



NORTHWEST FUCHSIA SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is early Saturday, October 17, 2009. The clouds are large and dark gray. The destination is Key Peninsula Civic Center, 17010 S. Vaughn Road, in Vaughn, WA. 98394. Northwest Fuchsia Society members load their cars with salads, raffle baskets, riders, craft items and direction and proceed to Vaughn, WA. This trip can take up to three hours; however the destination has a special meaning to fuchsia lovers. The local weather persons warned us of constant rainfall, even so one hundred and four fuchsia friends converged on the civic center. The parking lot is well marked. The centers porch is large and well protected. The hosts clubs volunteers who help us unload our cars and carry our wares inside are very welcomed. Each round table has a blue table covering with matching blue bags with fuchsia stencils on each chair. The centerpieces are encliandras fuchsia in bloom with trails of sea shells. The program books with the days information are there also. Very attractive! Following the invocation given by Stu Arns lunch is enjoyed by all. Salads and desserts galore. The only ingredient missing is the recipe of the tasty treats. After lunch six committee reports are given and then the four perpetual trophies are awarded:

Ivy Rowe Trophy is presented to Susan Bean,
Alice Kennedy Inspirational Trophy goes to Bob Anderson,
Don and Alta Westover Trophy to Kevin Jones and
Selma and Ken Crocker Trophy to Sharon Miller.

NWFS Certificates of Merit are awarded at this time also.

Betty Peary did a great job on chairing the photo contest. (Simply by volunteering, Alta and I were invited to attend the judging of all the photos entered. The photos were judged preceding the luncheon by a professional photographer. His constructive comments are available from Betty.)

A special thanks to Myvanwy Shirley, President of Lake Bay and her volunteers. This was a well thought out and planned luncheon. Thanks also to Shirley Rock for the programs and Betty Peary for the photo contest. The skies are blue as we take our leave and head for home. What a nice day this turned out to be. Oh, by the way I am the one to win the beautiful, much sought after quilt donated by Lake Bay.

Bob Anderson, President
NWFS President

THIS AND THAT..

As we close down another year of growing fuchsias and the accompanying flowers having weathered the strange ups and downs of the weather, our last thoughts turn to sending our condolences to the families and friends of three stalwart fuchsia growers who passed away during the past month.

Marge Algyer was a friend and mentor to many, not only those in the Greater Seattle Club. She was well known for her show plants but especially for getting all those books in our various libraries. There are a few words on page 9 remembering Marge.

Gail Sherman was listed only as a member at large of the Northwest Fuchsia Society but her home was in Salem, Oregon. She was however very active in our Northwest activities. She hadn't missed a Northwest Sale for as long as I can remember, she was President of the Species group, and a member of the Hybridizers Group. Her Brother wrote a short song in her memory which is on page 12.

Margaret Muil was not as well known in the States as in England where her name was a by-word in BFS circles. The wife of Jim Muil, a Past BFS President, she was well known for her own activities in the BFS.

Again our condolences to the Family and Friends of these three great Fuchsia People.

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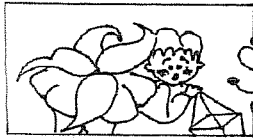
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FUTURE FUCHSIA FUN

January 30th, 2010 11 a.m. Potluck at Shoestring Valley Nursery [See note inside the Flash]
March 31st, 2010 Judges Workshop, St. Mathews Lutheran Church, Renton
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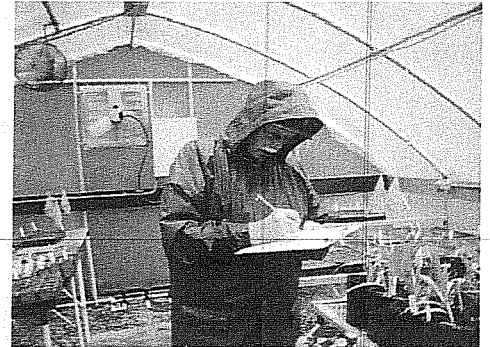
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HARDY GARDEN LIST and FUCHSIAS TO GO ON THE NW HARDY LIST? Please send a list of the fuchsias your group has in your club garden with your rep or to Bob Anderson or Salli Dahl by email. [PVFS, Thank you].
Fuchsias for the hardy list: none have come in, and we know there are some new ones.
Remember, we rely on your input.



The Northwest FS- Lake Wilderness Hardy Garden

Planting Day at the Lake Wilderness Arboretum looked like it would be a problem weather-wise. I went early to help 'drop pot' some of the fuchsias and get ready for the noon planting. Huge black clouds raced me up the freeway with rain and wind right behind. We went into the greenhouse and worked on tags, figuring the planting wasn't going to happen. However, tell that to the intrepid planters. At noon cars drove in, doors slammed, people donned all kinds of rain gear and grabbed their shovels. Mother Nature observed that determination, realized that they were not going to go away, and decided to hold the rain down.



