purple sparkle, butterflies, and pictures of her family. Luanna Martin is their new president this year.

Fuchsia Fanciers are getting ready for the new year with their annual potluck at Shoestring Nursery. Several members from other societies also come for the potluck and to satisfy their thirst for fuchsias! The greenhouses are growing!

Puyallup Valley Fuchsia Society will be busy this year! They will be hosting the NWFS Annual Meeting on October 22, 2011 at the Norpointe Centre in Federal Way. There will be more about that in upcoming issues of the Flash. Margie Brubaker is their President. The end of January was the Garden Show at the Tacoma Dome that their members took part in.

North Cascades Fuchsia Society is getting organized for a busy year. Kevin Jones is their President and I know he has lots of good ideas!

Greater Seattle Fuchsia Society held their Christmas Party at a larger venue, but it was still a delicious potluck. The gift exchange is always fun with Santa Will Gibbs presiding. The most popular item this year was a painted trellis with colorful painted birds attached made by Dick Grace. It moved around the room with lightning speed but finally went home with Bob Anderson to 'grace' his garden.

After the winter of cold temperatures and some snow (hopefully we're done with that!) the gardens are beginning to wake up. I know that in my own garden, the fuchsias have died back to the ground. Whiteknight's Amethyst does that every year, but come spring the new shoots grow to over 4 foot high. The hummingbirds have been coming regularly to their feeders and in the coldest times, I rotate them regularly and those hummers sing to me every day!

...and Beyond Our Borders~

It has been quiet in the fuchsia world while we all celebrated the holidays. Now as we start 2011, our fuchsias begin to wake up and news filters through. For those of you who have not changed the mailing address to Northwest Fuchsia Society, please do so now. Your labels should read:

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From the 1st trimester 2011, No. 109, Fuchsiaantje (Belgium): their Bulletin is in chartreuse green which makes me think SPRING! There is a picture of two long tables loaded with hand crafted fuchsia lore from pillows and pictures to cloths of various sizes that all look to be cross-stitched. There is a color photo of the fuchsia 'Sources Du Loiret' AFS No. 4721 introduced in 2001 which opens red over purple but the corolla appears to mature to a red shade, it's a single.

www.devlaamsefuchsia vrienden.be

American Fuchsia Society's Bulletin, Vol 83, No 1 January-March 2011, has a follow-up article by Peter Baye, "Fuchsias of Alcatraz Revisited". He writes that he was looking for the 'heritage fuchsias' "(a term I will shamelessly borrow from the rosarians) . . . the old shrubs of the island's antique, derelict gardens. . . . One is Corallina, or one of its look alike progeny (it is fertile from seed and occasionally generates volunteers). It was introduced by Pince (UK) in 1844 . . . hardy, suckers and spreads readily, and recovers well from draught and fuchsia mite damage. . . . The other Alcatraz cultivar was what is still known as Schiller in the Bay area, but was identified by Essig . . . as Rose of Castile Improved. . . . They appear to be remnants of very old, perhaps original plantings. . . . gardens that date back to the 1870's. . . ." Also there is a great article on the fuchsia convention last fall by Elsie Sydnor. And don't forget the Sixth Annual Fuchsia Collectibles Show will be Sunday, February 20, 2011 in Campbell CA. Contact 408-257-0752 for more information. americanfuchsiasociety.org

Up in British Columbia, Canada, it has been party-time through the holidays. Both B.C. Fuchsia and Begonia Society and the Valley Fuchsia and Geranium Club held their parties. Both were held at restaurants, and both included a gift exchange. But with the new year, it is back to business and the BC Fuchsia and Begonia Society meets early in the month with their new President Robert Lau. It appears that Tina van Rijn will continue as President of the Valley Fuchsia and Geranium Club. The clubs are organizing a bus to come down to the big Flower & Garden Show in Seattle on Wednesday, February 23rd, so those of us at the show will undoubtedly meet up with some of them as we wander the show. bcfuchsiasociety.com and icangarden.com

Crescent City in California has had a changing of the guard, as many do at this time of year. Their new President is Marialyce Sanger though their Vice President and contact person continues to be Don Hesel at donhesel@charter.net. I'm sure they have many plans for the coming growing season!