Marie Lindale, the coordinator of the garden and an enthusiastic planter herself, sent this email:

I wanted to thank you and your volunteers for all the work they did on planting day. I have to say I was mighty impressed with the turnout and everyone's willingness to get the job done no matter how stormy the weather was. I think we should rename your group the "Super Hardy Hardy Fuchsia Society". I'll do my best to take care of the beds, and hopefully next summer, we'll have a big party and opening to celebrate. Thanks for all your work....

Marie

Those intrepid volunteers:

Gary Melenzyer, Phil Palmer, Luanna Martin, Claudia Attebery (who got left off the first list but was at both), Gwen Jensen, Walt North, Virginia Ferguson, Bob Anderson, Jackie and George Lyons, Debbie Metzger, and Dick Holzer.

Jingle Bells or Santa Claus

'Santa Claus' and 'Jingle Bells'- can you tell the difference?

I've always thought them to be the same, but Bev Overstreet, President of Crescent City and a long time grower, told Donna Fellows and I that they are not the same. Check out the filament of the pistil. 'JB's' is crooked and 'SC's' is not.

Bev also said that 'JB' is always single. (That makes sense simply because 'SC' SHOULD be fat and jolly-looking while bells can be dainty. Are you buying this logic?) I do know that any plant that I buy labeled 'JB', even if it shows a single blossom when I haul it home, will end up semi-double in my yard. Oh well. Maybe the extra petals are really petaloids?

'Santa Claus' was hybridized by Hugh Hazard of Pacific Grove, California, way back in the 1930's and described as an upright double. 'Jingle Bells' on the other hand is one of our Unknowns. Boulemier writes that it is single to double, but Bev Overstreet says single only. It has lax growth.

At Lake Wilderness when we were planting the NW hardy garden, Patty Davis, the arboretum society president and I were talking, and I told her about this. We checked the ones we planted and sure enough, 'JB' was definitely crooked and single and 'SC' was straight and double.

So there we are. Now if we can just find a difference between 'Aurea' and 'Genii', the fuchsia world will be an easier place in which to live.

ARTHUR SAYS:**by Arthur Phillips**

It would seem that DEFRA, our government agency that is responsible for all matters horticultural, have decided that *Fuchsia Gall Mite* is now unstoppable here in the UK. To such an extent, that it is now no longer a notifiable disease. Unless the disease is found on a commercial nursery, they are no longer interested.

This is because, although the country is not covered by the disease, out breaks of the disease are spreading to widely diverse areas, although in the main at present confined to areas of the south and south east coast of the country. But now that the disease is no longer a notifiable it will be very difficult to plot the spread. It will be up to the fuchsia growers to keep alert to the disease and hopefully keep the B.F.S. informed.

The B.F.S. has had printed a coloured leaflet with graphic photographs showing the effects of the disease, making this available at all shows and events for growers to be aware of the disease. They are concerned to such an extent, that in the Societies Autumn Bulletin they have published this leaflet in full in this publication, making the information available to every member, and every affiliated Society. All we can hope that the nation's fuchsia growers are vigilant and follow all the advice.

Nancy and I have just returned from a visit to the Pacific Northwest, where we enjoyed meeting with some of our fuchsia friends. It was our initial plan to attend the Annual Meeting where we could have visited with more of you but events conspired to prevent our plans from coming to reality. But taking into account the terrible weather on that day in Deming, if the weather had been repeated across the state, then the drive would have been anything but pleasant. We really were very sorry to have been in Washington and not of been available to attend.

Answering your editor's plea for more contributions, while we were in the Northwest and having time on my hands, I have written for the Flash a light hearted serialized article on growing fuchsias. I hope that you all have as much enjoyment reading this as I have had in writing it. I have also written one or two other bits and pieces that the editor can use as and when required.

I was very pleased to learn that Ron and Debbie are intending to continue with their hybridizing programme, and that several of you have acquired some of their plants to spread through the fuchsia world. It would be a great loss to fuchsia growers in the Northwest, and to the fuchsia world in general, if such a talented hybridist was lost to us all. I personally am very glad that Nancy and myself were able to visit Monniers Country Garden, after last year's convention, and had the chance to at least once see that beautiful hardy test garden.

JUDGES SYMPOSIUM REPORT 2009

On November 7th sixteen judges met to discuss the shows they had served at this summer, the judges' manual, the report form, mileage, and clerk training. We agreed that the judges' list that goes out to all clubs will indicate:

- Those judges willing to travel 100 miles or more.
- Those judges who judged last summer.

Please consider those judges who did not have an opportunity to judge a show when selecting judges for your show next summer. We did not have as many as we usually do, and we want our judges to be productive!

We discussed training show clerks well before a show. All agreed this was a good idea. Judges residing in a club that puts on a show can train the clerks with a 'hands on' workshop, or Shirley Rock (360-652-8908) will conduct a training program for the club. Trained clerks help the show run smoothly, and the clerks feel better about the job they do. Serving as a clerk is a prerequisite to becoming a certified judge.

A spring workshop for judges and interested persons will be held at St. Matthews, Renton, WA, on March 31st (Wednesday) from 11am to 1pm. There will be five classes: Blossoms, Bonsai; Encliandras; Species; and Variegated forms. Each workshop will run approximately 30 minutes. The purpose of the workshop is to bring all judges up to speed on judging genus fuchsia. Coffee, tea, and juice will be provided. Bring your lunch!

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

by Joan Hampton

From the Norwegian Fuchsia Society, Norsk Fuchsia Selskap, we have their Bulletin No. 3 with lots of color photos of their members at a fuchsia show this past summer which appears to be held in a huge greenhouse facility with hanging baskets, uprights, and a blossom table all set up. Another show is held out-of-doors in a park and includes a potluck! One of the members wrote about her favorite fuchsias with a photo and description of each: Deltas Groom, Walz Jubelteen, Swingtime, Celia Smedley, Bianca, Maori Maid, Maxima, Red Spider, Deep Purple, and Southgate – all varieties familiar to us. www.fuchsiaseslskapet.no

The Societe Nationale d'Horticulture de France September 2009 publication has an article on Eurofuchsia 2009 along with photos of those attending. From all the photos, it looks like they had great attendance! www.snhf.org

From Austria comes Fuchsienpost, November 2009 issue. They have a center spread of photos of a fuchsia show as well as photos from the Mercedes-Benz Museum in Stuttgart. Hans and Elisabeth Schnedl have an articles on F. gehrigeri and Uschi Willkomm with photos by Hans. www.fuchsienfreunde.at

From Belgium comes Fuchsiantje, 4th trimester 2009. There are lots of black/white photos, and also a lovely color photo of Walz Knipperbol. It looks like it was registered with AFS in 1939. The grower was J. H. Waldenmaier. A stunning red-violet, large, single. At a fuchsia show, a member staged a big soup tureen filled with fuchsia 'soup', along with individual servings of that delicious soup! www.devlaamsefuchsiavrienden.be

Switzerland's publication, Postillon, is filled with information and also a large article on Eurofuchsia held earlier in France this year, with photos of their members who attended. There are also a few pages of fuchsia lore including an exquisite lace collar that was at the Eurofuchsia held in Denmark in 2007. There are also photos of fuchsias being raised in an enormous nursery, under glass, as far as the eye can see. www.fuchsienverein.ch

The Australian Fuchsia Society sends their October 2009 Journal. They have just had their fuchsia show, November 14-15 with a magnificent display of fuchsias, plant sales, cultural advice, raffle, with morning and afternoon tea available. There is also an interesting article about the beginning of their society on March 9, 1970, when they had 45 people present.

The Autumn Bulletin from the British Fuchsia Society has arrived and is filled with very interesting articles. That society, like the rest of us, is struggling with the financial end of running a fuchsia society. They have put out some suggestions to their members as to where they might cut costs, and asking for their ideas. In the center of this issue is another good article on the Fuchsia Mite, along with pictures of the damage it causes. So it appears that Mite has traveled far and wide. There are also articles on their shows this past season listing the winners (plants and people!). www.thebfs.org.uk

Closer to home is the 11/09 issue of The Eardrop from BC Fuchsia and Begonia Society with lots of good information about their meetings, the Parlour Show they have each month, etc. On the back of each issue is a Featured Fuchsia, this month it is Curtain Call, and gives all the particulars and includes a line drawing. They've also listed the rules for their Photo Contest. They have various classes to enter, and two basic categories: film, and digitally produced. The photos turned in are to be 4 x 6 inches, same as ours. www.bcfuchsiasociety.com and www.icangarden.com/clubs

The Valley Cascade, the publication of the Valley Fuchsia and Geranium Club, also has information about their meetings and they are about to install new officers. Also included are articles on fuchsias, and geraniums, of course. www.icangarden.com

The Aug/Nov 2009 publication of Geranium, Pelargonium & Fuchsia Society of Ontario includes some nice color photos of their August Show. One that caught my eye is what looks like, shape-wise, a pine tree maybe about 5 feet tall – from the foliage it looks like a fancy-leafed geranium. Quite unusual!

And last, but not least, is the American Fuchsia Society Bulletin, October-December 2009, issue. On the cover is a photograph of a great display at the San Jose Branch Show which includes a full-sized bicycle with fuchsias in it's basket, the seat, and the carrier over the back wheel. And nestled around the tires are miniature bicycles, each with it's own miniature pot of fuchsias. Wonderful! Elsie Sydnor wrote an article about that show "A Show to Remember" which was made up of several different garden scenes with all the various accessories. The show was held at Westgate Mall. Their publication is now quarterly, but check their website: www.americanfuchsiasociety.org

Until next time when I empty the mailbox

NORTHWEST FUCHSIA SOCIETY SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

These awards are presented annually to members we want to honor for their special achievements. In some cases, the awards are given for long-time service, in others; it may be a specific event that needs special recognition. We thank all of our members for their continued support to the Northwest Fuchsia Society.