The Eugene fuchsia group continues to meet periodically. The end of January they got together at Sandi Jensen's greenhouse celebration. (She was hoping to get it cleaned up by then, maybe she'll tell us!) Their first meeting will be at Pappy's on March 14th at noon.

From the December 2010 Publication, Section Fuchsia & Pelargonium are some delightful pictures of pelargoniums, especially some scented types. The fuchsia section shows a picture of 'Dainty Lady' by Lowe, 1878, a double red over red/purple shades in the petals; also starts in a method similar to what we call com-pots, many starts in the same container. There are also some very good pictures of *F. excorticata* in its just blooming stage of green coloring to the mature, more purple shades. www.snhf.org

In Memory Of~



Irene Bergum

By Joan Hampton and Sally Williams

Irene and her husband, Gordon (who passed away in 2001) were active first with Puget Sound Fuchsia Society, and then Sno-King Fuchsia Society; as well as Western Fuchsia Species Society; and near and dear to her heart, the NWFS Scholarship Committee, using her secretarial skills to record their meetings. She was a NWFS Judge, and was President of the AFS Judges Council in 1993 which was formed to help standardize judging practices and exchange information. For many years she has been a Representative for Puget Sound Fuchsia Society to the NWFS Board.

Prior to becoming involved with our fuchsia world, she raised mink and was secretary for the NW Fur breeders association. She worked as a secretary in the school district north of Seattle. She was also a 64 year member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. She and Gordon were avid travelers and she had a goal of dipping her toes in all the world's oceans, and had only two to go. Irene was also a ham radio operator, who rarely missed the Friday ham radio breakfast with her friends. She had a long and varied life. She was a very active lady and interested in so many things. We were proud to present her with the Selma and Ken Crocker Award for twenty-five or more years of continuous, active service to Northwest Fuchsia Society at our annual meeting last October. She always had a smile and a hug for everyone, and she will be missed.



Jay Siegel

By Donna Gearns

Jay was a passionate and dedicated man. When he set his sights on a project or endeavor, he researched it and worked to make it a reality. At his service, we heard about his dedication to the building of his new church. He was instrumental in taking the desire for a new church: from an idea, to holding church at a school, to finding the perfect piece of property, blue prints and finally

completion of the new church and planting trees in the landscaping.

We all knew his passion for fuchsias; he especially wanted to be sure that we didn't lose any of our older varieties. He catalogued his plants and each year took cutting to ensure survival of all varieties. Many times, he sent out emails searching for a particular plant that was getting hard to find. He advocated giving plants away so that each variety existed in multiple locations to ensure its chance of flourishing.

He was always pushing the envelope for starting new "babies", whether it was trying out a new method of starting plants, or using a different combination of soils or additives. He grew new plants from cuttings that looked like old sticks. Jay researched, called soil manufacturers, networked with other fuchsia growers, and he learned. He was very willing to share his passion and love for fuchsias with everybody. He was the "Go to" guy for questions, plant, soil and growing diagnosis dilemmas. Jay offered practical suggestions such as coloring each liquid solution a different color so nothing got a wrong dose.

Jay wanted to spread the word about the unlimited possibilities of raising fuchsias to anybody who showed an interest, and he "hooked" more than one unsuspecting person on fuchsias by his yard display and plants he brought to meetings. People would slow down to drive by his house. Picture this: hanging fuchsias lining the front and side of his house, which sits on a hill from the street. In the front yard, he had three tiers of plants in pot racks the entire width of his house. Each plant set in its own separate opening so it wouldn't fall over. Standing at the street looking up, the display was a spectacular, amazing mass of color leading up to the hanging baskets on the eaves of his house. At one time, he had about 400 plants in the front yard and that many more in the back in his greenhouse. Once people saw this display they were hooked! He invited anybody who talked fuchsias with him to come by and see his plants. He spoke with local garden clubs and Fuchsia Societies all over the northwest.