2009 ALICE KENNEDY INSPIRATIONAL AWARD

For Accomplishments and Dedication for the Betterment of the Fuchsia World.

This person has been a member of our fuchsia world for ten years now, though this award especially recognizes effort and accomplishments during the last three or so years.

This person has been very active in his home club, has held various offices there including President, and currently uses his sales abilities at their Country Store. He is always generous with his time and his knowledge of growing, and you'll always see him visiting other club meetings and shows. He loves to talk to people!

Another area where his sales talent comes up is at fuchsia plant sales. He's a very organized person, has the room diagramed and planned out. He recruits lots of help for set up and takes down, and has the growers organized as they deliver their plants. The NWFS Spring Plant Sale has sold more plants and brought in more revenue each year under his guidance.

As Vice President and liaison officer of NWFS, he visited clubs and even then was concerned about ways to recruit new members.

This past year as President of NWFS, he has run our Board Meetings with great efficiency, allowing discussion and tactfully moving on. He keeps us organized and always has a smile and a laugh to share.

We are delighted to present the Alice Kennedy Inspirational Trophy to **Bob Anderson**.

2009 IVY ROWE TROPHY

For Continuous Contributions of Ten Years or More for the Benefit of Fuchsia Organizations

This person has been very active in all areas of the society since she joined in 1989.

She has held every office in her club and some more than once. She is always available to step in when asked. She doesn't even consider the option of not taking on the job and she will do it all the way and even add to it if she can figure out something that needs to be improved upon.

She is always at sales and shows and spends time talking to the public about fuchsias.

Her contributions to NWFS are many. She has helped with the spring sale, setting up, talking to the public and cashiering. She has entered plants and judged at many of the annual shows.

She and her husband have hosted picnics for her club and the Fuchsia Lore Club.

She prints her clubs bulletin and the Fuchsia Lore Bulletin.

Her latest accomplishment and a huge undertaking was the editing, printing and being purchasing agent for the new NWFS Judges Manual.

What an all around great person and worker and a real addition to the NWFS and Eastside Fuchsia Society - **Susan Bean**.

2009 DON AND ALTA WESTOVER TROPHY

For Aiding Individuals and Clubs and giving Generously as a Grower, and Officer

This award was created to honor long-time fuchsia growers. The winner this year has owned his own nursery for more than 20 years. He has hosted club tours and has willingly grown project plants for various clubs.

He has brought hundreds of fuchsia plants to the NW Plant Sale at the Center for Urban Horticulture and helped answer questions from the public.

This grower participates and supports the growing of new varieties and is always searching for the best of them for the good of all fuchsia lovers. He belongs to the new Propagator's Club. At his nursery, he grows over 800 varieties of fuchsias, many of them new introductions from Europe and the U.S. He is always searching to make sure he has the best of the new varieties for us.

He is a member of North Cascades and a past president of Pilchuck. He has provided programs for fuchsia and garden clubs, sharing his knowledge of not only fuchsias, but other plants as well.

It is with great pleasure that Northwest Fuchsia Society names **Kevin Jones** of Jordan Nursery as the winner of the Don and Alta Westover Grower's Award for 200

2009 SELMA AND KEN CROCKER AWARD

This year's recipient has been an active member of our fuchsia world for 25 years in various locations in the Pacific Northwest, and has shared her knowledge of fuchsias and many other plants with our members in so many ways.

She joined Sno-King Fuchsia Society in 1984 and held many offices there including President. She won the Best Novice Award the first year she showed her plants at their Judged Show.

She loves to garden and it shows! Her gardens have been part of several large and small garden tours over the years – her garden while she was part of Sno-King Fuchsia Society, and her new garden when she moved to Key Peninsula with a whole new landscape to develop.

Not only did she develop her garden there, but also a fuchsia club where she again held various offices, and again was President. She has conducted a culture corner at her meetings and has provided valuable information on fuchsia care for each season.

Between traveling to other clubs to provide various programs, especially one on mixed plantings showing how well fuchsias blend with other plant material, she has taken on the role of Judges Chairman for the last several years. During that time, she has developed a new Judges Manual, and encouraged our members by teaching judging classes, and conducts end-of-the-season symposiums.

With her knowledge and willingness to share, she provides inspiration to newcomers and seasoned growers alike. We are especially proud to present the Selma and Ken Crocker Award to **Sharon Miller**.

NORTHWEST FUCHSIA SOCIETY LIFETIME MERIT AWARDS 2009

Our certificates of Merit recipients are warm caring, and generous people to the many who may have just stopped by to chat and see their fuchsias. They are caring and free with their advice and help with fuchsia questions and they have all given generously of themselves for many years to the fuchsia world. So many of us are indebted to this year's recipients for their generosity and their friendship.

Myvanwy and Frank Shirley have been active members of Lake Bay Fuchsia Society for over 10 years. Myvanwy has been president twice in that time and for both of the annual meetings that Lake Bay has hosted. Frank has served as treasurer and they both work very hard in our display garden. Frank is known as the wheel barrow guy. Myvanwy has been meticulous in planning for the annual meeting to make it a memorable party. She and Frank were active volunteers working on the NWFS convention in 2008. Watch out for Myvanwy and her sign up sheets!!