His dream was to one day own a large fuchsia garden with building for people to gather, learn and share the fuchsia passion. The grounds would be a giant "test garden" to determine which plants are truly hardy in a location. People could come, take classes, exchange plants, and learn from each other.

Let's remember and honor Jay by continuing the fuchsia passion, encourage new members, give away plants, try new methods and share the results. His presence in the fuchsia world will be greatly missed.

Sunshine~

Thinking of you cards were sent to Ken Crocker and Peggy Mason. We wish them both full and speedy recoveries.

Sympathy cards were sent to Lynn McCourt whose mother, Irene Bergum, passed away on December 10th; Beth Siegel whose husband, Peninsula Fuchsia Society member Jay Siegel passed on December 15th and Greater Seattle member, Alta Anderson whose mother Charlotte Ballard passed at the age of 105 on December 14th. Please keep them in your thoughts.

If you know of someone that needs to be remembered please contact Donna Fellows at 253-588-4541 or sewfuchsia@gmail.com .

Northwest Fuchsia Society Endowment Scholarship~

With another school year underway have you given any thought to making a contribution to the Scholarship Fund? Maybe you know someone that could use some financial aid to pursue their horticultural studies. The Northwest Fuchsia Society was established to further the interest and promote the study of fuchsias. The NWFS Endowment Scholarship for Horticulture provides a way to assist deserving students to continue their education in horticulture.

For information and an application please visit the website www.northwestfuchsiasociety.com or contact Sally Williams at: 206-365-6887 -or- sally.williams@comcast.net

~Applications are due March 31, 2011

Fantastic Fuchsia Finds~

Fuchsia Shoes have been spotted adorning the feet of Renae Carnay of PVFS and Pam Cohen of Peninsula at recent fuchsia functions. Renae passes along the following info~

If you're in the market for anything fuchsia go to **Zazzle.com**, type the word "fuchsia" in the search tab and voila! Up pops all kinds of shirts, shoes, ties and virtually anything you could put a fuchsia on – even a dog sweater. Want the shoes? Choose the Keds shoes tab and then you're off....you can play around with colors and patterns till you find just the right combination.

Got a "Fantastic Fuchsia Find"? Pass it along; we'll share it with the fuchsia loving world.

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Another fresh new year is here, another year to live! To banish worry, doubt, and fear, to love and laugh and give!
This bright new year is given me to live each day with zest . . .to daily grow and try to be my highest and my best!
I have the opportunity once more to right some wrongs, to pray for peace, to plant a tree, and sing more joyful songs!

Arthur Says~

Here we have a very good case of “Doctor Heal Thy Self”. Many times in the past I have written articles in the UK fuchsia publications telling people the importance of regular servicing of gas fired greenhouse heaters. Well in a very hectic time at home I never got around to practicing what I preach and never serviced my own heater. Thinking as it was going all right, it would be alright. How wrong I was. Two days before a sudden surprise trip to the Pacific Northwest, it failed. And then in putting water on the capillary matting to keep the plants moist while we were over with you, water got spilled into the standby electric heater.

A panic trip to buy a new electric heater and a rapid service of the gas heater gave us two nights when we were able to see that both were working fine. But on checking the weather back home when we were away, to learn that it was extremely cold, frosty and snowing, has done my nerves no good at all. And as I am writing this while still in the Pacific Northwest, I do not know if everything has kept going and how the fuchsias are.

I will be very disappointed if the plants have suffered severe damage, because I had started several very nice fans. Three or four nice trees and one or two nice bushes, all with the aim of trying to grow some show standard plants again. But with the sad passing of Nancy’s Mother, we are now free to travel again. So the fuchsia growing will suffer. But it will also mean we will be regular visitors to the Pacific Northwest again. So hopefully we will get to see some of our fuchsia friends on these visits.