Ginnie Aardal as a member of Lake Bay Fuchsia Society has served as president and also as treasurer. She is one of the talented people who want to make sure every one has a lasting memento from the annual meeting. She has been the chair for decorations for the annual meeting and the NWFS convention in 2008. She wants it always to be perfect and in good taste. She is a fun to be around and a positive influence in Lake Bay meetings.

Betty Arns is a long standing member of Lake Bay Fuchsia Society and has served as an officer. She has been the creative co-hort of Ginnie Aardal. They started planning for the NWFS annual meeting last September. She also worked on the NWFS convention in 2008. She is a can do person and creative in her own right. She is an asset to Lake Bay.

Madeline Williams is our oldest member, but that does not slow her from involvement in club activities. She participates in club plant sales, 'chattingup' interested gardeners, advising them on the characteristics of the fuchsias they are considering and offering easy care suggestions. If there is a field trip to go on or a work party to join, she is there. She keeps in contact with members no longer able to attend meetings, filling them in on club news and letting them know of events the member may wish to attend. Although she no longer drives, she is the first to offer 'need a ride?' and then follows up making sure a ride is available. She is the 'go to' person for refreshments. With a last minute phone call she is into her freezer, pulling out home baked cookies or her famous Texas Sheet Cake. We can only hope to be half as active as Madeline Williams at age 95. Puget Sound Fuchsia Society.

THE STORY OF BUSHY THE FUCHSIA:

by Arthur Phillips

My young life started at the turn of the year. I think it was January, when the nice man started to feed my mum with a high nitrogen feed and spray her old branches with that lovely sweet sticky Wonder Grow. The combination of the two started me to feel the urge to break out; I started as just a little green bud very tiny on the side of my mum. The nice man said, "She's starting to break out all over, should be ok for the next season".

Well with this nice nitrogen feed every time my mum got watered. I just grew and became very strong and healthy with plenty of vigor. When I had grown about two pairs of leaves, the man came and picked up mother. This was not the usual pick up and turn that happened every day, but mother was picked up turned and twisted around several times. Then the man said. "Yes! I think this one is due its first stop.' And carried mother over to another part of the green house. This was very unusual, and I really did not know what the man meant by this first stop. I was soon to find out.

The man started working around mother removing all of the young shoots just like me. Soon it was my turn and the man lifted my second pair of leaves, and with a sharp blade removed me from my mother and tossed me down with my siblings. When the man had finished removing all of the growing tips and or shoots from mother, he took her back and replaced her in the position he had taken her from.

After replacing mother, the man came back to where he had discarded me and my brothers and sisters. He started to sort through us saying. " It is as well I had given that plant a good watering. Some of these cuttings look good, strong and turgid". The man had repeated his action with mother on one of her relatives. So along with several of my relations, I was put in to a warm damp mixture in a shallow sort of tray, after the man a gently removed one of my bottom leaves and cutting the other one in half. He said that this would help to reduce our rate of transpiration. He then gave us a shower of high nitrogen feed. Then moved on to an area were there were several other trays of cut up growing tips.

The man came to visit us every day, lifting us and turning us around about a quarter of a turn each day just like mother, each time he gave us all another shower of the nitrogen feed. This was very nice and I could drink some of this through my leaves. But I really began to feel very thirsty. This thirst became worse and I started to think I must do something about it. With these thoughts, my feet started to itch and tingle and my little thin toes started to grow long and thin but through them I was able to start getting a drink to ease my thirst. As my roots started to grow, I realized that all around me every one else was doing the same and we began crossing each other's paths. Apparently this constant drinking was having some effect because one day when the man was turning us around, he exclaimed. " This must all be rooted now, see how the tips have turned bright green"

With the constant feeding and now being able to grow more roots I started to grow myself. Soon I had grown to produce three sets of leaves and one day when the man was turning us around, he pinched out my growing tip. This upset me a bit, because I wanted to be big and tall. But with my tip removed I started to put out strong side shoots.

Two or three days later, the man came back and started to gently lift us out of the tray. When I was lifted out, the man started to ease the compost from my roots, and kindly proceed to wash them. After kindly ensuring he had washed me clean. he took some sharp scissors and proceeded to cut my roots, cutting about a third of my roots. I was not happy about that, and when he had put me back into a tray with just six of my relatives. I thought I will show him cutting my roots like that. I will grow some more. So I did, when my roots grew, so did my side shoots. After my side shoots had grown two pairs of leaves. That man came and removed all of my growing tips again. Just what did he think he was doing. I will have to push these side shoots out again. Just what is his game? **Cont'd on page 9**

By this time I was starting to become rather bushy, as were my relatives. It was now becoming rather crowded in the tray. Not much room to spread my branches or to grow much needed roots to keep quenched this never ending thirst.

That man came along one day and lifted the tray of us up, not in the usual turning, but tipping and twisting us around making me feel quite queasy. As he was doing this he was saying, "Yes this look as through one or two might make it all right." He then carried us over to what he called his potting bench. He then gently lifted us all out of the tray, carefully examining each one of us and setting us down in two different places. He then went back to the other plants in the other place and carefully looked each one over again. Placing another two with us. Then he picked up the rest, saying " Naw these won't make anything" tossing them into a bin. He then returned to our little set, and I began to get a little frightened. But he carefully lifted me up and began the gentle washing of my roots. Then blow me, he picked up his darned scissors and cut off another third of my roots. Just what does he think he is doing. After cutting my roots he then carefully put me into a pot on my own making sure that I was set right in the center.

This was nice with plenty of room. I will just show him cutting my roots again. I have got plenty of room here. I can grow as much roots as I like. I was just getting my self all nicely settled in when, ugh he had given me some medicine. I did not like that he said "It was for my own good, the diamect would help protect me from gall mite and red spider. The pravado would help against white fly and aphids." I hope so. I do not fancy much more of that. **To be continued (with luck).**

REMEMBERING MARGE ALGYER

Marge Algyer joined Greater Seattle Fuchsia Society about 1980 and became active in our fuchsia world immediately! She was an Representative to NWFS from Sno-King Fuchsia Society which she assisted in forming in 1983, helping them set up their shows, their entries, and donated trophies to get them started as she also did for Greater Seattle.

Marge and her friend, Alice Kennedy, had a friendly rivalry going for several years as to plants entered in the shows, and especially their bonsai growing abilities, having taken a class together to learn the finer points of bonsai. Marge held several offices at Greater Seattle, including President in 1985. She wrote the column "Between the Bookends" from the very beginning for the Flash. She loved pouring over the catalogs looking for a new fuchsia book to make available to the NWFS members.

She was awarded the NWFS Inspirational Trophy (now the Alice Kennedy Inspirational Trophy) in 1991 for all of her efforts to make so many fuchsia books available to all of us. She was definitely known as the 'Book Lady' for so many years and delighted in finding the newest fuchsia book on the market.

In 1994, she was awarded the Ivy Rowe Trophy for her dedication to our fuchsia world in so many ways for so many years. She was active in helping to set up our NWFS Judges Program, she wrote our first show schedules after combing through several overseas fuchsia societies' show rules and adapting them to our way of growing.

She has grown hundreds of fuchsia varieties over the years and kept meticulous records as to which ones bloomed well, or bloomed in time for the shows, and which ones were winners. Her plants were exceptionally well groomed and her bushes and shrubs, and especially triphyllas, were always show winners.

But her bonsais may be what most people remember. Not only were they exquisite at the shows, but also in the winter in her greenhouse. She moved from her lovely home to one of the cottages at Foss Care about five years ago, and even then was teaching the finer points of fuchsia growing. She definitely was a strong force in our fuchsia world and will be missed.

RECAPPING OUR 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

by Joan Hampton

The meeting this year was hosted by Lake Bay Fuchsia Society and held at the Community Center in Key Center, which gave us plenty of room for everything! The tables were decorated in purple cloths, fuchsias in the center, and purple shopping bags with gold fuchsias printed on them. It was very festive!

The back of the room held the vendors who had some wonderful fuchsia items to tempt you. Since the meeting moves locations each year, we also have some new vendors to add to the mix of those who are regularly there.

The stage in the front of the room gave us ample room to display all the great raffle items donated by clubs and individuals. Each had a jar so you could pick which one(s) you wanted to win. And there was a beautiful quilt done in fuchsia fabric as the most coveted item. The Scholarship Fund also had a raffle to boost their income (therefore being able to give more to the recipient each year) and included a hanging basket of tatted fuchsias and a black glass plate etched by Gary Widdifield several years ago.

Lunch, of course, was wonderful with so many different salads to choose from. And then the dessert table was laden with confections to tempt everyone.

Myvanwy Shirley, President of Lake Bay, welcomed everyone, and a few short reports were given. Sally Williams introduced Robin Reason, winner of this year's scholarship that she will use to continue her education. We were reminded of the upcoming 2010 Spring Plant Sale, and then our very special trophies were given out.

You'll be able to read more information elsewhere in this issue about each, but this year the Ivy Rowe Trophy went to Susan Bean, the Alice Kennedy Inspirational Trophy went to Bob Anderson, the Don & Alta Westover Trophy went to Kevin Jones, and the Selma & Ken Crocker Award went to Sharon Miller. And several Merit Awards were also given.

Patricia Moody installed our NW Officers: President Bob Anderson, Vice President Virginia Ferguson, Recording Secretary Jackie Lyons, Treasurer Sally Williams, and Corresponding Secretary Donna Fellows.

One of the other highlights of the Annual Meeting is the Photo Contest and the winners. There were more photos entered this year, and the quality of the photos is so much better than when we first started. That too is elsewhere in this issue.

You might be wondering who won that beautiful quilt that was the centerpiece of the raffles – well, none other than Bob Anderson!