One of the cultivars I had great hopes for is being grown as a fan, for which I had chosen the cultivar “Veenlust” a lax bush with medium sized double flower with white sepals and red corolla. One of my favourite flowers, although having grown it for several years have never done more than harvest the blooms for the blossom displays at Malvern.

For one of my standards (sorry, *Trees*) I have selected a cultivar raised by my friend John Robson. “David George”. John named this after his brother who died with cancer. This cultivar we used as the logo for our 2005 Convention. David George is a large red and blue double cultivar, very free blooming and a vigorous grower. I have very high hopes with this one.

I have also selected another of John’s cultivars to grow as a standard and a large bush. This one is “George Cook” - a large red and purple single, very vigorous grower, freely flowering. I have seen photos of John’s standards (sorry, *Trees*) of this cultivar. So I know it will be a good cultivar as a tree.

Oh well, I suppose like all fuchsia growers, this is the time of year to dream of the coming summer, and what we plan to grow. It would be nice if these dreams come to pass. But if they do not at least I can console myself that I will be visiting with a few of you in the coming year.

I am writing this foot note two days after Christmas. When we arrived home from our visit to the Pacific Northwest we found that all of our preparation for our fuchsias had worked out ok. The heater had worked without a hitch, and the capillary matting had done its job. The only disappointment was some of Nancy’s Bonsai had dried up leaves.

It is as well as the heater’s have been in good order, because the night of 17th December the temperatures plummeted to 10deg F and until today have not risen above 32deg F since, with several days being in the teens. I dread to think how the plants in the cloche, only protected by two coats of fleece, have fared.

The story of "Bushy the Fuchsia" part 6~

It seemed to me that I had been sleeping for a very long time, although the man must have been coming to me and giving me the occasional drink of water because I could feel my sap going around, and it seemed he had been turning me regularly.

What must have awakened me was that I think I had been given some of the nitrogen I love so much, although it was only a taster. I also noticed that along with all of my cousins who had been placed under the bench, we had now all been lifted up onto the staging in the best position in the greenhouse. Just after being moved, I noticed that I was given a shower of that nice sticky wonder grow all over my branches.

As the days progressed, I noticed that the nitrogen in my watering was being increased gradually to the regular 1/7th strength, and being given to me every time the man came to give my daily quarter turn, this with that nice showering in that lovely wonder grow started me to get my roots searching for as much nitrogen as they could find, at the same time buds started to burst out on all of my branches, nice healthy leaf buds.

Just before I had grown to my second pair of leaves, I was given some of that nasty medicine, ugh, the diamect stuff to protect me from gall mite and red spider mite, a few days later, more medicine, this time that pravado to protect me against vine weevil and aphids. Ugh.

Just after the two doses of medicine, I was taken across to the potting bench where the man took out all of my growing tips, being very careful just using a pair of tweezers to bend out and break off the growing tips. This time I was not taken out of my pot, although things were starting to get a little tight in there. I noticed that the man was removing the growing tips of a lot of my cousins at the same time as he had removed mine, taking the same care. He seemed to be doing this nearly all day.

The week after I had had my growing tips removed, the man then took me over to the potting bench, took me out of my pot, removed all of my compost, cut out any dead root and lightly pruned my white feeder roots, putting me back into the same pot with nice fresh compost, and placed back on the staging, no drink? There was a little moisture in the compost, but that would not last me long, and there was **no** nitrogen, what is going on. The man I noticed was carrying out the same root pruning and repotting several of my cousins again, spending nearly all day. When he had finished, at last a good drink of water laced with my regular tipple of nitrogen, even a spray over the leaves with a nitrogen feed, a little late perhaps, but it was good, and certainly very welcome.