A fun time was had by everyone. Next year the Annual Meeting will be co-hosted by Puget Sound Fuchsia Society and Greater Seattle Fuchsia Society. We hope to see you all then!

Mark your calendar for the next

NWFS ANNUAL MEETING

***Hosted by: Puget Sound & Greater Seattle
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2009 NWFS PHOTO CONTEST RESULTS

By Betty Peary

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's contest. We had 65 entries from 11 exhibitors! Our judge was again Chuck Branch, a professional photographer from Camano Island. He said he could see much improvement in the photos this year, and he found it more challenging to choose the winners. That's why he added an Honorable Mention for some that he felt were very good, but not quite good enough to place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd. He also commented that when composing your picture, be sure to consider your lighting, focal point and backgrounds. Some of us also had problems with our printer ink cartridges which affected the quality of our photos. 1st prize = \$15, 2nd prize = \$10, 3rd prize = \$5 and People's Choice = \$20. And the winners are:

CLASS 1 – DOUBLES

- 1st Place – Southgate by Patty Finnigan
- 2nd Place – Deep Purple by Betty Peary
- 3rd Place – Voo Doo by Gail Sherman

CLASS 2 – SINGLES

- 1st Place – Delta Sara by Virginia Ferguson
- 2nd Place – F. boliviana by Ann Tanner
- 3rd Place – Lady Boothby by Gail Sherman

Honorable Mention:

- Jingle Bells by Gail Sherman
- Checkerboard by Ann Tanner
- Heron by Betty Peary
- Hidcote Beauty by Betty Peary

CLASS 3 – GARDEN (HARDIES)

- 1st Place – F. magellanica by Gail Sherman
- 2nd Place – Tricolor by Betty Peary
- 3rd Place – Surprise by Ann Tanner

Honorable Mention

- Falklands by Betty Peary

CLASS 4 – MISCELLANEOUS

- 1st Place – Heron by Gail Sherman
- 2nd Place – F. boliviana berries by Ann Tanner
- 3rd Place – Blue Gem bonsai by Ann Tanner

Honorable Mention

- First Love + tree frog by Kay Berg

PEOPLE'S CHOICE – Southgate by Patty Finnigan

**JAN. 30, 2010
POTLUCK AT
SHOESTRING VALLEY NURSERY
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All NWFS members and friends are invited to join us for a fantastic potluck and good time in our greenhouses for lunch and good conversation on Sat. Jan. 30, 2010.

The coffee will be ready at 10 AM and lunch will begin at noon.

Please RVSP if possible to shoestringvalley@aol.com or 360-985-2274 to give us an idea of how many to plan for.

To find us from I-5, take exit 71 and turn east toward Onalaska on highway 508. Continue east on highway 508 for approximately 18.5 miles. Turn right on Justus Road and continue for ½ mile. Turn right at the nursery sign and find a place to park.

We're looking forward to seeing all of you.

NORTH CASCADE FUCHSIA SOCIETY

By Rich Wessen

2009 was an exciting year for our club. We had informative and diverse programs, we put on crowd pleasing displays at our two local fairs, and we fun at our potlucks.

Our programs this year included a review of taking cuttings by Jack Peary and Gerry Rock, learning all about tool care by Gene Montague, exploring gardening trends by Doug Brown and John Vataljic, and a presentation on Dahlias by Paul Bloomberg. Mark Turner taught us about photography, the Master Gardeners taught us about pests and diseases, and we finished the year with a club roundtable discussing what worked and didn't work for each of us.

In August Betty Peary organized a 150 blossom display at the Stanwood-Camano Fair. Two weeks later, Shirley Rock was show chairman at the Skagit Fair. It included a 175 blossom display, a three class judged show, an 80 plant display, and a photo contest. We received many positive comments on our exhibits and five new club members resulted.

Throughout the year we had several tasty potlucks. Gwen Jensen led us in fuchsia games at our May birthday party. Shirley Rock hosted our August picnic, and let us explore her wonderful gardens. And Chet Haynes and Fred Kirby were our auctioneers at the end of the year auction.

It was a fun year and we look forward to the next one!

EASTSIDE FUCHSIA SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2009

by Conrad Olson

We have made a few changes that we feel has truly improved the meetings. One of the first things was rearrange the seating at meetings. We place the chairs in a horseshoe configuration. So the members can see each other instead of looking at back of their heads. It makes it warmer and friendlier. This has been very well accepted.

Another thing we changed was the way we handle door prizes. All door prizes are placed on a table near the entrance. We call out the door prize winners just before the break, and the winners just help themselves during the break.

When it comes to horticulture, we have adopted the hands on routine so everyone handles plants, interacting with leaders at different tables around the room. This has been very well accepted.

When it comes to picnic time and a lot of conflicting dates, it was decided to cancel the business part of the meeting after the show and have an Ice Cream Social which was followed by horticulture. Then we exchanged cuttings and "Hands On" we all took cuttings.

The weather was hard on plants for the show year. We were a little short of plants. However at our show you are allowed to bring plants for display as well as judging. The extra plants brought in for display was in fact what we needed for a successful show.

Our goal is to please most of the people -----most of the time.

Gail's Song

My soul is home – My journey done
I lived my life – I've done my best
A path of flowers called me on
My steps were soft on butterfly clouds
Ancestors came – they welcomed me home
I became a young girl and happy I am
And Stars began at flowers end
My path is clear – I'm traveling on so do not grieve
But, sing me home – I'm in the stars
And home at last

NORTHWEST FUCHSIA SOCIETY BOARD MEETING November 21, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Anderson at 10:15. He welcomed 31 members and frequent guests. The minutes were approved. Donna Fellows gave the Sunshine report. She sent sympathy cards to the families of Gail Sherman, Marge Algyer, Anna Eldred, and Margaret Muil. She also sent a get well card to Jean Muller. The treasurer's report was accepted as printed.

STANDING COMMITTEES

FLASH - Ken Gronert reported the Flash would be out December 1st. Ken would like to be notified when clubs have election of officers. He puts the President's name and address on the last page of the Flash. He also would like the names of the reps. Please send the President's name and address to Donna Fellows also, as she is one sending them out.

JUDGES - Shirley Rock will have a judge's seminar on Wednesday March 31st, hours are 11AM-2PM. Bring a lunch. There will be five speakers each having 30 minutes. Anyone interested in becoming a judge or just wanting to hear the speakers can attend.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Joan Hampton will have an article in the Flash with information she has received.

SPEAKERS LIST - Frankie Dennison would like you to check with members of your club to find some new speakers and topics for her list.

GROWERS LIST - Frances Underwood said the list is being proof read and will be ready soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Betty Peary thanked all who participated in the photo contest. Ann Tanner will be the Chairman for next year. There will be some new rules and divisions. They will be published in the Flash.

Debbie Metzger reported the Species Society is having a print of one of Gail Sherman's winning entries framed and given to her family.

Ron Herzog is lining up growers for the Spring Plant Sale. Bob Anderson suggested we get a brochure printed listing the plant sales. This is to be handed out at events and placed in locations gardeners would be sure to see. Each club is to send sale and show dates, hours and location to Jackie Lyons so she can compile the list. Please send them as soon as possible; there is a deadline of January 1st. Puyallup needs the information by the end of January.

There was a discussion on the Northwest Fuchsia Society Show. It will be held at the Ballard Locks, August 28th and 29th. It was decided that those coming from a distance could come for Saturday and take their plants home after 4PM. They would have to bring them and have them in place, ready for judging by 9AM. Judging would start at 10AM.

Claudia Attebery volunteered immediately after the meeting to be the Chairman for the show, thanks for stepping forward.

Some clubs haven't turned in the list of plants they have planted at their test gardens. Please send this in to Bob Anderson.

The Annual Meeting will be held October 30th at the Center for Urban Horticulture.

Our next meeting will be held in Renton at 10AM, on January 16th. Refreshments will be provided by the Puyallup Tahoma and Olympia.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Lyons, Secretary

MEMBER SOCIETIES

EASTSIDE FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Evergreen Court
900 124th Ave NE
Bellevue WA 98005
Third Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Reps: George Lyons, Jackie Lyons, Debbie Metzger

FUCHSIA FANCIERS

Borst Park, Centralia
West of I-5 - off @ Exit 82
Second Monday 7:00 p.m.
Reps: Salli Dahl, Ken Gronert

GREATER SEATTLE FUCHSIA SOCIETY

St. Paul's Church of Christ
NW 65th & 12th NW
Seattle WA
Second Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Reps: Frances Underwood, Bob Anderson, Ron Herzog

LAKE BAY FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Key Center Library
Key Center WA
First Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Reps: Selma & Ken Crocker, Sharon Miller

NORTH CASCADES FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Creekside Retirement Community
400 Gilkey Road
Burlington WA
Third Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Reps: Gloria McDonald, Betty Peary, Shirley Rock

NORTH OLYMPIC FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Fourth Tuesday at 1 p.m.
Paradise Restaurant Sequim

OLYMPIA FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Schmidt Mansion
330 Schmidt Place Tumwater 98501
1st Monday 7 p.m.
Reps: Jackie Crossman, Dorothy and John McMann

PENINSULA FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Clearbrook Inn
12295 Schold Road Place NW
Silverdale WA
Third Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Reps: Jay Siegel

PILCHUCK FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Marysville Library, Marysville
Second Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Reps: Frankie Dennison, Kevin Jones

PUGET SOUND FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Seaview United Methodist Church
4620 SW Graham Street
West Seattle WA
Fourth Saturday 10 a.m.
Reps: Irene Bergum, Dan Winchester

PUYALLUP VALLEY FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Puyallup Public Library
324 S Meridian, Puyallup 98371
First Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
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SNO-KING FUCHSIA SOCIETY

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NORTHWEST FUCHSIA HYBRIDIZERS' SOCIETY


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