As I say I must have had a long sleep, because it was not long before we were all being carried out into the shade house each morning, then back into the greenhouse at night. I thought it rather cold some mornings when we were turfed out of our nice warm greenhouse. It also was not very light, still it did not seem to be doing me any harm as my side shoots after being stopped at put out two more pair of leaves, and I was being carried in to the potting bench to have my growing tips removed very carefully with tweezers again, and I noticed again that all of my cousins were getting the same treatment. This was taking the man a lot longer this time. The next weekend I was taken in again and taken out of my pot, having the bottom cut off my root ball with a huge knife, then the sides trimmed, a little fresh compost was sprinkled in the bottom of the pot for me to sit on then I was put back into a nice new pot, but my lower branches were now covered by the new compost.

Soon, I noticed that I was pushing new shoots up from my root ball and the branches below the compost. The man seemed quite pleased calling these new shoots, *basal shoots*. These basal shoots started to make me look a bushier plant already. The weather was now starting to get warmer, and we were all spending our days out side in the shade house.

The stopping of my side shoots was now being carried out almost on a weekly basis, with a bunch of us all being done at the same time, although the man was doing fewer of us on one day, because of the numbers of the side shoots on each plant.

To be continued (maybe)

NORTHWEST FUCHSIA SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

January 15, 2011

President Virginia Ferguson called the meeting to order. She welcomed 34 members and one guest, Jim Dillow. Our Club Liaison officer, Kevin Jones will start his rounds of visiting club now the new year has arrived. Donna Fellows sent cards - Thinking of you Ken Crocker and Peggy Mason. She sent Sympathy cards to Lynn McCourt for Irene Bergum; Beth received for Jay Siegel death; Alta Anderson for moms death.

The minutes were approved as printed online. Sally Williams handed out the treasurer's reports. She had a correction on the October 2010. All were approved, and accepted.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FLASH – Claudia Attebery gave a detailed report of the finances of the Flash.

HISTORIAN – Gwen Jensen thanked members for sending pictures but asked that the location and names of the people in the pictures be included.

JUDGES – Shirley Rock passed out judge's rosters to judges present.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Joan Hampton has asked those sending mail to our PO Box to please send it to her home. We are renewing rent on the box for 6 months and hope we can get it straightened out by then. Joan made the motion Shirley Rock seconded it and it passed.

SCHOLARSHIP – Sally Williams gave the financial report. There were many contributions made in Irene Bergum's memory.

SPRING PLANT SALE – Ron Herzog asked that we emphasize the varieties of fuchsias available. The sale is April 2, 2011 at Center for Urban Horticulture; the hours are 9-1.

NWFS ROSTER – Pat Arndt has most of the information but needs to have more so she can have it printed and ready to hand out at the March meeting.

HARDY LIST – Sally Dahl has updated the website. Salli will be getting a price on having her book on Hardies reprinted. There have been requests for the book.

OLD BUSINESS

Donna Fellows is the chairman of the Lakewold Garden Show. It will be held September 9-11. The theme is "Fuchsias Thru the Years". Clubs will choose a decade and provide fuchsias started in those years. There will be seminars daily. Set up will be on Thursday; plants must remain until close on Sunday or can be picked up on Monday. This is a non judged show.

Joan Hampton made a motion to skip the Northwest Show in 2011 and put the energy into the Lakewold Garden Show. It was seconded by Salli Dahl and passed.

Day, time, and location of the board meetings were discussed. Joan Hampton made a motion to have our meetings on Saturday for 2011. It was seconded and passed.

Sally Williams will move funds from the general fun to the Flash account so there is not a negative balance. It was motioned, seconded and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Joan Hampton has volunteered to be in charge of special awards. She will make sure it all goes smoothly. These are the awards given at the Annual Meeting.

The date for the annual meeting is October 22, 2011. More information to follow.

The next meeting will be March 19th in Renton, at 10AM. Sno-King and Lakebay will provide refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Lyons, Secretary

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EASTSIDE FUCHSIA SOCIETY

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

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